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Four Good Reasons Not to Read the Bible Literally

Or: Lutheran Notes for Your Summer Reading

A statistic stopped me in my tracks recently. About three in ten Americans read the Bible literally. That is, they read it as if it were a history textbook or a science manual or a piece of investigative journalism that happens to involve a lot of beards.

Lutherans, generally speaking, don't read the Bible that way. And summer, when many of you might actually pick up your Bible alongside a beach read or a back-porch novel, seems like a good time to say why.

Because here's the thing. Somewhere along the way, *literal* became shorthand for *serious*. As if the only way to take the Bible seriously is to read it like a court transcript. As if Christians who don't read every story that way are somehow softer, sneakier, or less faithful.

I don't think that's right. In fact, I think it's almost exactly backwards. Karl Barth, arguably the greatest theologian of the twentieth century, once said, "*I take the Bible too seriously to read it literally*." Let me offer four reasons why he, and most Christians across most of history, would have said the same.

1. The Bible Does Not Claim to Be Inerrant.

This may come as a surprise, but it's true. Nowhere in its 30,000+ verses does the Bible claim to be factually inerrant. That is, free of error in matters of history, science, or geography. *Inerrant* isn't a word the Bible uses about itself. It isn't a word the church used about itself for most of its history, either. It was coined in the middle of the 19th century, largely as a defensive counter-move against the increased practice of reading the Bible in its historical context.

The verse literalists most often point to is 2 Timothy 3:16: "*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness*." Notice what it says, and what it doesn't. Scripture is *inspired*. It is *useful*. Nothing about being a science textbook.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meramec Bluffs Gathering
Wednesday, June 3 & July 1

American Kantorei Concert
Sunday, June 7

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, June 14

Egypt Trip Info Zoom
Tuesday, June 16

Church Office Closed
Friday, June 19

Gateway180 Sort Donations
Friday, June 19 & July 17

Vacation Bible School
June 22 - June 26

Trinity Book Group
Monday, June 22 & July 27

Gateway180 Dinner
Saturday, June 27 & July 25

Church Office Closed
July 3-4

Lantern Hill Trip
July 11 - July 18

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the August Trinitell is July 15. Email articles or information to Nicole Maloy at **communications@tlc-stl.org** or mail to Trinity.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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We use the word *inspired* all the time. We use it to describe a painting, a Chopin sonata, a sermon (one hopes). What ties the wild, sprawling, sixty-six-book library of the Bible together may be precisely that. Each book is written out of its author's inspired encounter with the living God.

2. Reading the Bible Literally Actually Distorts Its Witness.

The four Gospels tell the story of Jesus with shared bones and different fingerprints. Matthew, Mark, and Luke put Jesus' clearing of the Temple near the end of his ministry. John puts it right at the beginning. Faced with that difference, literal readers usually do one of two things. They panic and conclude the Bible isn't trustworthy, or they perform some impressive theological gymnastics, deciding, for example, that Jesus must have chased the moneychangers out *twice*, an event none of the Gospels actually record.

Both moves assume that what the Gospel writers were really after was journalism. But Lutherans tend to think the biblical authors weren't filing copy for the morning paper. They were *confessing their faith*. So when John tells the Temple story differently, the question isn't "who got it right?" It's "what is John trying to tell us?" In this case: that Jesus is the new Passover Lamb (John 1:36), and once his ministry begins, the whole system of Temple sacrifice is already on its way out.

That's not a mistake to be reconciled. That's a clue worth following.

3. Most Christians, Across Most of History, Didn't Read It Literally Either.

St. Augustine, one of the towering minds of the early church, almost didn't become a Christian because he assumed he had to believe Jonah was literally inside a literal whale for literally three days. It was Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, who introduced him to the possibility of reading biblical stories metaphorically and theologically. Only then could Augustine take the Bible (and the Christians who read it) seriously.

Martin Luther put it this way. The central purpose of the Bible is not to give us a history lesson but to "drive Christ." That is, to set before us, again and again, the truth that God's love is most clearly revealed in Jesus.

The notion that *true* must mean "factually accurate in every detail" is largely a post-Enlightenment idea. For most of Christian history, *true* meant something deeper, bigger, and longer-lasting. The truth of Christ raised from the dead, for instance, is not a smaller truth than the truth of two plus two. It is an infinitely bigger one.

4. A Literal Bible Quietly Undermines What the Bible Says About God.

Read the Bible for any length of time and you'll notice something. Most of the heroes are a mess. Abraham passes his wife off as his sister, *twice*, to save his own skin. Moses is a murderer. David sleeps around. Peter denies Jesus three times before the rooster has even finished its coffee. The "heroes of the faith," almost without exception, are complicated people with feet of clay.

And that, beloved, is the *point*. The God of the Bible regularly uses ordinary, flawed, sometimes spectacularly broken people to accomplish extraordinary things. The Apostle Paul calls us "jars of clay" carrying an extraordinary treasure (2 Cor. 4:7). Read the Bible as a flat, supernatural, otherworldly document, and you quietly turn it into the opposite of what it claims to be. It becomes a record of magic, rather than the messy, miraculous story of God working through people who look an awful lot like us.

Including, of course, you and me.

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Four Things to Pack with the Bible This Summer

So if your summer reading pile includes the Bible (and I hope it does), pack these four things alongside it:

- *Truth is bigger than fact.*
- *Differences in the stories aren't bugs; they're features.*
- *God uses ordinary, flawed people (including the one holding this newsletter) to do extraordinary things.*
- *Reading the Bible takes us deeper, not flatter.*

Happy reading. Take your time. Argue with it. Underline it. Get confused by it. Let it confuse you. The Bible wasn't given to us to be a coffee-table coaster of indisputable facts. It was given, as Luther said, to *drive Christ* into our hearts, our questions, our summer afternoons, and our ordinary, jar-of-clay lives.

And of course… I'll see you in Church!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Chris

IT'S SUMMER BREAK AT TRINITY!

Please continue to join us in worship on Sunday mornings all summer at 10 am.

Taking a summer break:
Adult Forum, Choir, Nursery Child Care & Sunday School.

All will return on Rally Day in September!

WORSHIP WITH US

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

Our 10:00 AM worship service is available in person and online via our Trinity YouTube Channel. If you are unable to watch at 10:00 AM, you may view the services online at your convenience. To watch our worship services, please click **HERE**.

PASTOR EMERITUS REPORT

Roy Christell
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"Is there room for me?"
That's a question people might ask when they've been invited to a popular venue. Sometimes a concert has standing room only. I remember being invited to a professional basketball game. What the person didn't tell me was that we had "Standing Room" tickets. Which meant no seat! So we wandered around behind the rows of people who had seats to find a place where we could see the court.
"Is there room for me?"

"Is there a place for me?"
This version of the question might be asked when they've been invited to join a group or a club. Sometimes a group just wants numbers but doesn't actually want a person to be themselves and offer their "*opinion*," "*contribution*" or anything more than just showing up. I was asked once to be on a board simply to fill a slot, but it was clear everyone had a role to play except me. I wasn't actually sure why I was invited because there was no "*place*" for someone like me.
"Is there a place for me?"

These questions could be addressed to a congregation, a community of faith, even a small group within a congregation. Do we have enough "*room*" for people to join us in worship, in a study group, in an activity or service? Do we expect people to join us and are we ready to both welcome **AND** incorporate them? Are we willing to have people bring their whole selves, their participation, their opinions, their history and perspectives, their commitments and innovations? Are we ready to be "*different*" than we used to be because that someone new is joining us?

I think of the disciples who first followed Jesus. It seems to me Jesus chose them for their differences as much as what they might have had in common. Jesus seemed to relish in bringing this diverse group of followers together. We know some of them were devote and devotedly religious. We also know some of them were "outsiders." (*Think Matthew, previously a tax collector*) We know at least one of them was of a radical opinion and life style. (*Think Simon, the zealot*) We know some of them had "*issues*" which were hard to overcome. (*Think Mary, from whom Jesus drove out demons which had troubled her*). Still, with Jesus there was not only "*room enough*" for each of them and all of them. With Jesus, there was a "*place for each of them and all of them".*

Think about Trinity Church. There is room for you.
Think about Trinity Church. What is your place in this community of believers?
Think about someone who you might invite to join us here. Can you imagine enough room for them? Can you imagine a place for them? If so, welcome them to join us here!

(Each One Invite One)

Pastor Roy

CONFIRMATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

Rylan Baumgart
Gabriel DeLauter
Samuel Haddox
Alexis Henderson
Owen Hughes
Adelina Johnson
Owen Larsen
Quinn Maguire
Glenn (Ollie) Schnarr

MAY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: May 19, 2026

Present: Pastor Chris Naig, Jeff Haferkamp, Dave Luethy, Mike Hower, Elaine Larson, John Engle, Dan Fry, Eric Halter, Maureen Hoppin, Sasi Jeyarajan, Gene Kerr, Mikki Lee, and Jim Mueller.

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Elaine Larson

Approval of April Minutes: Approved.

President's Report—Jeff Haferkamp

- **Cleanup activities**. An ad hoc committee is organizing ground cleanup. Mike Sharitz will keep a list of volunteers for short-notice work and two major clean ups are planned for the spring and fall.
- **Program review**. The next Annual Key Program review will be at the June meeting when we will invite Christy Cole to discuss the Preschool.
- **Solar scoping**. The church is exploring whether rooftop solar could pay for itself.
- **Strategic plan intro**. See Pastor's Report.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris

- **Strategic plan status**. The plan grew out of Pastor's Lenten discernment and discussions with the staff and several members. Staff responded positively. Council members are asked to read and give feedback; fall listening sessions with the congregation are planned, with the goal of a finalized, fully transparent plan by year-end.
- **Preschool survey**. Christy Cole's annual parent survey was distributed to the council; results were very positive.
- **Dinner Groups**. Building on the strategic-plan discussion, the council will restart dinner groups, intentionally including preschool families, with a possible launch this fall.
- **Livestream issue**. Wirecast is malfunctioning, disrupting live streaming. A proposed fix is hopeful by Thursday.
- **Facilities/Synod**. No water leaks after current rains! Synod assembly is June 6.

Treasurer's Report—Mike Hower

- Mike Hower presented the April treasurer's report showing Trinity in good financial condition.

Youth Program Update—Rebecca Henderson

- Rebecca Henderson reported on the relaunched youth program with the goal of one event per month, expanding participation and building relationships before instruction.
- Council is strongly encouraging investing more in the youth program and open to increasing the budget as needed.

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Cemetery Landscaping Project—Fred Meyland-Smith

- Fred Meyland-Smith presented a comprehensive plan to beautify the entire cemetery coordinating with Pastor Chris, Mike Sharitz, Kathie Haferkamp (Columbarium Chair), and Jeff. The objective is to make a year-round blooming, low maintenance, low cost, lasting asset to the Trinity campus.
- Council voted unanimously to approve the plans as presented and forwarded by the Columbarium Committee.

New Business—

- June: Meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 8:30 am. Christy Cole will present an update on the preschool program.
- July: No Council Meeting.

Next Meeting

- Sunday, June 14, 2025 at 8:30 am in the Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Detailed monthly financial reports are available upon request.
Contact Mike Hower at **how-hep@msn.com**

STATUS OF ENVELOPE GIVING THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Budget through 4/30/26	$186,683
Actual Giving through 4/30/26	$162,430
Surplus (Shortfall)	($24,253)

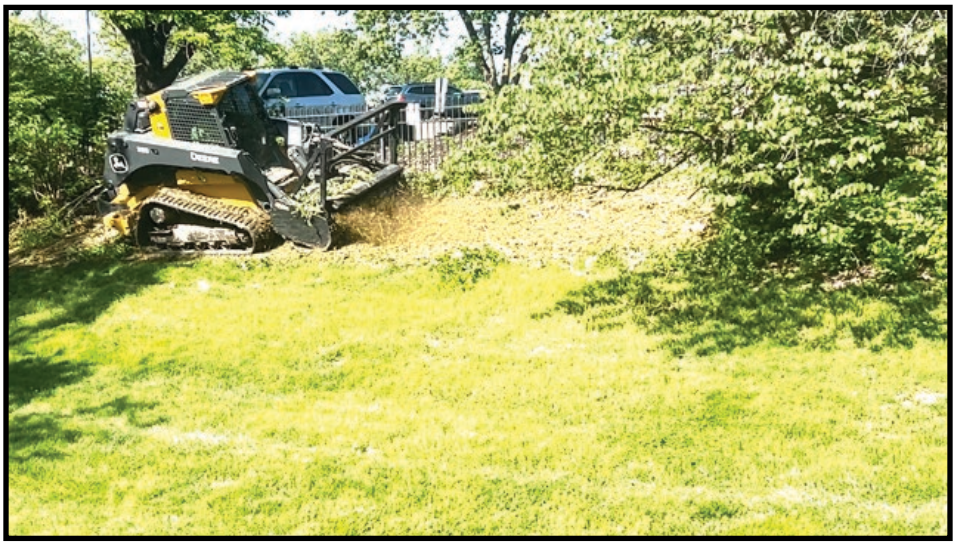
FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz
facility@tlc-stl.org

This month we saw a significant amount of work performed in the cemetery. Coordinated by Fred Meyland-Smith, D's Tree Service removed several tress, cleaned the edge of the cemetery from honeysuckle and removed undergrowth. This is in preparation for the full landscaping plan later in the fall. There is one more effort of cleanup planned soon. Notice the the columbarium is now completely visible from the parking lot. Fred has presented the landscape plan to the columbarium committee and now it moves on to council. In addition, a quote has been requested for installing an irrigation system in the cemetery. Take a walk through the cemetery and see the change.

Thanks to Jeff Hafferkamp, Ron Jones, Fred Meyland-Smith, Rick Lee, Jon Trettle and Steve Paquette for their help in clean up of the preschool playground and surrounding area.

Mike Sharitz
Facilities Manager



YOUTH LEADER

Rebecca Henderson
yly@tlc-stl.org

The month of May is always a busy time for school age kids and their families. The youth of Trinity are definitely no exception to that! On top of the end-of-school year activities, many of our youth were confirmed on Sunday May 3rd. This affirmation of their baptism was such an inspiring service. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to watch the service on YouTube. The statements these young people made were nothing short of inspiring. I promise their words will give you some hope in the future of our church and the world outside of it.

We also have several youths who are graduating from high school this month. What a privilege it has been to watch these kids grow over the years. We will all enjoy our time with them this summer before they head off into the world. As it always does, I'm sure this summer will go by quickly.

YLY's next event is Mini Golf and Snow Cones on Saturday, June 20th from 5:45-8:00pm. We will play miniature golf and enjoy shaved ice treats! Comfy clothes and bug spray recommended.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions at YLY@tlc-stl.org. Thank you!

Rebecca Henderson,
Youth LEADing youth Coordinator

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stacey Drake
kidsministry@tlc-stl.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26, 2026
9 AM - NOON

We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School on June 22-26! Thank you so much to those of you who registered your camper(s) and/or signed up to volunteer! It is going to be a fun week full of fun and faith!

Save the date! Rally Day is going to be on September 13.

Stacey Drake,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

VBS SERVICE PROJECT

Snowed in Snacks for Circle of Concern

Circle of Concern is a food pantry located in Valley Park that serves approximately 2,000 individuals in west St. Louis County each month. Circle's mission is to feed the hungry and provide assistance to low-income families living in our community.

Our VBS service project is to collect snacks for clients at Circle of Concern. We will have collection bins in the Atrium during June. Please help our VBS students by filling up our snack collection bins.

SNACK SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Cans of Soup
- Cans of Pasta
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pancake Mix
- Apple Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Granola Bars
- Honey
- Vegetable Oil
- Olive Oil

Best of Egypt: Walk in the Footsteps of Moses & the Holy Family with Trinity Lutheran and Rev. Chris Naig.

January 12 - 22, 2027

$3,490 + Airfare

Included: 10 nights in 5-star hotels (Double Occupancy); Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily; Entrance fees to all sites; All ground transportation in a private tour bus; Domestic flights in Egypt

NOT included: Gratuities for Guide, Driver, Hotels, Restaurants; Airfare; Personal expenses; travel insurance.

Itinerary-

12 JAN – Departure from USA
13 JAN – Arrival in Cairo
14 JAN – Pyramids of Giza & Grand Egyptian Museum
15 JAN – Coptic Cairo
16 JAN – Flight to Luxor & Start of Nile Cruise
17 JAN – West Bank of Luxor & Sail to Esna
18 JAN – Edfu & Kom Ombo Temples
19 JAN – Philae Temple & Nubian Village (Aswan)
20 JAN – Travel to St. Catherine (Sinai)
21 JAN – Mount Sinai & St. Catherine's Monastery
22 JAN – Departure or Jordan Extension

4-Day Jordan Program: Petra, Mount Nebo & Amman
Day 1: Arrival in Petra – Explore the Rose-Red City
Day 2: Petra – Mount Nebo – Madaba – Amman
Day 3: Amman City Tour
Day 4: Departure

Hope you can join me in Egypt and Jordan for this great expericance. More details in the link below. Peace, Chris

https://www.eliastours.com/tours/best-of-egypt-walk-in-the-footsteps-of-moses-the-holy-family-with-rev-chris-naig

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2026-2027
Registration Now Open

WE PROVIDE

- Classes for Ages 16 Months - 5 Years
- Christ-Centered Curriculum
- Play Based Approach to Learning
- Handwriting Without Tears Program
- Junior Kindergarten Program
- Child-Initiated Learning Experiences
- Age Appropriate Music Instruction Taught by a Dedicated Teacher
- Low Student to Teacher Ratio
- A Caring and Nurturing Atmosphere
- STEAM-based Program for all students

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For more information, contact us at

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Soloists, Chorus, and Orchestra
Dr. Maurice Boyer, Conductor
BACH
Alles nur nach Gottes Willen, BWV 72
Nur jedem das Seine, BWV 163
Du Hirte Israel, BWV 104
Sunday, June 7
3:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017
FREE to the public
free will donations will benefit Gateway180, one of Trinity's five core missions
American-Kantorei.org
2025 - 2026 Season

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, June 8
Monday, July 13
8:30 AM
Trinity Kitchen

Gateway180 is one of Trinity's 5 core missions. As part of our mission to support Gateway180, once a month we assemble Brown Bag lunches and prepare Sloppy Joes to support the homeless served by Gateway180.

Our next Gateway Brown Bag & Sloppy Joe session is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 8:30 am in the Trinity kitchen. If you would like to help out, you can click **HERE** to sign up to volunteer or you can contact Ken Hardebeck at **Lhardebeck@aol.com** or 314-605-4970. Thank you!

HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, June 19
Friday, July 17
9:00 AM
Meet in Trinity Atrium

Thanks to valuable partners, Gateway180 receives donations of food, clothing, personal care items, etc. for their clients. Once the donations are received, they are sorted and organized. A dedicated group has developed a well-organized system for managing donations but needs some help.

We are looking for volunteers to join us at Gateway180 on Friday, June 19 to sort donations. We will meet at Trinity at 9:00 am to carpool to Gateway180. If there is enough interest, we may stop for lunch on our way back. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy Gaal at **kgaal@sbcglobal.net** or 314-540-2690.

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

PREPARE AND SERVE DINNER FOR GATEWAY180

Saturday, June 27
Saturday, July 25
2:30 PM
Trinity Kitchen

Volunteers are needed to help with a dinner for Gateway180, a shelter supporting women, children, and families experiencing homelessness. They provide safe, nurturing emergency shelter and offer supportive housing programs that empower adults and families to become independent and permanently housed.

- The event takes place Saturday, June 27 & July 25, and involves meal preparation at Trinity at 2:30 pm, followed by serving the meal at Gateway180.
- Meal prep: Starts at 2:30 pm, finished by 4:00 p.m.
- Serving at Gateway180: Depart Trinity at 4:00 pm, return around 7:00 pm.You can choose to only prepare or only serve—whatever fits your schedule.
- No experience needed; support will be provided

To volunteer or learn more, contact Kathy Gaal at **kgaal@sbcglobal.net** or 314-540-2690. Further details will be shared after sign-up.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PICKUP DONUTS

We are looking for volunteers to pick up pre-paid donuts from Schnucks on Sunday mornings. Contact Amy Jones at **office@tlc-stl.org**.

BIBLICAL CONVERSATION

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM
in Room 123

Trinity offers a Biblical Conversation on Tuesday mornings. Led by Pastor Chris, this is a chance to share thoughts and dig deeper into the readings for the upcoming Sunday Worship Service. These Biblical Conversations are open to everyone! Please plan to join us for this weekly conversation.

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Lantern Hill Mission Trip
- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- Summer Enrichment for Lantern Hill
- Gateway180 Lunch Bag Assembly
- Gateway180 Monthly Dinners
- VBS Supplies
- God's Work. Our Hands.

Remember, if you are a Thrivent member, you have access to funds to use for your favorite service project or fundraiser! Contact Corlyn Salisbury, **salisbury04@gmail.com** if you'd like to help.

NOT A THRIVENT MEMBER?

You can join for $19.95 and become a member

Did you know that anyone can pay $19.95 to become a Thrivent member? This membership cost allows you to apply for 1 Thrivent card per year, valued at $250.

The **application** is simple and it's a good deal for those who want to apply to Thrivent cards for our Trinity mission projects.

Christie Tietjen is willing to walk interested people through the application process. Please contact Christie at **Christiejjcm@gmail.com** for further information.

SOUP ASSEMBLY SESSION

Sunday, July 19
11:15 am in the Gym

We will be Assembling Soup Kits to Restock the Meals Do Matter Soup Kit Basket

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

MEALS AVAILABLE

We Have Meals in the MDM Freezer!
We have two serving and four serving meals available. **Bring a meal to someone in need.** Please reach out to someone you know who could use a meal. And, as always, remember to remind them that:

THEY MATTER TO YOU AND THEY MATTER TO GOD!

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

JUNE
TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, June 22
11:30 am in Room 123
"Theo of Golden"
by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger arrives in the small southern city of Golden. No one knows where he has come from…or why… His name is Theo. And he asks a lot more questions than he answers. Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another.

All are welcome to bring a lunch and join our discussion

Reading ahead:

Monday, July 27
"When Cranes Fly South"
by Lisa Ridzen

All are invited. Questions? Contact Karen Johnson at **mrsdrjx5@gmail.com**.

JULY
TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, July 27
11:30 am in Room 123
"When Cranes Fly South"
by Lisa Ridzen

Bo is running out of time. Yet time is one of the few things he's got left. These days, his quiet existence is broken up only by daily visits from his home care team. Fortunately, he still has his beloved elkhound Sixten to keep him company … though now his son, with whom Bo has had a rocky relationship, insists upon taking the dog away, claiming that Bo has grown too old to properly care for him. The threat of losing Sixten stirs up a whirlwind of emotion, leading Bo to take stock of his life, his relationships, and the imperfect way he's expressed his love over the years.

All are welcome to bring a lunch and join our discussion

Reading ahead:

Monday, August 24
"London Falling"
by Patrick Radden Keefe

All are invited. Questions? Contact Karen Johnson at **mrsdrjx5@gmail.com**.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Christian DeLauter
Lafayette High School

Isa Pico
Parkway West High School

Isa will attend Carthage College in Kenosha, WI majoring in physical therapy.

Jon Schnarr
Parkway Central High School

Jon will attend STL Community College.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Paige Halter
University of Missouri-Columbia

Paige graduated with a BS degree from the school of Journalism with a minor in Meteorology. Paige works at KMTV in Omaha, NE.

Sam Herrmann
University of Missouri-Columbia

Sam earned his degree in Information Technology from the University of Missouri Columbia. He will be working for Fibersmith in Columbia.

Connor Jones
Butler University

Connor graduated from Butler University with a Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication.

Aamon Naig
The University of Kansas

Aamon graduated with a degree in finance from The University of Kansas and is working at Alcove Development in Lawrence, KS.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to Rebecca Henderson and Jenny Larsen for helping to plant for the Preschool garden.
- Thank you to Mark Harper for his design and 3D printing of the bricks for Lantern Hill.

A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS CONCERT

Presented by the Trinity Concert Series, A Festival of Hymns, featuring the Marshall String Quartet and the Trinity Choir performed on Sunday, May 17, 2026 in support of Meals Do Matter. Thanks to your generous donations, the concert raised $5,805. We sincerely appreciate your support!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Valerie Fry 6/1
Emily Bruening 6/3
Mike Long 6/4
Kristen Hughes 6/5
Greg Jones 6/5
Bonnie Kerr 6/5
Sabrina Straub 6/6
Avery Thelen 6/6
Melanie Brenton 6/7
Judy Fee 6/7
Maci Johnson 6/7
Gracie Steinmeyer 6/7
Logan Thomas 6/7
David Wolf 6/7
Judy Sieve 6/10
Evan Halter 6/13
Lynn Sapp 6/14
Dianne Kovash 6/15
Drew Sobey 6/15
Claudia Pico 6/17
Jon Schnarr, Jr. 6/18
Greg Smith 6/19
Heidi Hope 6/20
Laura Neary 6/20
Juliana Smith 6/20
David Thelen 6/20
Dorcas McLaughlin 6/22
Earl Lindenberg 6/23
Serena McManus 6/23
Natalie McManus 6/24
Deborah Palmer 6/24
Catherine Tietjen 6/24
Caroline Cox 6/25
Delores Kennedy 6/25
Sharon Mertz 6/25
Dorothy Norland 6/25
Rhonda Patrick 6/25
Arabella Huschka 6/27
Scarlett Tietjen 6/27
Jude Parrish 6/28
Elisa Thelen 6/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Zack & Rebecca Henderson 6/3/2006
Mike Hower & Mary Hepperly 6/5/1980
Dale & Karen Henselmeier 6/8/1974
Mike & Mary Alice Long 6/111961
Matthew & Kristen Maisel 6/12/2004
Harry & Genie Mueller 6/12/1976
Rick & Mikki Lee 6/13/1985
Tim & Paula Mortenson 6/14/1986
Graeme & Willa Allen 6/18/2011
Craig & Lissa Hildreth 6/18/1983
Brian & Ashley Parrish 6/18/2011
Jim & Dana Wilhite 6/19/1982
Ken & Lisa Hardebeck 6/20/1986
Bob & Debbie LePoire 6/22/1974
Todd & Nicole Maloy 6/24/2000
Christopher & Kristen Hughes 6/25/2005

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Erika Anstine 7/2
Eric DeLauter 7/2
Bob Hick 7/3
Barb Trettel 7/3
Ruth Hughes 7/6
Becky Minogue 7/6
Cindy Anderson 7/7
Remington Dunn 7/7
Andrew Mortenson 7/7
Edmund Evans 7/8
Bette Cataldo 7/10
Gary Berger 7/11
Michelle Halter 7/17
Laura Mueller 7/17
Kathy Gaal 7/18
Lacey LeMay 7/20
Glenda Partlow 7/21
Bob Francis 7/22
Maureen Hoppin 7/23
Jeff Haferkamp 7/25
Jonathan Owen 7/25
Julianna Rourke 7/25
Arlene Meyer 7/27
Genie Mueller 7/27
Gene Kerr 7/29
Gene Hagen 7/30
Paige Halter 7/30
Stanley Nadar 7/30
Jessica Tietjen 7/30
Jade Hall 7/31
Franklin Schnarr 7/31
Phil Steinmeyer 7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Pam Franke 7/7/1983
Eric Flattem & Laura Neary 7/8/2006
Tom & Lou Ann Ditchfield 7/9/1977
Matt & Tina Johnson 7/10/1999
Scott & Peggy Miller 7/12/1987
Bill Melchior & Karen Person 7/14/2001
Tom & Lonna Ellsworth 7/15/1989
Miguel & Claudia Pico 7/17/2004
Renato & Bette Cataldo 7/22/1989
Dave & Becky Luethy 7/23/1983
Rob & Mary Harper 7/27/1985
Morris & Elaine Larson 7/30/1977
Tom & Becky Minogue 7/30/1977

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

PRAYERS FROM MAY 2026

Thanksgiving and praise for....In celebration for all students graduating from high school and college this month; The birth of Chester Elijah Sasi (brother to Chessie and son to Sasi and Cheryl), born April 28, 2026

Please pray for...

Rich Wolf, Eric Halter, Mary Alice Long, Mike Long, Shelly Allen (Graeme Allen's mom), Jonathan Fruendt and his family (uncle of Rebecca Henderson), George Holtzman, Carolyn Majeski (Betty Forde's mother), Alyssa Haufschild (friend of Eric Flattem and Laura Neary), Issac Haufschild (friend of Eric Flattem and Laura Neary), Dan Thompson (friend of Mike Sharitz), The Grelle Family (family friends of Megan Green (preschool teacher), Susan Adameck (friend of Paul Pohlers), Lois (Judy Sieve's sister), Harold Hagermann (Judy Sieve's uncle), Sandi Thorp, Dorothy Wilhite, Angie Hild Anderson (Sharon Hild's daughter), Andrew Jaycobsmeyer (family friend of Rick and Mikki Lee), Pete Stirling (Parkway West coach and friend to many at Trinity), Gina (friend of Lori Roseman), Kent Melton, Judy Sieve, Diane (Judy Sieve's sister), Steve Hagemann (Judy Sieve's cousin), Kat Rourke, Gary Mertz (brother of Sharon Mertz), Mike Long, Jim Stewart, Daniel Paquette (brother of Steve Paquette), Tammy Surfus Cayer (Sharon Hild's godchild), Jill Leary (friend of Christy Cole and Amy Jones), Garry Melton (son of Kent and Audrey Melton), Tomi Nevin (sister of Patsy Sobey), Kina Jordan (niece of Patsy Sobey), Loretta Lofgren, Mike Calcagno, Richard, Sharon Mertz, Christie Tietjen, Greg Hild, Richard Leimgruber

For the family and friends of ... Khusanjon Mukhammadov (classmate of Rylan Baumgart, Gabe DeLauter, and Alexis Henderson in the Crestview Middle School) who passed away unexpectedly May 5, 2026

Those serving our country...Seth Allison (grandson of Audrey and Kent Melton)

To make a prayer request...

- Call the church office-636-227-5432.
- Email **office@tlc-stl.org**.
- Prayers remain on the list for two weeks and may be renewed by request.

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