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Trinity Tidings

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saints,

Greetings in the name of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and coming Savior Jesus Christ!

Stewardship comes from the Greek word *oikoumene*, which is used for the world (creation), the inhabited earth and humankind. It is the same word for ecumenism—unity of all believers in Christ.

We discover our purpose in God's creation: first by acknowledging that we are not owners, but a part of the whole. Next, we take seriously our role as caretakers. "The LORD God took the man and put him in

the garden of Eden to till it and keep it" (Gen. 2:15). Caretakers are stewards who manage on behalf of God.

In our household, Mom wanted each of us to understand our role as stewards. But



it was confusing at times because growing up in the church, I always associated stewardship with budget. Stewardship was a program in the last quarter when the church began prepara-

tions for end of year review and made plans for the new year. Back then, we visited every member, talked to them about their spiritual life and faith practices, and encouraged commitment of time, talent and treasure.

But stewardship according to my family was not an end of the year exercise. My siblings and I were taught from an early age to give by example. Yes, Mom set the example, but God had done so from the beginning of time. "[God,] you open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (Ps. 145:16).

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Our Mission:
"Seeing God's
Plan,
Answering God's
Call,
Doing God's
Work"

Oct/Nov Birthdays

Oct. 1 Pam Miller
 Oct. 2 Anne McCoy
 Oct. 3 Lu Eshelman
 Oct. 3 Kris Riddell
 Oct. 5 Jan Felzien
 Oct. 6 Robert Jones
 Oct. 12 Ann Riddell
 Oct. 19 Reid Marple
 Oct. 24 Elden Grittman
 Oct. 31 Russ Musson



Nov. 4 Mary Kee
 Nov. 9 Mamie Robinson
 Nov. 23 Vivian Moffitt

2017 Council Officers

Kathy Nevans
President

Fred Hellman
Vice President

Kris Riddell
Treasurer

Diane Babbitt
Secretary

Carolyn Tyler
Financial Secretary

Pastor's Article Cont'd

Mom was our primary caregiver and spiritual coach. She determined that each of us would be given a small allowance. However, we could not spend it on whatever we wanted, as some of us learned the hard way. Allowance was to be given to God as offering.

This was one of Mom's ways of connecting us with God. The primary way of connecting with God was through baptism as infants. But to know God, we had to be in worship and Sunday School regularly. In worship and Sunday School, we received God's Word. Therefore, bringing an offering was our response to God's Word. It was for us the beginning of stewardship—an act of presenting ourselves and offerings before God, out of which grew the gift of talent.

We did not give to impress. We did not give to control outcomes. We did not give to feel good about ourselves. We did not give out of compulsion. We gave because God is gracious. God loves, forgives and saves when God gave the best gift—Jesus Christ.

Our giving is always a response to God and never to be understood as payment, negotiation or transaction. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7 NIV).

Giving of time, talent and treasure is one way we celebrate our unity as stewards and show our love for Christ.

In Christ's service,

Pastor C.

Disaster Relief



We are collecting donations for those who are affected by the recent hurricanes, fires and earthquakes. Please write checks to BRT and indicate "Disaster Relief" on memo line. Thank you!

Oct. Assisting Ministers

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- Oct. 1 Susan Marple
- Oct. 8 Bob Harvey
- Oct. 15 Jerry Nevans
- Oct. 22 Chris Gannan
- Oct. 29 Ken Riddell

Readers

- Oct. 1 Samuel Cummings
- Oct. 8 Kathy Musson
- Oct. 15 Eleanor Kramer
- Oct. 22 Morrie Carlson
- Oct. 29 Richard Miller

Ushers

- Oct. 1 Diane LaForte & Theresa Tuttle
- Oct. 8 Jerry Nevans & Eleanor Kramer
- Oct. 15 Joyce McFadden & Diane Babbitt
- Oct. 22 Eleanor Kramer & Kathy Musson
- Oct. 29 Theresa Tuttle & Kris Riddell

Acolytes

- Oct. 1 Nathanael
- Oct. 8 Samuel
- Oct. 15 Nathanael
- Oct. 22 Samuel
- Oct. 29 Nathanael

I am so grateful for
 How do you finish that statement? God, Grace, love, family, friendship, my health, healthy food, a warm house in the winter, a cool house in the summer, individuals, a job, getting up this morning. The list of everything we are grateful for could fill this page and still not be complete. Everything we have is a gift from God and we must acknowledge that but we also must use those gifts that God has given us.

Our church family, here at Blue Ridge Trinity is so blessed with all the gifts that God has showered on us. Each of us have talents, skills, abilities as well as determination, foresight, devotion and dedication. WE do so much for others both within our doors but also outside of our doors. I don't need to remind you of our outreach because you know what we accomplish.

So, what is the purpose of this article? I need to ask you for HELP. I have been assured that asking for help is not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength so I need to be strong and ask for your help. What do I need help with, you ask? On November 12 at our Annual Meeting, part 2, we will be electing new council members. We changed our bylaws several years ago, reducing our membership on council, "The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the Pastor(s), the officers of the congregation and not more than 8 or fewer than 3 members of the congregation." Now as a reminder our officers include the president, a vice president, secretary and treasurer. We also have our financial secretary as a member of our council and Pastor. We need a minimum of 3 more members to HELP fulfill the duties of the governing body of this congregation. We would love to have more. When it comes to decision making, having a variety of experiences, backgrounds, and skills leads to a more well-informed decision.

Being a member of Council is fulfilling, educational, interesting at times, it can be frustrating yet so rewarding. Personally, I believe EVERYONE should serve at least one time on Council. See what needs to be done, how decisions are made, and how everyone can serve in this position. I do not believe we are born leaders, but that we must take advantage of opportunities that are put before us to see what we are or can become.

Message from President

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I am asking each of you to consider the verse Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

What are your plans when it comes to the governing of our church? We need you now and ask that if you have questions about serving on council, PLEASE talk to a current member. We need to elect (re-elect 3-4) members on November 12th. Will you be one of those that is listening to what God is asking you to do? He will not let you down, even in your fear of saying yes, in making the challenging decisions, in your stumbling and in your rising. I know because he has led me, and while sometimes I get frustrated or go crazy with my to do list, I know that He is with me always. *“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”* Philippians 4:13

I believe that you can also!

*Peace be with you all,
Kathy Nevans*

Notes from Council

- ◆ Approved Linda Hokenson as Charter Organization Representative (COR) for Scouts
- ◆ Approved purchase and installation of hot water heater
- ◆ Thank you to all who participated in Clean Up day at church
- ◆ Decided to use money for Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for Raytown Schools from funds accumulated. Asking the congregation to donate to hurricane victims through World Disaster Relief or Thrivent

Dates to Remember

October 14 MLM food pantry distribution

October 17 Council Meeting

October 25 Soup, Bread and Movie 5:00 p.m. “Luther”

October 29 Reformation Sunday Potluck

Notes from Council Cont'd

- ◆ **On Sunday, October 29**, we will be celebrating Reformation with a potluck following service. We are asking you to consider making a recipe from that time era or maybe an old favorite or traditional dish you would like to share. Dessert will be provided.
- ◆ Altar Guild will be decorating for the Advent and Christmas seasons on **Monday, November 27 at 9:30 a.m.** Please join us if you are available.
- ◆ Never too late to start your Annual Report. They are due **January 1, 2018**

TLCW

October 2- November 13 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Candy Making will be every Monday - various workers needed come when you can-leave when you need to.

October 1-5 Dental Kits needed (brushes soft adult and children, dental floss, tooth paste 6 Oz or more)

October 17 1:30 p.m. Regular TLCW Meeting

Saturday Oct. 21 9:30 a.m. Cluster Meeting Lord of Life Lutheran, Belton, MO

November 3 10:00 a.m. Brunch, RSVP not needed WORLD COMMUNITY DAY – Our Lady of Lourdes, Gregory and Blue Ridge Blvd.

November 28 MLM Cookie Collection

Pat Welch

Christmas Store

MLM Christmas Store serves approximately 1,000 needy families in the Kansas City



Metro area. We need you to help bring Christmas cheer to these families by contributing **GIFTS** (ideas on the Christmas tree in narthex) and **COOKIES** (take cans from the narthex). **BRING GIFTS AS SOON AS YOU GET THEM** and return **COOK CANS ON SUNDAY, December 3!**

Thank you.

Parish Nurse

Starting today with a BIG congratulations to Alex Felzien, grandson of Jan & LeRoy. He has successfully passed the Attorney's Bar Exam. Good, also for us, he is looking for a job in KC!!

Way to go, Alex! Congratulations, also, to our scouters-- 67 merit badges and numerous rank advancements were awarded. We have two new Eagle scouts as well! The Court of Honor for them will be announced later. We had the Court of Honor outside with a real fire and some scouters in Tribal attire. Jason Duncan, who was in our troop when my boys were active, came in from Iowa. I think he made this court of honor especially meaningful.

From there I go to the infirmed, etc. Norma Phillips has been able to attend services with the help of a BRT member and a staff member at her residence. Others seem to be comfortable, and I enjoy visiting them. I also had the opportunity to help with the MLM breakfast.

Next comes the Sunday school startups and all that is involved with Martin Luther 500 year anniversary. I have checked out a movie from the library as well as I am reading the book "Here I Stand" The more I read and learn, the more grateful I am to my parents that they, both Methodists as youth, moved over to the Lutheran religion.

Now onto the monthly Health info There are way too many to list for October and November; here are two of them-- October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month, & November is National Diabetes month as well as the Great American Smokeout on November 16th. There is a wealth of information on the healthfinder.gov website.

Upcoming events:

October 11 Tour of MLM Facility

Raytown schools Hall of Fame weekend, and Run for Excellence

MLM food giveaway, Candy sale for Christmas store

Boy Scout nut sales, popcorn sales, REAP food pickup

Rice Tremonti craft sale and lunch in November

So many opportunities, so little time.

Proverbs 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Linda Hokenson

Prayer Chain

Joe Dragosh, Larry Biggs, Pastor Eisenbraun, Don Eversmeyer {Friend of Linda Hokenson}, Alesa, Symantha and Makayla Edwards {friends of Megan Walsh}, Karl Anderson {Tawanda's husband}, Dolly Darson {Samantha's mother}, Rachel Fleming {Home nurse of Megan Walsh}, Wanda Clemons, Martha Mitchel {Raymond Jones' sister}, Richard Miller, Chris Jones, Hollis Mundhenke, Les Tebbenkamp {Mary Burge's brother}, Mike Singh {Samantha's uncle}, Lisa Coan {Kathy Musson's friend}, Lois and Amy Chanslor {friends of Anne McCoy}, Deb and Larry Gonnello, Peggy Shoemaker, Elden Grittman, Roy Javner {friend of Jerry Nevans}, Frances Smith, Rick Miller {Larry Moffitt's friend}, Bonnie Besch {Linda Gippner's sister-in-law}, Mary Kee, Vivian Moffitt, Norma Phillips, Cera Hawkins {Inge Howard's granddaughter}, Maureen Barnett Moore, Vitula Zimmerschied {Joyce McFadden's mother}, Bev Lavitt, Louise Latta {Linda Gippner's aunt}, Angela Beaman {Gonnello's daughter}, Jean Henderson, Pat Jones and Ruth Davis.

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This is a monthly publication of Blue Ridge Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Articles or information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the Church Office **by the 20th** of each month. Space limitations may require editing of material.

Church Schedule

Sundays:

Adult SS - 8:00 a.m.

Youth SS - 8:30 a.m.

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

URGENT NEED OF PASTORAL CARE CALL:

Office:

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Pastor:

816-785-4006

Church Staff

Orin W. Cummings
Pastor

Jackie Harvey
Choir Director

Mary Burge
Organist

Bob Harvey
Contemporary Worship

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1 17 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service	2 9:30 a.m. Candy Making 7:00 p.m. Scouts	3	4 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	5 5:30 p.m. Book Club - Miller's Home 7:00 p.m. Cubs	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 18 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Traditional Service	9 9:30 a.m. Candy Making 7:00 p.m. Scouts	10 9:30 a.m. Care Team Meeting 	11 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	12 5:30 p.m. Book Club - Miller's Home 7:00 p.m. Cubs	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 8 a.m. MLM Food Pantry Distribution 
15 19 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Blended Service	16 9:30 a.m. Candy Making 7:00 p.m. Scouts	17 1:30 pm. TLCW 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	18 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	19 5:30 p.m. Book Club - Miller's Home 7:00 p.m. Cubs	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21
22 20 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Brief Liturgical Service	23 9:30 a.m. Candy Making 7:00 p.m. Scouts	24 10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 	25 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 5:00 p.m. Soup & Movie on Martin Luther and the Reformation	26 5:30 p.m. Book Club - Miller's Home 7:00 p.m. Cubs	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 9:30 a.m. REFORMATION - UNITED SERVICE - Hymn Sing	30 9:30 a.m. Candy Making 7:00 p.m. Scouts	31				



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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service	9:30 a.m. Candy Making 7:00 p.m. Scouts	9:30 a.m. Care Team Meeting 	10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	5:30 p.m. Book Club – Miller’s Home 7:00 p.m. Cubs	OFFICE CLOSED	
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23rd Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Traditional Service and Congregational Meeting	9:30 a.m. Candy Making 7:00 p.m. Scouts		10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	5:30 p.m. Book Club – Miller’s Home 7:00 p.m. Cubs	OFFICE CLOSED	
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24th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Blended Service	7:00 p.m. Scouts	6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	10:00 a.m. Al Anon 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship 		OFFICE CLOSED	
26	27	28	29	30		
CHRIST THE KING SUN. 9:30 a.m. Brief Liturgical Service	9:30 a.m. Decorate Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas 7:00 p.m. Scouts	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 1:30 p.m. TLCW’s Caps & Cookies		7:00 p.m. Cubs		