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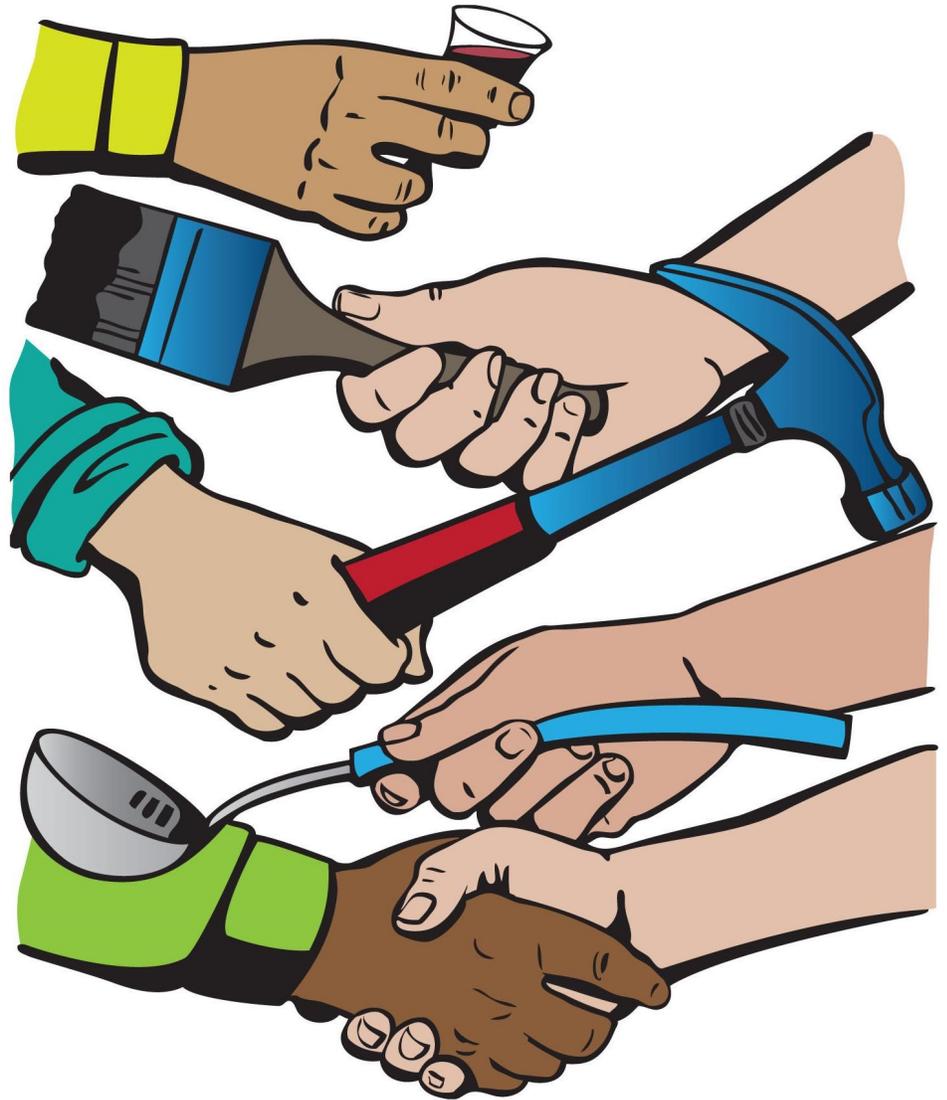
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*"Therefore, if anyone is  
in Christ, the new  
creation has come:  
The old has gone, the  
new is here!"*

— 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

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**God's Work. Our Hands.**

**September 7, 8, & 11**

**See page 8.**

# FROM PASTOR AARON



**T**his month, Deacon Chris and I are working together to create a new way of learning and growing in Christ in our congregation:

***the Word of the Month!*** Each month, we

are going to examine a word that is connected to God and our faith, and talk about it in a variety of ways through emails each Wednesday. The hope is that by focusing on a “church-y” word that we may not totally understand and thinking about how we would define or consider it, we can grow a little more deeply in our connection to God.

Here’s an example from my story:

I have always wondered about the word “Faith.” Growing up in a Lutheran church, I heard often that we were saved by faith, or, from confirmation, justified by faith through grace. And there came a point right around college where I wondered, do I have faith? What does it feel like? What does it act like? What is faith?

So, I did what I thought would be helpful. I looked it up in the dictionary. From Merriam-Webster:

**(1): belief and trust in and loyalty to God**

**(2): belief in the traditional doctrines of a religion**

Really exciting definitions, right? I wondered if I knew enough, believed enough, trusted enough, and on and on. I tried asking people I knew about their definition of faith, but their answers were vague and hard to understand. And so I stayed a little confused.

And then I was invited to help plan out synod youth events, which meant working with people my age who had similar questions. The first gathering included t-shirts with this quote:

***Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.***

— Hebrews 11:1

All of a sudden, I understood faith in a new way. Not just making sure I believe the right things, but instead to have hope. To be assured and certain, to hold to God even when I can’t see what God might be doing. I still find myself reading books and articles that talk about faith in different ways, and I love hearing stories from people when they talk about their faith and how God has guided that in their lives.

So, may this “word of the month” allow you to learn and dive deeper into the incredible language of God and our faith!



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*Peace,*

*Pastor Aaron Richter*

# WORSHIP

## SCHEDULE for SEPTEMBER

<b>Aug 31</b>	5:00pm	Communion Asst Reader	Mary Langenes Bobbie White
<b>Sept 1</b>	8:30am	Assisting Minister Reader	Ken Weber Cheryl Martin
	11:00am	Assisting Minister Reader	Isabella Garcia Lindy Hammerstrom
<b>Sept 7</b>	5:00pm	Communion Asst Reader	Mary Gandolfo Mary Gandolfo
<b>Sept 8</b>	10:00am	Assisting Minister Reader	Walter Brown Lois Glazener
<b>Sept 14</b>	5:00pm	Communion Asst Reader	Robin Koch Bobbie White
<b>Sept 15</b>	8:30am	Assisting Minister Reader	Emilie Crow Mary Langenes
	11:00am	Assisting Minister Reader	Debbie Roberts Barb Wade
<b>Sept 21</b>	5:00pm	Communion Asst Reader	Marshall Gomez Kathy Beierle
<b>Sept 22</b>	8:30am	Assisting Minister Reader	Tom O'Berg Amy Beierle
	11:00am	Assisting Minister Reader	Doug Hammerstrom Cody Whitaker
<b>Sept 28</b>	5:00pm	Communion Asst Reader	Mickey Sanders Gayle Maltby
<b>Sept 29</b>	8:30am	Assisting Minister Reader	Rose-Marie Smith John Schultz
	11:00am	Assisting Minister Reader	Dean Neuzil Ruth Garcia

Click the Audio Icon  
to listen to the  
latest sermon.



### This Month's Scripture Lessons

- Sept 1:** Proverbs 25:6-7  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14
- Sept 8:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33
- Sept 15:** Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10
- Sept 22:** Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13
- Sept 29:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

### Altar Guild

Nancy Hendricks, Lisa Andersen,  
Sharon St. Clair

# Triumphant Ministry Teams



## Servant Outreach

Amy Coronado

### God's Work. Our Hands.

See page 8 or [click here](#) for details on our annual service weekend! We hope you can join us by participating in one or more of these service opportunities. We are looking forward to working together as a congregation to serve others!

In addition to the projects over the weekend, we will continue our service to others by joining our community to help landscape Army Sgt LisaMarie Wiley's specially-adapted, custom home. Homes For Our Troops held the kickoff event for the build here at Triumphant in February, and this is a great opportunity to help with this special home. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt and lunch. For more information and to sign up for this event, [click here](#).



## Early Childhood Programs

Marilyn Winters

As we enter into a new fall session, the Early Childhood Programs continue to have a positive impact on families within our community.

Director Kristin Miller and the Preschool staff hosted an open house on August 28 and 29. The fall session begins on September 3 as they welcome new and returning students. We have two new teachers joining our staff. Let's welcome Kristina Stallworth and Val Harrison to TLP!

Director Vernell Theilengerdes and the Mother's Day Out staff will begin their fall session on September 4, and they are ready for another fun and exciting year. In the past few months, MDO has said goodbye to two of their staff members. Melanie Mattingly left in May, and Mary Nadler retired in June after 10 years of service. We thank them for their service to TLC and wish them both the

best! We want to welcome Nancy Medellin to our MDO team as she begins work with the babies. Her 4-year-old twin sons also attend MDO.

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For additional information about these programs, send an email to either [Kristin Miller](#) or [Vernell Theilengerdes](#), or visit the [church website](#).



## Property and Resources

Jackie Mitchell

Greetings! It has been a long, hot summer and your help with the grounds work is truly appreciated. Upcoming projects include:

- Sat, Sept 7, 8am: Cleaning all tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall. Gloves and supplies will be provided. I recommend you wear old clothes.
- Sun, Sept 8, after worship & lunch: Window and door cleaning for God's Work, Our Hands. Bring water hoses, if you can.
- Sat, Sept 14, 8am: Mowing, weeding, pressure washing, and some sprinkler work. Please come and join in!



## Stewardship

John Schultz

Let's play "Let's pretend." Pretend that you can have anything that you desire. What would you select?

For many people, money would be the number one choice. Even though wealth is transitory, even though armored cars do not follow hearses, even though we leave all behind when we die, people still want money. As Solomon observed, "Death and destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of man" (Prov. 27:20).

For others, fame would be at the top of their list. They equate being well-known and admired by others as what's most important in life. Still others seek power and control, while some long to be beautiful and popular.

Very few, though, would deliberately choose to be a servant, even a servant of the most high God. The role of a servant is not one to which we aspire. Most people want to be served rather than to serve.

What do you want to be? A servant for the sake of Christ and the Gospel or something else? Even if your vocation

# Triumphant Ministry Teams

is “something else,” you can still be God’s servant at work, at home, and here at Triumphant Lutheran Church. In the light of eternity, there is no higher calling than to serve God.

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Ken Smith

## Worship and Music

1 Peter 4:10 says, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

The ministry of the Altar Guild is deeply rooted in Scripture and church history. Altar Guilds serve the clergy and the congregation by preparing the Sanctuary for services and sacraments. Altar Guilds prepare the church and altar table for worship, much in the same way we prepare our homes for family and guests on special days. This includes:

- setting the table with communion bread and wine
- preparing the vessels, linens, and vestments
- organizing the sacristy for storing items we use
- hanging seasonal frontals, falls, and banners

By serving the church in this important ministry, you also develop connections and friendships with other church members, working as a team to nurture and deepen your faith. We have been ably served by these behind-the-scenes lay ministers. If you are interested in serving God and your church as a member of the TLC Altar Guild, please send an email to [Paula Salazar](mailto:Paula.Salazar@triumphantlutheran.com).



Aaron Theilengerdes

## Discipleship

See page 10.

## Congregational Life

**OPEN POSITION**



Jerry Guebard

## Ministry Support

- Have started the process of putting the 2020 budget together. We have heard that the cost of medical insurance will rise by about 4%. Marilyn Winters and I will be meeting with the ministry teams to get their input. The annual meeting will be November 17.
- Continuing to put together a power point presentation for TLC’s 40th anniversary at our Oktoberfest event (see page 9). If you have any old pictures of church events, I would love to see them.
- The Stewardship committee is planning for the future of TLC. All members have to understand that we need everyone’s support as we look forward to 2020 and the many programs that we would like to support as a church. Think of all the wonderful opportunities that are available through increased financial support.



Nancy Molter

## Evangelism

Did you know that the Evangelism team is responsible for reaching out to the community to let them know about how we are growing in Christ to serve others? We do this by print, digital, and social media advertising. This past year, Pastor Aaron has been creating ads for Facebook that can be targeted to a variety of different populations in our community. Facebook can reach as many as 93,000 people with just one posting and for only about \$50! Amazing. We are continuing our usual print ads for key events but are also doing "informational articles" that are in the digital version of the NE Herald. This allows us to add pictures and a story about our key activities that highlight how inviting we are in the church. Our next project will be to develop some directional signs for outside so that it is easier for people to know which parking lot is best for the event they are attending at TLC. If you are interested in this type of marketing, we could use your help with these projects. Just let me know.

# Serve Others, Serve God



By Rose-Marie Smith

Recently in my devotions and studies, I have been coming across many verses concerning comfort. God is talking about comforting His people --- comforting them through others. But by whom? The dictionary defines 'comfort' this way – “to soothe in distress or sorrow; ease misery or grief; bring consolation or hope to.”

The Stephen Ministry motto is “God caring for people through people!” This resonates true throughout life. God blesses in different ways through different people. For example, if a family has a financial need, the church may pull together to help with groceries, money for bills, etc. Or perhaps a child is sick, then God will bring someone to that person to help and encourage them – to pray with and for them.

**Stephen  
Ministry: God  
caring for  
people  
through  
people!**

We were recently in the hospital with my 95-year-old mother-in-law who had fallen. She was frightened, worried, and anxious. A hospital chaplain came into the room and asked if he could pray with us. She was glad to meet another Christian, and after prayer, her relief, calm, and peace was quite evident. Even the attending, believing nurses and volunteers brought much comfort and joy.

In a grocery store the other day, I ran into a young mother with 3 young children who were making her frustrated and frazzled. I went over and after a few minutes of calmly engaging them all in conversation and a few encouraging words, the atmosphere and perspective of all had changed. As we separated to go on our merry ways, the mother reached out, touched my arm and said, “Thank you. There aren’t many people who would do that.” I merely smiled and moved on, but it brought tears to my eyes. I had considered it a small thing, but was reminded that nothing is small when done out of love. Whenever something is done out of love, it is our loving and caring God working through us.

There is no doubt in my mind that God works through others. Through His many spiritually gifted people, He comforts, helps, and guides. Many are professionals like doctors and nurses, lawyers, counselors, and pastors, but many more are merely anyone else who is available to help their fellow man. Have you been comforted by someone special recently? Have you read a poem or story which touched your heart? Did someone help you out when you were sick? It was God comforting you in His special way – through His people.

Stephen Ministers are trained to be that cup of cold water (Matthew 25:35-40) to someone who is hurting. Truly, any one of us is called to reach out with the compassion and care of Christ to those who are suffering. Reflect Christ’s hope and encouragement through your presence and willingness to listen with your heart. Extend His own love to another. Be aware of needs surrounding you and have the boldness to act. When you serve the suffering, you are serving our Lord. Simply, there are times when life is not about us.

# Just Show Up

So what do you consider to be the primary prerequisite for being a friend? Who would jump out of bed and come assist you — no hesitation, no matter the time of day or night, and no unnecessary questions asked — if you were in an accident or felt really bad and needed to get to a hospital? Or what if the shoes were reversed? For whom would you do that? By the way, what is it that you or they are doing? Answer: For you, being a friend means that you would just show up and help, or just be there. You might not have any great words of wisdom, or if you thought you did, maybe you would just keep them to yourself. Somebody who comes to your aid without hesitation or qualification, now that's a friend.



When a learned Jew asked, by way of testing Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?,” Jesus responded by saying, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul — and your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10: 25-27) With respect to the neighbor part, Jesus was telling the man that loving your neighbor means being a friend — a real friend. Sometimes it means just showing up.

We are a community at Triumphant, a community that has internalized that we will “Grow in Christ to Serve Others.” We will be like Christ as well as we can, or more colloquially, as best we can. We understand or are trying to understand that by acting as a Christian, we may be the only look at Jesus that some folks have that day. We “Grow in Christ” by participating in worship, by continually learning the way of discipleship, and by adopting the way of servanthood. Sometimes being a servant just means being a friend, and sometimes being a friend means you just show up. Really not so hard when you keep it simple, is it? If you have not already done so, come join a ministry team to “Grow in Christ to Serve Others.” Just Show Up.

## Welcome, New Members



**Kevin (not pictured) and Kathy Black** have lived in the area for several years. Kathy works for the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital in the medical center in San Antonio. She plans on joining the TLC Choir this fall. Kevin often works weekends, but will be at church when he has a Sunday off. Look for them at the 8:30 service.

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**Leroy and Brenda Albrecht** both grew up Lutheran and have lived in San Antonio for many years. They are good friends of TLC members Gloria and Melvin Kreisler. Leroy is retired from City Public Service and Brenda is retired from running the day care and school at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. They enjoy travelling and recently visited Las Vegas. They usually attend the 11:00 service.

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral and End-of-Life Decisions Class

Between Sunday services on September 1, 15, & 22  
In the Gathering Place

Pastor Aaron will lead this class on preparing for difficult end-of-life decisions. The class will cover the Christian understanding of death, funeral planning, and conveying your wishes in conversations with loved ones.

## Confirmation Pool Party

Sunday, September 1 from 12:15 — 2:30pm

At Jim & Allison Moreland's house  
9622 Primrose in Garden Ridge

Confirmation students and their parents are invited to a fall kickoff pool party at the Moreland's house. It's a chance for the confirmands to play and eat together, and for the parents to get to know each other. Lunch will be provided.



## TLC Office Closed

Monday, September 2

The church office will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

## WNL Resumes

Wednesday, September 4

Dinner at 5:45pm, Activities begin at 6:30pm

Wednesday Nite Live is back! From September through May, join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner followed by a variety of activities, such as

Prayer Team (at 5pm), Choir practice, Confirmation class, and Elementary and High School classes.

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## God's Work. Our Hands.

September 7, 8, and 11

Sept 7 at 5pm — Worship Service

Sept 8 at 10am — Worship Service

Sept 8 at 11am — Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

After lunch, we will join thousands of other ELCA churches across the nation in serving their local and global communities. Choose from a variety of opportunities for kids, youth, and adults:

- New Braunfels Food Bank Warehouse Sorting: Saturday, September 7 from 8:45 - 11am. Sign up by September 1 for this project.
- New Braunfels Food Bank Kitchen Table Pantry: Saturday, September 7 from 8:15am - noon. Sign up by September 1 for this project.
- Bake cookies for First Responders: Sat, Sept. 7 from 2pm - 5pm and Sunday, September 8.
- Paint Kindness Rocks to encourage and inspire others: Sunday, September 8.
- Blessing Bags for the Homeless: Sunday, September 8. We are collecting items for the bags through Wed, Sept 4 and will put them together on Sept. 8. See the Narthex display.
- Trulight127, a foster care ministry: Sunday, September 8. We will help build a new pantry.
- Sodalis Assisted Living Facility: Sunday, September 8. Visit our community seniors.
- TLC Grounds Projects: Sunday, September 8. Clean up and beautify the church property.
- Homes For Our Troops: Wed, Sept 11 (see page 4). Landscaping Sgt. LisaMarie Wiley's new home. [Sign up through the HFOT website here.](#)

[Click here for more details and to sign up with SignUpGenius.](#)

# More Upcoming Events

## Primetimers' Luncheon

Monday, Sept 9 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Summer break is over, so Primetimers' Luncheons are back for those who are over 60 or better! Join us for our Fall Kickoff Luncheon. See you there!

## Mission Trip Shareholders' Meal

Sunday, September 29  
at 9:45am

In the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to come hear all about the Senior High Youth's summer mission trip to Marvell, Arkansas. See the photos and hear the life-changing stories from the trip. The youth will serve breakfast tacos and fruit as their way of thanking all of you for your financial, spiritual, and prayerful support. RSVP is requested, but not required, to [Deacon Chris](#).



## TLC 101

Sunday, September 29 at 12:15pm

In the Gathering Place

Are you interested in learning more about the ministries of TLC and/or how to become a member of the church family? The class includes a light lunch, a time for us to get to know you and your family (and vice versa), and connecting with the ministries and opportunities at TLC.

To RSVP, [send an email to Sharilyn Krauss](#) so we can plan for childcare and food.



## Financial Peace University

For 9 weeks on Sundays at 4pm, beginning on October 13, come learn how to make positive changes to your financial future. [Email Rob Crow for more details](#). More info coming soon!

## Oktoberfest & 40th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 19

Event: 4pm — 8pm

BBQ Dinner Served: 4:30pm — 7:30pm



Dinner Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 13. Tickets can now be purchased through the Tithe.ly app on your phone or the [church website](#) (a small fee applies) and you can pick up your tickets upon arrival at Oktoberfest. They will also be for sale before and after worship services a few weeks before Oktoberfest.

Come enjoy this FREE-admission community event, benefitting the TLC Youth Ministry and the Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation, and featuring Live Music by The Bohemian Dutchmen and kids' activities. Enter the drawing for a handmade quilt. The popular Dessert Silent Auction returns this year. You will have the opportunity to bid on delicious homemade goodies created by some of TLC's best bakers. And Creative Blessings will have their handmade crafts for sale as well (see page 11).

You can help ensure the financial success of Oktoberfest by donating funds to offset our expenses. Here are some of the categories you can help sponsor: brisket, sausage, side dishes, bouncy houses, polka band, beer, security, and supplies. Thank you for your help!

**Volunteers will also be needed for Oktoberfest to be a success. Please consider volunteering to help with ticket sales, food prep/service, grounds prep, children's games, Dessert Silent Auction, set up/clean up, or in the biergarten! Look for the volunteer signup display in the Narthex later this month. Thank you!**

Questions? Send an email to [John Gallo](#).



## In Loving Memory

**Kenneth Webster**

October 30, 1948

— July 31, 2019

**W**hile surrounded by family, TLC member Kenneth W. Webster went to join the Lord on July 31, 2019 in New Braunfels, Texas, after a very short battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Toni, and their son, Alex; his son, Kenneth (Angela); his son, Matt; and grandchildren, Talia, Quinn, and Emilee; and his brothers, David and Max. He is preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Louise Webster.

Ken was born in Alexandria, Louisiana. After a 22-year career in the United States Air Force, where he served in both the enlisted and officer corps, Kenneth pursued many professional passions. However, he chose to retire 5 years ago to enjoy his most rewarding profession — that of a full-time dad, chauffeur, mentor, and committed community volunteer as Canyon Middle School PTA President, an integral member of the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Friends of Garden Ridge Library.

His interests were many: auto racing, motorcycle riding with his brothers, traveling, reading, and annual family South Padre beach trips. Ken was a fabulous cook and loved hosting gatherings to try out his newest culinary finds. His accomplishments include receiving his MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi, earning his private pilot's license, attaining his certification as a National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence Master Technician, and successfully operating his own business. He was a talented ultra-runner accomplishing ten 100-milers, more than 40 ultra-marathons, and innumerable marathons and shorter distance races, to include his favorite, the Crescent City Classic.

Ken will be remembered for his love of family, steadfast support to his friends in any circumstance, kindness and generosity to those in need, and for his open and willing heart.

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# Discipleship News

By Aaron Theilengerdes

Another friendly reminder that the TLC ministries, nine of them, will be in the “spotlight” beginning this fall and continuing into 2020. Discipleship will be the first ministry to present its programs in the Narthex before and after Saturday services on August 31 and September 7, and Sunday services on September 1 and September 15.

## TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A NEW FAITH JOURNEY.

We invite and encourage you to come, look, and see how the Discipleship Ministries serves our community of faith. There will be two members of the Discipleship Team present to answer questions you may have regarding our 13 discipleship programs (with more to come in the near future), and also to listen to suggestions you may have.

This is an opportunity to see where you may want to serve. Maybe you have heard the call to serve, but did not know how to get involved. We'd like to show you a few possibilities available to you to answer that call. The teams are in place and growing, and there are numerous leaders and volunteers to help and guide you.

I know that you see and hear this phrase every time you come to worship. It is found:

- On the front page of the worship bulletin which is given to you when entering the Sanctuary
- Above the double doors to the Sanctuary
- At the end of every worship service

It is: **“WE GROW IN CHRIST TO SERVE OTHERS.”**

The new Sunday School year began on August 25. The teachers are enthusiastic, the new program (Sparkhouse) is exciting, and the youth will have fun learning about Jesus' love. Sparkhouse offers numerous digital options to provide lessons on a rotational basis.

At the next Discipleship meeting, we will be discussing two very important events — the Christmas Program and the VBS Program in 2020. Join us!

# Around the Church

## Directory Thanks!

Thanks to all who participated in the photo shoot for the updated directory. All who took pictures for the previous directory and on August 3 will receive a new directory. Please look at the old directory and contact information. Please [send an email to Sharilyn Krauss](#) by September 16 if any of it needs to be updated. Thank you!

## Old Photos of TLC Needed

In October, we will be celebrating Triumphant's 40th Anniversary! Jerry Guebard is putting together a slide show and would like to borrow any very old photos you may have of TLC activities or the church itself. Please [email Jerry](#).

## Christmas Play Donations

If you have any extra green or brown fabric or material cluttering up your craft room or work space, consider donating it to become palm tree branches in the Christmas Play! Melanie Lleverino is putting old and broken umbrellas to good use by adding the fabric to the arms to make palm trees. Please bring fabric donations to the church office. Thank you!

## Choir Resumes



If you can carry a tune and match a pitch, we want you! The Triumphant Chorale is starting its 2019-2020 season on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30pm. Come and join us in the Sanctuary! Singing and music are good for the soul and one's health! And

friendships are developed during rehearsals, parties, and dining out. Sunday morning specials are performed at the 8:30am service. Email [Carol Snyder](#) or [Feliziti Landin](#) if this is a ministry that speaks to you!

## Creative Blessings

Creative Blessings meets each Tuesday from 6 - 8pm in the library. Our main goal is to have Prayer Shawls for anyone in need of comfort. At Oktoberfest (see page 9), we will be selling small items handcrafted by church members — items such as jewelry, wood crafts, knitted or sewn items. All proceeds will benefit the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for our crafty members to contribute. Please call Sharon St. Clair at (210) 651-9090.

## Kitchenette Clean Up

### After the 11am Service

- Sept 1** Doug & Lindy Hammerstrom
- Sept 8** Steven & Jennifer Spreen
- Sept 15** Garcia Family & Barb Wade
- Sept 22** Y Brinkman, K Moser, & D Mire
- Sept 29** OPEN

## Greeters

### 8:30 Service

### 11:00 Service

- |                |  |                      |
|----------------|--|----------------------|
| <b>Sept 1</b>  | The Salazars                               | The Frosts           |
| <b>Sept 8</b>  | 10am - The Brulas, The Cuddys, & Bev Hamby |                      |
| <b>Sept 15</b> | The Sanderses                              | The Theilengerdeses  |
| <b>Sept 22</b> | J Johnson & B Gore                         | K Moser & MJ Cornell |
| <b>Sept 29</b> | The Guebards                               | Melinda & Faith Cruz |

## Sunday Fellowship Refreshments

- | Date to Bring Refreshments | Last Name Begins With |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sept 1</b>              | I or J                |
| <b>Sept 15</b>             | K or L                |
| <b>Sept 22</b>             | M or N                |
| <b>Sept 29</b>             | O or P                |

## Children's Chapel

### 8:30 Service

### 11:00 Service

- |                |                    |             |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sept 8</b>  | 10am - M Lleverino |             |
| <b>Sept 15</b> | B St.Clair         | C Skaggs    |
| <b>Sept 22</b> | N Hendricks        | C Bazaldua  |
| <b>Sept 29</b> | K Hinze            | M Lleverino |

# The Good Steward

By Mary Gandolfo

*You are the children of the Lord your GOD. — Deuteronomy 14:1 NIV*

**W**hen was the last time you let your inner child burst forth in front of the world? Well, maybe not the world, but at least in public! It had been a long time for me — at least that is what I think. My inner child burst forth on Saturday, August 10. I have always enjoyed the children’s sermon part of worship services. Many times, I have wished I could go up and join those kids! But, because I am an ADULT, I thought it was not appropriate, so I stayed in my pew. Not so on that Saturday evening!

*People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” — Mark 10:13 – 14 NIV*



Pastor Aaron invited the children forward. Then he invited those who were children at heart to come forward. WOW, the door was just opened and I started out of my pew. There were three of us at Pastor’s feet that evening as we listened to him talk about grace and trust. I have to admit, at first I was a little nervous, but I started listening to the message and sort of got lost in it. All of us children at heart, and all of us perfectly welcome to let our inner child burst forth. I went home grinning and thanking God that I had not lost that feeling of wonder and peace that children seem to have.

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*  
— 1 John 3:1 NIV

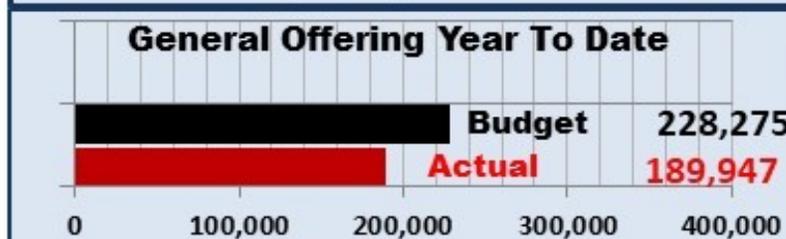
The Good Steward is not only privileged to be in the community of believers, but also in the community of children at heart! Jesus talks about the simple faith of a child in many places, and he commends that faith to us. How can we do any less than embrace it with all our being and share it with those around us. That is our commission, to take the Gospel news to all we meet, and sometimes let our inner child be the bearer of the Word. Join me as I share my story and let my inner child lead the conversation!

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.*  
— Matthew 28:16 - 20 NIV

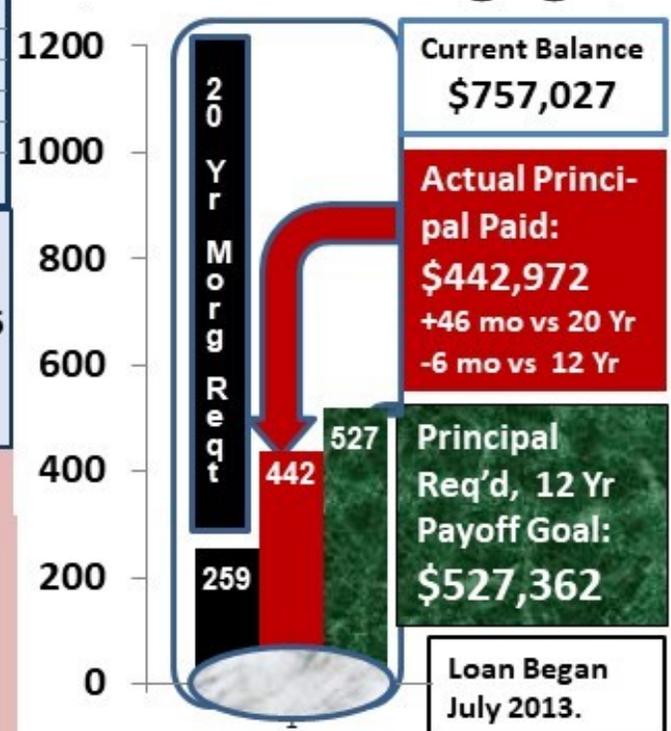
# July 2019 Financials

## KEY POINTS:

- ✦ **Bottom Line:** Total Net Income for **July** YTD was -\$12,403. To hold our net loss to even this level we have been obliged to use over \$35K in Reserves. The primary reason for this is the shortage in Weekly Offering explained next below. This is becoming a fairly serious concern.
- ✦ **General Offering.** **The primary reason for the above is that Weekly Offering per se is behind approximately -\$38K at the end of July.**
- ✦ **Building Fund.** Bldg Fund giving thru **July** is \$3,084 ahead. Overall, we are 42 months ahead (46 months counting our reserve) on our 20 Yr Mortgage and \$162K interest saved so far toward our desired 12 Yr Payoff Goal (would save \$266K int). See the larger mortgage chart.
- ✦ **Going Forward:** Our continuing shortfall in Weekly Offering is becoming a matter of concern. We encourage all members to adopt an annual growth plan in giving for both General Operating and Bldg Fund. We suggest as a minimum using the Slow Growth method of increasing annual giving by \$2 per week, or approximately \$100 per year. Let us continue to grow Triumphant's ministry as we all work together to Grow In Christ To Serve Others.



## \$1.2M Mortgage



## July 2019 Month End Financial Summary

	NET INCOME		ANNUAL BUDGET	
	July	Year To Date		
Operating Income	\$48,928	\$382,506	Operating Income	\$756,025
Operating Expenses	\$49,018	\$396,030	Bldg Fund Income	\$91,104
Net Operating Income	(\$90)	(\$13,524)	Other Income	\$9,150
Bldg & Designated Income	\$12,274	\$82,852	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$856,279</b>
Bldg & Designated Expenses	\$12,094	\$81,731	Operating Expenses	\$765,175
Net Designated Income	\$180	\$1,121	Debt Service	\$91,104
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>(\$12,403)</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$856,279</b>

# September Anniversaries & Birthdays



- 5 Bob & Tammy Pope
- 7 Val & Christie Bazaldua
- 10 Rob & Rachel Crow
- 12 Gordon & Mindy Hengst
- 16 Brian & Lisa Cantwell
- 21 Ryan & Jessica Anderson
- 25 John & Wanda Reidy
- 26 Harold & Karen Richter
- 30 Will & Karen Denton



- 2 Beth Abraham
- 3 Brody Cantwell, Bryce Tellander
- 5 Amy Coronado, Lisa Kelley, Russell Sanders
- 6 Brian Cantwell, Sarah Mattison
- 8 Daniel Krauss
- 12 Jennifer Maun
- 13 Virginia Arvidson, Evan Erickson, Betty Weilbacher
- 14 Evelyn Anderson, Kim Hinze
- 15 Bob Braun, Sharon St. Clair
- 16 Courtney Webb, Elisa Williams
- 17 Mary Langenes, James Skinner
- 19 Mia Geleske
- 20 Rob Crow, Gary Hendricks, Curtis Scheh, Isaac Spreen
- 21 Marshall Gomez, Britany St. Clair
- 22 Mike Brula, Ruth Zachary
- 23 Brandi Brinkman
- 24 Collin Krauss
- 25 Lindy Hammerstrom
- 26 James Martin
- 27 Caryn Maltby
- 28 Sue Kinzey
- 29 Bill Cuddy, Julia Gutierrez, Javier Gutierrez, Cheryl Martin
- 30 Amy Beierle



- Judy Butz** (Friend of the Baumanns) +7-25-19
- Kenneth Webster** (TLC Member) +7-31-19
- Curtis Alward** (Brother of Marilyn Winters) +8-4-19
- Connie Jo Herral** (Mother of Allison Moreland) +8-15-19

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

**for the October Trumpet  
Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Send Submissions to:

[newsletter@triumphantlutheran.org](mailto:newsletter@triumphantlutheran.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:30 AM - Traditional Service 9:45 AM - Sunday School 9:45 AM - Funeral Class 11:00 AM - Contemporary Svc 12:15 PM - Confirmation Pool Party</p>	<p>2 Labor Day 6:00 PM - Finance Committee</p>	<p>3 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - Evangelism Team 6:00 PM - Creative Blessings</p> 	<p>4 9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 5:00 PM - Prayer Team 5:45 PM - Wednesday Nile Live</p>	<p>5 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM - Art Class 6:30 PM - Praise Band 7:00 PM - Stephen Ministry - Lib</p>	<p>6 6:00 AM - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 8:45 AM - Serve @ NB Food Bank 5:00 PM - Casual Service</p>
<p>8 Gods Work. Our Hands Sunday 10:00 AM - Worship Service 11:15 AM - Service Projects</p> 	<p>9 9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 12:00 PM - Pinneaters' Lunch 6:00 PM - ECP Board 7:00 PM - Council Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 9:30 AM - Quilting Bees 2:00 PM - Autumn Winds 6:00 PM - Creative Blessings</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM - Serve @ Sgt. Wiley Home 9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 5:00 PM - Prayer Team 5:45 PM - Wednesday Nile Live 6:30 PM - Choir</p>	<p>12 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM - Art Class 6:00 PM - Discipleship Team - GP 6:30 PM - Praise Band</p>	<p>13 6:00 AM - Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM - Blended Spirits</p>	<p>14 5:00 PM - Casual Service 6:00 PM - Meet Me @ the Grill</p>
<p>15 8:30 AM - Traditional Service 9:45 AM - Sunday School 9:45 AM - Funeral Class 11:00 AM - Contemporary Svc 12:15 PM - Outreach Team - Lib</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>17 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Creative Blessings</p>	<p>18 9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 5:00 PM - Prayer Team 5:45 PM - Wednesday Nile Live 6:30 PM - Choir</p>	<p>19 9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM - Art Class 6:30 PM - Praise Band 7:00 PM - Stephen Ministry - Lib</p>	<p>20 6:00 AM - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>21 5:00 PM - Casual Service</p>
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<p>29 8:30 AM - Traditional Service 9:45 AM - Shareholder Meal 11:00 AM - Contemporary Svc 12:15 PM - TLC 101</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out</p>					<p>Healing Service</p>

August 2019						
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Holy Communion at every service.

**Saturday:** [Casual Worship](#) 5:00pm  
**Sunday:** [Traditional Worship](#) 8:30am  
[Contemporary Worship](#) 11:00am

**Preschool:** Monday - Friday 9:00am - 1:45pm  
**MDO:** Monday & Wednesday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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