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## Dear Friends In Christ,

***The Story*** will begin at TLC the weekend of September 11. What is *The Story*? It is, first of all, an abridged version of the Bible, written in chronological order; which makes it a wonderful resource for finally understanding how all those individual bible stories fit together into God's big story. More importantly, this is a great opportunity to make sure you understand how the story of your life fits into God's story! Secondly, beginning the weekend of September 11, we will embark on a 31-week preaching series which will take us chronologically through the bible, and which will align with each of the 31 chapters in *The Story*. We will take four weeks off to celebrate Christmas, but our series will coincide with Easter Sunday on April 8, and will conclude on May 6. I've listed below a variety of different ways for you to participate.

- Attend the 31-week preaching series. Many of these services will include a drama to help illustrate the message. This will be a really fun series to invite your friends and neighbors to attend.
- Purchase a copy of *The Story* at the church for \$10 and follow the weekly readings. Copies will be available beginning in August.
- Participate in a Small Group Study of *The Story*. Study guides may be ordered through the church. In addition each small group doing *The Story* is encouraged to purchase one copy of the companion DVD which provides an introduction to each lesson.
- Purchase an age appropriate copy of *The Story* and do the weekly readings with your children. These can be reviewed in August and ordered through the church. This is a fantastic way for your whole family to engage together in *The Story*.
- Help with a worship drama team. Many if not most Sundays there is a short drama that helps to illustrate the message. If you have a dramatic flair we would love to hear from you. Contact Michael Treachler at TLC.

**Two Hour Sundays!** – If you worship with us on Sunday mornings, we are challenging you this fall to spend two hours with us each Sunday. This would allow you to worship at one hour, and to serve at the other hour or to participate in a class. If you have children, this means that we would encourage you to bring your children with you to worship so they can learn to worship God with you, and then they could go to Sunday school class the other hour. And of course we'll have plenty of donuts and coffee between services!

Glenn Harless, Senior Pastor

*Glenn J. Harless*

# Creating Connections



## The Church Is Here

I came across an article written by Mike Kelly of the Omaha World Herald dated May 10, 2011. In this article titled "Storm brings out best" he related a story from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This story took place days after a series of tornadoes had ripped through the southeastern United States. Earl Tilford, the mayor Tuscaloosa, was assisting in cleanup activities. While he was helping with clean up he met a church group cooking for the volunteers. One volunteer mentioned that he had attended Easter Sunday services just days before the tornado. Shaking his head and pointing to the remnants of the church building he stated "the church is gone". Mayor Tilford paused, while surveying all the work the volunteers were doing, and said "Son, look around; the " 'church' is here."

The church is not bounded by geography and address. The church is everywhere we, as God's children, perform Kingdom work. Church is happening in areas devastated by natural disasters, and in all kinds of circumstance and places where there is great need. The church lives through the acts of total strangers offering love, kindness and caring to their fellow human beings. These folks are following God's call to live missionally.

So where do we go from here? Look at your neighborhood and community; are you connected with your neighbors? Maybe it is time to host a block party to get to know people. Developing relationships and being the church for others is the call we all must answer. By answering the call you open yourself to Kairos moments; when God nudges you. Are you ready for a nudge? Do you have the "how to" or the "heart to" act?

-Mary Findley

**PROBLEM:** Do you ever find yourself saying "The church is so crowded. It seems like there are too many people I don't know."

**SOLUTION:** The T!LC Dinner Pack Club!



All are welcome to participate. The Dinner Pack is comprised of three couples, or two couples and two singles, or one couple and four singles. Whichever way you add them up, as long as there is a total of 6 people. The goal is to meet for three dinners in the next three months. The host couple provides the main dish, drinks and hors d'oeuvres (optional) and the others provide either a salad or side dish. Or you can all meet at a local restaurant!

It is a great evening of Christian fellowship in which the evening can be spent just talking, playing games or doing whatever! Give it a try and get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ. Sign up today on our website or by emailing Marissa Pepper at [mandjpepper@hotmail.com](mailto:mandjpepper@hotmail.com) If you have questions call the church office at 292-2695.

# MISSION MOMENTS

from Pastor David



**Mission.** What is our mission statement by the way? ***Our mission is to reach out and gather people into the family of God, equipping them to be disciples of Jesus Christ in our community, nation, and world.***



## TILC BLOOD DRIVE Monday, August 29th 1:30-7:00pm GET FREE CHOCOLATE WHEN YOU DONATE!!

Please consider donating blood at our next blood drive on Monday, Aug. 29th from 1:30-7:00pm. There are many benefits to donating blood:

- It's something you can spare—yet there still isn't enough to go around!
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed—most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone else's hero—in fact, you may help as many as 3 people with just one donation.
- There is free juice and goodies!

To sign up for a donation appt. please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center, call Shari Teixeira at 339-8226 or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code 642 to go to our sign up page.

**Everyone who donates will receive a coupon for a FREE box of 6 pieces of Chocolate Dipped Fruit from Edible Arrangements**

## Kids Against Hunger

A program of Feeding Children International

One hundred and fifty people – from kids to grandmas and grandpas - gave two hours of their time on Saturday July 9, to pack meals for hungry and starving children in Sierra Leone, and for disaster relief locally.

And, how did they do? They packed over 51,000 meals that day. **Wow!!** When the Lord guides our hearts and our hands, the job gets done beyond our expectations.



It was a little warm that day, but all who were there were passionate about what they were doing, so the heat was a secondary concern. Thanks so much to all who donated their time and money and prayers to this mission.

**Those hungry kids will appreciate it too.**



## **UPDATE from T!LC's Operations Manager, Harold Carlson**

### **Monthly Stewardship**

Through the month of June our expenses were 2.09% above plan, weekly contributions were 0.12% below plan and other revenue was 4.83% below plan which resulted in a negative cash flow of \$61,765.51 with a plan of a negative \$34,565.

### **Building Fund**

The capital campaign (Building Fund) launched May 1, 2010. Estimates of giving received were; 148 estimates of giving for \$317,122 over a 2-year period. Our goal was \$500,000. Actual Contributions received through June 2011 were \$198,454 or 62.6% of the estimates of giving.

Five projects are already complete; we have replaced the original roof at the South Campus facility, upgraded our phone system, repaired the lighted sign at the South Campus, completed a church sign on the corner of 36<sup>th</sup> St and Hwy 370, and installed media capability in the Heritage Sanctuary. We are in the process of upgrading the Heritage Sanctuary lighting and sound system.

### **Vacations & Giving**

Summertime is a great opportunity for family vacations and travels however, our ministry programs continue throughout the summer months. If you do plan to travel this summer you can continue to financially support our ministries in one of two ways. First, our offering envelopes are designed so that they can be mailed to the church and maintain confidentiality. Second, enroll in *Simply Giving* which is a safe and reliable electronic funds transfer program.

### **Simply Giving**

Did you know that T!LC has the ability to receive electronic funds transfers (EFT) through a program called *Simply Giving*? *Simply Giving* is a safe and reliable electronic funds transfer program sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Check out our website for a link to enroll in *Simply Giving*. To enroll go to our website ([www.thanks-giving.org](http://www.thanks-giving.org)) and click on *Simply Giving* under the member quick links at the top of the home page. You can also contact

our *Simply Giving* Coordinator, Harold Carlson at the church office at 292-2695 or [harold@thanks-giving.org](mailto:harold@thanks-giving.org) for more information about the *Simply Giving* program.

### **Automobile Donation Needed**

Do you or someone that you know, have a reliable automobile that could be donate to T!LC? We continue to receive requests from families in need of reliable transportation. Please contact Harold Carlson at the church office for more information.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to e-mail me at [harold.carlson@thanks-giving.org](mailto:harold.carlson@thanks-giving.org), call me at the church or stop by my office.

### ***Money Matters***

***Harold Carlson—Operations Manager***

Every year we go to the doctor to make sure our physical health is good. But we probably don't have a great snapshot of our personal financial health. This means our household is likely due for a checkup. Thrivent Financial Bank's Debt Savvy program is a good place to start.

Thrivent Financial Bank has created a program entitled Debt Savvy that combines an online quiz with a personal, one-on-one discussion with a personal banker. During the appointment, you and your banker will go over all of your bills and accounts. And it's more than just looking at how much you owe. The personal banker actually helps you see where you're spending your money, category by category. At the end of the consultation, you'll have a better view of your financial obligations and savings, and be on your way to creating a plan to get you out of debt – if your in debt – and save for the future.

You can get started by taking the Debt Savvy quiz, which can be found at:

<https://service.thrivent.com/rp/debtassessment/home.do>

You can also set up a phone consultation by calling 1-800-793-3398.

## **THANKSKI XIX**

### **SNOWBOARDING SKIING SNOWMOBILING CROSS COUNTRY TUBING SHOPPING**

Our church ski trip to Colorado will be  
Saturday, Jan 21 - Wednesday, Jan 25, 2012.

Join us for our picnic, reunion, and planning session on  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>.

**LEARN ABOUT OUR TRIP!** Details and a signup sheet are  
posted in the Narthex.

**Questions??** Call or email Ron Wink,  
402-292-1012, [ronwink50@msn.com](mailto:ronwink50@msn.com).

**ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?  
VISIT OUR NEW! PRAYER  
REQUESTS LINK ON T!LC  
WEBSITE**



You can now submit prayer requests  
to the T!LC Prayer Team through the  
website at: [www.thanks-giving.org](http://www.thanks-giving.org),  
on the homepage under Daily Links/  
Prayer Requests.



### **Make a "Joyful Noise"**

with our handbell choir!  
If you would like to learn to ring  
bells, NOW is your opportunity to  
try it out! We will be having  
ringing workshops on Monday  
evenings in July from 7-8pm for  
persons who can read music and

would like to learn about handbells.

Just contact our director, Liane Kirmis, or any member  
of Joyful Noise to let us know you're interested in  
coming! (402 291-4974). If you have previous ringing  
experience, we'd love to hear from you, too! Please  
consider sharing your musical gifts.

Dear T!LC Staff and Congregation,

I want to thank all of you very  
much — not only for the many  
cards and well wishes  
following my ordination, but  
also for the many years of  
encouragement, prayers and  
financial support through seminary. I am blessed  
to have been a part of such a caring and  
supportive congregation. I pray God's continued  
blessings upon the ministry at T!LC and would  
love your prayers as I begin my call at St Paul  
Lutheran in Davenport, IA

**Big  
Thank  
You!**

Thank you for all that you have done!

Your Sister in Christ,

Katy Warren

### **WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE "OVER THE TOP"**

- Enjoy the God who loves you more than you ever dreamed possible.
- He will take your breath away!  
God loves us more than we know. He gives us more than we can ask or dream.
- He's unrestrained . . . excessive . . . outrageous . . . . Over the Top.

**August 12 - 13, 2011, Quest Center Omaha**

Price \$89.00

This includes: **Friday** 10 am - 3:30 pm; 7 pm to 10 pm.

**Saturday** 9 am - 5 pm.

Box lunches included both days.

Register now on-line at [gps.womenoffaith.com](http://gps.womenoffaith.com). Select **Alene Schlange's group**. You can pay in full with credit card option or select payment option.

**Questions:** Contact Alene Schlange at 292-7470 or  
[aleneschlange@yahoo.com](mailto:aleneschlange@yahoo.com).

## T!LC CARE MINISTRIES

Our care ministry teams are your Covenant/Kingdom partners created to care and serve you with the love of Christ.

The following support groups are scheduled to begin Thursday, September 1st, meeting weekly through December 1st:



**Divorce Care:** A 13-week biblically based Christ centered seminar and support group for people seeking help in healing from the pain of separation and divorce.



**Divorce Care 4 Kids (DC4K):** A support group with a purpose to help kids (ages 5-12) heal from the hurts caused by separation and divorce. It will equip kids with the tools necessary to develop healthier relationships within their own families.



**Griefshare:** Griefshare is led by caring people who will walk alongside of you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You do not have to go through the grieving process alone. You will gain resources to help recover and look toward rebuilding your life.

Parish Care Ministries also reaches out to care, comfort, and serve our T!LC family and surrounding community through prayer; Stephen Ministry; meals ministry; hospital visitation; Choosing Wisely; and a health ministry.



**FireProof Your Marriage:** A class focused on strengthening marriage and families which is scheduled to begin Sunday, September 11th at 11:00am in the Heritage Sanctuary. **Come Watch the movie at TLC on Friday Sept 9 @ 7pm.**

**For more information please call T!LC Parish Care Ministry @ 402-295-2695. AND be sure and look for our Parish Care Ministry tables at the Volunteer Faire, August 27-28th!**

*All Praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of ALL comfort. He comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4*

# Children's & Youth Ministry Newsletter



## FROM CONNIE.....

It's hard to believe that it is already August, and the beginning of Sunday School and Saturday Night Kidz Church is just around the corner (August 20th/ 21<sup>st</sup>). I am in the midst of recruiting Sunday School Teachers and preparing for an exciting year of providing our children with experiences that keep them engaged while learning about God.

I would like to invite you to become part of our Children's Ministry Team. You can make a huge difference in a young person's life. We need many Sunday School teachers to help children learn to live in a relationship with Jesus. We want to make our children's experience in Sunday (and Saturday Night) such an amazing one, that they will not want to miss- which reminds me of a story:

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year old Johnny stayed home from church with a baby sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds . Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know it," Johnny pouted, "the one Sunday School I miss and He shows up!"

**Volunteer Registration Forms** are available at the Sunday School Table in the Narthex through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Although we need many Sunday School teachers, there are also other opportunities to help with Sunday school. Please look over a volunteer form to see the choices. If you have any questions about where you can best serve, I would love to visit with you. (Maybe over coffee and chocolate!)

Parents, we also have children registration forms available at the Sunday School table in the Narthex for mature 3 year olds through fourth grade.



**Blessing of the Backpacks and Book bags—August 13 and 14 at all services**

**Students, Parents and Educators-** Bring your book bags or backpacks to Church on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to have them blessed for the coming school year.

## Job Opportunity:

The Children's Ministry Team is seeking a person to assist the Children's Ministry Director in operating T!LC children's programs. Please contact Connie Barnhart at 402-292-2695 for more information. The job description is available on the T!LC website. A current resume and application will be requested.

## Dates to Remember:

**Sunday School Volunteer Meetings- Please chooses one to attend:**

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:30 am Lower Level Gathering Area
- 11:00am Lower Level Gathering Area

Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm Lower Level Gathering Area.

**Saturday Night Kidz Church starts August 20th 5:30 Service**

**Sunday School Starts August 21 at 9:30 or 11:00am**



A kids' ministry without fun is a ministry without kids. That's why Awana takes fun "seriously." Our club meetings are so exciting that kids can't wait to come back for more!

But fun is only the start. While kids are having a blast, they're learning and growing too. They participate in games and activities that train their bodies. They memorize verses that expand their minds. They learn spiritual truths that change their hearts. They encounter life lessons that feed their souls. With caring, trained leaders investing time, love and wisdom into shaping children's lives, families quickly discover that Awana is a fun approach to a serious calling.

Additional information/registration forms can be found on the Awana Club website located at [www.thanks-giving.org](http://www.thanks-giving.org) under the Kids/Youth Tab.

## Mark your calendars!!!!!!

**AWANA Kick-Off**  
**Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30-8:00**



## We need your help...

We are excited to offer Awana Club for the third year here at TLC. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of people to carry out this ministry. We are praying for a team of 60+ people willing to invest their time, love and wisdom into shaping the lives of the children in our church and in our community.

Would you prayerfully consider joining our team as we introduce a new generation to Jesus Christ and help our youth apply God's living Word to their lives?

*We have two training sessions scheduled:*

August 14<sup>th</sup> \* 9 to noon – Awana Basic Training  
August 21<sup>st</sup> \* 9 to 10 – Club Night Walk Through

Questions? Contact Lisa Sager, Awana Director, at 292.2695 x405 or [awana@thanks-giving.org](mailto:awana@thanks-giving.org)

**For more information, contact  
Andrew Mather**  
402-292-2695  
andrew.mather@thanks-giving.org

# YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

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Middle School		High School
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders
<p><b>Dress for Mess</b> Sunday, August 21 6:00 to 8:00 @ T!LC</p> <p><b>Sunday School Begins</b> August 21 9:30</p>	<p><b>Confirmation/Junior High Meeting</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Graders</b> (Parents and Students) Wednesday, August 24</p>	<p><b>Beach Party</b> <i>Welcome Freshmen!</i> August 12 at the Wink's. 5:00 to 10:00 PM Be ready to eat and have a good time. No bikinis (girls or boys). Bring a friend. Door prizes will be given away!</p> <p><b>Small Groups Begin</b> September 11th Contact Andrew to sign up Groups available Monday through Thursday</p> <p><b>Friday Night Lights</b> Friday, August 26 After the East-West Football Game 10:00 PM to 12:00 AM Youth Room</p>
		

## Summer by the Numbers:

\*100 different students have participated in summer events, including 30 students who have never attended T!LC before.

\*15 Junior High Students attended Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for a week learning about being Restored to God.

## Fall 2011—What's New?

New Student Worship Service  
Sundays 10:45—Beginning September 11th  
Grades 7-12

# The Life of Discipleship: Walking in the Covenant, building the Kingdom

## Cleansing Stream Seminar and Retreat

August 31 – November 2  
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm  
Retreat: October 28 & 29

The Cleansing Stream Seminar is designed to introduce believers in Jesus Christ to the basic tenets of discipleship that lay a foundation for a life of victory over sin, the temptations of the world, and the devil's schemes.

The foundational truths and habits for daily living through session teachings and homework are:

- **Walk in the Spirit**—learn how to walk following the leading of the Holy Spirit
- **Commit Everything to God**—learn how to trust the Lord and follow His direction
- **Speak Words of Life**—discover how words can be received, retained, and reproduced
- **Enter the Cleansing Stream**—see God's plan for restoration of relationship and rulership
- **At the Retreat (Oct 28 & 29)** - experience God's miraculous love and power
- **Press Toward the Goal**—learn how to continue the journey you've begun!

Author John Bevere states, "The Body of Christ needs believers who can walk free from past hurts and pursue the calling that God has placed in their lives. This ministry is helping so many people trade bondage, regret and hopelessness for power, love and freedom."

**Cost:** Seminar Workbook \$45

**Retreat:** Individual—\$60, Couple—\$90  
Some partial scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Pastor Bruce Kotila at 292-2695 ext 308 or send an email to [discipleship@thanks-giving.org](mailto:discipleship@thanks-giving.org).

## Doorway to Discovery Retreat: The Lord's Prayer—November 10-13 at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, Nebraska.

This retreat is designed to create an environment where you can give undivided attention to growing in your relationship with God and renew your prayer life. The cost is \$210 per person (includes meals and lodging).

In a formatted mix of worship, prayer, teaching, reflection, and extended periods of silence, retreatants have the opportunity to rid themselves of daily distractions, reflect on the truth of God's Word, and consider their current situation in life. It is a time to discover more about God, what it means to believe in Jesus Christ, and how to live the fullness of life God desires for each of us.

### **Lord's Prayer Retreat**

This is a guided silent retreat that includes a mix of worship, prayer, teaching, reflection and extended periods of silence for the purpose of allowing God to teach you to pray, and to pray more effectively. Teaching and reflection times will follow the invocation, various petitions and benediction of the Lord's prayer contained in Matthew 6:9-13.

## Financial Peace University

September 6 – December 6  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace! Don't worry – you don't have to share any information that you'd rather keep private. This 13 week DVD based curriculum is presented by Dave Ramsey, a leading expert on financial matters who counsels thousands each week on his radio program. You can learn more about Financial Peace University at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

For more information about Financial Peace University, contact Jenni Schliesman at [jennilee@cox.net](mailto:jennilee@cox.net).

# Parish Events

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

08/01 Ryleigh Parrack  
 08/01 Tessa Turner  
 08/01 Kristen Rife  
 08/01 Zachary Keele  
 08/01 Tom Furby  
 08/02 Allisan Grout  
 08/02 Trea Spady  
 08/02 Jacob Anania  
 08/02 Michael Penny  
 08/02 Nicholas Wiebelhaus  
 08/02 Gia Thrasher  
 08/03 Kallie Shoning  
 08/03 Cary Sutton  
 08/03 Alecia Schenck  
 08/04 Aaron Furry  
 08/04 Carly Severson  
 08/04 James Scuturio  
 08/04 Michelle Lasenburg  
 08/05 Caroline Covi  
 08/05 Kennedy Wallman  
 08/06 Justin Wiebelhaus  
 08/06 Beth Bateman  
 08/06 Anthony Sansone  
 08/06 Sven Atkins  
 08/07 Tony Denman  
 08/07 Whitney Davis  
 08/07 Andre Gambino  
 08/07 Curt Turnipseed  
 08/07 Michael Hitt  
 08/08 Taylor Bruch  
 08/08 Ben Kadow  
 08/09 Jackson Cleghorn  
 08/09 Tod Kunschke  
 08/09 Jerry Talty  
 08/09 Ronda Oaks  
 08/09 Nicholas Dawson  
 08/09 Marla Smith  
 08/10 Thomas McGovern  
 08/10 Katy Warren  
 08/10 Jessica Covi  
 08/10 Gregory Dodge  
 08/10 Todd Kallhoff  
 08/10 Janet Scuturio  
 08/10 Treyton Andree  
 08/11 Jordan Broniecki  
 08/11 Penny Mitchell

08/11 Kelsey Carlson  
 08/11 Kenneth Flegle  
 08/11 Asiha Eona  
 08/11 Allison Sutton  
 08/11 Venus Buck  
 08/11 Gregory Ventura  
 08/11 Cole Plambeck  
 08/11 Jeffrey Estes  
 08/11 Amy Turnipseed  
 08/12 Dayton Jenison  
 08/12 Aubree Brown  
 08/12 Susan Johnson  
 08/12 Damon Lutterman  
 08/12 Frank Bevins  
 08/12 Melinda Tonn  
 08/12 Merle Paulsen  
 08/12 Christopher Bain  
 08/12 Elizabeth Jensen  
 08/13 Addison Liberty  
 08/13 Natalie Laufer  
 08/13 Brynn Haer  
 08/13 Kathleen Hanline  
 08/13 Kim Riggs  
 08/13 Marylou Hegarty  
 08/13 Jakob Steffy  
 08/13 Alexander Smith  
 08/14 Chris Flores  
 08/14 Christiana Burton  
 08/14 Sharon Wilson  
 08/14 Faith Anderson  
 08/14 Melanie Lempke  
 08/14 Pamela Simmons  
 08/15 Kevin Church  
 08/15 Debra Bernhardt  
 08/16 Roger Kamrath  
 08/16 Gary Leggitt  
 08/16 Elsa Covi  
 08/16 Edward Joyce  
 08/16 Karla Koval  
 08/17 Morgan Krambeer  
 08/17 Carl Harter  
 08/17 Toby Spady  
 08/17 Rebecca Mahr  
 08/17 Jeff Rippe  
 08/17 Kyle Smith  
 08/18 Kylie Burkhead  
 08/18 Robert Belsaas  
 08/18 Sharon Schur

08/18 Cory Adams  
 08/18 Amy Schram  
 08/18 Jim Biermann  
 08/19 Brenna Livingston  
 08/19 Carole Ring  
 08/19 Ryan Arkle  
 08/19 Helena Bewley  
 08/19 Pamela Wise  
 08/20 Alexander Jorgensen  
 08/20 Dawson Brannen  
 08/20 Bradley Rohn  
 08/20 Keith Carlson  
 08/20 Jordyn Rippe  
 08/20 Dawn Boyce  
 08/20 Jeff Mathemeier  
 08/20 Tyler Zubke  
 08/21 Leonard Teixeira  
 08/21 Von Townsend  
 08/21 Carol Roubinek  
 08/22 Debbie Paz  
 08/22 Mike Chaffee  
 08/22 Rachel Swanson  
 08/22 Jessica Babcock  
 08/22 Michael Taylor  
 08/22 Luke Davis  
 08/22 Sophie Davis  
 08/22 Connor Brockhaus  
 08/22 Zachary Ballain  
 08/23 Aaron Cleghorn  
 08/23 Jennifer Purdham  
 08/23 Dan Lucis  
 08/23 Sherri Hull  
 08/23 Gregory Hollingsead  
 08/23 Laura Evans  
 08/23 Ben Kothe  
 08/23 Madison Scuturio  
 08/23 Michael Smith  
 08/24 Jenni Schliesman  
 08/24 Jason Laabs  
 08/24 Janelle Pasteka  
 08/24 Denise Hebert  
 08/25 Jaimie Cameron  
 08/25 Ty Thrasher  
 08/25 Aaron Frey  
 08/25 John M Basye  
 08/26 Tyler Spady  
 08/26 Jeanette Flegle  
 08/26 Bill Oaks

08/27 Alex Habrock  
 08/27 Liam Rogers  
 08/28 Kylie Filip  
 08/28 Edward Hanline  
 08/28 Melissa Masek  
 08/28 Yvette Pfender  
 08/28 Ambrose Heying  
 08/28 Ryan Zaloudek  
 08/28 Elizabeth Gregory  
 08/29 Juliana Albergucci  
 08/29 Kirk Maynard  
 08/29 Corliss Bunas  
 08/29 McKenna Irwin  
 08/29 Jon Iverson  
 08/29 Jeffrey Strohmeyer  
 08/30 Keatyn McGovern  
 08/30 Sarah Maxwell  
 08/30 Sue Monzingo  
 08/30 Dan Walters  
 08/30 Heather Hansen  
 08/30 Karl Duerk  
 08/30 Corrinne Hardester  
 08/30 Nathaniel Witkop  
 08/30 Mike Albers  
 08/30 Rose Ventura  
 08/30 Mark Apfel  
 08/30 Misty Ballain  
 08/31 Julia Mathemeier  
 08/31 Jacob Grafelman  
 08/31 Darsi Dalen  
 08/31 Kasey Duros  
 08/31 Kaitlyn Duros  
 08/31 Donna Michelson  
 08/31 Katherine Armstrong  
 08/31 Raul Saldivar  
 08/31 Shari Smith

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

08/02 Mike & Cheryl Dunn  
 08/02 Larry & Cindy Sand  
 08/02 Matt & Natalie Neumann  
 08/03 Matt & Debbie Thurlby  
 08/03 Doug & Jennifer Johnson  
 08/04 Eddie & Shelly Haer  
 08/04 Jay & Deb Davis  
 08/06 John & Barbara Jeppesen  
 08/06 Gery & Beth Gaule  
 08/06 Rick & Lynelle Kowalski  
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 08/07 John & Janet Fidler  
 08/07 Henry & Marlene Schuttler  
 08/07 J.R. & Michelle Boyce  
 08/08 Jon & Lisa Peterson  
 08/08 Darrell & Melissa Ries  
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 08/09 Tom & Shari Moseley  
 08/09 Tom & Melody Bentley  
 08/11 Don & Sue Monzingo  
 08/11 Jason & Alicia Heiden  
 08/12 James & Sharla Mruz  
 08/12 Sven & Cheryl Atkins  
 08/13 Dan & Vi Winslow  
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 08/14 Tom & Kari Kelly  
 08/14 Mike & Marsha Schneider  
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 08/15 Mark & Lindsey Apfel  
 08/16 Mike & Karla Koval  
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 08/16 Mike & Vickie Luther  
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 08/28 Tom & Roxanne White  
 08/30 Rod & Val Green  
 08/30 Kevin & Trisha McArthur  
 08/31 Ron & Diane Wink  
 08/31 Corky & Pam Rice

### BAPTISMS

(June 25, 2011)

- **Lance Michael Sampson**, son of Gary and Barbara. Sponsors are Patrick Sampson & Madison Mackeprang.

(July 23, 2011)

- **Gavin Christopher Dontigney**, son of Shawn Dontigney & Amanda Wallar. Sponsors are Tim & Abbie Wallar.

### SYMPATHY

**Gary & Molly Baumert**, in the death of Molly's mother, Winona Ackerman on July 9, 2011

**Todd & Kristi Gould**, in the death of Kristi's father, Bob Mau on July 16, 2011.

(July 10, 2011)

- **Emily Dawn Ballou**, daughter of Michael & Sarah. Sponsors are Darin & Lisa Plum.

(July 17, 2011)

- **Connor Logan Tierney**, son of Kelli Siford, Sponsors are Daniel & Shanna Siford.

### BIRTHS

**Nolan Parker Muhle** on June 19, 2011. Proud parents are Kyle and Claire Muhle. Proud Grandparents are Gary and Kathy Muhle.

**Jacob Harless Houghland** on July 6, 2011. Proud parents are John & Marisa Houghland. Proud Grandparents are Glenn & Suzanne Harless. Proud Great Grandparents are Jim & DeEtt Harless.

# AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Heritage (Traditional) Worship: Sun 8:15am Jubilation! (Contemporary) Worship: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 9:30 & 11:00am

Time	Reader	Worship Asst	Communion Assistants	Ushers All of August	Greeters
<b>August 6&amp;7—Holy Communion</b>					
5:30	Keela Burkholder		Scott Heckins, Carrie Holo		
8:15	Sarah Bierman	Mike Dunn	Ross Ashbacker, Mary Lou Hegarty, Carol Power	Charlie Daubs, Kermit Erickson, Gary Baumert Charlie Smock	Roger & Joyce Kamrath
9:30	Joe Fullenkamp		Rachel Villmow, Lisa Zaloudek, Michelle Gaulin, Chrys Frey, Cathy Muhle,	Lynn Aarhus, Roger & Carol Davick, Dan Harringa	
11:00			Loeatice Finerty, Jeanne Zamiska, Lana Fox, Joyce Pancoast, Cami Madden, Sue Hoogeveen	Scott Pfender, Dirk Frey, Phil Davidson, Bill Richards	
<b>August 13&amp;14</b>					
5:30	Jan Elliot				
8:15	Charlie Smock	Jennifer Johnson			Gerry & Phyllis Leseberg
9:30	Ray Thompson				
11:00	Frank Gorhau				
<b>August 20&amp;21 - Holy Communion</b>					
5:30	Maylene Haslett		Ramona Lucas, Johann Onnen		
8:15	Karin Ingram	Carol Umberger	Mary Lou Hegarty, Karen & Dick Moser		Karin Ingram and Family
9:30	Shari Teixeira		Joe Fullenkamp, Donna Gilbert, Tracy Gramps, Bev Mussman, Suzanne Harless		
11:00	Russ Brandt		Deb Brandt, Stacy Thorne		
<b>August 27&amp;28</b>					
5:30	Joe Long				
8:15	Tessa Turner	Jon Iverson			Roger & Linda Christensen
9:30	Pat Branson				
11:00	Loeatice Finerty				
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August 7	8:15 Laurie Hanna	9:30 & 11:00 Sue Tonn			
August 14	Denise Herbert				
August 21	Grace Overby	Rhonda Wiebers			
August 28	Linda Christensen	Pat Sohm			
<b>QUESTIONS OR NEED A REPLACEMENT? PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b>					
<b>Readers, Worship/Communion Assistants:</b> (Sat 5:30/Sun 8:15) Venus Buck 291-0594; (9:30/11:00) Donna Gilbert 293-1656					
<b>Altar Guild: Julie Taylor-Costello 292-2695</b>					
<b>Usher Director:</b> Kirk Engelbart 292-6249; <b>Usher Captians:</b> (8:15) Ron Overby 292-4335; (9:30) Terry Wilson 991-6707; (11:00) Craig Christians 502-9168					
<b>Greeters:</b> Karen Griffith 331-1935					

**WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS**

## The T!LC Library Corner—It's Your Library!



The generosity of this congregation is like the energizer bunny...it just *'keeps on giving'*. With so many new donations, our upcoming book sale will be a wonderful way to pick up a special eco-friendly book for a Christmas or birthday gift. What better present than a book others have enjoyed at a fraction of the cost of a new purchase? On behalf of the library, thank you for your donations.

If you have books, CDs, or DVDs you want to get out of the house, now is the time to do it! These items will either be incorporated into the library or into our book sale. Leave your donations in the library. Please watch future newsletters and the Sunday Messenger for the exact date of the annual fall book sale.

The section on prayer and angels has continued and expand. New books are on the shelves right inside the door. We have many fictional series for men and women for spiritual growth and development.

If anyone has a reference book out please return them. I am gearing up for the September newsletter and would like to have all our material accounted for the upcoming Sunday morning series.

A word of interest to parents of T!LC. The Library Nook was absorbed into the main library. The books, VHS, and DVD's for children can be found on their own shelves. The books, DVD's, and VHS tapes are being checked out or read on site showing they are definitely being utilized. The return box in the library overflows each month with items being returned in this group. Please make sure you check the library cart as new and exciting books, DVD's, VHS tapes are available each week.

### **A review of some new books you'll find on the cart in August:**

*God's Little Devotional Book for Parents* by Honor Books

"Hear what other parents have to say as you red this collection of stories and anecdotes from everyday life, coupled with wisdom from the best of all parenting handbooks, God's Word.

*The One Year book of Bible Prayers* by Bruce B. Barton

"Find every day an inspiring prayer taken directly from Scripture; an insightful meditation on the prayer passage; a one line "prayer starter" – a sentence that jump-starts your own conversation with God."

*IF LIFE is a GAME, THESE are the RULES* by Cherie Carter-Scott, Ph.D.

"The door to a satisfying life lies within each of us" Jack Canfield, co-author of Chicken Soup for the Soul."

*Too Busy Not To Pray* by Bill Hybels

"Most of us have trouble finding time to pray. Time for prayer seems impossible to find. Prayer doesn't happen on the run. The ideas in this practical book can help us to learn to slow down to be with God as well. "

*Little Visits with God* by Allan Hart Jahsmann & Martin P. Simon

"This book nurtures the faith of children and sows seeds that enrich lives for years to come. You can encourage your child to learn about God and develop love and trust in Him."

I would like to thank those individuals who have stepped up to contribute time in assisting in the library. As mentioned in previous articles, the more input we have, the more user friendly the library will become.

Until next month, God's peace to all!  
Vicki D

# T!LC HEALTH MINISTRIES

T!LC Health Ministries Team would like to keep you updated on current health-related topics. If you have any questions or would like to have specific health concerns addressed, please contact us at 402-292-2695, or care@thanks-giving.org.

## Medication Stewardship

**Medication** - a substance used for medical treatment, may be a drug or chemical

**Stewardship** - the conducting, supervising, or managing of something

Medication Facts (as factual as Google can be)

Prescription drug spending per senior 1992 – 2010

\$559

\$984

\$1912

\$2810 ..... an increase of 116%

(At the same time, overall per senior health care spending grew by 59%.)

The average **number** of prescriptions per elderly person grew from **19.6** in 1992 to **28.5** in 2000, an increase of 45%.

In Minnesota, 82% of persons age 65 and over take at least one prescription drug on a daily basis. Only 18% do not take prescription drugs daily.

The average number of different prescription drugs taken daily by seniors is 2.9. More than **1 in 5 seniors take 5 or more different drugs everyday.**

Women (56 %) are more likely than men (42%) to use a prescription medication on a regular basis.

Among seniors with at least 3 chronic health conditions (diabetes, heart disease or high blood pressure), 3 of 4 (73%) **take 5 or more medications daily.**

The important message underlying these facts is the importance of medication in health care today. Health professionals know very clearly one important dilemma: **Any person that takes 5 or more medications (prescription and over-the-counter) will have a drug to drug interaction.** In other words, this is an unintended reaction between the chemicals. This is highly unpredictable most of the time, predictable in some situations.

**Therefore, it is SO important for every individual to be aware of appropriate medication stewardship, managing substances used for medical treatment. If not in your own daily health care, for those close to you that may need assistance.**

- **It is absolutely essential** that anyone taking prescription and over-the-counter medication **keep an accurate, up-to-date list** of these substances to provide to health professionals when needed.

In this day of electronic records, keep a health record updated on your computer to take with you for an office visit. Keep a smaller sized laminated card in your wallet or close personal belongings. However, please keep this current.

- **Always** critically review any prescription that is purchased. Medical information is absolutely overwhelming in our current culture. Even though electronic transactions occur that theoretically improve safety, numerous studies document increased possibility of drug errors when this technology is initiated. It takes the personal attention of each health professional and consumer to ensure 100% accuracy of each medication.
- **Discuss** with your health provider every medication that is prescribed and understand the reason behind the medication along with potential side effects. Substances and medications are available to treat every conceivable condition under the sun. This includes nutritional substances, menopause, bone strength, cholesterol, behavior issues, diabetes and the list is endless. This leads to the huge number of medications that one may take, noted previously causing the 116% increase in medications over the last 10 years. Review the necessity, risks and benefits of every drug. Do your best to keep this number **under 5**, to minimize unintended side effects.
- **Recognize high-risk medications.** Narcotic pain pills and relaxants are not meant to be routine, daily medications. Alternative, non-pharmaceutical treatments should be maximized. This means appropriate chiropractics/physical therapy and behavioral therapy. Set reasonable expectations for pain control. 27,000 people died in America in 2011 from narcotic misuse and overdose.
- **Many** people take blood thinners (Coumadin, Pradaxa, aspirin) which are also very high risk. Be sure to understand interactions with other medications that could be potentially life threatening.

The important take home message is to take personal accountability in managing your health care, which includes prescription medication. Try to minimize the number of drugs that are used, and understand which drugs are high risk. Always consult your health professional with any concerns.



***“We shall serve for the joy of serving - prosperity shall flow to us and through us in unending streams of plenty.” ~ Charles Fillmore***

**The Jubilation Worship Team NEEDS YOU!!**

If you or someone you know has interest in using their music or technical gifts for the Jubilation service there will be applications available at the welcome center. Whether you play guitar, drums, piano, run sound, lights, media, or sing; we would love for you to join our team and to help create and cultivate worship for our congregation. If you have interest in helping with sound and media, but don't have experience and skills we will be having training for both in the next few months. We will also be holding auditions and interviews for the Jubilation team. If this is something that interests you or if you have any questions about the worship team or just want to talk worship, please contact our Worship Coordinator Mike Treachler, [michael.treachler@thanks-giving.org](mailto:michael.treachler@thanks-giving.org) or 402-680-8093.

***“Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!” Psalm 96:1***

Last fall Carol Umberger took over as interim choir director for our Heritage service. Her willingness to take on this role allowed us to provide continuity within worship and music while we searched for a new Worship Coordinator. It is now time to begin a search for a permanent Heritage Director. This is a 10-12 hour a week job with staff responsibilities that go beyond simply directing the choir. Interested parties should contact the church office at 292-2695.

**Looking ahead to important dates:**

- **August 25**—Choir rehearsals begin
- **Mid-September**—Cantata rehearsals begin
- **December 18**—Christmas Cantata. Remember Pastor Glenn’s challenge—he’ll sing if you do!

**NEED A BABYSITTER? ♥ WANT TO BABY-SIT?**

- Do you need an evening out, but you can't find a babysitter?
- Are you a babysitter and looking for some extra cash?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, then let T!LC help.

Thanksgiving! is introducing the new and improved child-care database. We are looking for people in our congregation who are willing to baby-sit, have age appropriate, mature children who want to baby-sit, or have children and need baby-sitters.

If you have an emergency arise, need a few hours to yourself, or maybe a night out with the significant other, then this is a great opportunity for you!

If you would like more information or to sign-up, contact Regina Neemann our nursery director for the forms. All monetary arrangements or child-care swap agreements will be made by the parties involved.

**Baptism Class will be held on August 14, 2011— 11am**

This class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please contact the church office at **292-2695** or **send an email to [discipleship@thanks-giving.org](mailto:discipleship@thanks-giving.org)** to register for the class.

**Questions:**

Contact Pastor Bruce Kotila



## SUMMER QUILTING



The last meeting for Summer Quilting will be Tuesday August 9, 2011. We meet at 1:30pm in the Mission. We will be tying quilts together! If you can tie a knot or pin together binding we need you!

Please call Karen Rowell for more information.

## Dates to Remember:



Aug 12-13—Women of Faith Conference

Aug. 14—Baptism Class—11:00am

Aug. 19-21 Urban Plunge

Aug 21—Sunday School and Youth Kickoff

Aug. 24—Wednesday Night Children and Youth Ministries Kick off.

Aug 29—TLC Blood Drive

Aug 31—Cleansing Stream Seminar begins

Sept 6—Financial Peace University begins

Sept 9—Fireproof Movie Night at TLC (7pm)

Sept 11—*The Story* begins

Sept. 11—Fireproof Marriage Class begins

Weekly updates on events and church happenings are located on our website!

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You can also read it on our website at:  
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August 19, 2011

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DEADLINE

## Life Group: A Place for Discipleship



If you are interested in discovering a new type of Christian community that is centered around the Biblical principles of discipleship please go to <http://tlcmidsize.blogspot.com>

This is a site that we have set up specifically for the missional community. Or feel free to call hosts Rob and Janine Wegner at 293-9060 or [j9wegner@cox.net](mailto:j9wegner@cox.net)

We meet each Monday evening at 6pm in the home of Rob and Janine Wegner for fellowship, worship, outreach, and teaching.



For Care  
Ministry  
Assistance . .  
During Church  
Office Hours:

Please call 402.292.2695

### All Other Times:

Please call our dedicated 24/7 voice mail number **402.292.7633** and leave a message. You will be contacted by a Care Ministries staff person or a pastor. This number is checked four to six times daily.



## The Power of God in Prayer!

*"I tell you to believe that you have received the things you ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you."  
(Mark 11:24 ISB)*

Are you in need of prayer? *James 5:13-16 commands us to call for the elders of the church to pray over us.* Healing Prayer Team members are available in the Prayer Chapel every weekend immediately following each service. You are invited and encouraged to come for healing and other personal prayer needs.



## Stephen Ministry God's Love In Action

One -to -one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are facing a crisis or life challenge such as bereavement, hospitalization, a terminal illness. We also provide care to those who are separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, or who are experiencing a significant trial or storm in their lives.

For information, call Vicar Susan Westland, Parish Care Ministry Coordinator at 402-292-2695.

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#### OUR VISION STATEMENT

*Our Vision is for All People to Live Transformed Lives by **Belonging** to the Family of God, **Believing** in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and **Becoming** Spirit-Empowered Servants of Christ!*

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to reach out and gather people into the family of God, equipping them to be disciples of Jesus Christ in our community, nation, and world.*

#### CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Phone: 402.292.2695  
Fax: 402.292.0248  
E-mail: thanks@thanks-giving.org  
Website: www.thanks-giving.org  
Parish Care/Stephen Ministry: 402.292.7633  
T!LC Preschool: 402.292.0315

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Saturday *Jubilation!* Service  
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Heritage Services  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. *Jubilation!* Services  
Nursery Available for All Services  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Weekends

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September through May , , ,  
\* Saturday Night Kidz Church (during 5:30 Worship)  
\* Sunday School-Youth & Adult 9:30 and 11:00  
\* Wednesday Night Awana & Power Surge  
\* Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)  
\* Numerous Weekly Senior High Youth and Adult Small Group Bible Studies  
Various Jr. & Sr. High Activities are held throughout the summer months.

#### T!LC STAFF

Pastors:

Rev. Glenn J. Harless, Senior Pastor	
Rev. Bruce L. Kotila, Pastor of Discipleship Training	
Rev. David S. Witkop, Pastor of Congregational Ministries	
Care Ministries Coordinator	Vicar Susan Westland
Worship & Music Coordinator	Michael Treachler
Worship & Music Admin	Julie Taylor-Costello
Operations Manager	Harold Carlson
Office Manager	Sara Zivny
Preschool Director	Dana Crosgrove
Children's Ministry Director	Connie Barnhart
Awana Director	Lisa Sager, Meagan & Ryan Cinfel
Youth Director	Andrew Mather
Worship & Music Director	Carol Umberger
Nursery Director	Regina Neemann
Kids of the King Director	Ryan Cinfel
Handbell Choir Director	Liane Kirmis

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through  
Life in Christ!*