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## Trinity Tidings

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saints,

Greetings in the name of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and coming Savior Jesus Christ!

When Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517, it was perhaps the greatest movement of God's Spirit since the day of Pentecost and the conversion of Paul. I say that because it literally changed Europe.

Luther's theses sparked a religious debate that fractured Catholic Europe. Joined by other reformers like John Calvin and Henry VIII, the debate aimed at renewing the church quickly led to a revolution that had far-reaching political, intellectual and cultural impact not just on Europe, but also on the entire world.

When Luther chal-

lenged the authority of the pope, he insisted that the Bible alone is authoritative and should be in the hands of the people. Toward this end, Luther began translating the Bible into the language of the people. Today the Bible is translated into more than 3,000 languages.

In spite of God's word being accessible to all people, the world seems to be heading in the wrong direction. For instance, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century 80 million people died in World War I & II. In 1967, US News and World Report stated that since WW I & II there has been 12 limited wars, 39 political assassinations, 48 personal revolts, 74 rebellions for independence, 162 social revolutions—either political, economical, racial, or religious. In addition, wars were fought between Russia and Afghanistan, China

and Vietnam, Vietnam and Cambodia, Iraq and Iran, Iraq and Kuwait, in Bosnia and Serbia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria. Also we have witnessed numerous regional conflicts and violence in such places as Northern Ireland, South Africa, Lebanon, Israel, Azerbaijan, India, Panama, Peru, Colombia, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, and most recently Islamic terrorism seems capable of affecting people any and everywhere. Also on the domestic front, there is increasing crime rate, racism, drug epidemic, gang wars, corruption and idolatry.

Yes, the Reformation resulted in significant change, but at great cost of lives. Yet Europe grew more spiritual on all sides of the schism in addition to intellectual and cultural flourishing.

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**Our Mission:**  
"Seeing God's  
Plan,  
Answering God's  
Call,  
Doing God's  
Work"

## June/July Birthdays

### June

*Kathy Nevans* 21

*Erika Saccardi* 23

### July

*Linda Gippner* 1

*Inge Howard* 12

*Ken Riddell* 18

*Virginia Marple* 19



### 2017 Council Officers

Kathy Nevans  
*President*

Fred Hellman  
*Vice President*

Kris Riddell  
*Treasurer*

Diane Babbitt  
*Secretary*

Carolyn Tyler  
*Financial Secretary*

## Pastor's Article Cont'd

Such is the power of God who used one man to change the world. Although this was not the first time.

God continues to change the hearts and lives of human beings every day. In so doing, small changes occur in the world. Of course, we long for sweeping changes. But as my paternal grandmother used to say, "God's mill grinds slow, slow, but sure, sure" to suggest that we should leave the big changes to God and be faithful in our small corner of the world.

That leads me to issue this proclamation as we observe the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Hear ye, hear ye!

~Make a generous financial gift to Synod. Our goal is to raise \$500 in offering for the 2017 Synod Assembly by Sunday, June 4. However, if you have not contributed, we will take your gifts after this date.

~Beginning on Sunday, September 17 and culminating on Sunday, October 15, there will be a Sermon Series entitled SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION.

~Then in Bible Study on Wednesday evening of each week we will look

more closely at each of the SOLAS.

~Children's Message on each of these Sundays (Sept. 17 thru Oct. 15) will take the form of reading the story of **Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed The World.**

~On Sunday, October 29 we will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation with a Hymn Service to be followed by a potluck and for dessert we will share in a Diet of Worms Cake (MUD CAKE WITH WORMS). Begin researching recipes of Medieval Food in preparation for the potluck.

~On Wednesday, October 25 beginning at 5:00 p.m. we will have soup and bread dinner followed by the movie LUTHER by Joseph Fiennes in the sanctuary. We will not have choir practice that evening.

~Get a copy of *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* by Roland H. Bainton from the library or a used books store or purchase it new and read it. It will help with an understanding of the SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION. It is an easy and good read on the life and times of Martin Luther.

In Christ's service,  
Pastor C

## Council Highlights

1. Pastor on short vacation over Memorial weekend. Reverend Ashley Huber is guest preacher and presider
2. Congratulation to Jessilyn Reese on completion of her Master's Degree at Harvard
3. Synod Offering of \$500 to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation
4. Ramp will be installed in Fellowship Hall on June 3
5. Decision to purchase used lawn mower as an additional resource for lawn care
6. June 25 outdoor Hymn Sing Service

*Diane Babbitt, Council Secretary*

## Assisting Ministers

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- June 4 Kathy Nevans
- June 11 Bob Harvey
- June 18 Susan Marple
- June 25 Ken Riddell

### Readers

- June 4 Eleanor Kramer
- June 11 Doris Merrick
- June 18 Erika Saccardi
- June 25 Pat Welch

### Ushers

- June 4 Kirs Riddell &  
Anthony Saccardi
- June 11 Eleanor Kramer &  
Joyce McFadden
- June 18 Diane Babbitt &  
Jerry Nevans
- June 25 Eleanor Kramer &  
Anthony Saccardi

### Acolytes

- June 4 Samuel
- June 11 Nathanael
- June 18 Christopher
- June 25 Samuel

## Message from President

Last week Jerry and I had to opportunity to visit the east coast to see Jessilyn graduate with her Masters of Education. While there we visited Bar Harbor, Maine. I was fortunate enough when I was 14/15 years old to go on vacation with my aunt, uncle and cousin camping around New England and Canada. One of the most vivid memories I have is seeing the sunrise on Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park and saying I always wanted to share that experience with Jerry. So, last Sunday we awoke at 3:30 am, left the hotel at 3:45 and ascended to the top of Cadillac Mountain. We arrived at 4:15 and believe it or not we were not the first there. People were already staking out their places to see the sun rise at 4:54 am. Over the next half hour hundreds of others joined us as we anxiously awaited the rising sun. Finally, on the horizon there was a spark, and then another and another. The sun was rising and we were part of a group that were the first, in the continental United States to see the sun rise that glorious Sunday morning. The sparks came more frequently and suddenly, there before us was the sun rising, peeping over the horizon of the Atlantic Ocean. Within minutes the sun was half way over the horizon and shortly thereafter we could see the beautiful round sun with so many colors ahead of us that for me it is hard to describe.

While coming down the mountain a song from my teenage years popped into my mind, Pass It On and the lyrics took on so much more to me.

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone  
You want to pass it on



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## Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring  
 When all the trees are budding  
 The birds begin to sing  
 The flowers start their blooming  
 That's how it is with God's love  
 Once you've experienced it  
 You'll want to sing, it's fresh like spring  
 You'll want to pass it on

## Verse 3

I wish for you my friend  
 This happiness that I've found  
 You can depend on Him  
 It matters not where you're bound  
 I'll shout it from the mountain top  
 I want my world to know  
 The Lord of love has come to me  
 I want to pass it on

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As we enter the Pentecost season, the above words will stay with me. As we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers this Pentecost season, let's remember to Pass it on, His Love to those we love, to those we see, to those we pass in the streets, wherever. Let us share the love we have received and Pass It On. What a world this would be.....



Peace and Love,  
 Kathy

## Movie Nights

**Join us for our Annual Dinner and Movie Nights at 5:30 p.m. July 5, 12, 19 & 26**



MOVIE SERIES will feature some of the following movies: Noah, Exodus: Gods and Kings, The Prince of Egypt, The Young Messiah, The Apocalypse, Apostle Peter and the Last Supper, The Apostle Peter: Redemption, The Book of Esther, and One night with the king. We can only choose four from the list. Notice there are two on Moses (second and third), Peter, and Esther (last two).

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 July 9 Jackie Harvey  
 July 16 Bob Jones  
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 July 30 Susan Marple

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- July 2 Bob Jones  
 July 9 Morrie Carlson  
 July 16 Chris Gannan  
 July 23 Richard Miller  
 July 30 Kathy Musson

### Ushers

- July 2 Eleanor Kramer &  
 Kathy Musson  
 July 9 Kris Riddell &  
 Joyce McFadden  
 July 16 Eleanor Kramer &  
 Anthony Saccardi  
 July 23 Diane LaForte &  
 Theresa Tuttle  
 July 30 Diane Babbitt &  
 Jerry Nevans

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### Make It Green by Avani Desai

Lives are crying because it's not clean,  
 Earth is dying because it's not green...

Earth is our dear Mother, don't pollute it,  
 She gives us food and shelter, just salute it...

With Global Warming, it's in danger,  
 Let's save it by becoming a strong ranger...

With dying trees and animals, it's in sorrow,  
 Make green today and green tomorrow...

With melting snow, one day it will sink,  
 How can we save it, just think...

Trees are precious, preserve them,  
 Water is a treasure, reserve it...

Grow more trees, make Mother Earth green,  
 Reduce pollution and make her a Queen...



PEACE



**P** for placidity

**E** for equality

**A** for amity

**C** for calmness

**E** for ease

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**Food Trucks   Live Music   Family Fun**

**Wednesday June 7, 2017**

**5:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
7851 W 119th Street  
Overland Park, Kansas**



**Free Admission**

**Open to the Public**

**Bounce Houses**

**Games**

**Silent Auction**

**Wine and Jewelry Pull**

**Treats from Christmas Store Candy Ladies and More!**



**Metro Lutheran Ministry—Benefitting the 44th Annual Christmas Store**

## VBS



Theme: Maker Fun Factory

Date: July 31-August 4, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Lunch provided

Venue: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## Picnic

**On June 17, 2017** we will have a potluck honoring all fathers, families and the vacationing Pastor Tim Feiertag, eating around 5:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs, and drinks provided. Please bring a salad, veggie or dessert to share.



## Synod Assembly

2017 Theme

“Growing in Hope”

Central States Synod Assembly 2017 will be held on Thursday June 8 - Saturday June 10, 2017 at Adam's Mark Hotel & Convention Center, 9103 E 39th St., Kansas City, MO.

## TLCW

We are on vacation until **September 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** PLEASE continue to save BEST CHOICE UPC codes. Put them in the box on the table in the Narthex (front entry way). Thanks

*Pat Welch*



## Parish Nurse

Congratulations to all who are graduating, Jessilyn "Nevans" Reece graduating from Harvard with her Masters, Michael Babbitt graduating from Missouri Western College, and Mira Felzien graduating from Zumwalt College either grade to or the new graduation "retirement!" This goes out especially to Bob Harvey.

Our choir picnic was a success. We did hold it inside though, so our food and ourselves would not blow away! As always, consider singing with us next season.

This month many health items are lifted up-June 1 -July 4 is Fireworks Safety as well as Safety month in general. Other National Observances are Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness & Myasthenia Gravis Awareness to name a few. June 18-24 is Lightning Awareness week, July is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness and July 28 is World Hepatitis Awareness Day

Also, a reminder that we have lots of choices for walking and other exercise in Raytown when it gets too hot or rainy to be outside as well as yardwork at church. I know some of you are already helping.

Our shut-ins seem to be ok. Hope some of you were able to see Norma Phillips, Hollis Mundhenke, and Gertrude Rewoldt at church recently. Officer Wagstaff & Virginia Sembower from St. Matthews continue to improve as does Peggy Shoemaker who would love to hear from us. Her number is still the same and it is free to call.

An "at a boy" is due all BRT for the warmth and kindness shown to visitors. People that I meet are impressed by the caring and love we spread throughout our city. I am soooo proud to be a part of this fellowship!! Enjoy your summer whether traveling, going to summer school, working or any combination of these.

Upcoming:

June 7th Summer Breakout MLM

June 13 Shepherds' Center Flower Garden Tour

Summer movies in July

July 14 Thrivent night at the Royals

Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang summer play

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. (Psalm 8)

*Linda Hokenson*

## Prayer Chain

Alesa, Symantha and Makayla Edwards {friends of Megan Walsh}, Chris Green {Jenny Havermann's grandfather}, Karl Anderson {Tawanda's husband}, Dolly Darson {Samantha Cummings' mother}, Rachel Fleming {Home nurse of Megan Walsh}, Wanda Clemons, Martha Mitchel {Raymond Jones' sister}, Richard Miller, Chris Jones, Hollis Mundhenke, Les Tebbenkamp {Mary Burge's brother}, Mike Singh {Samantha's uncle}, Lucy Stillwell {Margaret Grote's mother}, Lisa Coan {Kathy Musson's friend}, Lois and Amy Chanslor {friends of Anne McCoy}, Deb and Larry Gonnello, Peggy Shoemaker, Rock Rickel {Susan's cousin}, Elden Grittman, Roy Javner {friend of Jerry Nevans}, Frances Smith, Rick Miller {Larry Moffitt's friend}, Bonnie Besch {Linda Gippner's sister-in-law}, Mary Kee, Vivian Moffitt, Norma Phillips, Cera Hawkins {Inge Howard's granddaughter}, Maureen Barnett Moore, Vitula Zimmerschied {Joyce McFadden's mother}, Bev Lavitt, Louise Latta {Linda Gippner's aunt}, Angela Beaman {Gonnello's daughter}, Jean Henderson, Pat Jones and Ruth Davis.

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This is a monthly publication of Blue Ridge Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Articles or information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the Church Office **by the 20<sup>th</sup>** of each month. Space limitations may require editing of material.

## Church Schedule

### Sundays:

Adult SS - in the Fall

Youth SS - in the Fall

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

### URGENT NEED OF PASTORAL CARE CALL:

Office:

816-353-5446

Pastor:

816-785-4006

## Church Staff

Orin W. Cummings  
*Pastor*

Jackie Harvey  
*Choir Director*

Mary Burge  
*Organist*

Bob Harvey  
*Contemporary Worship*

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