

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# **NOVEMBER 2019**

### Living a God-Pleasing Life - Stewardship 2020

In 1847, The **Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod** became a new church body in the United States; making the LCMS today, 172 years old. On the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Synod, however, in 1947, some professors at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, compiled a three-volume set of theological essays, entitled: **THE ABIDING WORD**.

In the preface to the first book, we read: "Time has brought many changes. Certainly, the world has changed. Our fathers spent many weeks at sea, crossing the Atlantic Ocean to come here to begin new lives, but today we can fly from the eastern seaboard of our nation to its western seaboard in only a few hours.

The language of our church body has changed too; from being exclusively German to its now, fast becoming exclusively English.

There is, however, one important aspect about our LUTHER-AN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD that has never changed, and this is the Confession of our Faith; drawn solely from the Holy Scriptures and restated for us ever so clearly in the BOOK OF CONCORD OF 1580.

Last week, as I took this book down from a shelf in my office, I was excited to come across an essay entitled: "Christian Stewardship."

While this essay is 24 pages long, covering those three aspects of stewardship: "Time, Talent and Money," I am especially grateful for the straightforward way that Professor Birkner treats: "The Christian's Stewardship of Money."

Here, this professor, also an Ordained as a Lutheran pastor, says out loud: "The Church needs money. This fact should be stated boldly and without apology. And since the work of the Church—bringing people to faith through the preaching of the Gospel, and retaining them in the fold—is a great and continuous program, which lasts until the end of time, and extends into every part of the world: the Church of God needs much money and will always need much money.



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The preparation of our young people to become trained as parochial-school teachers and pastors in our synod, takes money. The construction of many new buildings on our Lutheran colleges, along with the construction of many new sanctuaries in our fast-growing congregations, also takes money.

According to St. Paul, the laborers we send forth in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are God's ambassadors, worthy of their hire (I Timothy 5:18)!"

Then Dr. Birkner continues: "All this is according to the will of God, who could have expanded his kingdom without any financial assistance from us, but who decided that he would draw us into partnership with himself, by directing us that the "first-fruits" of our material wealth should be used to promote that task that ranks first and holds forth to us a perpetual priority—the work of the Christian Church"

Then Dr. Birkner proceeds to ask us three very-important questions related to the subject of Christian Stewardship:

In what spirit do we give? How often do we give? How much money should we give?

Certainly, St. Paul teaches us that our giving back to God, of what he has first given us, is not to be done begrudgingly, but cheerfully! "For God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

Yes, while the Old Testament required the people of God to give back a "tithe," that is 10% of their newly harvested fruits and vegetables, to the temple or local synagogue to feed the poor, the motivation for our giving back to our Lord through the Church, is highly elevated from a "requirement" to a distinct privilege and honor."

St. John contends: "We love him because he first loved us" (I John 4:19).

This year our Stewardship Emphasis for 2020 is entitled: "Living a God-pleasing life," based on Hebrews 13:20-21, "May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to who be glory for ever and ever. Amen"

Pastor Paul C. Sízemore

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN STAFF**

# **Pastor**

Rev. Paul Sizemore

# **Church Office Manager**

Anne Hopkins

# **Custodial Services**

**Nadine Williams** 

# **Maintenance**

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# **Church Officers**

President	Del Buser
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# **Church Boards**

Board of Elders	Argil Matthews
Board of Stewardship	Jack Hill
Board of Social Ministry	Sandra Warley
Board of Trustees	Dave Welker
Board of Evangelism	Vita Stears
Board of Christian Education	l isa Moore

# **Board of Elders**

Head Elder—Argil Matthews
Jim Barlow
Morrison Obeng
Mel Stack
Ed Rosenberg

### **Communion**

10:00 AM	Assistants	Greeters
Nov 3	Morrison Obeng	Sandra Warley
Nov 10	Mel Stack	Argil and Pat Matthews
Nov 17	Ed Rosenberg	Frieda Shoemake
Nov 24	Barry Englehardt	TBD

# **LECTORS**

**Pat Matthews** 

# **ALTAR GUILD**

Peggy Obeng Paula Richert

Worship Services For October 2019		
6	91	
13	77	
20	78	
27	99	



# November Anniversaries

Nov 4—Jim and Nell Witt (52 years)

Nov 18—Gil and Liselotte Brown (53 years)

Nov 18—Susan and Keith Decker (30 years)

Nov 19—Mel and Susan Stack (31 years)

Nov 24—Richard and Jeri Walton (29 years)

To be joined in Marriage on Nov 23, 2019 - Jon Gott and Lynn Hannon



# November Birthdays

Sandra Gromer 8 Brian Stears

3 Bob Mercer 10 Gary Marks

4 Audrey Dando 15 Virginia Waeffler

5 Ted Cox 20 Diane Wing

7 Jim Barlow 21 Samantha Roberts

7 Patricia Lipovsky 23 Betty Krausman

8 Judy Hill 24 Kurt Pronske

8 Jon Gott 25 Morrison Obeng



# November 2019

# November 3

"Stranger Danger"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The different ways we relate to strangers reveal the contradiction of being human. (Genesis 18)

# November 10

"For Such a Downer"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Genesis 21)

# November 17

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series

# November 24

"God Is Love"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter (1 John 4:7-12)

To listen to the Lutheran Hour, tune to:

Daytona Beach WNDB -

1150 AM, Sunday @ 7:30am

Palm Coast WNSS -

89.3 FM, Sunday @ 12:30pm

Ormond Beach WELE-

1380 AM, Sunday @ 10:00am

Jacksonville WOKV -

690 AM, Sunday @ 7:30am



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

CHURCH BOARDS: There are currently no open positions on the Church Council. Please congratulate and welcome our newest council members: Vita Spears, Lisa Moore, and Fred Glinke.

# **NOVEMBER MEETINGS/EVENTS**

Nov 5 — Elders Meeting @ 7pm

Nov 10—Choir meeting following Service with Lisa Moore. Please gather at the piano.

Nov 10 – Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Nov 12—Council Meeting @ 7pm

Nov 14 —LWML Meeting @ 1:30pm

Nov 16—Trustee Work Day, 8am to?

Nov 26—Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, 11/26 at 12:00pm

Nov 28—Thanksgiving Day - Office closed!



**SAMARITAN'S PURSE:** All filled and labelled shoeboxes must be at the Church prior to November 10. Please include shipping costs of \$9.00 and be sure to indicate on the box the gender and age.

# **WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE!!**

(Preferably non-breathing) LARGE garden turtle for the courtyard. If you have one to donate, bring to church office.



LWML Christmas Sale is fast approaching. Your craft and baked items will be gratefully appreciated and much needed to have a successful sale. Please price your donated items. The sale will be before and after Bible class as well as after the church service in the extended narthex on Dec. 8th.

# **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:**

DST ends Sunday, November 3rd at 2am. Remember to set you clock back Saturday night before going to bed....if you don't you'll be an hour early for church!

POINSETTIAS: Sign up sheet for Christmas Poinsettias is in the extended narthex. All orders must be in by Dec 15th. Cost will be \$6.00 per plant.



REMEMBE

# 70th Anniversary Oktoberfest Lunch:

Thank you to all who helped in making this celebration a success. We had 83 in attendance and received \$934 in Free Will Offerings. Thank you All!

# November 2019



WORKDAY 8am to ??? CHURCH Saturday 16 30 23 6 Friday 15 29 22  $\infty$ Budget - Session 2 Budget - Session 3 LWML Meeting @ 1:30pm 31 1:30 to 3:30pm 7 1:00 to 3:30pm THANKSGIVING DAY! Strategic Plan/ OFFICE CLOSED Strategic Plan/ Thursday 4 7 Wednesday 20 Bible Study at 11am Bible Study at 11am 6 Bible Study at 11am Bible Study at 11am 7 27 26 Thanksgiving Service Council Meeting @ 7pm Elders Meeting @ 7pm at 12:00pm Tuesday 12 19 **/ETERANS DAY** Pastor Sizemore's Pastor Sizemore's Pastor Sizemore's Pastor Sizemore's Day Off Monday Day Off Day Off 8 1 25 10
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