



Trinity Tidings

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From Pastor B's Desk

We are approaching a very important election year. A new president will be selected so there is quite a bit for us to consider as we enter the polls in about five weeks.

As Christians we are called by Scripture to "be in the world, but not of the world." Let's explore what that means as we approach election day, shall we? As a congregation, we will not be promoting one bill over another, or one candidate over another. That is not appropriate for a church...not for the tax implications involved, but rather on the basis that the church's power lies not in earthly, or electoral power, but in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That means, as a church (Trinity), our role in society at large is to proclaim the Gospel to all who "have ears to hear," we are to pray for our neighbors, we are to pray for our elected officials, and we are called to trust that God is in control, knows what he is doing, and has our best interest in mind (though we may not know what that is!). Therefore, as a church we don't "play politics" because it is not the business of the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God far exceeds the borders of America.

That having been said, we are still called to be "in the world" while not giving in to the ways

of the world. So as each Christian, each member of Trinity, goes about our daily lives, how can we use our God-given calling to make sure the voice of our Lord is heard come election day? Allow me to give you some guiding principles:

Pray! Pray that God would show you his hearts desire. Pray that he would grant you wisdom in your conversations, in your decision-making, and in all areas of your life.

In the words of the old prayer from the old hymnal regarding the study of Scripture, "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the Word of God. In so doing you will find yourself prepared to "give an answer for the hope that you have." And you will have a better handle on how God is at work in our world and this will help you to make decisions, not only in the voting booth, but in all areas of your life!

Have faith in God that no matter how any of

the elections come out, they are not a surprise to him and he is still the Lord or all. Our country is facing some big decisions in November and we shouldn't take them lightly...but remember that God's kingdom is much bigger (and better) than our own nation.

Let these principles guide your decision making process in the election. Let them guide your entire life, in fact! In closing I remind you of the words Jesus gave to his disciples as he sent them out into the world to proclaim the good news of his coming, "be wise as serpents and gentle as doves." Amen! I couldn't have said it better myself.

May our Lord bless and keep you this month ahead and always. We'll see you at Bible class and in worship!

In Christ, Pastor B.

Mission Board

I am back! I have been out of commission for a little over 3 months and I have a lot of catching up to do.

I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage you all to donate to **The Gospel Into Egypt**. We really want to attain the **\$50,000** goal. Please be in prayer to help make a decision to donate to this amazing program. Can you just imagine how many people we can reach and spread the Word via satellite? **Trinity will match up to \$2,500 by October 15**. I am 100% in and I pray you will join me!

More news next month.

Lynn



Lutheran Hour Ministries 100th Anniversary Celebration

The weekend of October 21-23, 2016 is the beginning of a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the International Lutheran Layman's League / Lutheran Hour Ministries!

To see the history of the International Lutheran Layman's League and to view The Lutheran Laymen (newspaper) go <http://www.lhm.org/layman/>

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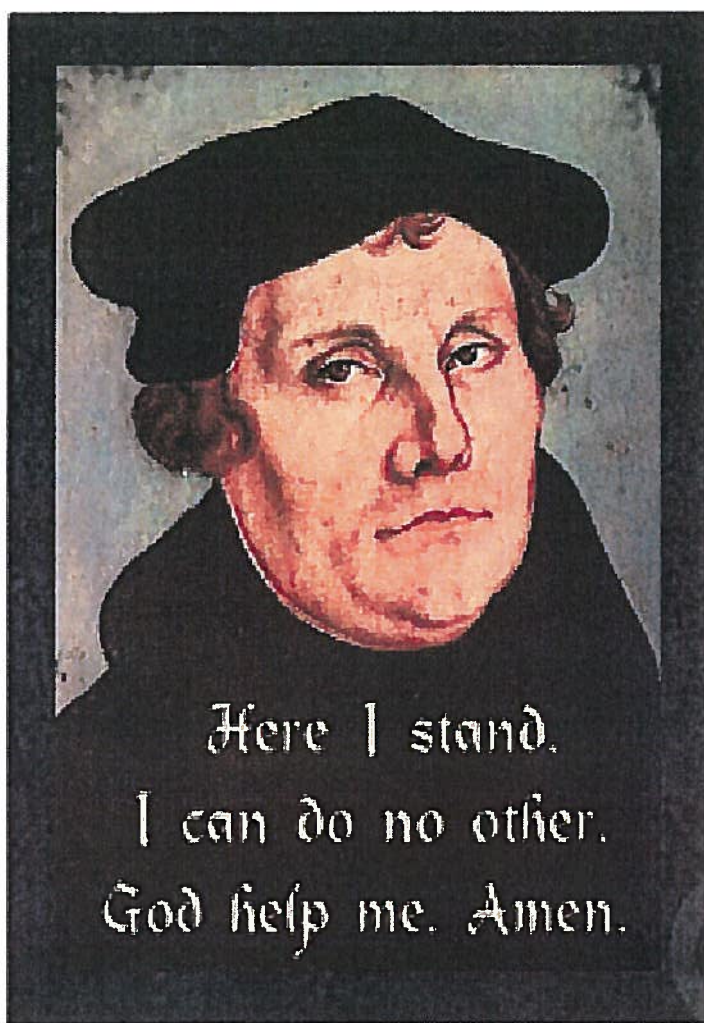
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Faith comes from God

"Your faith comes from Him, not from you. And everything that works faith within you comes from Him and not from you."



71st Reformation celebration

Guest Speaker

The Reverend Dr. Dale Meyer
President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Former Speaker for the Lutheran Hour

at

Town and Country Lutheran Church
4049 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA

October 30, 2016
4:00 P.M.

LCMS Joint Seminary Fund

Concordia Theological Seminary — Fort Wayne
Concordia Seminary Saint Louis

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
1333 S. Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122



August 29, 2016

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Dear Christian Friends,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy that I write to you today to thank you for your service as a Shepherd to your flock and to your congregation for their special prayers and gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund this past year.

Your congregational gift will serve as a significant reminder of the important task entrusted to our seminaries – Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne and Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis – in preparing servants for the proclamation of the Gospel!

On behalf of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please extend our thankfulness to your members and share with them this certificate of appreciation.

PEACE to you in Christ!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Simpson".

Cindy L. Simpson, MA
Director
LCMS Pastoral Formation and Care

Enclosure



TOWN AND COUNTRY
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
A Ministry of Town and Country Lutheran Church

"Growing in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and man"

September 9, 2016

Dear Friend of Christian education,

Greetings at the beginning of a brand new school year! September always brings with it many special moments as children are walking into a new classroom for the first time, some even into their very first classroom situation as four of our kindergarteners did a couple weeks ago! God has sent us eight kindergarteners, the most in many years and we give thanks for that!

We do very much appreciate your prayers for this recent growth and also your financial commitment to our school! Without the support of many generous people like yourself we would not be able to subsidize the students needing financial assistance this year. Our enrollment has actually increased to 61 students overall, mostly in the younger grades and many of whom need significant help with tuition.

You may ask the question relating to the sustainability of this mission when it becomes so reliant on the good graces and generosity of people without children in the school. To help answer that question I'd like to relate a story of a first grade student named Malachi whose mother was bemoaning the changes she saw in her son during second semester at a nearby public school. When she heard at our UPWARD basketball program that scholarships were available at TCCA, she immediately enrolled and started after Easter break last spring. Just three weeks later friends of the family came to take a tour and remarked on the change in Malachi's behavior and questioned, "What have you done with Malachi?" Upon which Mrs. Ellis, his new teacher, replied, "Just loving him and holding him accountable!"

Praise God for loving Christian educators! We are blessed here at TCCA to have a school full of fine people dedicating their lives to their students' eternal life in Jesus. What can be more important? As we make plans for the future of TCCA it is critical to look at all ways possible to bring the saving knowledge of Jesus to so many souls.

We invite you to come and see for yourself what is happening here at TCCA! Next week we begin monthly Character Tours on the Third Thursday of each month. Please RSVP on the enclosed card if you would like to attend. The Tours start at 9:30 and will be less than one hour in length.

God's Blessings to you,

Dave Kretzmann

Principal

*Der Trinity members,
Thankyou for your awesome
support! Without you we couldn't
serve our families. Please come to
a tour on October 20 or November 17, 9:30!*

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Announcements

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or the Tidings please give it to Sharon in the office. Bulletin announcements are due by **Wednesday morning**.

The Tidings deadline is the **15th of every month**.

Announcements for the screen may be sent directly to Brian or through the church office email, tlcsecsharon@sbcglobal.net.

Directory Changes

Please let the church office know if you have moved or have a new phone number or any other changes in your family. Thank you.



REFORMATION
2017 *It's Still All About*
Jesus

River City Food Bank

Is in **GREAT** need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, and pasta.
Please bring items and deposit them in the container in Friendship Hall.
Always **NEEDS** plastic bags and brown paper bags!
We are also in need of volunteers. Please talk to Dottie if you are interested.
Thanks!
