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From the Pastor

"The Spirit clearly says that in latter times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons." (1 Timothy 4:1)

Several years ago a venerable American Protestant church body considered at its national convention a resolution affirming "an unchanging commitment to Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the only name by which any person may be saved" and a recommitment to evangelism as "the solemn responsibility placed upon us to share Christ with all persons when we hear His words, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me' (John 14:6)."

Normally, such a resolution being considered by a Christian church body would not be big news. After all, that resolution aptly states what has been the core of Christian teaching for 2,000 years, as the Apostle Peter testifies in Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." However, this resolution made news for a very sad and shocking reason: *it failed to pass by 71%!*

It is incomprehensible: What was once one of the world's leading Protestant church bodies, with generations of staunch, faithful, even conservative believers, voted by 71% to refuse to affirm "Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the only name by which any person may be saved." As a disappointed delegate, who was among the minority voting in favor of the resolution, said after it was defeated, "It seems we've decided to leave Jesus Christ behind."

The Apostle Paul warns of such apostasy in 2 Timothy 4:3-4: *"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."* Unfortunately, that is a description of much of Christendom today.

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The bishop of one of America's largest cities for another major Protestant church body recently gave a lecture at a seminary of that denomination in which he scornfully dismissed the Virgin Birth and Resurrection of Christ as "myths," and the belief that we are saved by Jesus' blood shed on the cross as "superstition." Not surprisingly, he concluded that faith in Jesus is only one of many "faithful pathways by which a person may find God."

A few years ago a student I knew at a seminary of yet another American Protestant church body told me he was surprised his first semester there that none of his professors were actually members of that denomination. It was explained to him that the seminary *no longer discriminates in hiring faculty on the basis of religion!*

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Paul describes just such a situation in 2 Timothy 3:5, when he warns of those *"holding to the outward form of godliness, but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them."* Likewise he says in Romans 16:17-18: *"I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people."*

It is important to note this does *not* at all mean we "shun" or otherwise withdraw from contacts and relationships in the social, familial, civic, business realm etc. with those who adhere to false doctrine. It *does* mean that in the realm of religion we should avoid religious association with pastors and other religious teachers and leaders who deviate from Scripture, and should instead seek out a church which adheres to the teachings of God's Word. As the Apostle John says in 1 John 4:1: *"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."*

Jesus Himself explains in John 8:31-32 the standard by which we are to “test the spirits to see whether they are from God” when He tells us, “if you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” As Acts 17:11 says of the early Christians: “They received the message with great eagerness, and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.” Just like the first Christians with the Apostle Paul himself, it is your responsibility to hold accountable and test against the standard of God’s Word all who preach and teach in Christ’s name—including me as your pastor.

Jesus says in Matthew 7:15, “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” Like a shepherd protecting from predators the flock entrusted to his care, part of a faithful pastor’s duty is to warn his flock about such false teachers and deviations from the faith. As Paul tells Pastor Timothy: “But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. . . Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction” (2 Timothy 4:2, 5).

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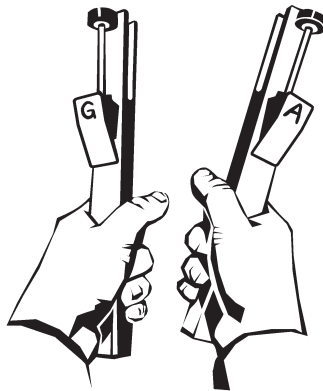
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New Choir Director

Thank you to our DCE Janette Reinke for agreeing to serve as our choir director! Janette majored in music at Concordia, Seward and has choir directing experience.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning September 14. Everyone is invited to come and help make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Contact Janette for more information or questions.



New Tone Chimes Choir

Our DCE Janette Reinke will be directing a new tone chimes choir at Trinity! Janette majored in music at Concordia, Seward and has experience directing chimes. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 6:00pm, beginning September 14.

Everyone who is interested is urged to come to the first rehearsal. Chimes are a wonderful “multi-generational” activity and all ages are welcome! Contact Janette for more information or questions. (This is a new church tone chimes choir separate from 4-H.)

Sermon Topics



These are the sermon topics for September. 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.

September 4

“Salt of the Earth: Precious, Peculiar, Preservative”
Luke 14:34-35

September 11

Service Led by Trinty Youth

September 18—Blocktoberfest Service

“God’s Glorious Gospel”
Isaiah 1:18

September 25

“Singing the Faith: Amazing Grace”
1 Timothy 1:12-17



What is the meaning of love? How does God want you to show love toward Him and toward others?

You are invited to Adult Bible Class as we continue studying *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 true meaning of love from the Author of love.



**Blocktoberfest
German Meal
Donations Needed**

Trinity Youth are again serving a German meal at Blocktoberfest and we are looking for donations from the congregation. We would greatly appreciate donations of apple pie or strudel, cookies or cupcakes, German potato salad (we will give you the recipe), or German green beans.

If you have an apple tree that you would allow us to come pick, we would love that too! Please see Pamela Peckman, Nancy Golubski, Terry Vogts, Susan Henry or any Trinity Youth if you are able to donate any of these items. Thank you for your constant support of our kids!



**Blocktoberfest
Outdoor Service
& BBQ Lunch
September 18**

On Sunday morning, September 18, we will again have our "Blocktoberfest Outdoor Service" in the Shelter House, at our regular worship time of 10:00am. Following the service there will again be a free BBQ lunch for everyone provided by the Blocktoberfest Committee.



Trinity's Fourth Annual



Blocktoberfest

Saturday, September 17

Noon-6:00pm

Detailed Schedule & Menu at
www.trinitylcms.org/blocktoberfest



Blocktoberfest Outdoor Service

Sunday, September 20, 10:00am

In the Shelter House-Free BBQ Lunch After Service

**Come Join the Blocktoberfest
Fun for the Whole Family!**





Guest Minister October 2

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lawrence, where Pastor Vogts served during the 1990's, is celebrating their 40th Anniversary on October 2, and has asked him to serve as their guest preacher.

In his absence that Sunday, our guest minister at Trinity will be Rev. Paul Helmer, a retired pastor from Gardner. (Rev. Roger Schepmann is just beginning service as the vacancy pastor at Trinity, Garnett and is unavailable that Sunday.)



October Communion Sunday Changes

Because Pastor Vogts will be gone the first Sunday in October, and there are variables as to how Communion is conducted in a particular congregation, with which guest ministers are not familiar, our first Communion Sunday in October will be postponed one week to October 9.

Also, as is customary during the winter months, beginning in October we will start having Communion twice per month from October thru March, normally on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. However, since there are five Sundays in October this year, to accommodate Pastor Vogts' absence on the 1st Sunday we will shift Communion to the 2nd & 4th Sundays, October 9 & 23.



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.

September 4

*Rev. Charles & Janet Froh
Kenya*

September 11

*Rev. Jordan Tomesch
Germany*

September 18

*Mark & Megan Mantey
Uganda*

September 25

*Gabriel Fickenscher
Slovakia*



Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship during the remainder of 2016? Most Sundays are open thru the end of the year.

Thank you to all those providing snacks and serving at Coffee Hour!

September 4

Linda Prothe

September 11

Youth Dinner

September 18

Blocktoberfest

September 25

Lori Schlegel



Confirmation Classes Begin September 25

Due to special worship services this year on September 11 (Youth Sunday) and September 18 (Blocktoberfest Outdoor Service), the first Confirmation class session for 2016-17 for students in 7th & 8th grades will be Sunday, September 25 from 8:00am-9:00am in the Youth Room. Please contact Pastor Vogts with questions.



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.

September 1 Noel Wendte
September 2 Mary Ann Green
September 2 Gladys Prothe

September 3 Shane Honn
 September 3 Rebecca Hurst
 September 3 Ron Raines
 September 4 Lance Belsanti
 September 4 Mary Ann Maisch
 September 4 Dennis Peckman
 September 4 Steve Windler
 September 4 Sarah Vogts
 September 5 Dena Kaiser
 September 6 Emerson Bunch
 September 6 David Gatlin
 September 6 Les Jones
 September 6 Gay Stubbs
 September 7 Cindy Belsanti
 September 7 Teri Wimp
 September 8 Tore Smithhisler
 September 8 Lloyd Ohlmeier
 September 10 John Henry
 September 10 Evan Kettler
 September 10 Nickolas Davis
 September 11 Connie Barnett
 September 11 Gary Peckman
 September 11 Kristie Weaver
 September 11 Carol Wray
 September 12 Casey Maisch
 September 12 Pam Thompson
 September 13 Donald Smithhisler
 September 13 Sally Wood
 September 15 Aaron Prothe
 September 16 Conni Holte
 September 18 Grant Haley
 September 18 Anna Peckman
 September 18 Skyler Prothe
 September 18 Liam Simonson
 September 18 Josslyn Fuller
 September 18 Rolland Prothe
 September 21 Katie Lindsey
 September 22 Sarah Reyelts
 September 22 Jackson Lester
 September 23 Karen Brack
 September 23 Weston Davis
 September 23 Lindsey Rausch
 September 24 Amanda West
 September 24 Dawson Bruce
 September 24 Kevin Debrick
 September 25 Jennifer Boydston
 September 25 Olivia Mitchell
 September 25 Clinton Peckman
 September 25 Ginny Peckman
 September 27 Scott Golubski
 September 27 Geraldine Holtz
 September 27 Ryan Holloman
 September 27 Leslie Thoden
 September 28 Kaiden Armstrong
 September 28 Margie Monthey
 September 29 Kathy Korsten
 September 29 Mary Shay
 September 30 Gale Nowasell



This fall we are having an occasional sermon series looking at the history and meaning of some favorite hymns. These hymns not only uplift and comfort us, they also beautifully teach us the faith. The stories behind these hymns are also very inspiring. Come and enjoy learning more about these favorite hymns!

September 25
"Amazing Grace"
 1 Timothy 1:12-17

October 23
*"O Sacred Head,
 Now Wounded"*
 Isaiah 53:4

October 9
"Rock of Ages"
 Exodus 33:18-23

October 30–Reformation Sunday
"A Mighty Fortress"
 Psalm 46

October 16
"How Great Thou Art"
 Psalm 145:3-6

November 13
"Abide with Me"
 Luke 24:29

November 24–Thanksgiving Day
"Now Thank We All Our God"
 1 Thessalonians 5:18

September 5 Jerry & Reita Woodall (62 Years)
 September 7 Jason & Sacred Davis (20 Years)
 September 8 Jamey & Dena Kaiser (9 Years)
 September 11 James & Shannon Fanning (17 Years)
 September 12 Dennis & Norma Peckman (62 Years)
 September 13 Johnny & Sharon Grother (52 Years)
 September 15 Ray & Janet England (54 Years)
 September 17 Kerry & Carole Brandt (33 Years)
 September 18 Paul & Kathy Haley (40 Years)
 September 19 Randy & Helen Maisch (19 Years)
 September 21 Ryan & Tamara Mitchell (20 Years)
 September 25 Kelly & Valerie Gerken (40 Years)
 September 28 Gary & Rose Peckman (31 Years)



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Youth Service September 11

On Sunday, September 11, our Trinity Youth will lead our worship service, sharing with us their experiences from the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

The hymns, songs, and other portions of the service will be based on the closing Communion service and other Gathering events. Instead of a sermon, three youth will be reporting on what they learned from the Gathering theme, "In Christ Alone."



**Free Pulled Pork
Dinner**

On Sunday, September 11, our Trinity Youth will lead our worship service, sharing with us their experiences from the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a free all-congregation pulled pork dinner. No need to bring anything, the youth and their families are providing the dinner. This is the youth's way of saying "Thank You" for all the support given by the congregation and its members to their fundraising efforts to attend this event. It was really extraordinary that we raised so quickly the large amount needed for the big group of youth we had in attendance!



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Drawing at Blocktoberfest on September 17

Need Not Be Present to Win

