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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, it is a good time to recall what the Bible says about government:

- ★ **Government is established by God.** Contrary to popular belief, government is not a human invention. God himself has established government for our good. As St. Paul writes in Romans 13:1-2: "There is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."
- ★ **Government is to maintain order.** This is the main purpose for which God established government. St. Paul says of our rulers in Romans 13:4: "He is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer."
- ★ **God commands us to honor our governmental leaders.** Those who serve in government are deserving of our honor and respect, as St. Paul tells us in Romans 13:7: "Give everyone what you owe him . . . if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."
- ★ **God commands us to obey our rulers.** St. Paul explains in Romans 13:1-2: "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority

is rebelling against what God has instituted." And St. Paul writes to the young pastor Titus: "Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good" (Titus 3:1). Likewise, St. Peter says: "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men" (1 Peter 2:13).

- ★ **We may—and must—disobey when the government directs us to act contrary to God's Word.** This is the only exception to God's command to obey the government. When the government ordered the disciples not to preach about Jesus, the Book of Acts reports: "Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than men!'" (Acts 5:29).
- ★ **It is our duty as Christians to pay taxes.** St. Paul directs in Romans 13:7: "Give everyone what you owe him. If you owe taxes, pay taxes." And when Jesus was asked about paying taxes to the Roman Empire, he replied: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).
- ★ **God wants us to pray for our rulers.** St. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 2:1-2: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior."

So as you celebrate Independence Day, give thanks to God for our government, and pray that our rulers may be blessed with godly wisdom.

Pastor Kevin Vogts



Outdoor Worship July 3

We will celebrate Independence Day weekend with an outdoor worship service in our Shelter House at the normal time of 10:00am on Sunday, July 3.

Pastor Vogts' message will be "The Christian Citizen" based on Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." Our youth will help lead the service, which will include a children's sermon on the meaning of the Christian and American flags and favorite patriotic songs.

This is a great opportunity to invite family, neighbors, friends, and holiday visitors for worship! All invited—everyone welcome!



We are having a potluck picnic lunch for those who wish to stay following the outdoor worship service in our Shelter House on Sunday, July 3. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert, and also your own drinks and table service. All invited—everyone welcome!

July Communion Change

Because of the outdoor service in our Shelter House on July 3, Holy Communion in July will be celebrated on the second Sunday of the month, July 10, rather than the usual first Sunday of the month.

Guest Ministers July 10 & 17



Pastor Vogts will be attending the national convention of the Missouri Synod in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as the Johnson-Miami County Circuit's pastoral delegate on July 9-14, and then the LCMS National Youth Gathering with our Trinity Youth in New Orleans on July 16-20.

Our guest minister on Sunday, July 10 will be Rev. Ronald Flentgen, a retired pastor from Olathe, and on Sunday, July 17 we will have Rev. Paul Helmer, a retired pastor from Gardner. (Rev. Roger Schepmann is currently concluding a vacancy at Zion, Vassar and was unavailable for these Sundays.)

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If you need pastoral care during Pastor Vogts' absence you may contact him on his cell phone (913-594-9864), or at the parsonage number (913-849-3711) which will be forwarded to his cell phone, and he will make arrangements with another area pastor.

Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Available

Proposed revisions to Trinity's Constitution and Bylaws have been approved by the LCMS Kansas District, and the revised Constitution and Bylaws were presented to the Voters Assembly on April 17. They will be considered for adoption at the next quarterly Voters Assembly, following worship on July 24.

Copies are available in the Church Office for study and review before the meeting. They are also available online at www.trinitylcms.org/constitution.

Informal Study & Discussion Sessions

Because Pastor Vogts will be absent from leading Bible Class on July 10 & 17, we are using the opportunity to have informal study and discussion sessions regarding the question of voting franchise in the congregation, which is one feature of our congregation's revised Constitution and Bylaws that will be considered for final adoption at the Voters Assembly, following worship on July 24.

A study guide prepared by Pastor Vogts, "Questions Regarding Voting Franchise," is available on the counter in the Church Office. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in discussions of this topic and study guide, facilitated by congregational chairman Greg Windler during the Bible Class hour at 9:00am on Sundays, July 10 & 17.

Even if you cannot attend these sessions, everyone is encouraged to review the study guide and please let Greg Windler or Pastor Vogts know if you have additional questions or concerns.



The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly will be held following worship on Sunday, July 24. In order to prepare for this meeting the Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00pm.



These are the sermon topics for July. Pastor Vogts' sermons are available in both written and audio format on our website at www.trinitylcms.org/sermons. Also, printed copies of the current day's sermon and several previous sermons are available each week in a small literature rack in the back of the church.

July 3

"The Christian Citizen"
Psalm 33:12

July 10

Rev. Ronald Flentgen
Guest Minister

July 17

Rev. Paul Helmer
Guest Minister

July 24

"Two Parables About Prayer"
Luke 11:5-13

July 31

"Materialism: Its Cause and Cure"
Luke 12:15

Nursing Home Services July 24

You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Vintage Park on July 24. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates and then go to Vintage Park for the second service.



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 by our congregation through our mission offerings to our Synod.

July 3

*Sean Baker
Slovakia*

July 10

*Rev. Herb & Markie Burch
Peru*

July 17

*Britt Odemba
Kenya*

July 24

*Rev. Craig & Paula Donofrio
Czech Republic*

July 31

*Rev. Jeffrey & Michele Kuddes
Africa*



You are invited to Adult Bible Class this summer as we study *The Epistles of Love—1st, 2nd & 3rd John*. They are often called the “Epistles of Love,” because these brief letters use the word “love” more frequently than any other books of the Bible.

Join in Sundays at 9:00am in the Overflow as we learn the meaning of love from the Author of love.

July Snack Hosts Needed



Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship during the remainder of 2016? There are still three Sundays in July and most Sundays thru the remainder of the summer.

Consider signing up for special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries. The sign-up sheet is 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. Thank you to all those providing snacks and serving Coffee Hour!

July 3

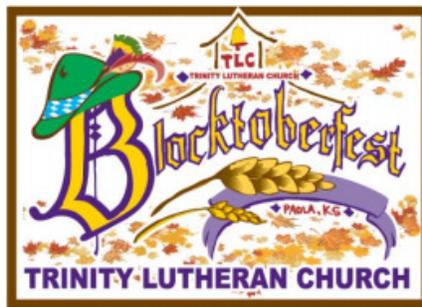
Outdoor Service & Potluck Picnic

July 10

Brigitte Rodewald

July 17, 24, 31

Need Volunteers



Eleven were present to conduct our business at the Blocktoberfest Committee meeting at the Shelter House on May 22.

We discussed our Blocktoberfest logo. Design4Sports has added an orange color to the background to make our banners stand out more. It really looks good. So, we decided to have them make a large banner and a medium sized banner for this year. They will have Saturday, September 17 on them as well. We will get our other banners and yard signs updated as we have in the past.

Our kinder will walk in the John Brown Jamboree parade and the Miami County Fair parade with the medium size banner. They will also take turns riding the kiddie train in the parade. We will make some half page flyers to give out during the parades if people seem interested.

More Blocktoberfest T-shirts may be ordered after we take inventory of our existing stock. We discussed the possibility of getting some long sleeved tees as well.

Sharon has received the quote from the Ice Hut. It is basically the same as last year. It worked out well having all our ice in one freezer in a covered trailer.

Stan got word that Mo Trail will have his pony and cart available for a three hour period event day. They will replace the horseback ride we had last year which is no longer available.

Many people today don't carry much cash with them and use a credit or debit card for their purchases. So, we looked into the possibility of providing that service for event day consumers. We need a little more information before we decide to order the service. It has a 25 cent per transaction fee plus 2.4% of the purchase amount. Clint and Michelle will do some additional research.

We decided not to put Blocktoberfest on Everfest's website this year.

After getting quotes to rent a dance floor our decision was it's too much to spend for a few hours of dancing. Quotes ranged from \$350 to \$650 depending on size. We will keep this option open for future events if sponsors choose to fund it.

Following the meeting we walked the grounds to see where the playground equipment should be relocated. Most of the equipment will be placed southwest of the slab with the possibility of two new horseshoe pits just south of the chain link fence. We will set a date to do this work in June.

Our next Blocktoberfest Committee meeting will be Sunday, July 10 at 6:00pm. Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Our records of birthdays and anniversaries may not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the Church Office at 913-849-3344 or email Church Secretary Stacey Elkinton at blocktlc@midwest-connections.com.

- July 1 Emily Prothe
- July 3 Brandy Allen
- July 3 Molly Hermann
- July 3 Karen Windler
- July 5 Joshua Bunch
- July 3 Samantha Prothe
- July 6 Ryan Morton
- July 7 Regan Boyer
- July 7 Shelly D'Amato
- July 7 Kennedy McMullin
- July 7 Tamara Mitchell
- July 10 Wanda Stagg
- July 11 Ken Debrick
- July 11 Darlene Heater
- July 11 Dennis Prothe
- July 12 Joshua Sombke
- July 12 Steve Warner
- July 13 Steve Grother
- July 13 Duane Prothe
- July 13 Don Warring
- July 14 Sheryl Holtz
- July 14 Rayden Berry
- July 15 Karen Kaiser
- July 16 David Johns
- July 16 Debbie Oberheide
- July 16 Brittannie Ritch
- July 17 Ann Davis
- July 18 Keith Prothe
- July 18 Madison Snider
- July 19 Janet England
- July 19 Clint Kettler
- July 19 Cathy Tesar
- July 20 Mallory Tharp
- July 20 Norma Peckman
- July 21 Dan Hieber
- July 21 Chance Mueller
- July 23 Lillian Kettler
- July 23 Taryn Jones
- July 24 Zachary Davis
- July 24 Darrell Peckman
- July 24 Margo Rodewald
- July 24 Marcie Reyelts
- July 25 Shannon Fanning
- July 26 Stephanie Bivins
- July 27 Matthew Barnett
- July 27 Denna Jones
- July 27 Curtis Kettler

- July 27 Marla Prothe
- July 29 Lonnie England
- July 29 Barbara Herrs
- July 29 Cody Weaver
- July 31 Barbie Dillenbeck
- July 31 Colleen Richardson
- July 1 Dannie & Elaine Stewart (44)
- July 7 ... Andrew & Brianna Chapman (4)
- July 8 Earl & Darleen Medlin (41)
- July 15 Adam & Lorri Jenson (21)
- July 18 Paul & Karen Brack (35)
- July 18 Jim & Joyce Johns (35)
- July 22 Charles & Kathy Hall (38)
- July 26 John & Kathy Gerken (47)
- July 26 David & Carol Wray (36)
- July 27 .. Phillip & Morgan Richards (14)
- July 29 Chris & Sherri Webb (27)



The 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering logo features the familiar "fleur de lis" symbol of New Orleans. The mosaic style is inspired by artwork seen throughout New Orleans and the theme of God's redemptive work in our lives. Just as an artist arranges broken pieces of varying shapes and colors to create a mosaic image, so too, does God take us, a broken people, and place us together to form His Church.

Trinity Youth Attend LCMS National Youth Gathering

From July 16-20, 16 youth and eight adult leaders and other chaperones from Trinity, led by Youth Director Janette Reinke, will have the experience of a lifetime as they join over 35,000 other LCMS youth and adults from around the

nation at the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. This city was selected as one of the few able to host such a huge group—so big that the daily worship services will be held in the Superdome, which will be packed to overflowing!

Held every the years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their identity as Missouri Synod Lutherans.

During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service, and fellowship with others from across the Synod. In addition to nightly worship at the Superdome, the youth can select from a wide variety of special interest sections held during the day at the riverfront convention center.

The theme for this year's gathering is "In Christ Alone," based on the book of Philippians. During the five days of the Gathering, participants will study the Apostle Paul's words to the Christians at Philippi, reflecting upon the key concepts of identity, humility, and community. Using the book of Philippians, we will hear and profess that it is indeed in Christ alone we stand.

Our congregation actually has the *most* youth attending out of all the LCMS churches in our Johnson-Miami County Circuit! Our youth will be travelling to New Orleans by bus, shared with youth from Calvary Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our youth's many fundraising efforts so that we could reduce the cost for them to attend to a minimum. Please pray for our youth and their adult chaperones while they are gone, for safe travels, good health, protection, and also fun and spiritual growth. Later in the summer we will have a special service led by our youth to share their exciting experiences.

Check out Trinity's Facebook page for pictures and updates during the gathering at www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranblock.