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From Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.



As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

Council Meeting Minutes- May 12, 2026

Members present: Ken Bishop, Sheila Thomas, Roger Jungmeyer, Jennifer Dampf, Travis Koestner and Becky Hayden.

The meeting began at 6:28 pm.

Roger Jungmeyer opened the council meeting with a prayer.

The Council reviewed the April meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the April minutes by Sheila; second by Ken, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the April financial reports. Ken made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Sheila, motion carried.

Budget and Finance- Jennifer Dampf

- Jennifer reported on the church's finances.
- Jennifer will look into simplifying bill paying with online billing

Parish Education Committee- Jennifer Dampf

- The youth and parents will put flowers on the graves at the cemetery May 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm.
- Jennifer will meet with a member of the community to discuss a possible contact to help with children's activities and youth ministry

Evangelism- Sheila Thomas

- Evangelism committee hosted the fundraiser to benefit the Kaleb and Halie Payne Family.

Music and Worship- Ken Bishop

- Plans have been finalized for the Memorial Day service at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Monday May 25th .
- Songs were selected for June and July.

Property- Jerome Rockelman

- Replaced parking lot post light switch.
- Terry, Jeff and Jerome started working on the prayer garden. Moved some rocks to the northeast corner of the church.
- Installed new igniter element in the hall kitchen left range
- Jeff, Terry and Jerome removed hall kitchen mop closet walls
- Jeff and Jerome installed sheet rock and mudded joints. Added two coats of joint compound.
- New "vacant/occupied" door handle added to upstairs bathroom door

Vitality Committee- Travis Koesnter

- The group will meet with Evangelism Committee at next meeting

Kathy Koestner joined the council meeting to give a presentation on the development of the church website. Kathy Koestner, Ken Bishop, Bob Ortvals and Jack Hayden have been creating a new website for Trinity.

Larry Bishop joined the council meeting to give a report on the call committee. There was a discussion about the compensation plan for a future pastor.

Old Business:

- The Fire Department Auxiliary will use the Parish Hall May 14-16
- It was decided that Church workday scheduled for May 16 should be cancelled and rescheduled at a later date.
- The Pulpit Supply Schedule has been set through the month of July
- The Council decided to leave committee structure "as is" for the time being with ongoing review of purpose and membership

New Business:

- Ken Bishop made a motion to approve a "Proposal" to establish a Pastor's salary account by transferring undesignated memorial funds to an interest earning account. This money will be used to help fund future pastor compensation. Travis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- The Bank account access names have been updated.
- Mid Mo Bible camp will be July 12-16
- Roger made a motion to improve the church property by
 1. Adding a street sign stating "No Through Traffic" at each entrance.
 2. Making a handicap parking space near the ramp to the upstairs Parish Hall door.
 3. Adding two parking curbs near the metal lamppost.
 4. Removing the old green slide from the playground, because it is again falling apart.

Jennifer seconded the motion, motion carried.

The next Council Meeting will be June 9,2026. A motion was made by Ken to adjourn the meeting; second by Jennifer, motion carried.

Roger closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Respectively submitted:

Becky Hayden

Secretary _____ President _____

Food Bank

The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri was at Trinity on Tuesday, May 12, for its monthly visit. There were 132 families served totaling 356 people. During the visit, there were twenty-two volunteers present with eight representing Trinity, The following items were distributed: Starry soda, sweet potatoes, peanuts, corn on the cob, bread flour, ham lunch meat, pickle ball chips and cantaloupe. In addition, the Russellville Methodist Church donated canned chicken; the WELCA Cluster members donated paper goods; and the Rocky Mount Food Bank donated assorted bread items and fresh fruit and produce. The Food Bank's next visit to Trinity will be on Tuesday, June 8, 1-3 PM. Volunteers—we appreciated your continued support.

Baptismal Birthdays for June

- 1 Rodney Edwards
- 4 Becky Hayden
- 5 Elsie Mae Keeran
- 6 Sandi Maier
- 7 Alisha Peterson
- 14 Cathy Kliethermes
- 15 William Joseph Orbals
- 17 Kevin Bishop
- 17 Leslie Hayden
- 22 Danny Dampf
- 23 Annabel Mason
- 23 Ashley Shannon
- 23 Lori Weir
- 24 Carter Koestner
- 25 Cory Jenkins
- 26 Brendon Meili
- 29 Jackson Smith



Birthdays for June

- 5 Mikala Geiger
- 5 Kevin Strobel
- 6 Macie Edwards
- 6 Karsyn Ann Keck
- 7 Larry Bishop
- 7 Bryce Rosenmiller
- 10 Cynthia Holzbierlein
- 16 Grace Eberhart-Steinman
- 18 Kelly Kirchner
- 18 Sheridan Pinerola
- 20 Kelsey Shikles
- 20 Kent Shikles
- 21 Ryan Shikles
- 22 Taylor Schenewerk
- 23 Owen Allen
- 23 Crystal Bertucci
- 23 Danny Dampf
- 23 Baylee Watts
- 24 Owen Miles
- 24 Adalyn Wood
- 25 Molly Dampf
- 25 Elizabeth Miles
- 25 William Joseph Orbals
- 25 Robert Strobel
- 28 Cameron Jenkins
- 28 Jim Meili
- 28 Louisa Rosenmiller
- 29 Madelyn Rutledge

Reflecting the Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?



For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

Summer 2026 Schedule - Lake Area Community Orchestra

Tuesday, June 2	Ha Ha Tonka State Park, Route D, Camdenton
Tuesday, June 9	First Baptist Church, 209 S Aurora, Eldon
Tuesday, June 16	California United Church of Christ, 101 N Oak, California
Tuesday, June 23	West Lake Christian Church, Route O, Laurie
Tuesday, June 30	Pomme de Terre United Methodist Church, 21046 County Road 295 (Carsons Corner), Hermitage
Tuesday, July 14	First Christian Church, East Capitol Ave., Jefferson City
Tuesday, July 21	Lake Ozark Christian Church, Bus. 54, Lake Ozark
Tuesday, July 28	Walk on the Water Faith Church, 959 Old State Park Road, Osage Beach

All Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. There is no admission charge.

Free will donations are welcome.

Bring a chair to Ha Ha Tonka.

We have some great music in store for you at these concerts. Selections include: America, the Beautiful; Shenandoah's Simple Gifts, Fanfare and Flourishes, Lest We Forget, Invicta, Country Gardens, That Old Hound Dog Rag, and our director joins us with an exciting cornet solo in Carnival of Venice. And we usually close with Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever. Dr. Nate Moe begins his second year as the director for the orchestra.

PRAYER Chain Requests

Do you have a spiritual, physical, or mental prayer request? Trinity's Prayer Chain is here to support you. To begin a prayer request or to be added to the prayer chain to receive text messages or phone calls, please contact Kathy Koestner (573-690-0956) or Connie Harrison (573-680-9465). We invite you to stay connected as we support one another through prayer.

WELCA Osage Cluster Meeting

Central States Synod WELCA Mini-Convention (Osage Cluster) will be held Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Camdenton, Missouri. Theme is VESSELS OF GOD'S GRACE. More information will be given later.

Worship Servers

	June 7-Outdoor	June-14-Indoor	June 21-Indoor	June 28-Indoor
Council Member	Roger Jungmeyer Ken Bishop	Jennifer Dampf	Becky Hayden/ Clay Hayden	Ken Bishop
Greeter	Ryan & Kim Otto Family	Brandon & Mollie Keck Family	Cory & Beth Volkart Family	Garrett & Mikala Geiger Family
Acolyte		Jocie Mertens	Volunteer	Brooklyn Wood
Lay Reader	Addie Cole	Gidget Koestner	Kim Otto	Lee Henry Penberthy
Children's Sermon	Tami Kirchner	Connie Harrison	Becky Hayden	Jennifer Dampf
Offering Assistants	Ryan & Kim Otto Family	Brandon & Mollie Keck Family	Cory & Beth Volkart Family	Garrett & Mikala Gieger Family
Communion Assistant	Addie Cole	Travis Koestner	Kim Otto	Kathi Bishop
Video	Dana Frisby	Lyle & Dana Jobe	Jack Hayden	Jack Hayden
Piano	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Becky Hayden

Thank You!

Evangelism Committee and Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you all so much for the benefit for our family. We are so humbled and overwhelmed with gratitude. The amount of time, resources and energy it took to plan and execute isn't lost on us. We are so lucky to be part of the Trinity family. We cannot wait to be able to bring Miles to church one day.

All our love and thanks,
Halie, Kaleb, Monroe and Miles Payne

The Quiet Power of Faithfulness: The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known.

Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.

2026 MID-MISSOURI ELCA BIBLE CAMP

Sunday, July 12th through Thursday (11:00 am) July 16th
Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park

A Lutheran Bible Camp for youth who have completed Grade 4 but not yet entered Grade 10.

After registering and making your deposit, if you find it is not possible for you to attend camp, please contact Curtis or Amanda Oelrichs. Refunds cannot be made after June 27th. Registration deadline and to receive a camp T-shirt is **June 27th**. Cost - \$100 (\$10 deposit + \$90). If deadline passes and a camper would like to still attend, you will need to reach out to Amanda Oelrichs to see if there is a spot available.

Send registration forms, health history forms, covenant forms and a \$10.00 deposit to:

Amanda Oelrichs
29994 Pacific School Rd
Mora, MO 65345

Checks should be made payable to:
Mid-Missouri Bible Camp

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Curtis or Amanda Oelrichs (660) 668-3380
Becky Hayden (573) 375-0438

PLEASE NOTE:

- Please note that camp will be running **Sunday through Thursday** this year with pick up being by 11:00 am on Thursday. We will need a note on file if your camper will be leaving with someone else at the end of camp.
- Total Cost of Camp is \$100. This includes a t-shirt for tie dying
- **Campers need to bring life vests or flotation devices for lake swimming.**
- This year's application requests the camper's T-shirt size (**adult size**). Applications with shirt size designated must be received by registration deadline. Please circle adult T-shirt size.
- Mid-Missouri Bible Camp is subsidized by congregations of the Central States Synod, ELCA.
- As a member a Congregation and parent of a camper, the camp is your camp. If you can assist this camping ministry by helping with clean-up on the last day of camp, please, indicate on the application form.
- With the exception of medical emergencies, campers are expected to remain in camp for the entire registration period. Home sickness is not a medical emergency. Please make sure that your child has had experience being away from home over night.
- Campers will be responsible for bringing their own water bottle to camp.
- The camp stresses spreading God's word to as many campers as possible but youth that have displayed chronic patterns of disruptive behavior or failure to follow directions severely degrade the camp experience for others. **No derogatory language and behavior will be tolerated along with a zero tolerance policy for name calling, bullying, or offensive behaviors.** If your camper is disruptive or continuously fails to follow camp rules, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick the camper up.
- **The camper and parent letter will be emailed out this year. Please be on the lookout for the email.**
- **Trinity members::** All forms necessary for attending camp are available from Trinity's church secretary in the church office.



2026 TEAM VBS INFORMATION



Welcome to SUPER HEROES OF THE BIBLE VBS
where we will learn about courageous,
miraculous people from the Bible.

THE BASICS:

Ages: Age 3 through children finishing the 5th grade

- Younger children can attend, just will not rotate through VBS stations. Children ages 1-2 **MUST** be supervised by a parent throughout the entire evening (no younger room this year).
- Older children that would like to attend past 5th grade and would like to volunteer may also attend to help

When: July 6-9, 2026 (Monday-Thursday)

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Registration: \$10/child, with a maximum of \$30 per family

Fee includes: Dinner, snacks, and craft supplies for each registered child

REGISTRATION ENDS ON JUNE 8, 2026. Registration can be done digitally, given to contact person listed below, or mailed to Trinity Lutheran Church (Attn: Team VBS, 13007 Route C, Russellville, MO 65074). Please include payment at time of registration.

ALL MEALS ARE DONATED BY MISTY SCHROEDER.

SCHEDULE:



NO PROGRAM ON SUNDAY!!
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY: 5:15-7:45 P.M.
MEAL: 5:15-5:45 P.M.
VBS: 6-7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY: 6:00-8:00 P.M.



THURSDAY, CLOSING PROGRAM: BEGINS AT 6:00. FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM, ALL ARE INVITED TO A BBQ AND CARNIVAL OUTSIDE @ TRINITY PAVILION/PARKING LOT! WATER PLAY EXPECTED!!

PARENTS, GUARDIANS, GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVES, ETC. ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WITH YOUR CHILD(REN) ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

**NOTE: WATER GAMES MAY BE PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. **

TEAM VBS PARTNERS AND CONTACT PERSONS:

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH: JESSI KEERAN (573-690-8590)
 ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: AJ FERRELL (573-301-6622)
 ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: STACY SCHRIMPF (573-619-2736)
 NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY
 RUSSELLVILLE UNITED METHODIST

June 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 P/H-5 PM-Yoga	3	4 P/H-5:45 PM- Young Women's Bible Study P/H-6-PM Men's Bible Study	5	6 Hall Reserved
7 P-9 AM -Outdoor Worship	8	9 P/L-1-3 PM Food Bank P/H-5-PM-Yoga P/O-5:30 PM- Music & Worship P/H-6-PM Church Council	10	11	12	13 Hall Reserved WELCA Osage Cluster Mtg. @ Camdenton
14 Flag Day C-9-AM-Indoor Worship	15	16 P/H-5 PM-Yoga	17 P/H-11:30 A M Retreads	18 P/H-5:45 PM- Young Women's Bible Study Children's Church	19 Juneteenth	20 Newsletter Article Deadline
21 Father's Day 1st Day of Summer C-9-AM-Indoor Worship	22.	23 P/H-5 PM- Yoga	24	25	26	27
28 C-9-AM-Indoor Worship	29	30 P/H-5 PM- Yoga		C=Church, P/H=Parish Hall, P=Pavilion, P/O=Parish Office, P/L=Parking Lot		

Called Friends by Christ



According to John's Gospel, Jesus said to those who knew him best, "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends. ... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:15-16, ESV).

The depth of Christ's friendship is seen in his willingness to give his life for his friends — and for us as well. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:13-14, ESV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we demonstrate our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with one another is, according to the Christian layman and president Woodrow Wilson, "the only cement that will hold the world together."