

### “Change”

“Change” isn’t coming – change is already here, and has been since the day Pastor Wiese announced his retirement. Wisely, Pastor Wiese gave us a year’s notice. In that time we have been able to formulate and enact plans to prepare the way for his successor. Potholes have appeared in our way, but we have steered around them. Overall, we are on track and doing well. In part, this is due to the fact that Pastor Wiese was still in Memphis, available for consultations and guidance. He even became our Vacancy Pastor to help steer us around one of those potholes! However, he is now actually leaving the area and moving to the Charlotte area.

Trinity Lutheran Church has a long history of change. We are still here because Trinity has not resisted coming changes, but embraced them. And we are still embracing them. ALL of us will miss Pastor Wiese. His faith and dedication to Christ and this congregation has earned him our unwavering love and respect. It is tempting to feel that we have now lost our spiritual leader and are rudderless. Cast that feeling aside! Jesus Christ is our spiritual leader (our rudder, if you will); Pastor Wiese was His assistant (our helmsman). And faith in Christ will sustain us until God sends us another helmsman.

### Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church

*“The mission of Trinity is to preach and teach the Good News as it is commanded by God (Matthew 28:18) and to reach out with the hands and arms of love to all humanity to do the work Christ commanded us.”*  
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The absolute best honor we can bestow upon Pastor Wiese is that when he returns to visit us, he finds us thriving and moving forward – as he intended. It is okay to lament over his and June’s departure from Memphis. After all, he was only with us 34 years! Many of us have only had one pastor and are anxious about our future. Have faith – our future is in the hands of Jesus Christ. Because we are in His hands, our ship will not flounder.

In fact, since I first began writing this article, God has sent us a new “helmsman,” Rev. James Myers, who will be installed May 9 as Trinity’s Intentional Interim Pastor. He will help us in our quest to call a permanent pastor and, most importantly, in continuing to carry out our mission to “preach and teach the Good News as it is commanded by God and to reach out with the hands and arms of love to all humanity to do the work Christ commanded us.”

Moving forward in Christ,

- David Chester, Chairman, Board of Elders

## “Follow Me”

The scripture readings and themes these weeks in the Easter season are filled with the ways the resurrected Jesus showed himself to his disciples. Behind locked doors, Thomas absent, Christ shows them his real self - wounds and all. On the Emmaus road a “stranger” appears and explains the scriptures. At the lakeshore, this same “stranger” asks if they have caught any fish. In each case, Jesus made it clear that He is the One who they had followed before – and now it is their turn to lead.

In the Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Easter (John 10:22-30), the question is still about who Jesus is “If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answers by saying that his followers know who he is, because they are part of his sheepfold or flock.

It is safe to say that we are part of the flock. Our question is not who Jesus is, but “what does it take to show others plainly who Jesus is?” Jesus gave the fishermen/disciples instruction on fishing: “If you want fish, cast your nets on the right side of the boat.” After breakfasting on the great catch of fish, Jesus gave them another instruction: “Follow me.”

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Follow Jesus and you will plainly show who He is. I've been helping Concordia Lutheran in Jackson for 16 months now. We are searching for plain and clear direction for the future. The plan isn't all in place, yet. And, of course, the plan for Trinity is still developing.

These post-Easter scriptures give us an outline. Don't be afraid to ask, like Thomas, “Is it really Jesus?” Regardless of how hard we work - even if we fish all night - if we don't follow Jesus' directions, we won't succeed.

Speak plainly about who the risen Savior is, and others will catch on as to what he has done for all.

- Phil Schmidt

## “The Body”

Last Wednesday I consulted a doctor about my sore left thumb. He diagnosed de Quervain's tendonitis, gave me a shot of cortisone and put a splint on my left hand. I quickly discovered why God designed us with *two* thumbs. Fastening buttons is tough, tying shoelaces is a real challenge, and I had to ask a neighbor to open my newly-purchased bottle of Aleve. While I can play the organ after a fashion (the feet help with the lower notes), there are other things I just can't do. (Many thanks to Janet Stewart, Mary Henderson, and Pastor Wiese for folding and collating Sunday's bulletins and stuffing envelopes!)

Perhaps Saint Paul was also struggling with a physical handicap when he wrote the first letter to the Christians at Corinth. In chapter 12 he compares the Christian Church to a human body. Ears, eyes, nose, hands, internal organs – none of these can even survive on their own, Paul points out, but they are vital parts of a complete, functioning body.

Paul reminds us that we were baptized by the Spirit into one body, the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit gives each of us different gifts, which together, enable this Body to function. Some are given wisdom, some are healers, others speak in tongues or interpret that which is spoken; God's Church includes teachers, pastors, prophets. All are important, all are needed. “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we'll celebrate the festival of Pentecost, when God sent his Spirit on those first disciples. God's Holy Spirit is at work still, given to each of us in different manifestations “for the common good.” Whether you are a foot, hand, tongue or a left thumb(!) **you** have a spiritual gift that helps make the Body of Christ complete.

- Martha Israel

## “God be with You”

June and I wish to thank all of Trinity’s members and friends for the past 34 years we have shared together. We have sold our home in Memphis and will be leaving for the Charlotte area the end of April. We have purchased a new home in Fort Mill, South Carolina, less than ten minutes from our daughter Rachel and her family. Our new address is: 14000 Albert Court, Fort Mill, SC 29707. We plan to move into our new home the first week of May.

Words cannot adequately express our deep love for all of you and our thanks for your friendship and partnership in ministry these many years. You were so supportive of us when we experienced health problems and other difficulties over the years. You rejoiced with us in the raising of our three daughters here in Memphis, and in the accomplishments Trinity congregation experienced by the blessing of God and the faithful stewardship of Trinity’s leaders and members.

We plan to travel back to Memphis in August when our daughter Sarah is married at Trinity. We will also be back when Sarah gives her final doctoral organ recital and when she and James graduate from the University of Memphis in May of 2011.

We will miss the many friends we have at Trinity and in the Memphis area. We pray that Trinity congregation will be blessed by your new intentional interim pastor and his leadership. We know that you will welcome him as you welcomed us 34 years ago, and that you will gladly work with him during this time of great change for Trinity Lutheran Church.

May God bless you with His love, joy and peace, now and always. Your brother and sister in Christ,

Pastor and June Wiese

## May Events at Trinity

On Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, in our 10:30 a.m. worship service, Trinity will welcome and install REV. JAMES MYERS as our intentional Interim Pastor. Memphis Circuit Counselor Rev. Don Schmidt will be our guest preacher. The 9<sup>th</sup> is also Mother’s Day, and, in addition to Pastor Myers’ installation, that day we will also give special thanks to God for the Christian women who play a vital role in raising children in the love of Christ.

On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, all ladies of the church are invited to a BRIDAL SHOWER for Sarah Wiese. See the article on page 17 for details - and plan to join us!

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is PENTECOST SUNDAY, the birthday of the Christian Church. Worship on that Sunday will focus on the blessings we receive through the Holy Spirit.

A congregational LUNCHEON will follow the worship service on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sponsored by the Naomi Circle, all proceeds will be used to help send Molly Wilkens-Reed to Lutheran Summer Music Camp this June. (See the article on page 9.) Molly and her sisters will also present a brief recital at the luncheon.

Spring is a traditional time for GRADUATIONS from grade school, high school, and college. See page 14 for a list of graduations involving members of Trinity. (And if you are graduating in June, please contact the church office so we can include it in the next issue of “The Candle.”)

*Please plan to participate, and invite your friends and family to join us for these special occasions in May!*

## Council Report

Trinity's Church Council met April 11. President Lampe met with the call committee and Elders in March to discuss concerns and clarify the duties of an intentional interim pastor. The General Fund has a deficit of \$5,213.75. The Board of Trustees reported that there is interest from several parties in the purchase of the parsonage, but no one has qualified for financing. They will also arrange for the repair or removal of the light fixture on the steeple. The Board of Evangelism is preparing for Trivia Night, April 24; and also will take responsibility for contacting visitors to worship services. The Board of Hospitality will host the Endowment Fund dinner April 18.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was approved to install two cabinets on either side of the new stove, for a cost of \$300. The two cemetery lots remain unsold. The Call Committee has been in contact with Rev. James Myers of Indiana regarding the position of intentional interim pastor. He will be visiting Trinity April 17 and 18. Board Chairmen were reminded to submit 2010 Goals to secretary Gloria Klausner.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2010. The Board of Youth is responsible for the devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

John Konnerth, Secretary *pro tem*

## Circuit Forum

A Circuit Forum will be held Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church (507 N. Byhalia Road in Collierville) to discuss the upcoming LCMS Synodical Convention (July 10-17, in Houston). This is your opportunity to meet with the Memphis delegates, Rev. Josh Willadsen and Mr. Jim Lowitzer, discuss the issues and express your views. Everyone is welcome. A follow-up Circuit Forum will be held Sunday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

## Education News

### SUNDAY ADULT CLASS:

The Fellowship Hall Bible Class continues a study of "The End Times," led by Dr. Douglas Morrison. All adults are cordially invited – bring a friend!

### WEEKDAY HOME BIBLE STUDIES:

- \* Tuesday Morning Covenant Seekers Bible Study (midtown) at the home of Mary Henderson (458-3657) is studying "Heroes of the Faith," with Pat Ellis as the leader. They will meet May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m..
- \* Tuesday Evening Study (south side) at the home of Dave and Dot Love, (662-781-0730), meets at 7 p.m. May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, studying world religions. John Konnerth is the study leader.
- \* Tuesday Evening Study (midtown) at the home of Mary Henderson (458-3657), continues their study of "Exodus," with Dr. Doug Campbell as study leader. They will meet May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- \* Wednesday Evening Study (northeast), at the home of Tom and Eileen Sander (373-1347) is studying "The Minor Prophets," with David Chester as leader. They will meet at 7:00 p.m. May 12 and 26.
- \* Downtown Evening Study at the home of Ron and Brenda Pfeiffer, (529-0983), continues a study of "Hebrews." Watch the bulletin or call the church office for meeting dates and times.

*Coming this Summer –  
VBS during the Sunday School hour!  
Watch for details!*

**Lutheran Summer Music Academy**

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival is coming up June 20 through July 18, and one of Trinity's members - Molly Wilkens-Reed - hopes to be one of the more than 150 students attending.

LSM is a four-week musical training, performance and worship program for students in grades 8 through 12, held each summer since 1982. This year Luther College in Decorah, Iowa is the host school. Students live on campus, receive private music lessons, participate in large and small musical ensembles (choir, orchestra, quartets, etc.), and share daily worship together. The faculty comes from the best colleges, universities and professional ensembles in the country.

Participants say LSM is an unforgettable experience: just ask LSM alumni Matt Grant and Sarah Wiese. We'd like for Molly to enjoy this program, too. Tuition - which includes room and board - is \$2,995.00. Molly has already qualified for scholarships from LSM, but still needs more. If we can raise \$1,000 here at Trinity, that will meet the rest of her tuition needs and help with her transportation costs, too.

You can help! A dinner, hosted by the Naomi Circle, will be held May 23, following the morning worship service, with proceeds going to Molly's LSM fund. Molly and her sisters will also share their musical talents with us at this meal. Better yet, LSM will match one-third of what we raise.

Mark May 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar now. Come, enjoy the dinner and the music - and give generously. If you can't make it to the dinner, you are still welcome to help this cause: just make your check payable to Trinity, mark it for "LSM," and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to Trinity's church office. And thanks in advance for your support!

- Martha Israel

## Gifts & Memorials

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In memory of IONE PULLIAM, a gift was given to Trinity Ministry by Mr. Ray Pulliam.

In memory of L.V. SCHMIDT, gifts were given to Trinity by Dr. Douglas Campbell, Ms. Dorthylyn J. Evans, James & Jeanell Peek; to Trinity Endowment Fund by Mrs. June Hildebrand; to Trinity Ministry by Mrs. Dorothy Martens, Miss Martha Israel; to Trinity Building Fund by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Schwanke.

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*A Note from the Parish Assistant: We try to acknowledge gifts promptly, but sometimes mistakes occur. If your special gift is not listed here or is incorrect, please contact Martha in the office. Gifts received through April 23 are listed here.*

## Lutheran Children's Camp

Lutheran Children's Camp will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> at Camp Clark Williamson, for children completing grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 this spring. Registration forms are in the church office and Fellowship Hall. Time is short, so get your registration in NOW. Cost is \$215, with a discount for additional youngsters from the same family. If you've been a faithful Sunday School attender this spring, Trinity's Board of Education will pay half of your tuition! Contact Eileen Sander if you qualify.

## Address Changes & Corrections

- Helen Denio is now living with her daughter, Linda Hoas Stanford: 3069 Benjestown Road, 38127
- Nettie Snapp is back at MidSouth Health & Rehab Center, 2380 James Road, Memphis, TN 38127
- Steven Stenwall's address was listed incorrectly in the new directory: the house number is **9739** Deadfall Road. He also has a new phone number: 848-4069.
- Pastor & June Wiese, 14000 Albert Court, Ft. Mill, SC 29707

## April Church & Sunday School Attendance

	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>
2009	681 (5)	137	276 (5)	55
2010	673 (5)	135	262 (5)	53

### Communion Attendance

	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
4/5/09	87	11	98
Maundy Thurs.	42	2	44
Easter Vigil	48	8	56
4/12/09	160	25	185
4/19/09	71	4	75
Private 4/09	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
	416	52	468
Maundy Thurs.	41	0	41
4/4/10	121	20	141
4/18/10	95	6	101
Private 4/10	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>
	270	29	299

## Official Acts

### FUNERALS

Lennert Vernon "L.V." Schmidt died April 14, 2010. Funeral was held April 25 at Trinity, with interment in Trinity's Columbarium.

### BAPTISMS

Julian Nikolas Inman, son of Gabe & Anthia Inman, was baptized April 25, 2010.

Rodericc Loton Pinkins, son of Frank Gibson and Alexandria Pinkens, was baptized April 25, 2010.

## Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle went on a road trip in April, to Holly Springs, Mississippi to tour the antebellum homes and churches open for the annual "pilgrimage." We enjoyed the beautiful day and the interesting and historical buildings. There's even talk of returning this summer to watch the hummingbirds at Strawberry Plains.

Our next meeting will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. (Note the change just this month to the *second* Wednesday of the month.) Our speaker will be Rev. Timm Griffin, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Collierville, who will speak about his recent trip to Israel. All are welcome to join us!

- Jean Schmidt, Reporter

## Von Bora

The Von Bora Circle took care of April altar duties, and then joined the Young-at-Heart for lunch. All ladies are invited to join us Tuesday, May 11 to help with altar duty and other tasks around the church. The workshop begins at 11:00 a.m. And plan to stay for another delicious lunch in the company of the "Young-at-Heart." Please bring a dish to share.

## Young At Heart

On Tuesday, May 11, all seniors, retirees, and anyone else with a "young-at-heart" attitude, are invited to join us at 12 noon in Trinity's Fellowship Hall for a lovely potluck meal and some great fellowship.

## Youth News

We're making our WAY in MAY! Get out your calendars and set a course for NOT just hangin' out this summer. MAKE some time FOR YOU to DO something NEW!

The Big Summer Getaway! Where will we go and what ADVENTURE awaits while we're there? That's up to YOU! Plan to be @ the Monthly Youth Meeting 10:00 a.m., SUNDAY MAY 2! We will need to make the plans THAT DAY so that we can make reservations, notify family and friends, etc. . . .

The "HIGHER THINGS" youth conference in Nashville still has Trinity on the waiting list ☺ so I think we need to move ahead with Plan B. So here are your other CHOICE DESTINATIONS!  
- To ST. LOUIS! - or - To East Tennessee (Knoxville)  
JULY will be the month to TRAVEL, but I need to hear from you guys@ the May meeting to secure the EXACT date!

The Youth have raised some funds from the Valentine's Sale, easter breakfast, and Trivia Night to help us get the SUMMER TRIP plans underway! With the PLANT SALE and another "FUN" DRAISER in JUNE, I think we can cover at least ½ the cost for you guys! I am hoping we can hold the cost to UNDER \$100 per person.

VBS is on the horizon for our YOUTH (big & small), and you will want to be part of the WILD FUN - just think of it as a Lock-in with the lights on! Make plans to join us on SUNDAYS for the GAMES, SONGS, CRAFTS, Lively Scripture Lessons and US! LOOK for INFO in the next CANDLE!

Praise God for the BLESSINGS that we have and the SUMMER we LOOK FORWARD to!

Serving Christ with you!

- Rosie Turner

### Trinity's Graduates

The following members of Trinity are graduating this spring. Send them a card and put them in your

prayers as they reach an important milestone in their lives. *(If you know of someone we've missed here, please contact the church office and we'll include them in next month's "Candle.")*

#### HIGH SCHOOL:

Amanda Johnston graduates May 14<sup>th</sup> from St. Benedict at Auburndale.

Alexandria Pinkins graduates from Mitchell High School May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### COLLEGE:

Daniel Grant graduates May 8 from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Arts in History degree.

### Board of Evangelism

The members of the Board of Evangelism are striving very hard to welcome, encourage and visit prospective members. We will encourage our visitors to fill out the Guest Cards and leave them with one of our committee members or an elder. We will continue to call and check on all absent members. A special effort will be made to contact our former youth and young adult members. We are excited about new events planned for this year, such as a "Meet and Greet" visitor reception, and a Marriage and Single Talk Session. Let us hear from you – we are always looking for new ideas and suggestions!

- Donna Reed-Mathena, Board of Evangelism

### Dates of Special Significance

#### Birthdays in May

2 - Sherrye Harriss, Diane Johnston

3 - Mary Henderson

- 4 - Francine Heyer
- 5 - Keith Rushing
- 7 - Ed Sheely
- 8 - Bailey Hart
- 10 - Paul Ringger
- 12 - Corey Waterhouse
- 14 - Amara Azahares
- 15 - Jerry Peterson
- 17 - Dorothy Copeland, Trevor Pulliam
- 18 - Johnny Modglin
- 19 - Lyndsay Ford
- 20 - Hunter Pulliam
- 21 - David Chester, Matthew Grant, Blake Poe
- 22 - Mitchell Wood
- 24 - Mallory Burnett
- 28 - Kevin Baskette, Barbara Dennis, Pat Ellis,  
Martha Hays, Megan James
- 29 - Christopher Doss
- 30 - Chris Johnson, Dannie Lee, Bruce Pulliam
- 31 - Keandra Beverly, Jutta Siebert

#### Wedding Anniversaries in May

- 8 – Taylor & Janie Jones (34)
- 9 – Terry & Rosie Turner (12)
- 22 – Charles & Jennifer Dewey (11)
- 25 – David & Dot Love (26)
- 28 – David & Miki Brugge (32)

## News of Members and Friends

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Trinity's graduates and their families (See page 14)....
- Jason Seek and Jamie Edrington, to be married June 26 at Immanuel Lutheran Church....
- Belated congratulations to Linda Hoaas and Daniel Stanford on their marriage Sept. 4, 2009....

### MAY GOD COMFORT THE BEREAVED:

especially the family of L.V. Schmidt, who died April 14 at the VA hospital in Memphis....

### PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND:

including: Nettie Snapp (Mid-South Health & Rehab), Leah Hope Scallions (St. Jude), Dale & Nancy Anderson, Dorothy Capalener, Barbara Cross, Wanda Eble, Cam McDonald, Connie Ringger, Walter Ringger, Caroline Sheely, Steven Stenwall; Jeffrey Dennis, Gertie Eddleman, Mary Lee Henard, Hank Mowry, Doug Oldham, Doug Reed, Brett Rehberg, Marie Schmidt, Kimiko Schreiber, Louise Alspaugh, Gene Breimon, Robert Casper, Jessica Crociata, Susan Coffman, Harriet Davis, Rosemarie Davis, Adele Harrison, Mary Jo Ibrahim, Rose Klimek, Shirley Laster, Kimberly Lee, Kathy Liebman, Carla Mathena, Paul Norman, Rita Purdy, Kathy Stracener, Carrie Szumila, Joyce Thuftedal, Donald Thuftedal, Barbara Westberg, Betty White....  
 Florence Carter, Dorothy Homann, Marjorie Parham, Elsie Rice, Helen Denio, Dannie Lee, Beulah Montgomery, Ray Pulliam, Irene White....

Please also remember in prayer Rev. James Myers and his family and Trinity in this time of transition, that God will richly bless our partnership in ministry.

## Memphis Youth Symphony

The Memphis Youth Symphony will present their final concert of the season Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 p.m. at White Station Middle School (5465 Mason Rd.). Director of this group is Trinity's own Dr. Douglas Morrison. Tickets may be purchased at the door. All are welcome!

Come hear this talented group of young people.

## Bridal Shower - May 15

Mary Henderson, Melody Konnerth, Dot Love, and Jean Schmidt will host a bridal shower for Sarah Wiese on Saturday, May 15, 2:00 p.m. in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. All ladies are cordially invited. Make plans now to attend, and contact Mary, Melody, Dot or Jean with any questions. (Sarah and her fiancé James Harr are registered at Williams-Sonoma, Target, and Babcock Gifts.)

## “Thank You!”

Dear Members of Trinity,

I want to thank everyone who took part in helping make my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration a big success, including my family and my friends at Trinity. I thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and good wishes. I appreciate it so much.

God's Blessings,  
Bertha Huffman

Just a word of appreciation for the honor you bestowed on daddy. When I read that the elders had added his name to the Tree of Life for his service to Christ, I cried, as did mama. We are continually blessed to have had parents who brought us up in faith in Christ. Thank you for your recognition of our daddy!

Blessings,  
Sherrill, Jeff, Bruce, Steve and Florence Carter

## Area Church News

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5296 Park Avenue, invites all to a worship service celebrating the ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Let's join together to witness to our community the joy and importance of this event!

The HOSPITALITY HUB is celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary with an OPEN HOUSE Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Come see the amazing work that is happening at the HUB (146 Jefferson Avenue.) Light refreshments will be served, and parking is available in the Calvary Episcopal Church parking lot.

The THRIVENT / Older Wiser Lutherans (O.W.L.S.) ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET will be held Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cordova, (2000 Germantown Parkway North) All are welcome! The banquet begins at 4:30 p.m. Bring a donation of \$5 for Habitat for Humanity and the Food Bank. Thrivent volunteers will be recognized for their service to the church and community, and the OWL award will also be presented. Several great door prizes will be awarded, including a 19-inch flatscreen TV. Entertainment will be provided by “The Sunday Traffic Brass Quintet.” For reservations, contact Janet MacNair 756-6147 or Louelen Dearen 829-4911.

Attention, THRIVENT MEMBERS! Thrivent Financial members are eligible to vote online to help Thrivent distribute \$1 million among 10 nationwide charities. Among the ministries selected are LCMS World Mission and LCMS World Relief. The amount each charity receives is based on their total number of votes. Deadline for voting is May 21. Record your vote at [thrivent.com/choicevote](http://thrivent.com/choicevote).

