



# The Messenger

## Trinity West Families

Pastor Lee and Ben Vineyard would like to invite you to a conversation about youth ministry at the West campus after the 11:00 worship service on March 7th (West Campus, North Building). Together, we would like to investigate: the spiritual growth needs we see for the youth, ministry efforts that are attempting to meet those needs, and how to take steps toward unmet needs.

We anticipate good conversation about our youth ministry at the West campus - conversation that captures moments of struggle as well as moments of moving forward. Again, the goal of our conversation is to open up discussion about West campus youth ministry and collectively decide on simple steps of meeting spiritual growth needs. A lunch will be provided after worship in the North building.

May God open our hearts and minds to continually be about things he is about and in the way he is about them.

Benjamin Vineyard, Minister of Christian Growth



This past weekend we hosted a **Sr. High lock-in** at the East campus - an event filled with all kinds of adventure and craziness! Special thanks to the volunteers who helped this thing

happen! Also, thanks to the kids for their willingness to try really strange games.

## Skating Fun



Back in the end of January, our Sr. High youth and I went ice skating down at Town Center. Fantastic time!

After ice skating, we went to Cold Stone for ice cream. Makes sense right?

It was good to be around the kids and to hear some of their stories. We also looked a bit about what the future of our youth ministry might look like together.

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Ben.

Dear Trinity,

Jenny and I would like to share a bit of happy news with you -- we're expecting a new addition to our family in the end of July! We'll find out soon if Baby will be a he or a she.



Thanks for sharing our joy!

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Ben, Jenny, and Jude Vineyard.

## From the Pastor

Dear Friends and Members of Trinity:

Moving through the “Sermon on the Mount” of Jesus (as we have come to call it), we are going to hear some of the most difficult words of Jesus: **“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”**

That’s a very tall order! Can you do it? Is this about moral perfection? If so, left to our own devices, we’re doomed! We could look at all this about turning the other cheek, giving more, walking the extra mile and loving our enemies and say, “It doesn’t work!” and then move on to something we feel is far more practical, like getting revenge, doing only what we are forced to do, never going beyond our “comfort level” for anyone or anything. But think of the terrible price we pay for such “practical” attitudes in wrecked marriages, families, congregations and communities, to say nothing of the international scale. How many teeth have to be knocked out, figuratively speaking, for us to see how stupid it is to think retaliation is an effective life principle? Jesus is calling us to grow up and mature “so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

The words translated “Be perfect” are really in the future tense in the original. They are about NOT returning evil with evil, giving more than what is asked of us, even loving our enemies in the sense of being freed from hatred and wanting to bestow and BE a blessing for others. We know that’s never going to happen in utter perfection in this life, but, through our personal experience with God’s gracious and forgiving love in Jesus Christ and in the power of his Holy Spirit it’s happening. We are growing. We are beginning to live what our Heavenly Father is, becoming perfected in it until it IS perfect in us in eternity. In Christ we can be and are different from the world. “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

*Pastor Ron*

## Business Report

### Giving

General Fund Giving year to date is \$ 83,689, which is:

- 3.5% [\$ 2,839] above 2010 budget - \$ 80,850
- 16.3% [\$ 11,711] above 2009 actual - \$ 71,978

### Spending

Spending year to date is \$ 124,499, which is

- 10.3% [\$ 11,591] above 2010 budget - \$ 112,908
- 5.4% [\$ 6,339] above 2009 actual - \$ 118,160
- Spending to date exceeds giving by \$ 40,811
- Projected 2010 year end surplus (deficit) = \$ 43,010

### Capital Campaign

Campaign Receipts – current month

- Year To Date \$ 463,977.04, which is 29.4% of our total pledge amount \$ 1,578,442

### Worship Attendance

- 493 January Average
- Year to date: 493, down 21% from January 2009.

Jan 3 low attendance was probably impacted by being part of the New Year holiday weekend and severe winter weather.

## Thank You!

MLM is extremely grateful for the generous gift of \$7,510 from Trinity Lutheran Church. Your generosity helps provide for the hungry, housing for the homeless, home repair for the elderly, clothing and household items, rental assistance to prevent homelessness. Thank you!



## Looking Ahead

### Lent Studies

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:45pm. Both Campuses  
Sunday mornings, 9:45am.

### Young Adult Bowling ("20-Somethings")

Friday, March 5, 9:30pm-Midnight  
Mission Bowl. Contact Kim Brower, kim@tlcms.org

### MLM Spring Fling

Saturday, March 6, 8am-1pm  
Silent auction items needed (e.g. sports memorabilia)  
suzannebartling@mlmkc.org or www.mlmkc.org

### 2nd Annual Book Sale

March 12-13. East Campus.  
All proceeds go to missions.

### Blood Drive at Trinity

Mon, March 15th 3:00-7:00pm. Call Joel Shifflett for  
appointments or 913-927-2620, or just show up.  
East Campus.

### Wheaton Academy Choir

Free concert. Sat., March 20, 7:30pm. East Campus

### Altar Guild Coffee Meeting

March 20, 9:30am. East Campus

### Free Concert

Hilary Watson. Sunday, March 21, 7pm. East Campus  
**50+ Bible Class**

Postponed until after Lent. Will resume April 7.

### To Receive Girls Night Out evites

Rhonda Eckelman, jeckelman@kc.rr.com

### Nursery Attendant Needed

EAST campus. Paid position. Must be 18 years of age  
or older. Please contact Rhonda Synovec,  
Rhonda@tlcms.org.

### Wednesday Night JAM

Wednesdays, 6pm

### Youth Parents – Godparents

for youth on Sundays, 7pm.  
West Campus during March.

### Altar Flowers Needed at East Campus

Please sign up in the foyer



## Easter Lilies for Sale

Please help decorate for Easter. Information available in the foyer. \$10 each. Thanks! Contact Chris Shifflett with questions, 913-432-4992.

## Pastor Boehnke's Book

There has been some confusion about the sale of Pastor Boehnke's book. All proceeds from sales are going into the library fund. Pastor Boehnke has received NO money from the sale of his book. Thank you.

## Looking Ahead (cont'd)

### Great American Garage Sale

Donations needed for tent rental, storage and floor coverings. Understudy to the Director needed. Please contact Nancy Meyer, 722-1869.

### TLC Bookstore, Library and Gift Shop

Now Available: New Lutheran Study Bible

### Next Job Club

Monday, March 8

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## In Our Prayers

### MEMBERS IN HOSPITALS

Doris Kuehn, St. Joseph Hospital

### MEMBERS IN NURSING FACILITIES:

Rita Bartlett, Good Samaritan

Jane Bornkessel, Freedom Pointe

Barbara Brown, Royal Terrace Nursing Facility

Rose Brown, Shawnee Gardens

Maxine Bruner, Aberdeen Village, Olathe

Jane Dickerson, Shawnee Gardens Healthcare

Bob Ebel, Mission Springs

Jack & Virginia Edwards, Foxwood Springs Asst Living

Sarah Herring, Manor Care Asst. Living

Ray Fauth, Hillside Nursing Home, Desoto

Geneva and Harry Helmsing, Overland Park Place

Jean Klemp, McCrites Plaza Asst Lvng, Topeka

Janice Lewis, Sweet Life of Rosehill

Bob and Jeanette Nelson, Overland Park Place

Joan Roehrich, Garden Terrace

Andy Stevenson, Kingswood Rehab.

Sylvia Wendt, Villa St. Francis, Olathe

Alice Zschoche, Aberdeen Village, Olathe

Eva Zumbel, Delmar Gardens on Quivira

### BIRTH

Arabella Sloan McNeely, daughter of Val and Sean McNeely

### DEATHS

Ralph Raetzel, former long-time Trinity member and husband of Cary Raetzel

Harold Sutton, brother-in-law of

Judy Byrum- Sutton

### Special Prayers For:

Mark and Linda Wendlandt, isolated house fire  
All those who are unemployed....

## *Thank you!*

Craft Boutique Supports Capital Campaign!  
Thank you to the Boutique leaders for selecting to support the Capital Campaign with \$1,067 from proceeds from their recent sale.

## Espresso— Sunday's Message in Summary

When someone says, **"It will cost you an arm and a leg"** you bet that it means it will be costly, maybe more than you think you can afford. It probably means, it will cost you everything you have.

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, tells us it will cost us an eye, a hand, perhaps an arm and a leg to be his fully devoted followers. Jesus emphatically tell us, his precious possessions, that we are to be peculiar, different from the rest of the world and that people will and should notice. We are salt and light. We are a city on a hill, shining for all the world to see, so that our Father in heaven is noticed and honored.

Jesus now deals with some important issues. He equates anger with murder, looking with a lustful eye at another as adultery, and the breaking of a marriage covenant equal to breaking his heart. Jesus deals with all of these in a very direct way, because the Pharisees of the day, and perhaps we too, are looking for loopholes in God's law.

The point Jesus is making is that we must live day-to-day in such a way that when we come to worship, there is no anger between us and our neighbors. No loop holes.

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, offers us membership in a community in which we are called into faithful service to him and our neighbor, so that our anger, lust, and broken relationships are transformed by his example and grace. He takes our brokenness all the way to the cross. In looking at the cross, we discover that there are loopholes in his law, and we are overwhelmed to discover **in full view of his mercy that there are no loopholes in his love.**



## Adoption Group Run for Mercy

Trinity adoption group is sponsoring a run in Shawnee called the Run for Mercy on April 17. Raise funds for "Oceans of Mercy" that supports AIDS orphans in South Africa. We are going to try to get as many folks as possible to participate in the 5k/10k/fun walk/and children's run. Contact Mark Clobes for more information.  
[www.oceansofmercy.com/events/run-for-mercy](http://www.oceansofmercy.com/events/run-for-mercy).



## Preschool Fundraiser Big Success

The auction was a big success! We raised approximately \$2,200 at our Wonderscope event. In addition, we have had about \$500 in donations. Thanks for your support of this event.  
Jennifer Keller



Trinity is a Stephen Ministry congregation. We have a corps of lay people who have

been trained to provide quality Christian care on a one-on-one basis for those who are experiencing some crisis in their lives, e.g. death of a loved one, illness, marital problems, parenting problems, job loss, etc. Stephen Ministry is *strictly confidential*. Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey towards wholeness.

Contact information:

Pastor Roland Boehnke	913-262-3712
Joan Davidson	913-432-8921
Pastor Ron Flentgen	913-782-6279
Kathy Peters	913-722-6973
Sue Wells	913-385-7796

We'll save  
you a seat!



Need a  
group to  
Connect?

### Join One of Our Book Clubs

**Mondays**, 6:15 – 7:30pm. West Campus  
[stormywootoo@aol.com](mailto:stormywootoo@aol.com)

**Thursdays**, 9:15–11:15am. West Campus  
[Jennifer.Vineyard@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.Vineyard@gmail.com)

### Beth Moore Bible Studies

**Mondays**, 9:15–11:15am. East Campus.  
Rachel DeGarmo,

[RachelDeGarmo@gmail.com](mailto:RachelDeGarmo@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays**, 9:15–11:15am.

West Campus. Julie von der Linden at  
631-1856, [cheezhed@kc.rr.com](mailto:cheezhed@kc.rr.com).

RSVP childcare to [rhonda@tlcms.org](mailto:rhonda@tlcms.org)

### Women's Bible Study

6:45am, Fridays at Village Inn in Mission  
Studying "Fearless" by Max Lucado  
Contact Dianna Sutton, [dianna@tlcms.org](mailto:dianna@tlcms.org)

### Young Adults

Casual Bible study and social events.  
Contact Kim Brower, [kim@tlcms.org](mailto:kim@tlcms.org)

### Senior Adults

Wednesdays, 10:15am. *Will resume after Lent*

### Empty Nesters

Watch for coming event.



Lutheran World Relief coffee and tea sale will be Saturday, March 13, and between worship services on Sunday, March 14, at the East Campus. Be sure to stop by the table and select from the wide variety of flavors that are available.

## Sewing Maching Needed

Looking for someone with Serger sewing maching to support project for cancer patients. Please contact Marie McDermed, 913-236-6232. Thanks!



- March 7 – Tim Dalbom, Jacob Gantz,  
Erin Waage
- March 8 – Kathy Bonn, Louis Culp, Sarah Hering,  
Bob Mann, Nicholas Martin, Bruce Vogel
- March 9 – Mike Brower, Roger Heim, Owen  
Jeppeson, Eileen Perry
- March 10 – Kevin Conkling, Harold Cook,  
Suzanne Cox, Matthew McCready
- March 12 – Phyllis Corthan, Grace Kim,  
Jalen Oehlert
- March 13 – Alliyah Aronson, Becky Donahue,  
Karon McCready, Trenten Wright
- March 14 – Ryan Albright, Blake Harrell,  
Michael Keller
- March 15 – Marcine Scharnhorst
- March 16 – Jake Froetschner, Jared Froetschner,  
Amy Porter, Josh Vincent
- March 17 – Kellie Bollinger, Isabelle Bonn,  
Daniel Everhart, Ramona Ewers, Starla West
- March 18 – Julie Davidson, Patti Hare
- March 19 – Troy Cleveland, Ellen Knocke,  
Joel Pasley
- March 20 – Phil Kubler, Vern Lyon,  
Chris Messbarger, Chris Wallace

### Anniversaries

- Larry & Janice Jones, March 15 (51st)
- Rebecca & Phil Kreisman, March 15 (7th)
- Mark & Julie Clobes, March 18 (10th)
- Conrad & Marjorie Fassold, March 20 (62nd)
- Jason & Aimee Oehlert, March 20 (7th)
- Ryan & Deb Hartje, March 20 (6th)
- Stan & Paula Knocke, March 21 (40th)
- John & Julie Sullivan, March 22 (7th)
- Lee & Joyce Vogel, March 24 (59th)
- Ray & Margaret Fessler, March 24 (48th)
- Mr & Mrs Mansour Alifekr, March 28 (21st)
- Mark & Kimberly Harvey, March 28 (12th)
- Larry & Ruth Hanusch, March 29 (41st)
- Steven & Diana Alexander, March 31 (10th)

## Weekly Activities...

Want to join a new group?

### East Campus

Monday	Beth Moore Bible Study (The Beloved Disciple)	9:15am
	Music Lessons (private)	5:30pm
	Our Story Bible Study	6:00pm
	Financial Peace	6:00pm
	Job Club (2nd and 4th only)	6:30pm
Tuesday	Men's Study (First Watch, Shawnee)	7:00am
	Art Class	1:00pm
	Knitters	1:00pm
	"Improv Abilities"	7:00pm
Wednesday	Painting Class	9:00am
	Senior Adult Bible Study	10:15am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
	Praise Rehearsal	5:15pm
	JAM for kids thru 5th grade	6:00pm
	Confirmation Class	6:00pm
	Women's Walk of Faith	6:00pm
	<b>Lent Bible Study</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
	Handbells	6:30pm
	Adult Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	Men's Study	
	First Watch Fairway	7:15am
	Music Together Class	9:30am
	Youth Band Rehearsal	6:15pm
Friday	Women's Bible Study	
	Village Inn, Mission	6:30am
Saturday	Violin Lessons (private)	8:00am

### West Campus

Monday	Book Club	9:15am
	Book Club (The 5 Love Languages)	6:15pm
	Our Story Bible Study	6:00pm
	Financial Peace	6:00pm
	Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30pm
Tuesday	Home School Group	8:30am
Wednesday	Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15am
	Jesus the One and Only	
	JAM for kids thru 5th grade	6:00pm
	<b>Lent Bible Study</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
Thursday	Book Club (The Shack)	9:15am

## MLM Servant Event

Come join us for the Congregational Servant Event! This Thrivent-sponsored event takes place **Saturday, May 1 from 8 am to 4 pm** to involve the congregations across the metro area in showing Jesus' love to those who are unable to perform some simple home ownership tasks. **All skill levels needed.** We need a Project Coordinator from your church!!! **No experience necessary.** Please contact Suzanne Bartling, MLM Dir. of Outreach Min., at 816-285-3146 or [suzanne-bartling@mlmkc.org](mailto:suzanne-bartling@mlmkc.org) by Mon, March 22, 2010. Suzanne will help you with advertising within your congregation to gather your team for this wonderful event.

Project Coordinator Meeting is at Lord of Life Lutheran (3105 W 135th, Leawood KS) on Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 pm to pick the home for your congregation.

## Garage Sale and Book Sale News

Book Sale - Friday March 12 and Saturday March 13. Room #105 - East Campus. **Hours are 8am-4pm.** We will be selling books, videos, CDs, DVDs, records, calendars, music books, magazines, etc. We are accepting books and any of the above items March 7 - 11. These can be placed in the Quilt Room (B-15), off the kitchen annex. **All proceeds from this sale go to missions.**

Questions? Or to work the sale, call Nancy Meyer, 722-1869

The GAGS still needs your help!

1) ADVERTISING MANAGER for Great American Garage Sale. 2) UNDERSTUDY for the Director of the Great American Garage Sale for Missions. Please contact Nancy Meyer (913-722-1869).

### Memory Verse

Do not resist an evil person.  
If someone strikes you on the right cheek,  
turn to him the other also.  
Matthew 5:39

## Faith In Action Serving the Community!

April 11, 2010 Trinity will once again be the church in action in the community! We'll be closing our doors in order to worship God in the world by serving others.



The projects for this year have been chosen. You can register online today!

There are many creative ways to give and benefit charities. Many companies will gladly participate if we just ask. Please let us know if your company would like to donate money or supplies to Faith in Action Sunday. Some larger companies will "match" based on community service hours or donations made by their employees. Check out your company's policies and keep Faith In Action in mind. We are currently asking several area businesses to provide supplies or tools for FIA Day.

Any questions, contact Deb Hartje, [deb@tlcms.org](mailto:deb@tlcms.org)

## Opportunities to Serve

### MLM's Food Pantry

at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (722 Reynolds, Kansas City, KS) needs volunteers to help M-F mornings.

For more information, contact:

Yvonne Brown at 913-342-8333

### Video and Audio tech team needs help

One of the easiest jobs at church. Training will be provided. Contact Doug Wilkinson or Hank Hanusch.

### Ushers Needed

8:30am East Campus service. Contact Jeff Unger

### Nursery Volunteer

11:00 worship time on the EAST campus. If interested contact Rhonda Synovec, [rhonda@tlcms.org](mailto:rhonda@tlcms.org).

### MLM Needs Volunteers

for our food pantry at 3031 Holmes on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. For more information, contact: Earl Isaac at 816-931-0027.



## Join Us

### East Campus

5601 West 62nd Street, Mission, Kansas

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Prayer Service with Communion

Sunday Mornings

### 8:30 a.m. Family-friendly Worship

(Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Praise Service

(Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Family-friendly Worship

(Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

### West Campus

7740 Hedge Lane Terrace

Shawnee, Kansas 66227

Sunday Mornings

### 8:30 a.m. Family-friendly Worship

(Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

### 11:00 a.m. Family-friendly Worship

(Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

Professionally Staffed Nursery for ages 6  
months to 3 years available during all wor-  
ship services and Sunday School hour.

*Wednesdays at Both Campuses*

*JAM (Jesus and Me)*

*for kids 3 yrs. – 5th grade.*

Learn more about us—  
visit our web site:  
[www.tlcms.org](http://www.tlcms.org)

## Historic Congregational Meeting

On February 21, Trinity met in Assembly. As a congrega-  
tion, we voted to request the Board of Assignments  
of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to place three  
candidates from Concordia Seminary, St Louis to serve  
as our Associate Pastors. We also requested Concordia  
University, Seward Nebraska to assign Trinity a Youth  
Intern.

Our request was for an Associate Pastor, as well as  
for two candidates to serve through Trinity as Urban  
Mission Developers. Please pray that our requests for  
three Pastoral candidates and our Youth Intern will be  
granted. There was much excitement and unity of pur-  
pose at our Congregational meeting.

We pray that this summer these four candidates will join  
us in accomplishing our mission of being “relentless in  
knowing Christ, fearless in making him known.”

Pastor Lee

### Altar Guild Coffee Meeting

Saturday, March 20, at 9:30  
a.m. in the East Campus  
Lounge