

# The Trinity Messenger

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

**We have won!!! The victory is ours!!!  
God's people are triumphant!!!**

I know this hard to believe with so many different assaults on the people of God. Between the immoral decision to assume sinful human desires trump God's good and gracious gift of marriage, the sinful definition of when life begins, and when life ends, it is hard to see how we are victorious.

Then we look at the daily assault on the church, and challenges to our faith, our practice and our participation in the society and we experience the desire to fold our tents and slink off into the darkness.

Yes, it may be hard to realize we have won, we are victorious and triumphant. Yet this is the reality that the word and the devil cannot take from us.

How are we victorious, triumphant and the winners? By the victory of Jesus on the cross we have been declared the winners. The full plan of God for the redemption of His creation is fulfilled in that moment in history at the cross, the grave, and the empty tomb.

Yes, the visible church maybe under assault from without and from with-in but this is not new for the people of God. From the very first days of Christian faith we see schisms, betrayals, governmental attacks, and the broken sinful world striking at the people of God.

That fact that we are able to gather and worship our Lord and God demonstrates that in spite of all of these things the people of God were victorious. In fact when the church is most violently attacked it THRIVES.

Yes, what a great time to be a Christian. The lines between belief and unbelief are clearer now than they have been for quite some time. Yes, we are in an age when to be a Christian is a 'risk' but also an opportunity.

Consider the apostles; when they persisted in proclaiming the truth of the kingdom of God, they were persecuted and arrested. Upon their release they were brought before the Jerusalem leaders and told to be quiet. Here is their response:

**41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. Acts 5:41-42**

In the days ahead may we be faithful and bold in the proclamation of God's word, holding firmly to the truth. Should we suffer persecution and disgrace for HIS name may we also rejoice having been counted as worthy of suffering.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

*Pastor Downs*



## OUR MISSION

*In response to the grace it has been given by God, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's mission is to prepare and nurture its members, enabling them to step forward in faith and reach out with Christ's love to others who have spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.*

## OUR VISION

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church envisions a vibrant, growing congregation that serves the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of its members and the surrounding community.*

*Such services will be provided through a variety of worship settings and support systems. Sharing and coordinating resources with its sister congregations and other agencies, it seeks to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20), and the admonition of Christ or feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, inviting strangers into our midst, providing clothing for those who are in need, looking after the sick, and visiting the imprisoned (Matthew 25:35-36).*

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## Mark Your Calendar

August 11, Tuesday, 6:00pm

### Men's Study Group

at Tom Kampinen's home (669-9568)

August 16, Sunday

### Sock-it-to-Me Sunday

Ingathering for Love Clothing Center

August 18, Tuesday evening

### Putt for a Purpose

Little Hawk Putting Course

September 1, Tuesday, 9:00am

### Pastors' Circuit Meeting

at Trinity

September 2, Wednesday, 7:30pm

### Church Council Meeting

in Library

September 7, Monday

### Labor Day Holiday

Church office & Child Care Center closed

September 11, Friday, 10:00am-noon

### Child Care Grandparents Day

at Trinity Child Care Center

September 13-15, Sunday - Tuesday

### Deacon's Conference

at Camp Arcadia

September 16-17, Tuesday, 9:00am

### Circuit Visitors' Conference

at OSL, Lansing

October 4, Sunday

### LWML Sunday

Voters' Meeting, after worship

October 11-14

### MI All Pastors Conference

Boyne Mountain Resort

Sunday afternoon to Wednesday AM

October 17-18-19

### LWR Boxcar Loading in Howell

Sunday, October 25 at 3:00pm

### Reformation Service

Preacher: Dr. Robert Kasper

(Service designed by Bob Dowding as part of his coursework)

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## DEACON IN TRAINING - TRINITY OUTREACH

*Matthew 5:10-12 – Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Cal Thomas wrote a column recently entitled "Christians: Go to core beliefs". In the column he reminded Christians that what we are experiencing in today's society parallels that of Jesus and His disciples. They also lived in a time of political and societal exclusion and even persecution. Mr. Thomas went on to remind us that society as a whole cannot be changed. But – a focus on Christ's kingdom has and can continue to change individual lives.

Rather than focus on our discomforts, our disillusionment, our anger – we need to focus on the one true thing in our lives. The gift that is ours because of our gracious God. The gift of our faith in justification through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ to pay for our sins. Openly living our lives as Christians witnesses that faith. And that is how we put on the armor of God. Mr. Thomas closed his column with the following: "...it is about enlisting in a different "army." Google Beatitudes and see what I mean. Practice them and observe the impact."

It is unfortunate that people need to be directed to Google to find the Beatitudes. But, it may create an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to open their hearts. The same opportunity we may create by truly living our faith.

In His service,  
Bob Dowding

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### Beatitudes for friends of the elderly

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Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know my ear  
Must strain to catch what others hear.  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.  
Blessed are they who looked away  
When my coffee was spilled at the table today.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile  
Who stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say,  
"You've told that story twice today."  
Blessed are they who know the ways  
To bring back memories of yesterdays.  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I am loved and not alone.  
Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey home in loving ways.

–The Lutheran Home  
Belle Plaine, MN

# Stewardship Corner

## Generous Stewards

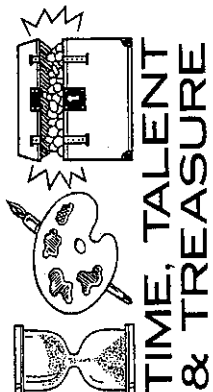
Stewards no longer ask, "What do I need to give?" Rather we ask, "What do I have a right to keep?" The answer is "Not much!" In 1 Corinthians 4:7, the Apostle Paul wrote, "*What do you have that you did not receive?*" The first step in our stewardship journey begins with acknowledging that God owns everything and that He graciously gives us all we need to support our bodies and lives along with enough to share with others. "*Now He Who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God*" (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

**THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE, WE ARE COMMANDED TO BAPTIZE, TEACH, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL. THIS WE DO WITH ALL THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN US.**

"Sing praise to Him;  
tell of all His  
wonderful acts"  
(Psalm 105:2).



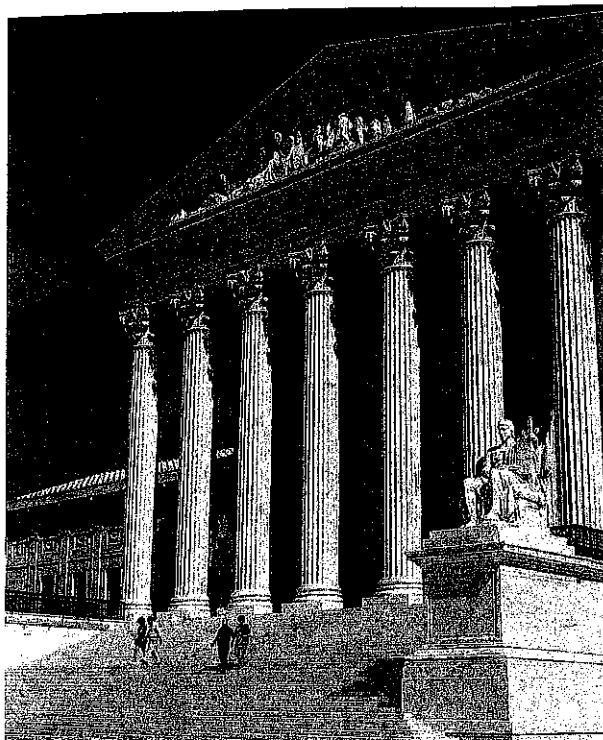
As fellow members of the Body of Christ, we need to remind, encourage, and support one another in growing in our relationships with God so that we may become more faithful stewards, resulting in glory being given to God. "*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God*" (2 Corinthians 9:12).



**RETURNING TO THE LORD OUR FIRSTFRUITS IS GOD'S PLAN, NOT THE CHURCH'S, NOR THE PASTOR'S, NOR THAT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.**

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of your crops" (Proverbs 3:9).





*Salt & Light Global Presents*

## **GOD, MARRIAGE, AND THE SUPREME COURT**

Thursday, August 20, 2015

~ 6:30 p.m.~

Trinity Lutheran Church  
501 W. Saginaw St., Lansing



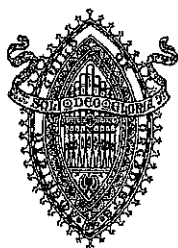
Professor William Wagner  
*President of Salt and Light Global  
Distinguished Professor Emeritus  
Former Federal Judge*

### Topics Discussed:

- The Supreme Court Ruling
- The Threat to Christian People
- How to Protect your Church

**No Admission Fee**

This lecture has been presented in several locations and will be shown at Trinity on August 20th. We encourage you to attend in order to be well-equipped and accurately aware of what we are facing as Christians as a result of the most recent Supreme Court rulings. If you are unable to attend, you may want to view a video clip from MI Legal Eagles that is on <https://youtu.be/6Lth4mcE9oc>



## **American Guild of Organists**

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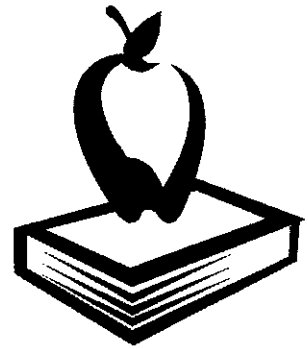


Dear Ms. Hoekzema:

This letter is to inform you that you have passed the Colleague examination. On behalf of the Committee on Professional Certification I wish to extend to you our congratulations. You will find enclosed an averaged grade sheet and a copy of your examiners' comments.

Kathleen Thomerson, FAGO, ChM, Director  
Committee on Professional Certification

# Trinity Lutheran Child Care Center



August & September 2015  
Themes

8/3-8/7 **Dinosaurs** *"God is the One that made the mountains" Amos 4:13*

Bible concept- God made everything. Nothing is beyond God.

8/10-8/14- **Transportation** *"Serve one another in love. " Gal. 5:13*

Bible concepts-God gives us gifts. God wants us to be helpers. (serving)

8/17-8/21- **Music** *"Sing for joy to God." Ps. 81:1*

Bible concept- How can I praise God? Using more than my voice (actions).

Telling others about God.

8/24-8/28-**Shapes** *"God is love" 1 John 4:8*

Bible concept-God taught us how to love.

8/31-9/4- **Apple** *"God gives you rain from heaven" Acts 14:17*

Bible concept-God made rain. God provides.

9/7-9/11- **Grandparents** *"I remember you in my prayers night and day." 2 Timothy 1:3*

Bible concept-My family of God (Brothers, Sisters- Trinity)

9/14-9/18-**Community Helpers** *"God has blessed us" Ps. 67: 7*

Bible concepts-God gives us gifts. God wants us to be helpers. (serving)

9/21-9/25-**Fire Safety** *"God is our strength and our shelter" Ps.46:1*

Bible concept- How do I pray? Does God hear my prayers?

## Grandparent's Day Celebration

As we start out the month of September, we honor the people in our lives who give us candy, cookies and other special treats. The ones that are allowed to buy us a little toy when we go to the store, the individuals who find it their God given right and duty to spoil us as much as humanly possible. That's right, we are taking time out to pay homage to Grandparents!

Grandparents,

You are invited to join us for a fun packed morning planned in honor of you.

This special day is planned for, **Friday, September 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to**

**12:00 p.m.** Invitations will be going out in the middle of August with more information.

## Zoo Update

I hope everyone had as much fun as I did! Our turn out from family and friends was the best ever, and the weather was great! The food was yummy, and in spite of Mrs. Headley losing the lighter fluid, we ate in a timely manner.

A big thank you to Bob Dowding, member of Trinity Lutheran Church for helping us out with the grill.

Thank you everyone for another great year!

## Garden Fun

As an introduction to spring and all the activities warmer weather brings, the preschool and toddler classes started their seeds in their rooms. There, they learned what a seed needs to grow.

This year, The Garden Project was blessed with a large donation of seeds and seedlings, and they shared their bounty with us.

We planted green beans, pumpkins, cucumbers, tomatoes and more, and as a treat, and through a generous donation from one of our parents, we were also able to plant a new addition to our garden - strawberries

The new addition thrilled everyone, but adding the plant was a lesson in itself. The teachers told the children that there was no room in the garden for the strawberries, so to add them, they had to come up with a plan. Looking into options, the decision was made to go vertical, using the fence in the back. After additional planning, the children designed baskets for the fence to hold our new plants.

## Free Preschool Vision & Hearing Screening

The Ingham Co. Health Department in partnering with Trinity Lutheran Child Care Center to offer free hearing & vision screenings here at Trinity, for children 3 yrs. & older.

The screenings will be scheduled and announced closer to August.

A notice will be sent home for those children that qualify, as will the results of the screenings.

Please be sure to note the times of the screenings. Children must arrive at Trinity before testing starts to participate. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Headley.

## Upcoming Events

### Community Helper Week -September 14- 18

The following is a tentative schedule for community Helpers Week, as well as where the visits will be held.

A note will be posted closer to the activity date confirming the days, times and guests visitors.

Monday- Recycling.....	Tuesday- Police.....	Wednesday- Pastor .....	Thursday- Nurse .....	Friday- Ambulance
9:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	10:00A.M.
West-side parking lot (Granger)	South side parking lot	Chapel	Toddler Room	North side parking lot

### Fire Safety Week- September 21-25

During this week, the children will be concentrating on learning fire safety procedures for both school and at home. Some of the activities will include, a fire inspection of their room and hallway (what to look for) fire safety equipment (where it is located, how it works and when it should be used) 911 (when to call and what to say) and of course, what to do in case of a fire.

To help enforce these skills, the Lansing Fire Department will be sending a fire truck out to visit us on Friday, September 25th At 10:00 a.m.

## HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSING

Please note:

Trinity Lutheran Child Care Center will be closed Monday-September 7, 2015.

In observance of Labor Day.



Have a Blessed & Safe Holiday!

## Remember in your Prayers

**Paul von Werder**, heart surgery mid-August  
**Ray Bartholomew**, at Independence Village, EL  
**Pastor Downs**, problems with his leg  
**Marie Kamppinen**, at home  
**Evie Girardini**, at Independence Village, GL  
**Jean Holliday**, at Oaks Nursing Home, G. Blanc  
**Martha Brendahl**, at home  
**Martha Whiting**, at Green Acres of Mason

### Newborn

**Ronan Dulebohn**, born 7/8/2015

### Baptized

**Charles Benjamin Chargot**, 6/13/2015  
**Elaina Grace Wagaw**, 6/21/2015  
**Aaron Michael Weatherbee**, 6/21/2015  
**Benjamin Michael Hallman**, 7/26/2015

### Friends & Family of:

**Frederick Blanck**, died 7/8/2015 (husband  
of Katherine Blanck)

### God and Government

Ministries at Trinity

God's plans for Trinity

Those returning to school

People in Armed Forces

Safety for people traveling

Government leaders and decisions

Our country



The church mouse was out of town on the weekend of the **Band Fest** on July 18th. The clouds moved in, torrential rains fell, left again and the sun came out-- and the bands played on! That is, **Parted Waters**, **Messiah**

**group**, and soloist **Gina Johnson**. **Ray Mizga** was on hand to serve hot dogs, and drinks cooled every-one off. The **bounce house** was well tied down and easily survived the winds--and of course the children loved it! We're lining up bands for next year already!

Good news from the **Hallman family**. **Kevin and Alana, Olivia and Benjamin** were in town from Nevada for Benjamin's baptism on July 26th. Benjamin is the grandson of **Karen and Darrell Vaughan** and the great-grandson of **Avalee and Kal Kallish**.

He had just had his first birthday and at first paused as **Pastor Downs** took him to be baptized, but soon he settled down and even gave Pastor a hug!

Also baptized in June were **Barb Weatherbee's** two grandchildren, **Elaina Grace** and **Aaron Michael**. What a blessing to bring children into the family of God!

Another baptism in the Detroit area was **Charles Benjamin Chargot** on June 13, 2015. **Charlie** was born on 1/24/2015 and is the son of **Lindsay Chargot** and great-grandson of **Marlyn and Carol Lundgren**.

Then another little one was born...**Ronan Dulebohn** is the son of **Robert and Rachel Dulebohn** and the grandson of **Joel and Vicki Dulebohn**. Ronan was born on July 8th, weighed 9 lbs 8 oz and was 22" long. Special prayers of thanksgiving for the medical staff for the care received by both baby & mother.

As members become grandparents and their family increases in size and often move away, it is special to see them gather together again. **Marlyn and Carol Lundgren** had **John and Debbie Trumble** up from Florida including grandchildren **Zoe, Porter, Brooks and Kai**. On their drive up, their car was handling roughly in Georgia and Porter prayed for their safety. They had just gotten off the expressway in Perry(?) when the wheel fell off. They were able to have a repairman fix the car so it was driveable up to Lansing. As the claims adjustor in Lansing was gathering the information, he commented that he was from Perry where the car broke down and the repair shop was near his home! Coincidence or God watching over His people and hearing the prayer of a child?

The **Steve von Werder group** from Shelbyville IN were in Michigan--first at Tunnel Park, Holland (**Joanne and Alex** met them there) to view the sun setting on Lake Michigan, and then to Lansing to visit **Grandma Joanne** and help her with both church work and weeding! What a bunch! They are now big enough to more than fill a whole pew in church!

Got an hour or so? Why not stop in to see one of our homebound: **Martha Whiting, Martha Brendahl, Evie Girardini, Ray Bartholomew, and Marie Kamppinen** if she is up to visitors. And if you are visiting **Ray**, you may run into **Don and Esther Bennett**.

Here's a few bits of information on what's happening around the building; many are improvements through funding by the Trinity Foundation. There are **new doors** at the outside entrance to the Child Care Center. The **sound system** has mikes added so the



congregation and organ will be picked up properly in the recordings of our Sunday services. The office has a **new computer and software** including the 2015 Shepherd's Staff for church records, in addition to a **new copier** that already is saving on copy costs and frustration. But not all is in dollar amounts. Our flower cooler has not been cooling properly (heating or freezing flowers) and we have resorted to putting flowers in the kitchen refrigerator. Now, after a quick check by the refrigeration guys and a small adjustment, the flowers seem to be fine in the cooler! Thanks, God!

We also thank **Doyle Kitchell's** employee who is mowing the church grounds; **Jack Foland** who is doing weeding and other yard work; and **Gwen Belen** who makes sure our geraniums are cared for. One item we could use or borrow is a weed wacker to take care of the edges along the fences and around the sheds in the Child Care play area. Can you help?

**Kal Kallish** continues to pop in to gather the trash and check the bathrooms, and when needed to change the battery in the library clock. I don't know, having Bible study stay at 9:30 could be interesting?

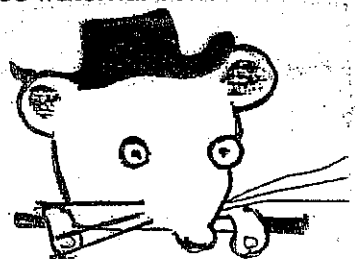
Our trustees (and others) have often felt we have too many church keys unaccounted for. Perhaps so! On July 25th the **Schroeders** were having a family reunion and stopped stop by Trinity to look around. **Roy's** key still worked and they entered the building but were surprised when the VERY LOUD alarms were set off. The alarm company called and **Joy Schroeder** called **Pastor Downs** who was out of town, but somehow the matter was settled. **The Schroeders** stopped in on Sunday when they knew the doors would be open!

**Pastor Downs** and **Elizabeth** were on Mackinac Island July 27-31st for a Grace Wellness Place Conference for pastors and wives. It was an excellent time away and with other servants of the word. Also, **Pastor Downs** is now serving as **Circuit Visitor** (used to be called counselor) for a three-year period.

A special thank you to **Thrivent Ingham Chapter** for giving Trinity \$900 to cover the use of Trinity's facilities over the past three years for many of their board meetings. Thrivent is no longer operating with chapters. Watch for new was to use fraternal benefits!

See you  
in October,

Timothy  
Church Mouse



**Katheryne Downes**, granddaughter of **Betty James**, recently received her Doctoral degree from the University of Maryland.

Katheryne has been member of the Honor Society throughout her years in school, having first been inducted while in high school, and again while she was in college.

She has received many honors during her graduate education, including being one of only 19 young scientists in the country that were selected to represent the USA during the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting which was held in Germany.

Katheryne's passion is research, which she will continue during her post doctorate work at the University of Pennsylvania as a perinatal epidemiologist. She will be funded by a grant from National Institute of Health to develop a method of measuring and monitoring blood flow in the placenta, as well as doing statistical analysis for the Department of Research. We are so very grateful for God's guidance in her life.



**Aaron Michael Weatherbee**, son of Gage Weatherbee and Michaela Zemaitis, was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansing MI on Sunday, June 21, 2015 by Rev. G. Travis Downs. Aaron was born on December 10, 2013. Barbara Weatherbee is his grandmother.

**Elaina Grace Wagaw**, daughter of Abel Wagaw and Grace Weatherbee, was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansing MI on Sunday, June 21, 2015 by Rev. G. Travis Downs. Elaina was born on May 9, 2015. Barbara Weatherbee is her grandmother.

**Benjamin Michael Hallman**, son of Kevin and Alana (Vaughan) Hallman, was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansing MI on Sunday, July 26, 2015 by Rev. G. Travis Downs. Benjamin was born on June 25, 2014 and has one sister Olivia. Darrell and Karen Vaughan are his grandparents, and Clarence and Avalee Kallish are his great-grandparents. His sponsors are Chelsea Hallman and Michael Vaughan.

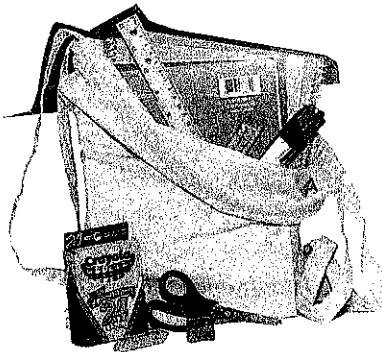


## Lutheran World Relief BOXCAR LOADING 2015

Here is information on school kits, quilts and soap. The Sudanese women are wanting to work on making the totes for the school kits and perhaps making quilts also. Are you interested in helping in some way?

We would want to have kits, quilts and/or soap boxed, marked, and ready to go no later than Saturday, October 17. The closest drop off location is Heart of the Shepherd in Howell (October 17, 18, 19 (varying times)).

There is also a request for donations for shipping costs. For one quilt \$2.25; one school kit \$1.40, one personal care kit \$2.65, one baby care kit \$1.30, one fabric kit \$1.00, one 18# carton of soap \$11.60.



Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Ministry is highly regarded throughout the world because of the quality and consistency of the Quilts and Kits we share. Your careful adherence to the instructions in this guide will ensure that all LWR Quilts and Kits are:

**USEFUL.** LWR works closely with our overseas partners to determine the best contents to include in Kits. Your Kits will do the most good possible when containing only the items listed in these guidelines.

**CONSISTENT.** Consistency of Quilt sizes and Kit contents helps our partners plan properly for distributing a shipment, and keeps international shipping processes cost-effective and efficient. Disparity in Kit contents can cause costly delays.

**FAIR.** When all Kits contain the same items, recipients are treated equally and fairly which is important for those who have already experienced a great deal of injustice or tragedy.

### School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long\*
- **One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)**

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### Soap:

- New wrapped bars of any size are accepted

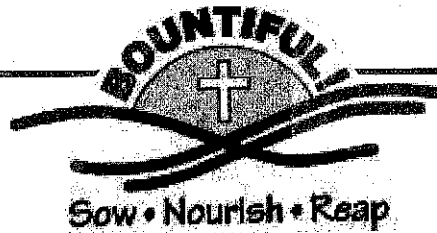
### LWR Quilt:

1. Place a piece of fabric measuring 64" X 84" right side down on the table, followed by a filler measuring 60" X 80", and then another piece of fabric, also measuring 60" X 80", right side up on top of the filler.
2. Tie the layers together using crochet or similar cord, or machine-quilt them together.
3. Bring the edges of the 64" X 84" piece over the top, pin and machine-stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible.

LWR Quilts should measure approximately 60" X 80". Full-size Quilts best serve adult recipients and children as they grow older. Please donate only full-size Quilts.

The ultimate purpose of a Quilt is to provide warmth so please choose your fabrics and filler accordingly. Even in warmer climates, temperatures can drop dramatically at night, requiring a Quilt with sufficient filler.

**If you have any questions, please contact Joanne von Werder at the church office, 517-372-1631**



### LWML Sets 2015—2017 Mission Goal at \$2 Million

Over 4,600 people attended the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, June 25-28, 2015, under the theme "Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap." The convention theme was based on 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Delegates to the 36th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2 million mission goal for the 2015-2017 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 19 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

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| 1. Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry, \$50,000   | 9. LCMS Global Seminary Initiative, \$100,000                  |
| 2. Disaster Response Trailers, \$80,000            | 10. Training Teachers and Leaders, \$100,000                   |
| 3. Cancer Care Packages – Phil's Friends, \$50,000 | 11. Opportunities in Uganda, \$100,000                         |
| 4. Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings, \$120,000 | 12. "In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts," \$50,000           |
| 5. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, \$100,000        | 13. "We Are God's Workmanship," \$32,500                       |
| 6. Hope and Healing to the Navajo People, \$75,000 | 14. Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel, \$100,000 |
| 7. Outreach in Refugee Camps – Lebanon, \$72,000   | 15. Helping Hands Initiative, \$100,000                        |
| 8. Healthy Families, \$60,000                      | 16. Deaconess Training, \$90,000                               |
|  | 17. Lutheran Youth Corps, \$25,000                             |
|  | 18. Providing Hope for Detroit, \$100,000                      |
|  | 19. Rosa Young Academies, \$14,063.94                          |

The voting body elected new LWML President Patti Ross from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Patti has served the LWML on all levels of the organization, most recently as Vice President of Christian Life from 2009-2013. President Ross shares her personal vision for the LWML, "As LWML women we are serving God, our church, and our communities with heartfelt Christian joy while carrying out the LWML mission statement. Inspired by God's Word and recalling His promises we promote mission awareness, mission support, and mission work to reach out with the saving Word of Jesus Christ to all God's people, wherever and whenever He calls us, all the while serving with love and gladness."

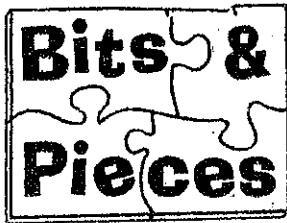
For more information on the LWML visit the website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

*The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.*

#### LWMLers (and men) with their hearts of gold gave the following additional monetary gifts:

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| > | From the Pledge Walk            | \$83,019.03                                       |
| > | From the Golf Outing            | \$12,926.57                                       |
| > | In the Opening Service offering | \$61,926.90 (toward 2015-17 mission goal)         |
| > | Second offering on Saturday     | \$37,360.55 (ALL of God's children--disabilities) |
| > | Sunday morning offering         | \$41,465.67 Cabins for Christ's Children          |

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 2017 LWML convention in **Salt Lake City, Utah!**  
**June 22–25, 2017**



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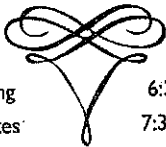
*Little Hawk Putting Course at Hawk Hollow*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015**

TWO PUTTING OPTIONS - CHOOSE ONE!

### Early Birds

5:00 PM Registration  
5:30 PM 9 Holes Putting  
6:30 PM Dinner & Prizes



### Night Owls

6:00 PM Registration  
6:30 PM Dinner & Prizes  
7:30 PM 18 Holes Putting

*Dinner & Door Prizes*

Silent Auction Gift Baskets

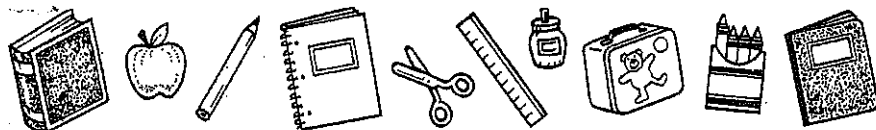
Adults: \$30; ages 13-18; \$20; ages 5-12: \$15;  
family of 4: \$85 (2ad/2kids).

● While you are dreaming of the future or regretting the past, the present, which is all you have, slips from you and is gone.

—Hilaire Belloc

● Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be ... since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

—Thomas a Kempis



**Please note:** Christian Services is NOT coordinating a collection of backpacks and school supplies this year. Due to the many groups and organizations doing school supply giveaways, they feel this need is being met. In addition, because of the many different groups providing these items, there is not way to ensure services are not being duplicated.



2015 Lutherans For Life  
National Conference

Created • Redeemed • Called

October 30-31, 2015  
Petersburg, Kentucky

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)  
[creationmuseum.org](http://creationmuseum.org)

Here are the wonderful speakers scheduled to join us in October:

- Ken Ham on "The Gospel in Genesis"
- Timothy Goeglein on "Faith in the Halls of Power"
- Dr. David Menton on "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"
- Col. John Eidsmoe on "Evolution vs. the Sanctity of Human Life"
- Buddy Davis with a "Creation Concert"
- Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb on "Created, Redeemed, Called—The Trinitarian Value of Human Life"
- John Hawkins on estate planning
- Lori Trinche on Life Teams



There will also be plenty of time to explore the Creation Museum!

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800.696.0165 or 859.586.0166

<https://aw5.passkey.com/event/13167836/owner/2374/home>

Reserve your rooms early! To obtain the group rate, mention that you will be attending the Lutherans For Life National Conference.

## Seeing Christ

After Thorwaldsen had completed his famous statue of Christ, he brought a friend to see it. Christ's arms were outstretched, his head bowed between them. The friend said, "But I cannot see his face."

The sculptor replied, "If you want to see the face of Christ, you must get on your knees."

## The crucial reminder

In moments of despair and doubt and desolation, Martin Luther would say to himself as a reminder, "I was baptized."

—Homiletics