



September
2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This September we will be having a number of special events.

On Saturday, September 11 we will be hosting a community meal in Smiths Grove in an effort to get to know our neighbors in Smiths Grove and the Oakland area.

The following Sunday, September 12 will mark the return of our annual Tent Revival. From the 12th through the 15th we will be getting together for a meal at 5:30 p.m. and worship under the tent at 6:30 p.m. Preaching this year will be our own Pastor Feliciano and our D.C.E. Jonah Kaufmann. Special music will be provided by Ms. Emi McGhee from Nashville. Wednesday night we want to invite all the VBS kids to come and lead the music.

On top of all this, on Sunday, September 12 we will have one worship service in the morning at 10:30 a.m. We will be worshipping with our African and Burmese brothers and sisters and then having a pot-luck meal together.

The next big event will be the weekend of the September 25 and 26 when we will have a very special guest preacher in for the weekend.

There is a lot going on this month including a visit from Don Wharton. Please pray for a hedge of protection for all of these events and that God would use all that is going on to His glory.

*God Bless,
Pastor Toopes*

NEWSLETTER NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

A Personal Note

September is upon us – and, with it, perhaps a break to the summery weather we have had lately. As I write this, it has been over a month since we have had any measurable rainfall at our house (a couple of brief showers, but nothing more). We are looking forward to cooler and damper conditions – so is our lawn!

God's people always live by God's promises, and those promises include the assurance that God gave to Noah: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." Weather patterns may be unpredictable, but God's promises are not. We trust Him to be faithful in this area of our lives, as in every area of life.



Our Lord has proven His faithfulness by sending His Son to be the Deliverer that we needed. We needed rescue from sin, death, and eternal punishment. Jesus provided the offering necessary to set us free to live. Whatever the season of the year, whatever season of life we may be in, we can count on the love of our God to see us through. And we keep our eyes especially on the promise of the new heavens and new earth, where the trees yield their fruit in every season, where the harshness of winter or summer will be gone, and where we will live in constant joy and peace.

Smiths Grove Site Outreach

A special event will be happening on Saturday, September 11, at our Smiths Grove site. At 6 PM (or immediately following worship) we will host a community dinner. You are welcome to attend, though we do ask that you RSVP to Dionne at the church office (270-843-9595). We want to make sure we have plenty of food for all attending. We have invited the Smiths Grove community (through a mass mailing) to be part of this event and anticipate the Lord's blessing on this effort to touch the community with the Good News. On September 11 & 12 (at both sites) we will begin a sermon series titled "The Truth Will Set You Free."

Worship continues to be held at the Smiths Grove site (First Christian Church, 427 College Street) at 5 PM on Saturdays. Bible study is being held at 4 PM, just prior to worship. We are thankful to First Christian Church for making their facilities available to us.

Your support of this new worship site is vital for it to continue. 1) **Your prayers** are especially important as we get back to some semblance of normal activity. Pray for open doors for us to share the Good News in the Smiths Grove community. 2) **If you know of people** around Smiths Grove (including Park City, Glasgow, Horse Cave, and similar places) who may be needing a church home, please pass the word to them. Or pass their names on to Pastor Press, and we will happily extend an invitation. 3) **Your offerings** to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church are also going to assist this outreach. Thank you for your encouragement.

Pastor Press

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL MINISTRY

Off And Running

Our school year began on August 4 for our K-6 students where we began the year with 88 students at the first chapel service led by Pastor Toopes. The elementary students had a short week to begin the year before we welcomed our preschoolers on August 9. After opening up several new rooms we now have the largest early childhood center in the Mid-South District. We currently have 105 preschool students and expect that number to increase slightly as we have had some last minute changes to our rosters. We are so blessed to have such wonderful preschool teachers and an incredible Preschool Director, Gretchen Bugsch.

We are doing our best to keep our kids in school and not have to shut down classrooms but with the recent rise in Covid cases that is getting increasingly difficult. As we began offering our enrichment classes on August 9 we were hit with several enrichment teachers who either contracted the virus or were exposed. We are also seeing quite a few staff and students that are being affected. As of this writing we have not had a case in the building that would require us to shut down any classrooms, and our prayer is that God would continue to keep us safe so that we can continue to minister to these children and families.

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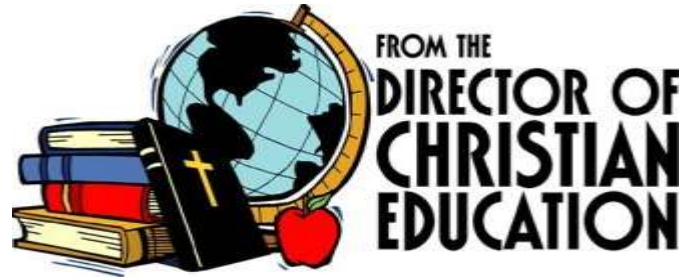


PATRIOT DAY
September 11, 2021

A WORD FROM THE D.S.M. CONTINUED

HTLS would not be experiencing the success and growth that we have seen if not for the incredible support of the staff and members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Our school families experience that support each day as they get to interact with Dionne, Pastor Toopes, Pastor Press, and Jonah. They see volunteers from our church doing maintenance and repairs, substituting in classrooms, and donating various resources that benefit the school ministry. They witness members coming in the building for weekday Bible study and supporting school fundraisers. What a blessing to have such strong support for Christian education!

*In All Things,
Bill Hiskey, D.S.M.*



DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

Dear Families and Youth,

School is officially back in full swing! I hope that everyone has been keeping up with their homework, whether you are online or in person! I am excited for our school year ahead, as we have quite a few plans for fun activities! VBS Students and Staff, you are invited to join us for our Revival on Wednesday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. for a dinner and service! During our service at 6:30 p.m., we will be singing our VBS songs again! So, prepare your best singing voice with the VBS CD's and come have a good time as we celebrate being **Treasured** once again!

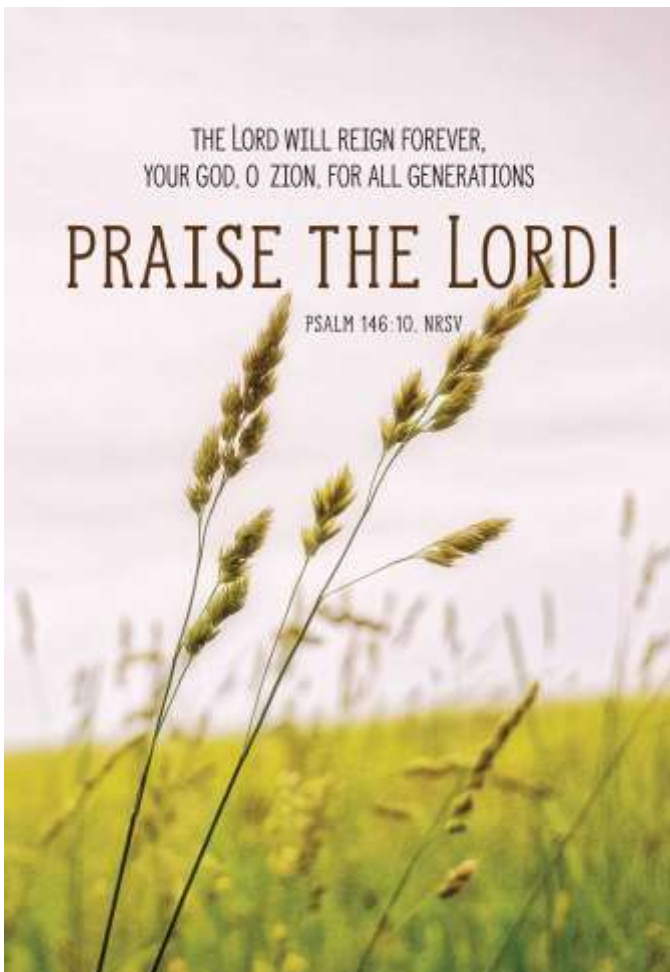
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High School Ablaze takes place on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. after our late service. All high school aged students are welcome to join us in the Fireside room!

Ignite (Sunday School) is back underway! We are meeting at 9:15am in the Ignite Room on Sunday mornings! Come join us in the fun and learning during this time!

Fireside (Youth Class) will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in room 201 upstairs. We are excited to begin learning a new series this month!

*In God's Eternal Love,
Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E.*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Ignite: (ages 2 – 6th grade)

We meet at 9:15 a.m. in EO-111 each Sunday.
Come join us in the fun and learning during this time!

IGNITE: We are looking for teachers to help teach Ignite! It is a “pick & choose” weekly commitment, so you can pick whichever weekend works for you. If you would like to help teach, you can sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9ac2eabfcce9-transformation>
or emailing jkaufmann@htlc-bg.org. Thanks!

ELDER'S MINISTRY TEAM

Head Elder: Tim Rathert

ELDERS ASSIGNMENTS

In previous years we have had several HTLC families “assigned” to our Elders and we are doing that again. If you have a spiritual issue that you need assistance with the Elders are available for you as well as the pastors. Following is a listing of the Elders and the families assigned to each of them.



Copies of these lists are posted on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. The lists will also be posted to the church website in the near future.

Mike Case

1. Steve & Melissa Albert
2. Ron & LWanda Belek
3. Bruce & Bonnie Borth
4. Mike & Janet Bryant
5. Mike & Barb Calvin
6. Jessica Chevalier
7. Jeff Dachtler
8. Neva Gielow
9. Aaron & Jill Goodwin
10. Michael Hartwein
11. Bill & Eleanor Hiskey
12. Mike & Heather Hugo
13. Wayne & Brenda Kirk
14. Irma Lamm
15. Adam Maulden
16. Deb & Katherine Maulden
17. Emily Maulden
18. Henry & Rosemary Mertz
19. Andrew & Melissa Tolbert

Ron Crittenden

1. Walter & Barbara Dobring
2. Houston & Brittany Hix
3. Marsha Holm
4. Kenneth & Dana Johnson
5. Frank & Susan Kutschenreuter
6. Diane Langhans
7. Nancy Linhardt
8. Bob & Veronica Loggins
9. Kelley Matthews
10. George & Jennifer Merkle
11. Deanna Moore
12. Shirley Moore
13. Bob Otto
14. John & Barbara Pugh
15. Ora Rampenthal
16. Tim & Heather Rathert
17. Bernie & Donna Schewe
18. Jamie Schultz & Nicole Mackin
19. Brian & Nina Vratana
20. Kris & Jorie Wennerberg

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MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES**ELDER'S MINISTRY TEAM****Steve Hansen**

1. Karen Buege
2. Lynn & Carole Clark
3. Geneva Bentley & Johnie Trent
4. David & Susan Hoffman
5. Byron & Jackie Hunt
6. David & Linda Kleimola
7. Robin & Martha Lawrentz
8. Don & Carolyn Merkle
9. Carl & Debra Myers
10. Keven & Myrna Neff
11. David & Shirley Nelson
12. Glenn & Joyce Schilke
13. Beverly Sexauer
14. Michele Smith
15. Dick & Claudine Stirn
16. Carolyn Tarrence
17. Deb Urman
18. Dale & Helen Wicklander
19. Dennis & Sandy Widmann
20. Shirley Williams

John Heinze

1. Marly & Deb Hiatt
2. Bill & Sarah Hiskey
3. David & Laurie Jurgens
4. David & Susan Justus
5. Harlan & Judy Klankowski
6. Josh & Emily Langlois
7. Heidi & Elizabeth Lindsey
8. Ivan & Juanita Linhardt
9. Jay Markel
10. Ron & Beth Markel
11. Chris & Amber Miller
12. Cliff & Karen Mitchell
13. Elizabeth Nehm
14. Scott & Jean Nehm
15. Jeff & April Owens
16. Brandon & Jessica Payne
17. Kay Payne
18. Ed & Kathy Petrusch
19. Andy & SueAnn Toopes
20. Alex & Vanessa Ulm
21. Chris & Andrea Unick

Harlan Klankowski

1. Roy & Deanna Boddeker
2. Peter & Cindy Brandt
3. Mark & Laura Crothers
4. Doris Deuth
5. Alan & Adrienne Dieball
6. Bob Eversoll
7. Mary Jane Gerlach
8. Joe Hodges
9. Lois Nelson
10. Ralph & Joyce Piel
11. Rick & Margaret Simpson
12. Joan Thomason
13. Kirk & Joleen Toth
14. Robert & Anna Waldren
15. Dick & Nancy Webber
16. Bart & Carol White
17. Jim & Donna White
18. Bobbi Wiebbecke
19. Amy Wieting
20. Sandra Wilson

Keven Neff

1. Rosie Arnett
2. Herb Blaies
3. Doug & Connie Burt
4. Thelma Crabtree
5. Joe Ertl
6. Irene Garrett
7. Beth Levan
8. Dionne Milam
9. Larry & Amy Poteet
10. Randall & Shelly Olson
11. Bill & Kathleen Parsons
12. Martin & Stacy Peterson
13. Kevin & Pam Schmaltz
14. Joann Smith
15. Lloyd & Louise Smith
16. Faye Talbott
17. Mark & Marilyn Titschinger
18. Joe & Debbie Turner
19. Aaron & Ginger Witherspoon

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MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

ELDER'S MINISTRY TEAM

Bob Otto

1. Joe & Sue Banister
2. Harry Bequette
3. Greg Bergmann
4. Greg & Leslie Brauer
5. Tony & Bessie Brockhouse
6. Larry Bryant
7. Mike & Pam Case
8. Ron & Jay Davis
9. Barbara Frost
10. Don & Marge Green
11. Tina Hansen
12. John Heinze
13. Jerome & Nancy Jascur
14. Jacob & Heather Jordan
15. Mark & Tamara Kahler
16. Bobby & Susan LeRoy
17. Jim & Sheryl Morris
18. Del & Sally Rathert
19. Eva White
20. Ken & Jackie White

Jason Owens

1. Ed Adams
2. Steve Adams
3. Aaron & Beth Britton
4. Darrell & Jennifer Burns
5. Jeremy & Robin Crittenden
6. Ron & Wendy Crittenden
7. Jim & Jessica Davenport
8. Jim & Stacie Gleichauf
9. Lynn Hazlett
10. Mark & Jessica Heyungs
11. Jonah Kaufmann
12. Matt Linhardt
13. Megan McChrystal
14. Mark & Greta McClendon
15. Barry & Jamie Moore
16. Kurt & Kim Otto
17. Josh & Andrea Rathert
18. Daniel & Amber Rosbottom
19. Spencer & Kelsey Sinnott
20. Vernon & Sherry Small
21. Corey & Megan Zirbel

Tim Rathert

1. Lisa Boddeker
2. Paul & Natalie Boddeker
3. Frances Bridges
4. Don Brod
5. Steve Brooks
6. Jimmy & Lorie Donohue
7. Kanita Ducloux
8. Jeff & Hilary Eversoll
9. Nelson & Nayda Feliciano
10. Colin & Katie Fritz
11. Elena Frock & Breanna Moser
12. Steve & Bonnie Hansen
13. David & Marty King
14. Al Knudson
15. Don & Donna Ludwig
16. Jerry & Michelle Mefford
17. Ellen Murphy
18. Rande & Kay Murphy
19. Kenny & Kim Newhart
20. Nathaniel Scott & Jessica Miller
21. Elaine & Cathy Towe

Corey Zirbel

1. Neal & Traci Gleason
2. Katie Law
3. Todd & Kelley Otto
4. Don & Judy Owens
5. Jason & Sonya Owens
6. Raul & Anne Padilla
7. Michael & Kimberly Parsley
8. Craig & Jodi Praxl
9. Mark & Connie Press
10. Al & Laurie Seavey
11. Carolyn Spiller
12. Lyle Stratton
13. Charlie & Patti Stuckwisch
14. Chris & Melissa Veith
15. Rachel Wagner
16. Del Wolff
17. Cindee Wood
18. Sue Woods
19. Steve Zielke

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LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY TEAM

Team Leader: Todd Otto

**Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is OPEN!**

Contact the School Office at 843-1001 if you are interested in enrolling a child(ren) or want to give information to a friend.

REMEMBER: For families that are members of HTLC – we will continue to offer the 25% discount in tuition for students (Grades K-6) enrolled full time.

Restaurant Fundraiser Event – Enjoy a meal and help out HTLS at the same time! Contact Alex Trabue at pto@htlc-bg.org for additional information.

Donato's (Cave Mill Rd Location) – Tuesday, September 14



Fall Break is scheduled for October 4-8.

In the Beginning: Our total enrollment in all grades at this time is 193 children from 151 different families. We still have a few spots in some classes for additional students. Help us spread that word in the community.

2021-2022 HTLS STAFF MEMBERS

Preschool 1	Joudly Terry, Teacher	2 nd Grade	Kali Rigsby, Teacher
Preschool 2	Taylor Guertin, Teacher	3 rd /4 th Grade	Bonny McGanney, Teacher
	Haley Ortiz, Aide	5 th /6 th Grade	Rachel Smith, Teacher
Preschool 3	Lindsay Phelps, Teacher	Art	Jill Willis
	Juanita Linhardt, Aide	Library	Melissa Nelson
Preschool 3/4	Madison Hancock, Teacher	Spanish	Cara Bedo
	Bronda Brown, Aide	Technology	Michael Parsley
Preschool 4	Jasmine Lee, Teacher	Physical Education	Brandalyn Reddick
	Connie Albert, Aide	Music	Pam Thurman
	Madison McCloughan, Teacher	Religion	Pastor Toopes, Teacher
	Jessica York, Aide		Pastor Press
Preschool Director:	Gretchen Bugsch	Kitchen Manager	Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E.
	Anu Khithie, Preschool Aide (floater)		Tracy Higgins
Kindergarten	Marty King, Teacher	Admissions	Jennifer Merkle, Aide
	Breanna Moser, Aide	PTO Chairperson	Maia Ford
1 st Grade	Melissa Mitchell, Teacher	School Secretary	Alex Trabue
	Vickie Perkins, Aide	School Director	Jennifer Whittamore
			Bill Hiskey, D.S.M.

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LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY TEAM

We also have an amazing group of Extended Care Aides and consistent volunteers that also offer great care to the students.

Extended Care Aides: Tyler Beyke, Kaitlyn Bobb, Gracie Broughton, Yoana Geis, Lauren Helmle, Haley McGee, Paxton Vaughn, and Avery Wilmurth

Volunteers: Joe Ertl, John Heinze, David Kleimola, Bob Otto, Phyllis Raymer, Glenn Schilke, and Bart White

TRAINING IN CHRIST: We are continuing with our “**Christ in Me**” Christian Character program. Each month we focus on a character trait and talk about what it means and how it applies to our daily walk. **September’s theme is Respect.** We will also be doing an activity once a month with the students as part of our morning assembly to help them understand the concept better. May God continue to use our school to impact this community for the sake of the Gospel.



OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

SEPTEMBER MISSION/MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

This month we celebrate the missionary work that **Kristen Schmaltz, M.D.** does in Guinea, West Africa. Her work is carried out under the organization “Community Health Program,” of which Kristen serves as director. CHP has a double goal of serving villagers in the areas of physical and spiritual health.

Kristen writes in a recent newsletter, “In a predominantly Muslim (85%) country, mission moments are highly valued. While training 12 local Village Healthcare Workers, the CHP team illustrated the concept of servant leadership by telling the story of a ‘Great Teacher’ who taught His 12 disciples by example when He washed their feet. Each day our team prays for godly direction, protection and discernment in sharing Jesus. And He responds with great blessings! Over 100 people from all walks of life have now been trained by our staff to help others as well as themselves. The CHP team supervises the people we train both in person and by phone, investing in relationships....loving our neighbors as ourselves as Jesus demonstrated and commanded.”

Please consider helping by praying for Dr. Schmaltz and by supporting her with your gifts. This can be done 1) by writing a check to Holy Trinity and noting “Schmaltz” in the memo line OR 2) by contributing through PushPay (Mission of the Month-Schmaltz). Incidentally, Kristen is the sister of our member, Kevin Schmaltz.

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YOUTH WORK NEWS

Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E. at (714) 944-8784



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JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS - We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Pastor Toopes if you have any questions.



MID-SOUTH DISTRICT RETREAT

Our section of the Mid-South District is holding a 3-day retreat at Camp Gardner Creek in Dixon, TN September 17-19. The theme is "*Our Hope and Future*", taken from Jeremiah 29:11-17.

The retreat begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, and ends at 10:00 .m. Sunday, Sept. 19. The cost is \$155, which includes five meals, two nights lodging, and all accommodations. For further information or reservations, contact Marsha Holm at 407-579-3860.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



JOIN NATIONAL LWML! LWML National yearly contributions of \$18.00 are due by SEPTEMBER 12. This includes a yearly subscription to the Lutheran Women's Quarterly Magazine. If paying by check, the check should be made out to "LWML". You may give payment directly to Claudine Stirn, place it in her mail slot at church, or mail it to her home address (534 Calumet Ct/Bowling Green, KY 42104).

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS - We have been busy tying quilt tops again. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (September 21) at 1:00 pm. in EO-202.

We usually quilt for two hours or less. Please park in the lot closest to the church office (where the flag pole is located). For more information about LWR quilting, please contact Helen Wicklander at 270-842-7190.

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**CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR
FALL LWML ZONE RALLY**

Our annual Fall Zone Rally will still be held on Saturday, October 2, but the location has been changed to Faith Lutheran Church in Hopkinsville, KY. No advance registration is required. In-person registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch. For car pool information, contact Marilyn Titschinger (270-777-0707).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES UPDATE

Thank all of you who so generously donated school supplies to aid Lutheran World Relief's world-wide distribution!! We will be assembling the kits at our next **His Helping Hands** gathering on Saturday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m. in EO-110. ALL confirmed ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us at this "work day" session!!

LOOKING AHEAD.....

1. The next Mid-South District LWML Convention will take place on June 23, 2022 at the Clarksville Convention Center in Clarksville, TN.
2. The next national LWML Convention will be June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI.



What do you do with your Portals of Prayer after you have finished using them? We would like to extend their use by recycling them.

The Salvation Army will happily take all of these that we bring to them. Please bring them to church and deposit them in the box in the Narthex marked for Portals of Prayer Recycle.

The latest issues of the **Women's Quarterly magazine** and the LWML League Letters are available in the Narthex for any lady that is interested in picking one up. You do not need to be part of LWML to have either of these magazines.



The Church & School will be **CLOSED**
Monday, September 6
for **Labor Day**

We will continue to have reduced **Office Hours** in the church office. The secretary, Dionne Milam, is has reduced stamina from all her health issues/surgeries. Thank you for all your prayers, patience, and cooperation. Please continue to pray for her full healing.

We intend to have the office hours be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. but there will be fluctuation due to doctor appointments and stamina issues. Dionne can monitor e-mails from her home. We have an answering machine so you can reach her via phone and she will call you once she is in the office.

Remember: contact information for the staff members is in the weekly bulletins, the monthly newsletters, and on the church website.

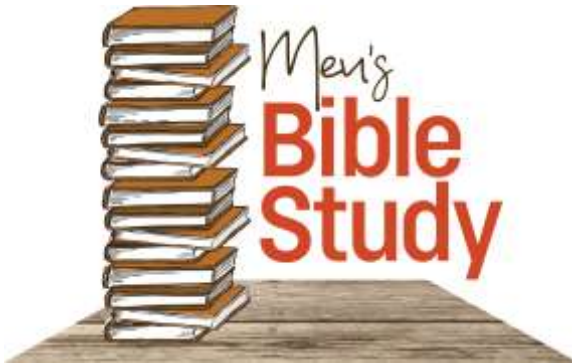
If you have a pastoral need please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117 or toopes57@gmail.com

All prayer concerns/praise reports on this date need to be sent to Marty King at marty.king6@gmail.com

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDIES RESUME!

PLEASE NOTE:

We will continue to have all participants enter through the church office entrance (located near the flag pole).



Life Light for Men – will resume their study on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. If you have questions please contact Dick Stirn at (270) 793-9991.



Life Light for Women – will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. in EO-110 to study the book of **Matthew – Part 1**. Please contact Bonnie Hansen by e-mail at all4now@twc.com or phone/text her at 270-495-1088 to get your workbook ordered for the class.



Rev. Shauen Trump, Regional Director of LCMS' Africa mission, will be present with us the weekend of September 25-26, preaching and leading Bible study at both the Smiths Grove and the Bowling Green site. Plan to be present to celebrate our church's outreach on that special occasion.



REMEMBER TO PRAY:

- For our members who are going to college whether here in town or in another town/state
- For the students attending WKU that will attend HTLC while here in Bowling Green





Concordia Publishing House (CPH) FALL BIBLE SALE

Whether you are looking to purchase your child's first Bible or update your study Bible, CPH has something for everyone.

The Sale goes through September 30 and offers discounts on:

The Lutheran Study Bible
 The Enduring Word Bible
 (with illustrations & wide margins)
 The Growing Faith Bible
 (designed for children aged 6-9)
 Lutheran Bible Companion
 Today's Light Devotional Bible
 Concordia's Complete Bible Handbook
 Faith Alive Bible
 and many more

To find out more about the Bibles and their sale prices please contact the church office at 270-843-9595.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

For a most timely message on truth in our lives, go to www.lhm.org, click on "Lutheran Hour" and you will find a link for "Blowing in the Wind", a message originally delivered by past Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Kenneth Klaus in 2003. You can read the message or (even better!) listen to Rev. Klaus' audio message.



OUR HELP – PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that "it can't happen here."

September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of "liberty and justice for all" served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that "though the earth should change" (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God's presence and power sustained you through life's changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

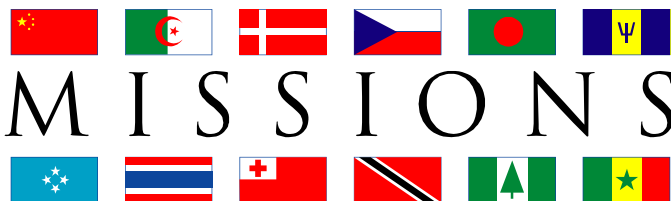


THANK YOU for your generous donations and memorial gifts to the **Altar Parament Fund**.

We have paraments for each season of the church and would like to purchase the matching banners. We encourage you to make gifts to the **Altar Linens/Parament Fund** and/or as **Memorials** for loved ones. The donated funds will be used to purchase banners, linens, and altar items. You may make donations to this fund at any time. You may wish to make donations as a memorial for a loved one and/or for celebrations of birthdays or wedding anniversaries, etc.

Make your checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and indicate on the memo line that the donation goes to the "Altar Parament Fund". Also, include a note if you wish the donation to be recognized as a memorial or other special event.

If you have any questions please contact one of the elders.



We would like to invite you to visit our blog
<http://lcmismidsouthdistrictmissions.blogspot.com>

We pray that our blog would be another way for members of the Mid-South District to view, learn, and celebrate God's worldwide mission of bringing the message of Jesus Christ to all people. We also pray that individuals from the congregation who went on mission trips this year will write up a post for the blog. Take a second to check out the posts on the blog. We would love to hear what you think, so be sure to let us know.



The new quarter of **Portals of Prayer** are in the narthex on the table by the bulletin boards.

NOTE: We order a certain amount of devotionals. If you want a copy and there aren't any available, please contact the church office at 843-9595.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Help support what matters most to you by directing Choice Dollars

- Designated Choice Dollars are based on qualifying insurance premiums, qualifying contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.
- Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of Lutheran organizations Nationwide, including our congregation and school, by visiting Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and saying 'Thrivent Choice'.

Potential amounts range from \$25 to \$500 for each eligible benefit member. If you have any questions or have difficulty directing your Choice Dollars, you can contact your local Thrivent Financial representative, Tammy Brown at 615-681-0265 or tammy.brown@thrivent.com



HTLC member, Kay Murphy, helps with training **Service Dogs for autistic children**. She will occasionally have these dogs in church so they learn how to behave in different situations. If you have any questions or know of a child that could benefit from a service dog please talk with Kay.



Holy Trinity has a **FAX MACHINE** for all those last minute – must get it to us items. The number is **843-7466**.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church & School are on the Internet.

Our websites are continually updated. The addresses are:

Web Site Addresses

Church

<http://www.holytrinity-lc.org>

School

www.HTLSBG.com

There are links on these sites to e-mail Pastor Toopes and Bill Hiskey.

The Sunday sermons are posted on the church website. Just click on the "Sermon Archive" option.



The church services are being **"lived streamed"** now. If you are homebound or away from town you can "join worship" from your computer via our Facebook page.

Our e-mail addresses are as follows:

Church e-mail address

dmilam@htlc-bq.org

School e-mail address

school.admin@htlc-bq.org

NOTE: Addresses are case sensitive and there are no spaces in the addresses.





Please be in prayer for these members/family members of Holy Trinity that are in the military. Their addresses are listed below so that you can send them a letter whenever you want to.

Caleb Goad, son of Dana Johnson, is in the Navy Military Police.

Goad, Caleb A.
1931 Hardway Ln
Bremerton, WA 98312

Jackson Heinze, son of John Heinze, is serving in the Air Force.

AB Heinze, Jackson, E.
323 TRS/Dorm 3A2 FLT 066
1320 TREUMPER ST. UNIT 369548
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6407

Jonathan Heinze, son of John Heinze, is serving in the Air Force.

Sgt. Jonathan Heinze

Jordan Heinze, son of John Heinze, is also serving in the Air Force. **NEW ADDRESS!**

Airman Jordan Heinze
10002 Village Green Drive
Shreveport, LA 71115-2814

Michael Schoettlin, cousin of Sarah Hiskey, is serving in the Air Force.

Senior Master Sergeant Michael Schoettlin
Davis-Monthan AFB
Tucson, AZ



OUR MEMBERS IN LONG-TERM NURSING CARE...

Joan Thomason



OUR MEMBERS THAT ARE HOMEBOUND...

**Harry Bequette, Greg Bergmann,
Herb Blaies, Neva Gielow,
Joe Hodges and Irma Lamm**

NOTE: Contact Pastor Toopes if you have questions about any of these members.



IN THE HOSPITAL LAST MONTH WAS... Carolyn Tarrence, Jeff Owens, Judy Sikes, and Mike Bryant. We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring her healing and strength.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jakob & Rachel Radford had a healthy baby girl, **Raeann**, on Thursday, July 22. The proud great grandmother is Carolyn Spiller.

Justin (former member) & **Kristina Schilke** had a healthy baby boy, **Beckett Waters**, on Friday, August 27. The proud grandparents are Glenn & Joyce Schilke.

***May God richly bless
these miracles of new life.***



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF...

Corey Zirbel in the death of his aunt, Karen Cunningham. Karen died on Thursday, July 22. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of printing.

Rev. Norman L. Groteluschen - Rev. Groteluschen served on the Mid-South District staff for many years and he died on Friday, July 23. Funeral services were held in Memphis, TN.

Steve Brooks in the death of his mother, Shirley Shingledecker. Shirley died on Thursday, August 12. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of printing.

Ron Zielke - Ron was a member of Holy Trinity of long standing and served the Lord in many capacities in the church. Ron died on Wednesday, August 25, at 87 years of age. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of printing.

***We commend
Corey, Megan, Georgie, A.J. Zirbel,
Steve Brooks,
Sheryl & Jim Morris,
Steven Zielke,
Jill, Aaron, Isaac, & Kathryn Goodwin,
and their families
to the comfort and compassion of our
Loving and Living Lord Jesus Christ.***

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER
 (First person/couple – 8:00 service
 Second person/couple – 10:30 service)

DATE NAME

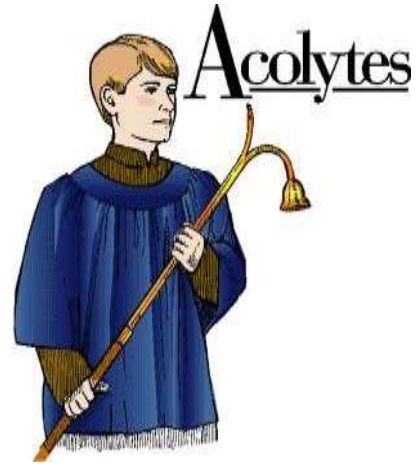
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 AS TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



READERS FOR SEPTEMBER
 (First person - 8:00 service
 Second person - 10:30 service)

DATE NAME

5	HILARY EVERSOLL HEATHER RATHERT
12	PETER BRANDT DAVID JURGENS
19	CINDY BRANDT SHERYL MORRIS
26	BART WHITE BOBBI WIEBBECKE



ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER
 (First person(s) - 8:00 service
 Second person(s) - 10:30 service)

DATE NAME

5	ELLA PAYNE BRENNAN RATHERT
12	RILEY MOORE SAYER PARSLEY
19	GRAY UNICK ZOE WITHERSPOON
26	SAMANTHA ULM EVA WHITE



**The Deadline
 to have
 Articles into the Office
 for the
 October Newsletter is
Wednesday, September 15**



SEPTEMBER



1	Leroy M. Kleimola	16	Joanna M. Howland
2	Steven E. Tarrence	18	Jay T. Davis
	Adam A. Maulden	19	Shirley R. Moore
6	Lois E. Nelson		Jeffrey D. Owens
	Kaylee F. Rathert		Noah R. Burns
	Elizabeth D. Britton	20	Christopher M. Veith
7	Carol C. White		Joelle K. Wennerberg
	Kevin S. Schmaltz	21	Robert E. Loggins
	Julee J. Newberg		Laurie J. Jurgens
	W. Brad Frock		Michael D. Bryant
8	Ronald W. Zielke		Brittany L. Hix
9	David G. Jurgens	22	Elaine M. Ford
	Katherine H. Maulden		O. Daniel Duarte
	Keegan Unick		Mckenzie L. Matthews
10	Veronica M. Loggins	23	Ron Crittenden
	Andrea M. Rathert		Tage Haase
	McKinley K. Marecle		Sonya E. Owens
11	Martha A. Lawrentz		Jamie A. Schultz
12	Darrell R. Burns	24	Candace L. Witherspoon
	Deon D. Duffey	26	Frank Kutschenreuter
13	Katie P. Fritz	27	Ronald W. Belek
14	Timothy L. Rathert		Alexander M. Ulm
	Kali M. Hansen	29	Geneva Bentley
15	Jodi K. Praxl		Steven G. Adams
	Catherine C. Towe		Bailey M. Wold
	Taliyah Byrd	30	Herbert O. Blaies, Jr.
	Payton E. Sherry		Jonathan A. Brown
	Korbin J. Wennerberg		Wolfgang W. Goad



1	Julian & Dorothy Heinze (3 rd)	15	Bruce & Bonnie Borth (42 nd)
2	Don & Judy Owens (60 th)		Todd & Julee Newberg (38 th)
5	Bill & Kathleen Parsons (57 th)	19	Randall & Shelly Olson (12 th)
	Jim & Sheryl Morris (40 th)	20	Jim & Jessica Davenport (18 th)
	Steven & Melissa Albert (12 th)	27	Tim & Heather Rathert (7 th)
12	Lynn & Carole Clark (62 nd)	30	Barry & Candace Witherspoon (21 st)
			William & Kelsey Kirk (4 th)