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PASTOR'S NOTE

Are you listening?

Listen Linda! A couple of years ago there was a video that went viral of a child talking to his parent in a very demanding tone. Over and over again he implored her to listen. Demanding that others stop and listen to us seems like a very common thing in our day. Everyone wants to be heard. There are social media platforms, blogs, TV programs, and podcasts all trying to do one thing, listen.

Everyone longs to be heard and truly listened to but who

will do it? In James 1:19, the brother of our Lord encouraged first century believers to be "Quick to listen, Slow to speak, and slow to become angry."

Who is quick with listening? It is a skill to be learned. So often we are determined even while we are listening to what am I going to say next that we fail to listen well. Slow to speak and to become angry.

As we walk together as a congregation let us remember that each of us is a work in progress. God has poured

out His love upon us through Jesus but this work that He has begun in us has not yet reached its completion. Let us strive to be patient with one another and listen well to one another as we follow our Savior!

Lord, give us ears to hear one another quickly, and may we be slow to speak and slow to become angry with one another. In Jesus name. Amen.

In His Grip,

Pastor Jason Boetcher

TFLC NOTE

Trinity Family Learning Center is now hiring for the before and after school program at the Basehor Elementary location. If you know someone who is interested please email Carolyn at TFLC@socdirector@gatheringinchrist.org or call 913-724-4441.

There is a sign up sheet on the back table for anyone willing to donate a plate of cookies for Preschool Graduation on May 17th.

We would also like to thank the individual who donated a few items recently. We truly appreciate your generosity!

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

- Daring Faith continues through May 21st.
- WILD AT HEART Men's Ministry
- "WILD" Women In Loving Discipleship

THE DCE'S CORNER

May is a big month for me, it is officially my last month as the 'DCE Intern.' As of May 9th, I will have been here for an entire year! To say that this time has been a great learning experience would be an understatement. During this time I have seen growth in so many people here at Trinity, and I have grown immensely as a disciple and church professional as well. I wanted to offer all of you my deepest gratitude for having me this last year; God has used this church and will continue to use the people here in incredible ways in the years to come!

As far as announcements go, things are slim this month. Due to Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, finals, graduations, and all of the other chaos going on, Youth

Group will only meet once this month – May 6th.

Mark your calendars for June 9th! Here at Trinity we will be holding the second Worship Seminar. We will discuss the worship culture of this church, what it means to worship, and how we can continue to create healthy and Christ-centered worship environments in our space!

The worship team and youth group are approaching a transition point as I prepare to leave for Marietta, GA to pursue my full-time call as a Youth Director and Contemporary Worship Coordinator at Faith Lutheran Church. I think it is important to communicate to all of you the measures I am taking to empower all those involved

with these ministries as we move forward. Starting this month, I will be moving towards a consultant and advisor role for Vicky Herbster as the new leader of the worship team and Kristen Rosche as she continues her passionate leadership as the Youth Chair. You will continue to see me directly involved with these ministries; after May 9th I will be taking a more passive role at worship and youth events than before. My time will be invested in preparing resources for the leadership of both ministries and preparing instructional materials that will equip them to take over tasks directly involved with those areas. I will be making myself readily available to these leaders to provide resources for

both areas of ministry, offer counsel on ministry direction, and to ensure both feel equipped and empowered for continued leadership. Please keep both individuals in your prayers as God prepares them to take over in these areas! Those are my updates for May. God's blessings on all of you!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Trinity Care Team

Contact person is Connie Avey

Upcoming OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE...

METRO LUTHERAN MINISTRIES- Next date is May 19th

SECOND SATURDAYS- Next date is June 9th



STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE

St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings

and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost

exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical

and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1. Willow Rademacher | 15. Shari Kuttler | 24. Cody & Bailey Nick |
| 2. Karen Herrs | 16. Noah Rademacher | 25. Addie Hermreck |
| 3. Kenneth Gier | 17. Kamden Tatkenhorst | 25. Clayton Neas |
| 3. Bailey Nick | 18. Adelease Springstead | 25. Jason Thomas |
| 5. Jason Anderson | 18. Elizabeth Vokac | 26. Warren & Gisela Kennedy |
| 5. Mitch & Jill Rademacher | 19. Emily Franz | 29. Ryan Cavaness |
| 7. Don Pooler | 21. Elsie Hermreck | 29. Steve & Deb Farrow |
| 12. Jackson Franz | 21. Angela Kraus | 30. Jane Williamson |
| 12. Sarah DeMetz | 22. Ken Schoepflin | |
| 13. Austin Schoepflin | 22. Darrel Rathe | |
| 13. Carl & Marcella Cavaness | 22. Jason & Audrey Boetcher | |
| 14. Michele Jeannin | 23. Kian Griffith | |



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Praise Team 7:15pm	2	3 National Day of Prayer 7-9pm	4	5
6 Youth Group 6:30	7 Daring Faith 6:30	8 Praise Team 7:15pm	9	10 Day of Ascension	11	12
13 Last day of spring Sunday School Mother's Day * 11:30-6pm	14 Daring Faith 6:30	15 Praise Team 7:15pm	16	17 TFLC Preschool Graduation 7pm	18	19 Metro Lutheran
20 Pentecost Confirmation Sunday Youth Group 6:30	21 Daring Faith 6:30 Worship Team 6pm	22 Praise Team & Youth 7:15pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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