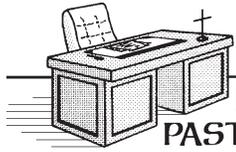


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**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

The Stones Will Cry Out

This article by Pastor Vogts is also featured in the April, 2014 issue of The Lutheran Witness, the national magazine of our denomination, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

J.R.R. Tolkien not only wrote *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, he also drew maps of Middle Earth, where these stories are set. Just as maps of the Holy Land are found in many Bibles, maps of Middle Earth are often included in Tolkien's works. Everyone understands it is all a fantasy, created in Tolkien's fertile imagination. No one thinks you could use those books and maps to actually find in the physical world what they portray.

That was the attitude many had toward the Bible in the 18th and 19th centuries. The corrosive effects of rationalism led skeptical scholars to view the Bible much like we do Tolkien's writings: great works of literature, engaging and interesting, even containing important morals and valuable lessons. However, behind it all is very little, if any, historical reality. The Bible and its stories were cast as mostly mythological, fantasies created in the fertile imaginations of the Biblical authors.

This also meant that, like Middle Earth, the world portrayed in the Bible must be mostly a fantasyland. Critics of the Bible asserted that if you actually tried to locate the places where events in the Bible took place, or physical evidence of the characters in the Bible, you would have about as much luck as we would finding Middle Earth.

Other scholars, who still had faith in the Bible as God's Word, took up this challenge. They ventured to the lands of the Bible and began exploring and excavating. This was actually the beginning of the discipline of archaeology. Nearly 200 years of archaeological excavations in the Holy Land have yielded astonishing results—about as dramatic as if you discovered physical evidence for the existence of Middle Earth! We have space for only a few examples.



This tablet from ancient Babylon, now at the Pergamon Museum in Berlin, lists King Jehoiachin among those receiving rations from the royal storehouse, just as reported in 2 Kings 25:29-30.

The Bible reports that when King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon laid siege to Jerusalem in 597 B.C., King Jehoiachin was taken captive to Babylon (2 Kings 24:10-12), and later released from prison and treated favorably: "So Jehoiachin put off his prison garments. And every day of his life he dined regularly at the king's table, and for his allowance, a regular allowance was given him by the king" (2 Kings 25:29-30). Amazingly, excavations at Babylon unearthed a clay tablet listing those given rations from the royal storehouse, including "Yaukin, king of the land of Judah," using an alternate spelling for Jehoiachin also found on seals in ancient Israel.

At Nineveh several six-sided clay prisms were uncovered, approximately one yard tall, inscribed with cuneiform giving the official record of military campaigns of Sennacherib, king of Assyria. The account of a campaign in 701 B.C. gives extensive confirmation for events in the Bible (2 Kings 18:13-19:36; Isaiah 36:1-37:37), describing how Sennacherib defeated the nations surrounding Israel, conquered Israel's major cities, and finally laid siege to King Hezekiah in Jerusalem: "Hezekiah himself I shut up in Jerusalem his capital city like a bird in a cage."



The siege of Jerusalem by King Sennacherib of Assyria (2 Kings 18:17ff) is related in cuneiform on this clay prism from ancient Nineveh, now at The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago: "Hezekiah himself I shut up in Jerusalem his capital city like a bird in a cage."

Because Hezekiah knew an attack was imminent, the Bible reports he took the precaution of providing a water

supply within the city by tunneling under the city wall: “And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem, he . . . closed the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them down to the west side of the city . . . he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city” (2 Chronicles 32:2, 30; 2 Kings 20:20).

At one time skeptics dismissed this account as impossible, because of the difficulty of such an engineering feat. Apparently supporting them was the mistaken belief that the Pool of Siloam (John 9:7) was a natural spring, therefore with no need for a tunnel to bring in water. Then a boy accidentally fell into the Pool of Siloam and discovered the underwater opening of a long-forgotten tunnel, hewn through thousands of feet of solid rock.

On the tunnel wall was an inscription, in old Hebrew script from the time of Hezekiah, recounting when teams tunneling from each end met in the middle: “Now this is the history of the excavations. . . while three cubits remained to be cut through, each heard the voice of the other who called. . . when the excavators had struck pick against pick, and met man to man, the waters flowed from the spring to the pool.”

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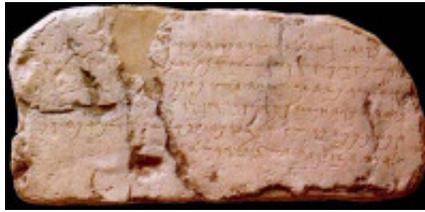
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Now at the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, this inscription from Hezekiah's tunnel (2 Kings 20:20) describes the dramatic moment it was completed and water began to flow.

The Biblical account of Sennacherib concludes: “Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went home and lived at Nineveh. . . his sons struck him down with the sword and . . . Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place” (2 Kings 19:36-37). This event also was duly recorded in the royal library at Nineveh, and the clay tablet which recounts it is almost identical to the Biblical text: “The son of Sennacherib king of Assyria slew him in rebellion. . . Esarhaddon his son sat on the throne of Assyria.”

Critics still allege that the Bible is mostly “cleverly devised myths” (2 Peter 1:16). Recently, one atheist leader even went so far as to claim, “The evidence [Jesus] existed is surprisingly shaky.”



Though mentioned over 50 times in the New Testament, critics at one time declared Pontius Pilate to be mythical—until this inscription, identifying him as the prefect of Judea exactly as reported in the New Testament, was discovered at Caesarea in 1961. It is now in the Israel Museum at Jerusalem.

But, these are just a few examples of countless confirmations of the historical authenticity of the Bible—and with only a small fraction of the Holy Land so far excavated! Jesus said “the very stones would cry out” in testimony (Luke 19:40), and in Biblical archaeology that is exactly what has happened. Though our faith is not based on such outside confirmation, it does show us that really it is those who self-assuredly pronounce the Bible to be like Middle Earth—mythological, with no basis in history—who are living in a fantasyland.

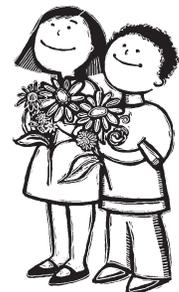
Pastor Kevin Vogts



The family of Ruth Vogts would like to thank Trinity congregation members for their prayers at the death of our Mother. Thank you also for the flowers that helped to make the church beautiful for her funeral.

*Pastor and Mrs. Kevin Vogts
Mr. and Mrs. Lohren Meier
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wollberg
Mrs. Kathy Werth
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vogts*

**Spring
Children's
Program
and
Potluck
April 6**



Building on the success of our Children's Christmas Program on Christmas Eve, our Sunday School is hosting a Spring Children's Program and Potluck Dinner on Sunday, April 6.

Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dishes to share at the

Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. After the dinner the Sunday School will use our stage to present their Children's Spring Program for all to enjoy.

Mark your calendar for the Spring Children's Program and Potluck Dinner on Sunday, April 6!



Sermon Topics for April

These are the Sunday sermon topics for April. Sermons themes for our Lent and Holy Week services are listed at right.

April 6

"I Will Open Your Graves"
Ezekiel 37:1-14

April 13 (Palm Sunday)

"One of Those Weeks?"
Matthew 21:1-11

April 20 (Easter Sunday)

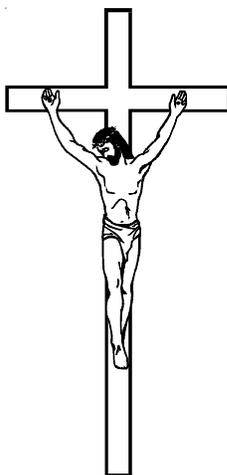
"Easter Makes the Difference"
Matthew 28:1-10

April 27 (Confirmation Sunday)

"We Are All Witnesses"
Acts 2:22-32



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13. A special service of Holy Communion commemorating the Last Supper will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:00pm.



Seven Last Words of Jesus

2014 Lent Services

All Services at 7:00pm
Lenten Suppers Before
Wednesday Services on April 2 & 9

April 2

"I Thirst"
John 19:28

April 9

*"Into Your Hands
I Commit My Spirit"*
Luke 23:46

April 17, Maundy Thursday

*"Holy Communion—
A Feast for the Senses"*
1 Corinthians 11:23-27

April 18, Good Friday

"It Is Finished"
John 19:30



Tenebrae Service

On Good Friday, April 18, at 7:00pm we will have a traditional Tenebrae Service. "Tenebrae" (TEN-uh-bray) is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." The Tenebrae Service is marked by a gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights, symbolizing the death of our Lord, interspersed with readings, prayers, hymns, and other musical selections related to His Passion. Our Tenebrae Service will feature seven candles, gradually extinguished as we read Christ's seven last words from the cross.

Bring your family to meditate upon our Savior's sacrifice for your salvation.



You are invited to an Easter Sunrise Service at Trinity on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 7:00am. This simple service will feature the Easter story and favorite Easter hymns. A second Easter Service will be held at the regular time of 10:00am. Pastor Vogts' sermon theme for both services will be the same, *"Easter Makes the Difference,"* based on Matthew 28:1-10.

Easter Sunrise Service is one of the most moving and meaningful worship opportunities of the year. Bring your family and holiday guests to celebrate the real significance of Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, etc.—everyone enjoys an Easter Sunrise Service!



Our thanks to our Generations group for serving an Easter Breakfast between our services on Easter Sunday, April 20, from 8:00am-9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship!



Our thanks to Twin Valley 4H for again sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt, on Saturday, April 19 (day before Easter), at 10:00am on the school grounds. All children are invited to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt and some additional fun activities.



We have arranged for Easter Lilies to be ordered through the Church Office from Price Chopper for \$7 each. Sign up on the bulletin board in the entryway indicating that you wish to have these plants purchased for you, and put your payment in the offering plate marked "Easter Lilies." The deadline to sign up for ordering through the Church Office is Palm Sunday, April 13.

You are also welcome to bring your own plants, if you wish to purchase them elsewhere or receive them as gifts. Please still sign up on the list indicating that you will provide your own plants and drop them by the church the week before Easter Sunday.

When you sign up, please indicate whom your plants are in memory or honor of, the way you want it printed in the May newsletter.



Confirmation April 27

Confirmation for 2014 has been set for Sunday, April 27. The confirmands will receive their First Communion the following Sunday, May 4.

The entire congregation is also invited to the examination of the confirmands on Friday, April 25, at 7:00pm.

This year's confirmation class is Kurt Golubski, Chancie Minden, Cooper Minden, Chloe Rausch, and Garrett Rausch.

New Larger Sizes Portals of Prayer Available



The *Portals of Prayer* daily devotional booklets for April thru June are available in the small literature rack (on the end table) in back of the church. To make reading easier, in addition to the standard size we now also have copies available in a medium "digest" size and a large-print size.

In addition to the brief daily devotions and short daily Bible readings prayers, there are suggested longer readings for each day and a wonderful collection of longer prayers for each day of the week and special needs and occasions in the back of each issue. A great way to help you keep close to the Lord!



- April 2 Cooper Minden
- April 6 Cooper Minden, Johnny Prothe
- April 9 Karlie McMullin
- April 13 Chloe Rausch, Karlie McMullin
- April 17 Luke Elkinton, Evan Kettler
- April 18 Kurt Golubski
- April 20 Kurt Golubski, Chancie Minden
- April 27 Evan Kettler, Luke Elkinton



While many churches and denominations are cutting back on their missionary work, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Syond is actually *expanding* our missionary force, and the LCMS is actually one of the largest Christian missionary agencies in the world!

Our congregation helps support these missionaries through our mission contributions. Beginning this month we will remember in prayer in our worship services—and you are encouraged to remember in your personal prayers—specific missionaries around the world who are supported in this way by our congregation.

April 6
Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster
Ghana

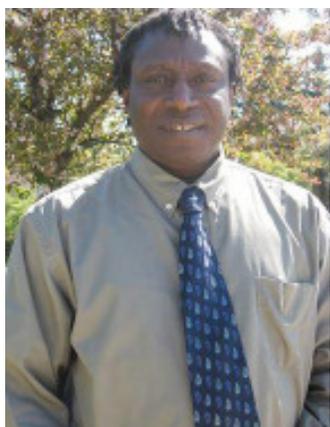
April 13
Deaconess Gail Ludvigson
Dominican Republic

April 20
Rev. Micah & Robin Wildauer
Togo

April 27
Rev. Charles Evanson
Lithuania



A "sending service" was celebrated at the International Center of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on February 14, the culmination of a two-week new missionary orientation for the 16 newest LCMS missionaries and their families. The new missionaries are from seven states including Texas, Wisconsin and California. They will be sent abroad to nine countries including Peru, Ghana, the Dominican Republic, Togo, and the United Kingdom. "What is astonishing is the global reach of LCMS mission work," said Rev. Dr. Klaus Detlev Schulz, professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and one of the presenters at the missionary orientation. "They will be sent all over the world, and we must give them our support as best as we can."



From Muslim to Missionary

Ebou was seventeen when he traveled from his home country of Senegal to the United States to pursue higher education. While in the States, he studied the Koran and became curious about the importance of Jesus. His search led him to the Bible and to belief in the deity of Christ and in His saving work on the cross.

From a pastor in Wisconsin Ebou heard about the work of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, so-called because Muslims describe Christians and other non-Muslim adherents to faiths which claim a revealed scripture as "People of the Book." POBLO an outreach organization to Muslims sponsored by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The pastor mentioned the opportunities Ebou would have as a missionary, but asked if he was afraid that his family and friends would retaliate when they learned that their brother was now a professing Christian seeking to convert other Muslims. Ebou replied, "I have no fear, this has been my dream!"

POBLO equips and supports Ebou as he fulfills his dream of spreading the love of Christ. He enjoys working with our organization because it enables him to do what is in his heart effectively.

He believes that his Muslim background is a great asset. He understands the culture, the religion, the beliefs, and most importantly, he says, he lived it. He can relate to the questions and fears of the Muslims people he meets.

He doesn't find the work of the missionary tedious or discouraging. In fact, he claims it brings increased joy to his life. "It's tough if you think it's you doing it—it's the Holy Spirit giving the right words to say in each moment."

You can learn more about the exciting work of POBLO at www.poblo.org.



We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. However, our records may not be complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the Church Office at 849-3344 or email Church Secretary Stacey Elinton at blocktlc@midwest-connections.com.

Lori Schlegel, April 1
Elaine Stewart, April 1
Nicholas Minden, April 2
Brigitte Rodewald, April 3
Joy Hinds, April 4
Kristina Jenkins, April 1
Shamron Ferrell, April 5
Tyler Hieber, April 5

Wesley Medlen, April 5
 Joe Mueller, April 5
 Kelsey Debrick, April 6
 Dennis Johns, April 6
 Bill Koelsch, April 6
 Leslie Prothe, April 8
 Ella Durham, April 8
 Emma Haley, April 9
 Karlie McMullin, April 10
 James Fanning, April 11
 Suzanne Peckman, April 13
 Matt Oberheide, April 14
 Venita Prothe, April 14
 Layla Schlegel, April 14
 Dana Simonson, April 14
 Lois Holtz, April 15
 Erika Hall, April 16
 Gavin Kaiser, April 17
 Pastor Kevin Vogts, April 17
 Melissa Richardson, April 18
 Katie Taylor, April 19
 Loren Herrs, April 20
 Ashley Debrick, April 21
 Chloe Maisch, April 22
 Lori Richardson, April 22
 Eric Ritch, April 23
 Bridget Medlin, April 24
 John Gerken, April 26
 Austin Reyelts, April 26
 Tyler Reyelts, April 26
 Krista Kettler Munzer, April 29
 Abigail Koelsch, April 29
 Ellen Pinneo, April 30
 Mark and Cathy Tesar
 April 3, 25 years
 George and Pam Holtz
 April 5, 24 years
 Burl and Shemene Peckman
 April 5, 28 years
 Alan and Jeanne Hutchison
 April 13, 23 years
 Max and Jennifer Boydston
 April 20, 29 years
 Harold and Ann Peckman
 April 25, 66 years
 Dan and Cathy Hieber
 April 26, 27 years
 Kenny and Vera Kaiser
 April 26, 69 years
 Keith and Laura Prothe
 April 26, 34 years
 Kevin and Marla Prothe
 April 27, 23 years
 Chris and Denna Jones
 April 28, 13 years

Sermon Podcasts

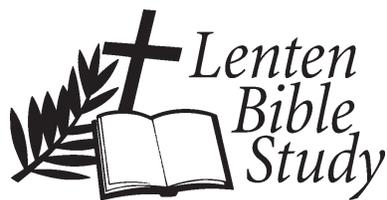
Sermons on the Web

Would you like to read or hear again a sermon from our worship? Within a few days following a service at Trinity sermons by Pastor Vogts are posted on the Internet, in both printed and audio form.

Click on the "Sermons" tab on our church's web site, www.trinitylcms.org. You will find a listing with the printed text of all Pastor Vogts' sermons. Click on the speaker icon after the sermon title to listen online.

If you use an Ipad you can also listen to or download Pastor Vogts' sermons, or subscribe to a sermon podcast, in Itunes. Search for "Kevin Vogts" in the Itunes store. If you subscribe to the sermon podcast in Itunes the new sermons will be automatically downloaded each week.

Another way to listen or subscribe is directly from our podcast hosting service at www.kevinvogts.podbean.com.



During April we continue our Lenten Bible Study in Adult Bible Class on *The Week that Changed the World*. In this fascinating study we are exploring the events of Holy Week, which are so central to our faith, using a booklet that shows side-by-side the accounts of these events from the four Gospels.

You are invited to join in on Sundays at 9:00am in the Overflow to grow in your faith, and your understanding of the real meaning of Easter and *The Week That Changed the World*.



Thank you to everyone who has helped make our new Coffee Hour in the Overflow following worship success! Several members have commented how nice it is to relax around the tables and visit with others while enjoying a snack.

Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship? There is a sign-up sheet for the rest of the year on the table with the snacks. Our Generations group has generously agreed to provide and prepare the coffee and juice each week! So those signing up are only asked to provide some treat. Consider signing up for special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries.

Thank you to all those providing snacks for Coffee Hour!

February 16
Sunday School

February 23
Linda Prothe

March 2
Generations

March 9
Linda Prothe

March 16
Nancy Glolubski

March 23
*Arnold Debrick Family
 in Honor of 89th Birthday*

March 30
Jenny Peckman

April 6
Potluck Dinner

April 13
*Haleys and Simonsons
 in Honor of Birthdays*

April 20
Easter Breakfast

April 27
*Confirmation Reception
 Sharon & Gladys Prothe
 Terry Vogts*



Two final Lenten Suppers will be held during April in our Fellowship Hall before our Lent services on Wednesday evenings. On April 2 the Ladies Aid will serve hot beef sandwiches, salad, baked beans, and pie. On April 9 the supper will be hosted by the Blocktoberfest committee.

Our thanks to all who have helped make our Lent Suppers a success, including Twin Valley 4H, Generations group, Youth, Block Walkers Relay for Life team, Ladies Aid, and Blocktoberfest committee.

Come enjoy the food and fellowship in our Fellowship Hall before our Lent service each week.



Sunday School Topics for April

Are your children missing out on Sunday School? All children are invited to join in on Sundays at 9:00am! *"Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord"* (Ephesians 6:4).

April 6—Today's Sunday School lesson is the raising of Jesus good friend, Lazarus. In resurrecting Lazarus (John 11:1-45), Jesus demonstrated that He can indeed raise all who believe in Him for salvation. True life is eternal life with Jesus.

Talk with your children about how in this life we see and experience the effects of sin—sickness, injury, and death. Assure them that Jesus, our Savior from sin and death, has guaranteed that in heaven our lives will be free of sin and its effects eternally. As a family, confess the second article of the Apostles' Creed together.

April 13—On this Palm Sunday the Sunday School lesson covers Matthew's account of the Passion of Christ as He ventured to the cross for you and me. The Father, the perfect, righteous judge of the universe, forsook Jesus on the cross so that the perfect, righteous sacrifice, Jesus Christ could be punished for the sins of the whole world.

Talk with your children about the wages of sin (death) and the gift of God (eternal life) in Christ Jesus. Talk about the importance of relying on Jesus blood and merit rather than our own works for salvation as you consider Luther's explanation to the second article.

April 20—Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Today in Sunday School your children are joining in the celebration of Christ's resurrection as they study Matthew's account of Easter morning (Matthew 28:1-10).

Talk with your children today and this week about the reality of the bodily resurrection and what that means for us and our resurrection from the dead. Christ's resurrection fills us with confident hope that as Christ has been raised from the dead and that we, too, will rise bodily to eternal life with Him in heaven.

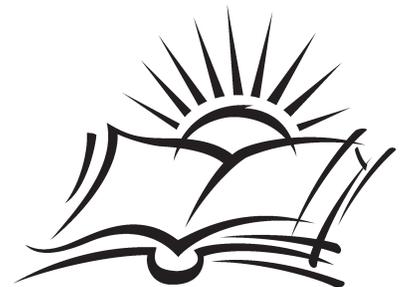
April 27—On the first Easter, Jesus reveals to Mary Magdalene and to His disciples that He is alive (John 20:1-18). In Sunday School today the children learned how Jesus comes to us in His Word, so that the Spirit can give us faith to believe in Christ's resurrection and comfort us when we mourn the death of loved ones.

Talk with your children about how Christ has reconciled us to God and thus gives us eternal life. Review the third article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's Explanation to it as you talk about how the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts.



The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly for the second quarter of 2014 will be held following the worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13.

In order to prepare for this meeting the Church Council will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00pm.



CHURCH LIBRARY News

The Church Library in the Overflow has been reorganized, making it easier to find the book you are looking for. We have some great books, and new ones are regularly being added.

One of the great volumes we already had in our Church Library is *What Luther Says*. This amazing book arranges in one volume thousands of fascinating quotes from Martin Luther on a whole range of topics, from literally from "A" (*Absolution*) to "Z" (*Zeal*). You will enjoy browsing through Luther's insightful comments.

To check out a book from the Church Library just note your name and the book title and date borrowed on the check-out sheet on the clipboard which is on the library shelves.



The Pastor Will Be Away

Following services on Easter Sunday, April 20, the Vogts family will be leaving later that afternoon for New York City. Jacob Vogts is a member of *The Iowa Statesmen*, the 135-voice men's chorus of Iowa State University, and he will be performing with them in a concert on Easter Monday, April 21, at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The Vogts family will return on Tuesday, April 22. In case you require pastoral care during Pastor Vogts' absence please call him on his cell phone (913-594-9865) and he will make arrangements. You may also contact him on the parsonage phone (913-849-3711), which will be forwarded to his cell phone during his absence.



Lutheran High School Handbell Choir Performs at Trinity May 18

The Resounding Joy handbell choir from Lutheran High School of Kansas City will perform during our worship service on Sunday, May 18.

Trinity member Ellie Reylts, a senior at LHS, is part of Resounding Joy. The LHS handbell choirs are directed by Paula Meier, who is the sister of Pastor Vogts.

Thrivent News

Submitted by Gladys Prothe

Our local Johnson-Miami Counties Thrivent Financial for Lutherans chapter met on March 10, at 6:30pm, at Burger King in Paola. Fourteen board members enjoyed burgers with all the trimmings, French fries and onion rings, and drinks. Trinity members attending were Darrel Rodewald, Director of Congregational Advocates, Brigitte Rodewald and Gladys Prothe, Records Director.

Jean Germer, King of Kings, Gardner, President, opened the meeting with prayer. Gladys read the minutes of the previous meeting held in December, and Sharon Appel, King of Kings, Financial Director, gave the financial report showing a balance in the Operating Fund of \$3,548.64, and \$6,459 in the Care Abounds in Communities fund. Trinity, First, Paola, King of Kings, Gardner, Christ Our Savior, Louisburg, and Hillside Community Lutheran Church, Spring Hill are the five churches in our local chapter to participate in the various fund raisers.

Debbie Keltner, Louisburg, mentioned that they would like to use their share of the Care Abounds funds to help with a project for Vacation Bible School, the Pie Auction, and aid the Youth Group in raising funds to attend the National Youth Gathering. Bob Richards is working on details as to the dates and amounts of funds to be requested for each activity.

Jean noted that the first Saturday in May is the estimated date for a fund raiser to help the King of Kings Youth Group raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering. She also requested that a fund raiser be held at the Celebrity Cafe in Gardner to help Ed and Patsy Bruns, of King of Kings. Their son was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident and the funds would be used for transportation expenses, food, or other necessary expenses to the hospital. A request for \$350 matching funds for each of those events was approved.

Helen Tagler, First Lutheran, requested \$500 matching funds for Ellie Lou, who is the granddaughter of Joe and

Vickie Teagarden, members of First. Ellie Lou has many medical problems. First will use their April 9 Lenten dinner funds to match. Gladys and Darrel, Trinity, requested \$250 matching funds for the Block Ruritan Club to apply to their scholarship fund for community high school seniors this Spring. The Bake Sale event to accomplish this will be held in conjunction with the Ruritan breakfast on March 26, and everyone is invited to attend the wonderful breakfast and the bake sale beginning at 6 to 9:30am. Both of these events were approved by the board members present.

The board members were again anxious to help with the Blocktoberfest to be held in September here at Trinity. It was voted that the sum of \$100 be used for door prizes, and that \$200 be contributed for a table/donation.

Members are to be thinking about educational events that might be interesting. It was voted that the chapter accept the new members assigned to our chapter. It was also mentioned that the sum of \$1,120 will need to be sent to Thrivent at the K by June 1 as final payment for Royals tickets on June 20.

President Jean Germer discussed a new program being sponsored by Thrivent as a movement to strengthen our communities. It's a new benefit of your Thrivent Financial membership that supports what you care about. You can lead a team of local volunteers to strengthen your community by helping others be wise with money and inspiring generosity. EACH Thrivent member may lead a Thrivent Action Team and receive \$250 seed money to accomplish his project. Each member who applies for the \$250 must use that money to form a team to do a different project to help a different recipient. For further details and information about the project, Thrivent members may contact Jean Germer, telephone #913-484-7502, or e-mail jgermer@embarqmail.com. Thrivent will be handing out brochures soon.

Also don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars!

The next board meeting will be held at Spudleys', in Paola, on June 9.