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## October Newsletter – Regular Activities at Trinity *God's People at Work, Worship, and Prayer*

Sunday.....9:00am..... Worship Service/Communion  
.....10:30am..... Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
.....10:30am..... Congregational Mtg., Quarterly  
.....11:30am..... Confirmation Class (Sept.-April)

Monday.....

Tuesday..... 8:00am..... Early Risers Exercise!  
.....9:00am..... Seekers Bible Study  
.....6:30pm..... LWML (Monthly-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays)  
.....7:00pm..... Elders' Meeting (Monthly-2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)  
.....6:30pm..... Elders' Visitation (Monthly-3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)

Wednesday.....  
.....5:30pm..... Youth Night  
.....5:30pm..... Wednesday Bible Study (Spring & Fall)  
.....7:00pm..... Preschool Bd. (Quarterly-2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays)  
.....4:30pm..... Board of Education (Monthly-3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)

Thursday..... 6:00pm..... Ladies' Night Out (Monthly-1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays)  
.....5:30pm..... Trustees' Meeting (Monthly-2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays)  
.....6:30pm..... Men's Club (Monthly-2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays)  
.....7:00pm..... Church Council (Quarterly-3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)

## A Note from the Pastor

Promises, promises... we've all made them; we usually keep them; sometimes we break them. Nothing hurts worse than a broken promise. We are all guilty of it and we have all had it done to us as well.

**PROMISES,**  
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But what do you do when someone breaks a promise? Do you give up on them? Do you never trust anyone again? Or are you patient and wait on that promise? How long do you wait and how many second chances should you give?

While people may break promises, God has never broken a single promise – He is always faithful, even when we are not. God has made a promise to us... it is a promise we can rely on – the promise of eternal life through His Son, Jesus. But we may look at the world and see nothing but hardship, evil men prospering, and good people suffering and ask, “How long Lord?” Doubt may enter our minds; uncertainty about the future may bear down on us; and we wonder how long...

The Bible tells us the account of someone who had to wait a lifetime to see just a portion of God's promise be fulfilled in his life. This man was promised a homeland for his own, a son to carry on his name, and that his descendants would become a great nation that would be a blessing to the whole world. And yet, that man – Abraham – had to wait until he was 100 years old before his promised son was finally born, and he died before he saw the rest of God's promises answered. In spite of all this waiting, the Bible tells us that Abraham “believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness.” *Genesis 15:6*

It may be hard to imagine being that patient. Waiting on God to answer prayer, heal our sickness, get us through a tough situation, or whatever we are facing isn't always easy. We want a solution now... if not sooner! Sometimes it may seem like God has even forgotten about us. But God's answers come in His time. He knows best and has a plan to work good in our life. Even when things seem delayed, it is for our benefit. The Bible puts it this way:

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” *2 Peter 3:9*

God's timing is exactly what we need, because He wants everyone to have the opportunity put their trust in Jesus and to receive the blessing that His death and resurrection gives – the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life. It is in this promise that we find strength and courage for each day.

Waiting on the Promises of God,



Pastor Matthias Dinger



This summer our meal schedule to our Golden Members is October 7<sup>th</sup> & the 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested with helping in cooking, with packaging, food delivery or for more information, please contact Loretta Supercinski by email at [geegloretta@gmail.com](mailto:geegloretta@gmail.com) or her cell # (979) 255-1338 or call the Church Office.



## Youth Fundraiser

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches To-Go**

*October 26<sup>th</sup>*

**Following Worship Service  
& Sunday School at 10:30am**

# LWML



## Hamburger & Bake Sale

Sat. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> - 11am to 1 pm

Support the LWML by purchasing a plate or baked good!



**Tickets are: \$10.00**

**For a Burger,  
Chips & Drink**

All sales benefit the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)** whose projects include: providing school supplies for local kids, working with Hope Pregnancy Center and 40 Days for Life, assisting seminary students, and helping overseas missionary families.



Sign up for a subscription to the Lutheran Witness.

If ordered through the Church Office, this will include a complimentary copy of the Texas Messenger. A yearly subscription is \$24.75. Please contact the Church Office to learn more.

## *TLC Children's Christmas Program*

Sunday, December 14 we will have our Children's Christmas Program at 5:00PM followed by a sandwich supper. Practices will be held on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 during Sunday School. More information to follow!



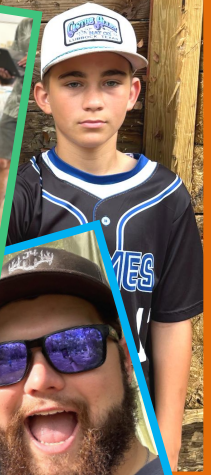
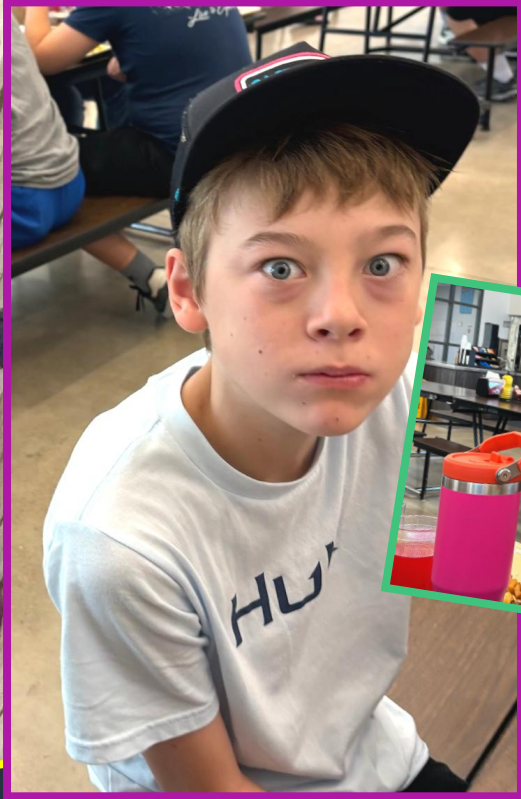
## **FALL BLAST** – Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders! Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship & growing closer to God and your friends!

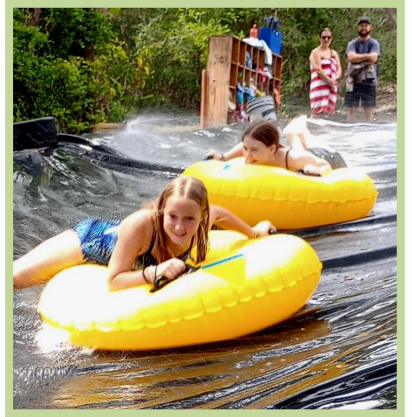
*Please contact the Church Office by **October 17<sup>th</sup>** if you are interested in having your child participate in the Camp this Year.*



# Confirmation Retreat Camp Lone Star











# October Worship Service Helpers Schedule

(PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU NEED TO RE-SCHEDULE OR CANCEL)

Acolytes		Greeters	
10/5	Ava Wetherwax Gus Gremillion	10/5	Chuck Horne Melba Horne
10/12	Isaak Leiber Reid Kalisek	10/12	Mark Gremillion Whitney Gremillion
10/19	Jase Kalisek Brock Perkins	10/19	Dwayne Ross Kim Ross
10/26	Noah Schomburg Easton Abke	10/26	Ricky Thane Mary Thane

Media	
10/5	Chase Ganske Tammy Harris
10/12	Parker Thane Tristian Martin
10/19	Larry Randall Riley Gremillion
10/26	Dannielle Randall Garth Leiber

## Sunday School Update!

Our new Fall Sunday School studies began on Sept. 28, and we will be focusing on the natural elements God created - clouds, fire, water, earthquakes, whirlwinds, and more. Students will see how God uses those elements to show us who He is and to bring about His plan of salvation for all humankind. Please join us for Sunday School each week at 10:30 a.m. We miss you when you aren't there!

**Reminder:** Students in Confirmation are required to attend Sunday School & Church a specified amount of times each year. **Helpful tip:** Parents can begin modeling the importance of regular attendance when students are very young, and the routine will be established by the time they reach Confirmation age!



The Board of Ed. is hosting our Fall Festival on  
**Sat. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:00 to 1:00PM**

Families, individuals, or organizations are needed to set up & run booths at the festival. **If you or your group would like to take on one of these areas**

**please contact Cindy or Alizabeth Martin.**

Below are listed the booths we have had in previous Fall Festivals - we are open to new and different things!

Pumpkin Painting

Face Painting

Fish Pond

Ring Toss

Craft Center

Cupcake/Treat Walk

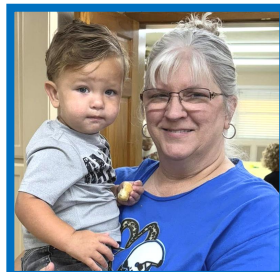
Photo Booth

Bounce House/Slide (need supervisors)

Food Court (Ladies Aid & Mens Club)

**Other games activities are welcome!**

*Grandparents Day at Trinity Lutheran Preschool!*



*Save the Date!*  
*Sunday School Christmas Program*

*Sunday, December 14*

*5:00 p.m.*

*followed by*

*Sandwich Supper and Fellowship!*



## October Stewardship Article: Harmonious Stewardship

*“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5).*

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low.

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But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to “carry the tune” for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn’t rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn’t rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn’t always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow’s mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!



**Bring Single Wrapped Candy by October 28<sup>th</sup>**



# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The LWML Is collecting school supplies for LWR. If you would like to help and buy supplies, you can drop off the supplies at the Church Office.

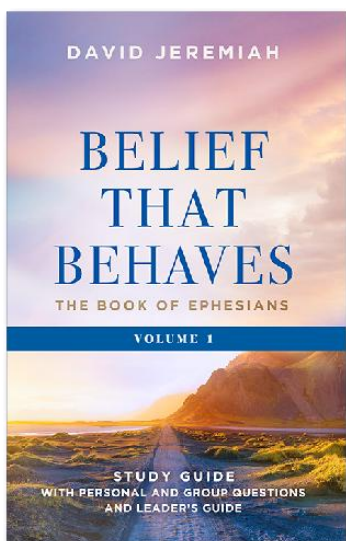
Items Needed are: Spiral notebooks (70 sheet), Pencil sharpeners, Ball point pens, Rulers, Safety scissors, Crayons, #2 Pencils & Erasers

*For any questions, be sure to talk to a LWML Member.*

**SAVE THIS CALENDAR DATE:**

*Congregational Thanksgiving Lunch  
Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am*

## *Wednesday Evening Bible Study*



It is not too late to join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM for our Bible Study on the book of Ephesians called 'Belief that Behaves.' This is a David Jeremiah DVD Bible Study. Paul draws a line from our belief in His blessings to our behavior, outlining the life God wants for us and how to seek His will for our lives.

Contact Denise Winckler or the Church Office if you would like to attend so we can plan for the needed materials for the class.



