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Trinity Tidings

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saints,

“Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.”

It is September and that means the end of Summer or more accurately the beginning of a new year. If you have not noticed it, worship bulletin announcements have been carrying information about the startup of Sunday School, Choir, and Bible Study.

We look forward with anticipation to Fall program because it can be fun. The Bible is a sacred book, but it can be fun for children as they learn about themselves and God through characters of faith in **Sunday School**.

Beginning on Sunday,

September 9, Sunday School will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the Nursery. Bring children for Christian education, spiritual formation and mentorship. Since the class will conclude in time for 9:30 a.m. worship, it is important that children be punctual.

During my visit to Beautiful Savior Manor last Tuesday, Frances Smith asked if **choir** was back in session. I told her that choir resumes tomorrow. Then with an evocative smile she said, “I miss being there.” At once, it reminded me of my grandmother’s words: “Yuh nebbah miss de watah ’till de well run dry” meaning “Appreciate all the little things in life and your well will never run dry.” For Frances, singing in the choir was spiritual

work that was deeply fulfilling.

What does sacred song do for you? Change your mood? Comfort you? Relax and activate the pleasure center of your brain? If it does at least one of these, then you should consider singing in the choir.

Choir meets in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for one hour to joyfully and collectively raise our voices in preparation for worship on the Lord’s Day. We believe that our singing makes God happy. Seeing how much you enjoy the gospel in song makes us happy too. Therefore, come! Join in the fun and fellowship around sacred songs.

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Our Mission:
“Seeing God’s
Plan,
Answering God’s
Call,
Doing God’s
Work”

October Birthdays

- 1 Pam Miller
- 2 Anne McCoy
- 2 Greg Moffitt
- 3 Kris Riddell
- 5 Jan Felzien
- 6 Robert Jones
- 12 Ann Riddell
- 15 Louis Metcalf
- 19 Reid Marple
- 24 Elden Grittman
- 30 Cooper Rafter
- 31 Russ Musson
- 31 Sue Stufflebean



2018 Council Officers

Kathy Nevans
President

Vacant
Vice President

Kris Riddell
Treasurer

Diane Babbitt
Secretary

Carolyn Tyler
Financial Secretary

Pastor's Article Cont'd

No audition is required, but a willingness to sing to the glory of God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Recently, I told you that prayer is talking and listening to God. But the best way to listen to God is by reading and studying the Bible with believers. **Bible Study** resumes on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Nursery. Come with an open heart and mind to hear God speak, nurture and shape us for abundant life in a broken world.

For a few years now, ministry has been shaped by yearlong focus on **Stewardship**. This year Morrie Carlson has been asking the congregation to consider two questions: Why am I at BRT? and Why give to BRT? Each answer has been unique

and has pleasantly surprised me.

Beginning Sunday, September 16 through Sunday, October 14, we will take a comprehensive look at Stewardship from the pulpit guided by this scripture verse: "You are so rich in all you have: in faith, speech, and knowledge, in



your eagerness to help and in your love for us. And so we want you to be generous also in this service of love" – 2 Corinthians 8:7 (GNT).

As we begin this unofficial new church year, I wish to thank you for your 2018 **commitment** and invite you to prayerfully recommit

yourselves to the Lord. Sunday, October 14 is the day set aside for Commitment—a time to examine our 2018 promises to God and make new promises for 2019 as we mutually build up one another in the body of Christ and for the good of our neighbor.

Finally, on Sunday, September 30 there will be united worship at St Matthew's at 11:00 a.m. Also, it will be a special occasion to celebrate the 90th birthday of Richard Miller. Then, on the last Sunday in October we will celebrate **Reformation 501**.

A blessed Labor Day weekend to all!

In Christ's service,

Pastor C

September Birthdays

- 11 Frank Stufflebean
- 12 Samuel Cummings
- 13 Cecil Gannan
- 26 Beverly Lavitt
- 28 Michael Hokenson
- 29 Jackie Harvey



September Worship Assistants

Assisting Ministers

- Sep. 2 Kathy Nevans
 Sep. 9 Jackie Harvey
 Sep. 16 Bob Jones
 Sep. 23 Jerry Nevans
 Sep. 30 UNITED SERVICE

Readers

- Sep. 2 Eleanor Kramer
 Sep. 9 Morrie Carlson
 Sep. 16 Susan Marple
 Sep. 23 Kris Gannan
 Sep. 30 Bob Jones

Ushers

- Sep. 2 Jerry Nevans
 Sep. 9 Diane Babbitt &
 Joyce McFadden
 Sep. 16 Kris Riddell
 Sep. 23 Eleanor Kramer &
 Kathy Musson
 Sep. 30 UNITED SERVICE

Acolytes

- Sep. 2 Nathanael C.
 Sep. 9 Samuel C.
 Sep. 16 Nathanael C.
 Sep. 23 Samuel C.
 Sep. 30 UNITED SERVICE

An article for your reading pleasure

In celebration of Labor Day, I give you a selection from:

A Treatise on Good Works
 by
 Dr. Martin Luther, 1520

We ought first to know that there are no good works except those which God has commanded, even as there is no sin except that which God has forbidden. Therefore whoever wishes to know and to do good works needs nothing else than to know God's commandments. Thus Christ says, Matthew xix, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." And when the young man asks Him, Matthew xix, what he shall do that he may inherit eternal life, Christ sets before him naught else but the Ten Commandments. Accordingly, we must learn how to distinguish among good works from the Commandments of God, and not from the appearance, the magnitude, or the number of the works themselves, nor from the judgment of men or of human law or custom, as we see has been done and still is done, because we are blind and despise the divine Commandments.

The first and highest, the most precious of all good works is faith in Christ, as He says, John vi. When the Jews asked Him: "What shall we do that we may work the works of God?" He answered: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent." When we hear or preach this word, we hasten over it and deem it a very little thing and easy to do, whereas we ought here to pause a long time and to ponder it well. For in this work all good works must be done and receive from it the inflow of their goodness, like a loan. This we must put bluntly, that men may understand it.

We find many who pray, fast, establish endowments, do this or that, lead a good life before men, and yet if you should ask them whether they are sure that what they do pleases God, they say, "No"; they do not know, or they doubt. And there are some very learned men, who mislead them, and say that it is not necessary to be sure of this; and yet, on the other hand, these same men do nothing else but teach good works. Now all these works are done outside of faith, therefore they are nothing and altogether dead. For as their conscience stands toward God and as it believes, so also are the works which grow out of it. Now they have no faith, no good conscience toward God, therefore the works lack their head, and all their life and goodness is nothing. Hence it comes that when I exalt faith and reject such works done without faith, they accuse me of forbidding good works, when in truth I am trying hard to teach real good works of faith.

Works of Martin Luther, Trans. & Eds. Adolph Spaeth, L.D. Reed, Henry Eyster Jacobs, et Al. (Philadelphia: A. J. Holman Company, 1915), Vol. 1, pp. 173ff.

Conference Gatherings

Reformation 501

Sharing the Good News of God's Grace!

Even though we observed the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation last year, we will still have something to say to the world this year and in the coming year and in the year after that . . .

Because we have Good News for sharing

Sunday (Everyone welcome) 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Monday (Rostered Ministers & Parish Ministry Associates) 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Activities

Welcome & Introductions

Mission Project

Team 500 DVD

Worship

Meal (provided by a grant from Team 500)

Bishop's Election Task Force update

On Monday morning, rostered ministers and Parish Ministry Associates are invited to meet with synod staff for **Bible Study and Bagels from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** with a brief communion service to conclude the morning.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars.

Sunday, October 28 **Salem, Lenexa**

Monday, October 29 **Atonement, Overland Park**

Prayer Chain

Cliff Jones {Assistant Director – Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus}, Vivian Moffitt, LeRoy Felzien, Nancy Engel, Megan Walsh, Charles Owens {son-in-law of Mamie Robinson}, Richard Miller, Randy York {Friend of Theresa Tuttle}, Mary Kee, Frank Martin {Wanda Clemons' brother}, Jaxon Liam Carroll {Felzien's great grandson}, Will Babbitt {Diane Babbitt's husband}, Mary Gonnello, Karl Anderson {Tawanda's husband}, Martha Mitchel {Raymond Jones' sister}, Les Tebbenkamp {Mary Burge's brother}, Mike Singh {Samantha's uncle}, Lisa Coan {Kathy Musson's friend}, Scott Maxon {friend of Anne McCoy}, Deb and Larry Gonnello, Rick Miller {Larry Moffitt's friend}, Bonnie Besch {Linda Gippner's sister-in-law}, Cera Hawkins {Inge Howard's granddaughter}, Norma Phillips, Vitula Zimmerschied {Joyce McFadden's mother}, Peggy Shoemaker, Elden Grittman, Roy Javner {friend of Jerry Nevans}, Frances Smith, Hollis Mundhenke, Bev Lavitt, Louise Latta {Linda Gippner's aunt}, Angela Beaman {Gonnello's daughter}, Jean Henderson, and Pat Jones.



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Oct. 14 Bob Harvey

Oct. 21 Bob Jones

Oct. 28 Ken Riddell

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Wow! The summer has zipped by and school is again in session. May all have a successful year. We have stayed busy here all summer with our outreach such as serving breakfast, passing out produce, preparing and delivering lunches, helping Fleetridge Elementary, gathering back to school supplies, etc. Also, had a jolly time with Vacation Bible School (I again helped served the meal and clean up), celebrated a milestone for Pastor's ordination, and had combined service with St. Matthews Episcopal church. The Boy Scout/Cub Scouts had their respective camps. Their Court(s) of Honor will be coming up soon along with recruitment at the grade schools. Our Girl Scout Troop remains small but mighty. The folks, who practiced here, put on a great play " South Pacific" this summer. I continue to volunteer at Starlight to help make money for the Arts Council who help put the play on each year. Many more volunteer things went on.. to all a great THANK YOU.!

I have done little visiting this summer to the homebound; however, Care Team, friends and family have kept us current. Ann Riddell and I did go to visit our Head Nurse, Eunice Lynn. She is doing well. Apparently goes out on Mondays with her daughter to play pinochle.

Now we are getting set to begin our programs here at BRT-Sunday school, choir, Bible study to name a few.

Healthfinder.gov has a multitude of items to consider in September and October.... at least 35 listings in Sept. and 31 in Oct. There is Sepsis Awareness, Suicide Prevention, and Atrial Fibrillation Month as well as Red Ribbon Week for the students. Then, Oct 21st is National Check Your Meds Day. Another resource is Skillbuilders --These sessions are designed for widows, widowers and caregivers; however, anyone may attend. They are being held at Palmer Center 218 North Pleasant, Independence, MO They are also held in Platte Co. and on the Kansas side. I plan to get a flyer for the sessions. There is no charge or registration required. The time frame is 9:30-9:45 coffee and greet, then 9:45-11:30 for program. The first session is titled "I to WE to Me- Making Solo Decisions" There is a footnote that if the Independence schools are out due to inclement weather, these sessions will not be held.

If you read Christ in our Home, Sept. 16-30 is written by Brian Hiortdahl, who is a pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas.

Upcoming events: Mum Sale for St. Matthews
 Candy making and sale from our church ladies
 Trash bags still available
 Scouting for Food
 Volunteer recognition for MLM volunteers (I need to read the info again)
 Skillbuilders Sept. 18-Nov.20

Christ our healer, inspire us to see the needs of others and care for them as you care for us —
 Kathryn A. Kleinhans Wartburg College.

Gracious God, guide me to make the most of the time you've given me. In Christ's name. Amen.
 Timothy K. Snyder- Instructor at Wartburg Theological Seminary

Linda Hokenson

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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 20th** of each month. Space limitations may require editing of material.

Church Schedule

Sundays:

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

URGENT NEED OF PASTORAL CARE CALL:

Office:

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Pastor:

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Church Staff

Orin W. Cummings
Pastor

Jackie Harvey
Choir Director

Mary Burge
Organist

Bob Harvey
Contemporary Worship

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September

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| Sunday Morning Schedule 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship | | | | | | |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 15 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service |  | | 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7:00 p.m. Cubs | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Traditional Service | 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 9:30 a.m. Care Team  | 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7:00 p.m. Cubs | OFFICE CLOSED | 8:00 a.m. St Matthew's Men's Breakfast |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 17 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Blended Service | 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 1:30 p.m. TLCW 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting | 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7:00 p.m. Cubs | Boy Scouts Campout at BRT OFFICE CLOSED | Flying Solo – St Matthew's Boy Scouts Campout at BRT |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 18 th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Brief Liturgical Service | 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 11:00 a.m. Ruth Circle Luncheon  | 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7:00 p.m. Cubs | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| 30 | | | | | | |
| 19 th Sun after PENTECOST 11:00 a.m. UNITED SERVICE at St. Matthew's | | | | | | |



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| 20th Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service | 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 9:30 a.m. Care Team  | 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7:00 p.m. Cubs | OFFICE CLOSED | 8:00 a.m. St Matthew's Men's Breakfast |
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| 21st Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Traditional Service | 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 1:30 p.m. TLCW 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting | 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7:00 p.m. Cubs | OFFICE CLOSED | Flying Solo – St Matthew's |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 22nd Sun after PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Blended Service | 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 11:00 a.m. Ruth Circle Luncheon  | 10:00 a.m. Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7:00 p.m. Cubs | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| 28 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Brief Liturgical Service | 7:00 p.m. Scouts |  | | | | |