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What is the most important job in the world? President of the United States? Famous inventor of marvelous machines? Doctor discovering miracle cures? Actually, many of us already hold the most important job in the world: parent.

Our nation acknowledges the great importance of parents each year with the holidays of Mother's Day and Father's Day, which we will soon be celebrating again in May and June.

We tend to think of our little ones always under our care and guidance. But they will grow into a life of their own, and we must prepare them for it. That surely is the most important job in the world.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." But, the opposite is also true: fail to train up your child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will suffer for it. Researchers have noted a common thread in the lives of many criminals: a lack of parental direction and discipline in their younger years.

Of course, even those with the best upbringing can wander off the right path. But, a good foundation in early life is a child's best hope for happiness and success.

Parents often fret when their children leave the nest at around age 18. But, by then, it is practically too late. The time to focus on your children's future is in their youngest years. That will set the pattern for their lives.

Maybe you cannot leave your children a big inheritance in the way of

money and property. But there is a much greater, much more valuable inheritance and heritage that is within the grasp of every parent. Paul says in Ephesians 6:4, "Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

That is the greatest gift you can pass on to your children, bringing them to Jesus, bringing them up in the training and instruction of the Lord, sharing with them the Good News that "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The Good News that their sins are forgiven on account of Jesus Christ.

For a parents these days, there are so many important things to consider in your children's upbringing: good education, appropriate discipline, proper socialization, developing a positive feeling of self-worth. And there is an abundance of organizations and activities to help in your children's growth and development. These things are important and they have their place.

But, in the hectic shuffle of modern life, don't neglect your children's greatest need: training and instruction in the Lord. Bring them faithfully to Sunday worship, Sunday School, and the other worship, educational, and fellowship opportunities our congregation provides.

God bless you as you continue doing your best for the Lord in the most important job in the world.

Pastor Kevin Vogts

## Recipe for Raising Children

1 Cup of Psalm 127:3—"Children are a heritage from the Lord, a blessing from him." Your children are just on loan to you from the Lord. He has entrusted them into your care because he thinks that, in all the world, *you* are the parent for this child.

1 Cup of Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

2 Tablespoons of Mark 10:14—"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Carefully mix in Proverbs 13:24 and Hebrews 12:11 as needed—"He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him"; "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Balance with generous measures of Colossians 3:21 and Ephesians 6:4—"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged"; "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Sprinkle in generous amounts of Ephesians 6:18—"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Stir together in a pot called home, adjusting ingredients as seems best to achieve proper consistency. Let rise for approximately 18 years and then serve to the world.

Important: For good results, do *not* use a pressure cooker for this recipe!



**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 Reyelts, 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.



**Sermon Topics for May**

May 4  
*"Walking with Jesus on the Road of Life"*  
 Luke 24:13-35

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May 11

*"Our Master's Voice"*  
 John 10:1-10

May 18

*"Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled"*  
 John 14:1-14

May 25

*Rev. Roger Schepmann  
 Guest Preacher*



**Guest Preacher  
 May 25**

Over Memorial Day weekend, Pastor Vogts' family is gathering in Canton, Kansas to go through items in the home of his Mother, who recently passed away. Our guest minister on Sunday, May 25 will be Rev. Roger Schepmann.

Pastor and Mrs. Vogts will also be gone a few days the week of August 11 to pick up their daughter Sarah from college at The University of Texas in Austin.

During Pastor Vogts' absence please feel free to call him on his cell phone (913-594-9865), or you may also contact him on the parsonage phone (913-849-3711), which will be forwarded to his cell phone.



May 4 ..... Evan Kettler, Luke Elkinton  
 May 11 ..... Karlie McMullin  
 May 18 ..... Olivia Mitchell  
 May 25 ..... Evan Kettler



Due to schedule conflicts our acolyte thank you lunch and training originally scheduled for last month has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 18. All immediate past, current, and new acolytes and their parents are invited to stay after worship for a pizza lunch. We will then have a brief training, explaining both the "hows" and "whys" of acolyte service. The immediate past acolytes are asked to come help train the new acolytes.



**New Together in Mission Partners Selected**

For many years Trinity supported through the Together in Mission program Jack and Cathy Carlos, medical missionaries sponsored by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Guinea, on the west coast of Africa. However, due to their own health concerns, the Carlos family is on medical leave and have returned to the United States.

We have selected another couple serving in Africa as our new Together in Mission partners. Rev. Dr. Carl and Deaconess Deborah Rockrohr are serving in Ethiopia, an exciting new LCMS mission field. Ethiopia actually has the largest Lutheran Church in the world, with over 5 million members. It

is also the fastest-growing Lutheran body. They recently broke their long-standing ties to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America because of that denomination's unscriptural theology and adoption of so-called "gay marriage" and acceptance of openly homosexual clergy. They then approached the LCMS and asked for help with instruction at their seminary, because they recognize the need to recover Biblical, orthodox Lutheran theology after their years of association with the ELCA.

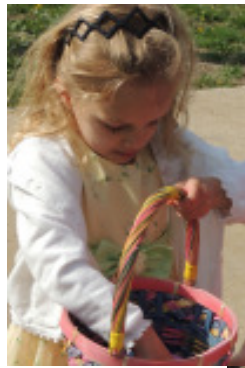
Dr. Carl Rockrohr serves as a professor at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Deaconess Deborah Rockrohr is helping to establish a deaconess program there. This seminary is one of the largest in Africa, with students from many countries, so the solid theology they are teaching will help not only the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia but will spread to many other countries and church bodies as well.

This is a more successful model of mission work, helping equip the local people to do outreach among their own people. They already have the zeal and the ability to connect with their people much better than a foreign missionary. They need help learning sound Biblical theology.

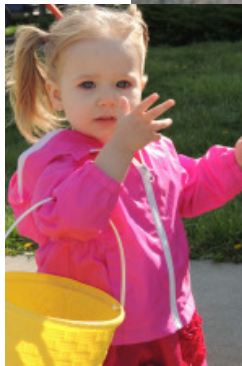
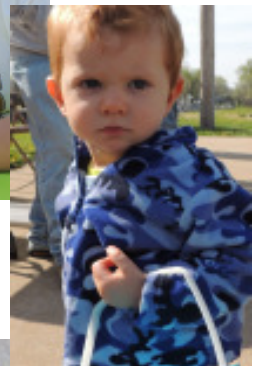
Carl is a graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Deborah received her deaconess training at Concordia University Chicago and holds a master's degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The Rockrohrs have four children: Paul, Jim and Becky, who reside in the United States, and Ted, who lives with Carl and Deborah in Ethiopia.

To learn more about the Rockrohrs and their ministry visit [www.rockrohr.net](http://www.rockrohr.net)

Please pray for the Rockrohrs as they serve in Ethiopia. Pray that the Lord would bless the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia and its congregations. Pray for the success of their work at Mekane Yesus Seminary. Ask the Lord to grant strength and wisdom to the students they teach. Finally, pray that the Lord would bring to the seminary students whom He is calling to serve as pastors.



Our thanks to Twin Valley 4-H for sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity on April 19.



More Photos Online at [www.trinitylcms.org](http://www.trinitylcms.org)  
Under Photo Gallery Button



## Youth Planning Meeting June 1

All youth in or entering grades 6-12 are invited to a youth planning meeting on Sunday, June 1 at 5:00pm. We'll begin with a BBQ; hamburgers and hot dogs provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. The youth will then plan activities for the summer.



## Church Cleanup Day May 17

Your help is needed for a cleanup day inside and outside the church on Saturday, May 17 beginning at 8:00am. Bring along cleaning supplies, vacuums, yard tools and equipment, etc.



As they take a break for the summer we say "Thank You!" to the Trinity Choir for their dedicated service and wonderful

contributions beautifying our worship! Special thanks to director Kathy Peckman and accompanist Becky Stutzman.

Thanks also to Kyle Minden and Pat Peckman for beautifully restoring the two antique pews in the Fellowship Hall. These are some of the few mementoes we have of the old church and it is great to have them looking new again!

And thanks to Bill Koelsch for all his work doing such a great job polishing the floors in the church basement.



## Photo Gallery Added to Trinity Web Site

We have added photos from some recent events at Trinity, including the Spring Children's Program and Easter Egg Hunt, on our church web site. Just click on the "Photo Gallery" button at [www.trinitylcms.org](http://www.trinitylcms.org).



"Gangway to Galilee" is the theme for Vacation Bible School at First Lutheran Church, Paola, Monday thru Friday, June 9-13, from 9:00am to Noon. Children and volunteers from Trinity are invited to participate!

Student and volunteer registration forms are on the counter in our Church

Office. Just fill out and leave on desk in Church Office. Or register online at [www.firstlutheran-paola.org](http://www.firstlutheran-paola.org).



*Growing with God* will be the theme for our Summer Sunday School during June, July, and August. In addition to Bible stories and singing the children will enjoy making fun crafts. Bring your children this summer for *Growing with God*.



## CHURCH LIBRARY News

The Church Library in the Overflow has recently 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 *Kingdom of the Cults*, which details the false beliefs and practices of cults such as the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, etc.

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.



## Easter Bible Study

During the Easter season we will continue our 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 all those providing snacks for Coffee Hour! 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.

May 4  
Kettler & Vogts

May 11  
Kristina Jenkins

May 18  
Vogts

May 25  
Plummers



The 2014 Confirmation took place on Sunday, April 27, with First Communion the following Sunday, May 4. This years confirmands are Kurt Golubski, Chancie Minden, Cooper Minden, Chloe Rausch, and Garrett Rausch.



## Sunday School Topics for May

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).

May 4—The children will learn of how the disciples recognized the resurrected Jesus through the Scriptures and the breaking of bread when he appeared to them on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-35).

*Talk with your children about how Christ comes to us and abides with us through Word and Sacrament, continuing to open our eyes and strengthening our faith.*

May 11—The children will learn how each of us is like the lame beggar as we stand before God (Acts 3). Yet

through the means of grace, God's Word and Sacraments, God bestows on us what Christ accomplished on the cross: forgiveness of sins.

*In your family discussions, talk about what it means to have the “forgiveness of sins.”*

May 18—The children will learn the story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10) and how like them the Good News comes to us.

*Talk about how in church we receive the Good News that, although we are judged unrighteous and deserving of death, God mercifully declares us holy, righteous, and innocent because of Christ. What does this mean for our daily lives is a good question to discuss as a family.*

May 25—As it was for Peter, so it is for us is the message of today's Sunday School lesson (Acts 12). The Word of God is never proclaimed in vain. Though we suffer because of the sin of others, God's will is done.

*Talk with your children about modern day persecution of the church of God and how, even in the midst of persecution, God sustains and increases His Church. How does God's Word break through the chains of our sin and the suffering it causes?*



Our congregation helps support these missionaries sent out by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through our mission contributions. Each month we 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.

May 4

*Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster  
Ghana*

May 11

*Michael and Sally Vogel  
Taiwan*

May 18

*Rev. Tony and Connie Booker  
Czech Republic*

May 25

*Nicole Barthel  
Vietnam*



We list 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 Elkinton at [blocktcl@midwest-connections.com](mailto:blocktcl@midwest-connections.com).

Clint Haley.....May 1  
Damon Oberheide.....May 1  
Eric Prothe.....May 1  
Elijah Minden.....May 1  
Brad Hendrickson.....May 2  
Steve McMullin.....May 3  
Maysen Armstrong.....May 4  
Alex Brack.....May 4  
Sarah Berner.....May 5  
Kameron Alpert-Munir.....May 5  
Mallory Allcorn.....May 5  
Henry Vaughn.....May 7  
Garrett Rausch.....May 8  
Chloe Rausch.....May 8  
Jim Ohlmeier.....May 8  
Melanie Golubski.....May 9  
Bobbie Jo Debrick.....May 10  
Kathy Haley.....May 10  
Bobbie Kunard.....May 10  
Johnny Pagels.....May 10  
Denise Holtz.....May 11  
Kraig Kettler.....May 13  
Lucy Kettler.....May 13  
Nathan Peckman.....May 13  
Nicholas Peckman.....May 13  
Trish Armstrong.....May 14  
Miranda Ferrell.....May 14  
Beth Marsland.....May 14  
Matthew Reynolds.....May 15  
Kris Stubbs.....May 15  
Lori Donahue.....May 17  
Dean Gerken.....May 17  
Sherri Webb.....May 17  
Emily Kettler.....May 18  
Susan Ashley.....May 18  
Jackie Smith.....May 19  
Paul Sombke.....May 20  
David Herrs.....May 21  
Barb Koelsch.....May 21  
Clifford Prothe.....May 21  
Leslie Rudzinski.....May 21  
Andy Brack.....May 23  
Jeanne Hutchison.....May 23  
Amanda Maisch.....May 23  
Shane Gibson.....May 23  
Stephanie Debrick.....May 25  
Roger Holtz.....May 25  
Kristie McMullin.....May 25  
Scott Gerken.....May 26  
Sharon Grother.....May 26  
Alyssa Holtz.....May 28  
Kayla Massey.....May 28  
Dale Prothe.....May 28  
Rawena Shay.....May 28  
Wendy Bryant.....May 29  
Brandon Gibson.....May 29  
Ginny Linville.....May 30

Sarah Pemberton.....May 31  
Janet Koelsch.....May 31  
Amanda Stubbs.....May 31  
May 1.....Randy and Jennifer Rethman  
(16 years)  
May 16.....Ed and Marcie Reyelts  
(26 years)  
May 19.....Mike and Linda Oberheide  
(35 years)  
May 19.....Clifford and Donna Prothe  
(51 years)  
May 25.....Lloyd and Ginny Peckman  
(51 years)  
May 25.....Jeff and Pam Thompson  
(34 years)  
May 30.....Stan and Gayle Plummer  
(33 years)  
May 31.....John and Lori Schlegel  
(11 years)



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. One member recently commented he enjoys listening to the sermons again on his smart phone on the way to work!

Click on the “Sermons” tab on our church’s web site, [www.trinitylcms.org](http://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.

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