

# Trinity Tribune

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***How many are Your works,  
O LORD!  
In wisdom You made them all.***

Psalm 104:24

Over 3,000 years ago, a wealthy dignitary was buried in Ancient Egypt. As part of the traditional Egyptian burial customs, his tomb was filled with various practical items such as pots and pans, furniture, food, etc. It is believed the Ancient Egyptians thought these items were for use by the deceased in the afterworld.

When this tomb was excavated a few decades ago, one such item the archaeologists discovered was a small clay jar filled with wheat. Although these wheat seeds were over 3,000 years old, the archaeologists decided to conduct a little experiment with them. The seeds were planted and watered, and then—like a farmer—the archaeologists waited. Would these seeds still be fertile after 3,000 years?

A short time later, they had the surprising answer: Yes! How is it possible that even after being entombed for over 3,000 years, those wheat seeds sprouted and grew, normal and healthy?

That is just one of the many mysterious miracles of God's creation. How do ants and honeybees work with such precise coordination? How do spawning fish, migratory birds—even

butterflies!—travel thousands of miles back to the exact same spot? As Billy asks in "The Family Circus," who taught the geese to fly in a perfect aerodynamic formation?

The solution to these puzzles is in Romans 1:19: *"Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made."*

All around us every day, in the wonders of nature, we witness a marvelous testimony to God's glory! As Hebrews 11:3 says, *"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command."*

This Spring, as you once again behold the greening of the grass, the leafing out of the trees, the blooming of the flowers, and the maturation of the wheat, contemplate the power and wisdom of the Creator and give thanks for the miracle of life.

*O Lord my God,  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works  
Thy hand hath made;  
I see the stars,  
I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout  
The universe displayed;  
When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze;  
Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art!*

Pastor Kevin Vogts

## The Family Circus



**"Who trained them to do that?"**

# NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Phillip Windler as a member of Trinity, by Transfer of Membership for from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Simpsonville, South Carolina.



Jan (Cook) and Mark Minden

United in Marriage at Trinity  
April 11, 2015

*"And now these three abide,  
faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love."  
1 Corinthians 13:13*

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Our thanks to Slina Prothe, Linda Prothe, Barb Herrs, and Terry Vogts for crafting the two beautiful new banners first used at Easter. These are the first in a series of planned new banners. The materials are supplied with memorial funds from Leland Prothe's mother Irene, and the banners are given in her memory.



As they take a break for the summer, our thanks to choir director Kathy Peckman, accompanist Becky Stuzman, and all the choir members for their faithful service and beautiful contributions to our worship!

## May Acolytes



May 3 ..... Evan Kettler  
May 10 ..... Karlie McMullin  
May 17 ..... Luke Elkinton  
May 24 ..... Lance Elliott  
May 31 ..... Olivia Mitchell



The Circuit Pastor's Conference is scheduled to be held at Trinity on Tuesday, May 19. This includes both active and retired Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastors from throughout Johnson County, as well as Louisburg, Gardner, and Paola. The meeting is in the morning and they generally go to a restaurant for lunch. Following the meeting at Trinity they will be enjoying barbecue at We B Smokin'.



## New Bible Class "These Are a Few of Our Favorite Hymns"

We recently began a new study in Adult Bible Class, *These Are a Few of Our Favorite Hymns*, looking at the background and meaning of—and singing!—beloved hymns. Join in Sundays at 9:00am in the Overflow to get a deeper appreciation for your favorite hymns!

## Portals of Prayer

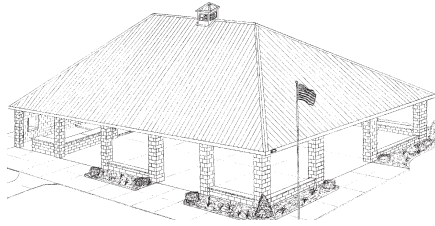


The devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for April thru June is available in the small literature holder in back of the church, in standard size, large print, and a new "digest" size (same size as *Reader's Digest*). A great way to keep close to the Lord!



# Easter Egg Hunt

Our thanks to Twin Valley 4H for again sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on our church grounds on April 4. More pictures are in the Photo Gallery on our church web site at [www.trinitycms.org/photos](http://www.trinitycms.org/photos).



## Trinity Lutheran Shelter House

Spring is here! What do we think when we hear spring? New growth. And just like seeds growing into beautiful plants—Trinity is growing! Out of the ashes of our beloved school, a new foundation of faith is forming; the Trinity Lutheran Shelter House.

The shelter house design has the distinct look of the Trinity Lutheran School which so many of us attended. By late summer, we will have a wonderful new building to host Trinity events. Imagine youth events, church services, church and family gatherings, etc. being held at this new venue. What a wonderful community outreach this will be!

Our Blocktoberfest Committee has helped light a fire under this project by donating profits from previous years' festivals to begin funding the shelter house. Although the voter's assembly of Trinity has approved construction of the shelter house with insurance funds from the loss of the school, our committee feels the shelter house is a memorial to the "144 years of God's Grace and Blessings" (the theme from our school closing event). Some of us can boast of six generations of our families who attended the school!

We have established a fund raising drive to help with the construction cost. As you remember the foundation of faith you gained as a student of TLS and all the happy memories, won't you consider a memorial donation to this project? Donations can be mailed to Trinity Lutheran Church, 34944 Block Road, Paola, KS 66071 or placed in the collection plate. Be sure to earmark the donation "Shelter House Fund". For fun, please note the years you attended the school. All donations are tax deductible.

*Thank you to all those who donated so many lovely lilies to beautify our sanctuary for Easter! Thanks also to Barb Dillenbeck for arranging and caring for them.*



### Given By

### In Memory or Honor Of

Karen Brack .....	Norbert & Billy
Denise Debrick .....	Billee Lee
Kevin Debrick .....	Lorene Debrick
Paul & Kathy Haley (2) .....	Lorene Debrick & Glenadyne Haley
Gayle Plummer .....	Leland Gerken
Arlin, Venita & Aaron Prothe, Vivian Wilson .....	LaVern Wilson
Gladys Prothe (2) .....	Bob Prothe & Nada Thoden
Jim & Sharon Prothe .....	Bob Prothe
Rolland & Betty Prothe (4) . Damon & lone Prothe, Herman & Nora Prothe	
Doris Rodewald .....	Herman Rodewald
Phyllis Tricket .....	Damon & lone Prothe
Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts (2) .....	Leroy & Ruth Vogts, Grandparents, Great-Great Grandmother Katherina Windler
Greg & Karen Windler .....	Elizabeth Minden & Lorene Debrick

We had such a wonderful gathering at the closing of our school event with over 500 in attendance, but some of those contacts were lost in the fire. We are asking everyone to please forward this to all of your former classmates and friends to join us in establishing this new community gathering place as a memorial to our school. Maybe our classes would like to accept a fund raising challenge!

For further information about this project, you may contact the Shelter House Committee at [blockshelterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:blockshelterhouse@gmail.com). You may also contact the fundraising committee co-chairs Susan Henry (913-461-3399/[susankhenry@yahoo.com](mailto:susankhenry@yahoo.com)) or Stacey Elkinton (913-259-9444/[sdelkinton@gmail.com](mailto:sdelkinton@gmail.com)). If you have any great ideas to help them with fund raising please let them know!

*"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10)*

Blessings to all. Thanks for your help!



## Nursing Home Services May 31

You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Vintage Park on Sunday, May 31. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at North Point and then go to Medical Lodge for the second service. The residents really enjoy these services, especially singing their favorite hymns. You can help by coming to greet the residents and singing along.

# Youth Bible Study



All youth are invited to join in each week our Youth Bible Study, led by our Youth Director, Janette Reinke, during the Sunday School hour from 9:00am-10:00am in the Youth Room (upstairs behind the Choir Loft).



## Youth & Parents Meeting May 31

All Sr. & Jr. High Youth and their parents are invited to stay after church on Sunday, May 31 for a meeting to talk about upcoming events. Lunch will be provided!



## Youth BBQ & Volleyball June 14

To kick off the summer the Sr. & Jr. High Youth are having a barbeque on Sunday, June 14 at 6:00pm. All youth come and enjoy burgers, volleyball, and more!



We enjoyed a Spaghetti Luncheon by the Youth and Easter Program by the Sunday School and Youth on April 12. The Youth made over \$900 toward their planned trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2016. More pictures are in the Photo Gallery on our church web site at [www.trinitylcms.org/photos](http://www.trinitylcms.org/photos).



BIRTHDAYS  
&  
ANNIVERSARIES



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We list birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. However, our records may not 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 blocktlc@midwest-connections.com.

- May 1 ..... Clint Haley
- May 1 ..... Damon Oberheide
- May 1 ..... Eric Prothe
- May 1 ..... Elijah Minden
- May 2 ..... Brad Hendrickson
- May 3 ..... Steve McMullin
- May 4 ..... Maysen Armstrong
- May 4 ..... Alex Brack
- May 5 ..... Sarah Berner
- May 5 ..... Kameron Alpert-Munir
- May 5 ..... Mallory Allcorn
- May 7 ..... Henry Vaughn
- May 8 ..... Garrett Rausch
- May 8 ..... Chloe Rausch
- May 8 ..... Jim Ohlmeier
- May 9 ..... Melanie Golubski
- May 10 ..... Bobbie Jo Debrick
- May 10 ..... Kathy Haley
- May 10 ..... Bobbie Kunard
- May 10 ..... Johnny Pagels
- May 11 ..... Denise Holtz
- May 13 ..... Kraig Kettler
- May 13 ..... Lucy Kettler
- May 13 ..... Nathan Peckman
- May 13 ..... Nicholas Peckman
- May 14 ..... Trish Armstrong
- May 14 ..... Miranda Ferrell
- May 14 ..... Beth Marsland
- May 15 ..... Matthew Reynolds
- May 15 ..... Kris Stubbs
- May 17 ..... Lori Donahue
- May 17 ..... Dean Gerken
- May 17 ..... Sherri Webb
- May 18 ..... Emily Kettler
- May 18 ..... Susan Ashley
- May 19 ..... Jackie Smith
- May 20 ..... Paul Sombke
- May 21 ..... David Herrs
- May 21 ..... Barb Koelsch
- May 21 ..... Clifford Prothe

- May 21 ..... Leslie Rudzinski
- May 23 ..... Andy Brack
- May 23 ..... Jeanne Hutchison
- May 23 ..... Amanda Maisch
- May 23 ..... Shane Gibson
- May 25 ..... Stephanie Debrick
- May 25 ..... Roger Holtz
- May 25 ..... Kristie McMullin
- May 26 ..... Scott Gerken
- May 26 ..... Sharon Grother
- May 28 ..... Alyssa Holtz
- May 28 ..... Kayla Massey
- May 28 ..... Dale Prothe
- May 28 ..... Rawena Shay
- May 29 ..... Wendy Bryant
- May 29 ..... Brandon Gibson
- May 30 ..... Ginny Linville
- May 31 ..... Sarah Pemberton
- May 31 ..... Janet Koelsch
- May 31 ..... Amanda Stubbs
- May 1 .... Randy and Jennifer Rethman  
(17 Years)
- May 16 ..... Ed and Marcie Reyelts  
(27 Years)
- May 19 ..... Mike and Linda Oberheide  
(36 Years)
- May 19 ..... Clifford and Donna Prothe  
(52 Years)
- May 25 ..... Lloyd and Ginny Peckman  
(52 Years)
- May 25 ..... Jeff and Pam Thompson  
(35 Years)
- May 30 ..... Stan and Gayle Plummer  
(34 Years)
- May 31 ..... John and Lori Schlegel  
(12 Years)



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.

All of the missionaries listed below are among those newly sent out.

May 3

*Rev. Roy & Eliza Askins  
Hong Kong*

May 10

*Rev. Mark & Stefanie Rabe  
Ethiopia*

May 17

*Gail Grieser  
Macau*

May 24

*Rev. Jonathan & Anita Clausing  
Kenya*

May 31

*Susan Dorn  
Belize*



Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship? One Sunday in May and all of June remains open. Consider signing up for special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries. There is a sign-up sheet 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 for Coffee Hour!

May 3

*Ray & Janet England*

May 10

*Garrison*

May 17

*Vogts*

May 24

*Gayle Plummer*

May 31

*Need Volunteers*