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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00AM

May 7th – Confirmation Sunday

May 9th Board Meeting 6:00pm/Council Meeting 7:00pm

May 14th – Mothers Day (Flowers for Mom's

May 31st – Memorial Day

May 20th Thru May 31st Pastor and Family on Vacation

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

Newsletter Article – May 2023

Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!


In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

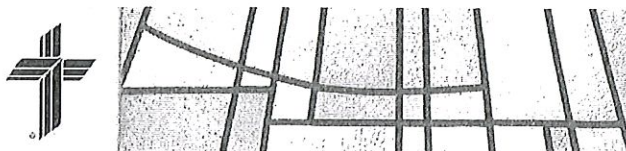
Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

LCMS statement on Concordia University Texas

 reporter.lcms.org/2023/lcms-statement-on-concordia-texas

April 18, 2023



LCMS Board of Directors and President make a statement concerning the action by Concordia University Texas to self-govern

April 18, 2023

On April 4, 2023, the Board of Regents (BOR) of Concordia University Texas (CTX) confirmed its November 8, 2022, action to separate CTX from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS Office of the President (OTP) and the Synod Board of Directors (BOD) are deeply disappointed by this decision.

Our synodical union is rooted in the belief that the doctrine and practice of the church, the “all things whatsoever” our Lord gave (Matt. 28:20), as secured to us in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, are the lifeblood of the church. The Synod’s member congregations have set forth the Synod’s Constitution and Bylaws to provide the orderly supervision that is necessary to the conservation and promotion of unity in the true faith and for fruitful ministry, to keep the Synod in all its parts walking together in the truth. In the nearly 100 years since its founding by the LCMS, CTX has served fruitfully under this Constitution and Bylaws as part of a unified educational system of the Synod, for and on behalf of the member congregations.

Since the CTX BOR first proposed a separation in February 2022, the Synod OTP and BOD consistently have reminded the CTX BOR that it has no authority, under the Synod Constitution and Bylaws, to establish a model of governance independent of the Synod. Since the assertion of separation by CTX in November 2022, the Synod BOD and OTP, desiring to welcome CTX back with open arms, have made every effort to encourage and exhort the CTX BOR to reverse its action and return CTX to the Synod. In face-to-face meetings, phone calls, and correspondence, we answered questions, addressed misunderstandings and misperceptions, and cautioned the BOR about the damage an asserted self-separation would cause to the Synod and to CTX, its faculty, staff, and students. Despite our appeal, the BOR has again asserted itself as the sole governing body for the institution, apart from the Synod. Clearly, this was not the intention of the congregations in entrusting the CTX BOR with governance of the Synod’s university.

The CTX BOR's actions come as the BOD's 7-03 Task Force has been working with our universities on a proposal to strengthen them in governance and in ties to the Synod and to its life-giving doctrine and practice. The task force is expected to propose Bylaw revisions to this summer's convention. We are grateful for the commitment of the leadership and boards of our other Concordia universities to our Synod and its Constitution and Bylaws, for the faithful confession of God's truth in our doctrine and practice.

Together with the Concordia University System (CUS), we desire a faithful resolution to the CTX governance matter. We do not acknowledge the authority of the CTX BOR to self-separate, or the validity of such actions.

As steward of the Synod's property and business affairs, the Synod BOD is responsible to address CTX's asserted self-separation in a way that best honors the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws and serves the interest of the Synod's member congregations. As chief ecclesiastical supervisor of the Synod and its institutions, the LCMS President is also addressing the matter of theological and philosophical concerns faithfully and forcefully. This work calls for prudence and discretion. We will update the Synod's member congregations as appropriate.

We pray that our risen Lord will also in this matter bring good from ill, both for the Synod and for CTX. We invite everyone to join us in continued prayers for our Synod; our Synod President; the BOD; the CUS; the CTX BOR; and CTX's leaders, administrators, faculty, and students.

May the Lord have mercy on us all.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Account No.	Debits	Credits	Year to Date	Budget 2023
100 MISSION				
101 District/Synod Gift			420.00 0.00	1,000.00
TOTAL MISSIONS:	\$ -		\$ 420.00	\$ 1,000.00
200 PASTORAL SUPPORT				
201 Salary	3,250.00		9,750.00	39,000.00
202 Housing Allowance (Tax Purpose Only)	1,666.66		4,999.98	20,000.00
203 Expense Reimbursement - Mileage	200.00		650.00	2,400.00
204 Cell Phone Reimbursement	65.00		195.00	780.00
TOTAL SUPPORT:	\$ 5,181.66		\$ 15,594.98	\$ 62,180.00
CONCORDIA PLANS				
205 Health-Pastor	2,406.92		4,813.84	28,883.00
205A HSA - Pastor			500.00	2,000.00
206 Disability-Pastor	142.08		298.22	1,536.24
207 Retirement-Pastor	534.69		1,123.76	5,850.00
208 Continuing Education		-300.00	-300.00	500.00
209 Conference Allowance			0.00	400.00
TOTAL CONCORDIA:	\$ 3,083.69	\$ (300.00)	\$ 6,435.82	\$ 39,169.24
300 BOARD OF ELDERS				
301 Organist Salary			0.00	250.00
302 A/V Salary			0.00	250.00
303 Office Payroll	587.36		892.12	7,500.00
304 Accountant			100.00	440.00
305 A/V Music Supplies			150.00	500.00
306 Worship/Altar Supplies	193.16		403.29	1,200.00
307 Office Supplies	36.56		183.53	850.00
308 Copier Expenses			628.06	1,000.00
309 Postage			90.00	350.00
310 Guest Speakers			614.40	1,000.00
311 QT. Payroll Withholding			234.15	2,000.00
312 Internet Services			0.00	0.00
313 Bank Charges			0.00	140.00
314 Deaf Interpreter	50.00		50.00	600.00
TOTAL ELDERS:	\$ 867.08	\$ -	\$ 3,345.55	\$ 16,080.00
400 BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP/MISSION/EVANGELISM				
401 Stewardship Program	35.55		35.55	100.00
402 Offering Envelopes			0.00	500.00
403 Subscriptions	95.85		101.17	600.00
404 Evangelism Program			0.00	100.00
405 Library/Resources	16.50		61.33	300.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP/MISSION/EVANGELISM:	\$ 147.90	\$ -	\$ 198.05	\$ 1,600.00
500 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
501 Education Program/Teacher Training			0.00	0.00
502 Adult Education Hour	81.52		81.52	200.00
503 Children Education Hour			0.00	300.00
504 Vacation Bible School			0.00	250.00
505 Confirmation			0.00	250.00
506 Youth Resource			0.00	0.00
TOTAL EDUCATION:	\$ 81.52	\$ -	\$ 81.52	\$ 1,000.00

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Account No.	Debits	Credits	Year to Date	Budget 2023
600 BOARD OF TRUSTEES				
CHURCH				
601 Janitor Salary	166.22		260.42	300.00
602 Janitorial Supplies	95.28		258.43	750.00
603 Telephone/Internet 2 mos.	322.14		483.21	2,000.00
604 Gas-Church	694.56		2,399.97	4,500.00
605 Electric-Church	393.38		759.31	3,500.00
606 Sewer & Water-Church	123.25		363.35	1,800.00
607 General Maintenance & Repairs-Church	3682.03		5,723.03	3,000.00
608 Furniture & Equipment	369.99		369.99	500.00
609 Office Equipment Maintenance			0.00	200.00
610 Insurance	1623.50		1,623.50	5,000.00
	\$ 7,470.35	\$ -	\$ 12,241.21	\$ 21,550.00
PARSONAGE				
615 General Maintenance & Repairs-Parsonage	580.70		903.41	3,000.00
	\$ 580.70	\$ -	\$ 903.41	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL TRUSTEES:	\$ 8,051.05	\$ -	\$ 13,144.62	\$ 24,550.00
700 BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY				
701 Church Picnic	75.00		75.00	100.00
702 Misc. Pot Luck Meals			0.00	0.00
TOTAL SOCIAL MINISTRY:	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
800 OTHER EXPENSES				
801 Miscellaneous Expense	415.65		415.65	800.00
802 Convention (Seminar) Fund-Laity			0.00	500.00
803 Circuit Forum/Convocation			0.00	0.00
804 Kitchen Equipment/Supplies	21.44		119.43	0.00
805 Trinity Service Group - Food		-265.17	-265.17	0.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 437.09	\$ (265.17)	\$ 269.91	\$ 1,300.00
900 BOARD OF COMMUNICATION				
901 P.R. Program			0.00	200.00
902 Advertisement	160.00		160.00	300.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATION:	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL WORK PROGRAM	\$ 18,084.99 12.26%	\$ (565.17)	\$ 39,725.45 26.94%	\$ 147,479.24 100.00%

Beginning Balance:	\$ 29,124.31
Deposits from offering:	10,157.00
Other Deposits/Transfers	1,816.39
TOTAL ASSETS: \$	41,097.70

Expenses/Debits Budget:	18,084.99
Expenses/Debits Other:	2,733.55
TOTAL EXPENSE: \$	20,818.54

ENDING BALANCE: \$ 20,279.16

Other Deposits/Transfer

Thrivent	729.00
Youth Convention	267.00
Lenten Meals for Youth Conv	238.42
Porter Lunch Reimbursement	265.17
Sales Tax Refund	16.80
Continuing Education Donation	300.00
TOTAL OTHER DEPOSITS:	1,816.39

Other Expenses/Debits

Treasury of Daily Prayer (41)	1,930.55
Wauhsara Food Pantry, Chili Sup.	422.00
Comp for Parsonage water issue	381.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:	2,733.55

YTD Thrivent Dollars \$1,096

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2023

Chairman Bruce Weiss called a special council meeting after service at 10:20 AM.

Trustees presented Soules Creek landscape proposal for parsonage landscaping to resolve water issues. The proposal was reviewed by council in attendance. Motion by Steve Ryerson, second by Carol Jarvis to accept the Soules Creek proposal for three steps in process of grading and landscaping at the parsonage for estimate of \$5700. Motion carried.

Review of Soules Creek second proposal to remove and replace retaining wall for \$7800. There was discussion to plan to collect donations for this project and complete it after the first landscaping project is completed when we have funds available.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Steve Hoover, seconded by Tom Voigt at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Voigt, Council Secretary

RECYCLED CARDS

I am writing this to inform members, old and new, about the recycled cards group. We recycle greeting cards for a mission project to be determined when we have enough funds. We, most recently, have donated 300 to the youth group for their youth convention. The cards sell for 35 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. There is a money box on the cards rack for your donations. We have a rack on the counter across from the mailboxes for special cards such as Valentines Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Graduation and Thanksgiving. Please place the money in the box on the cards rack next to the mother's room.

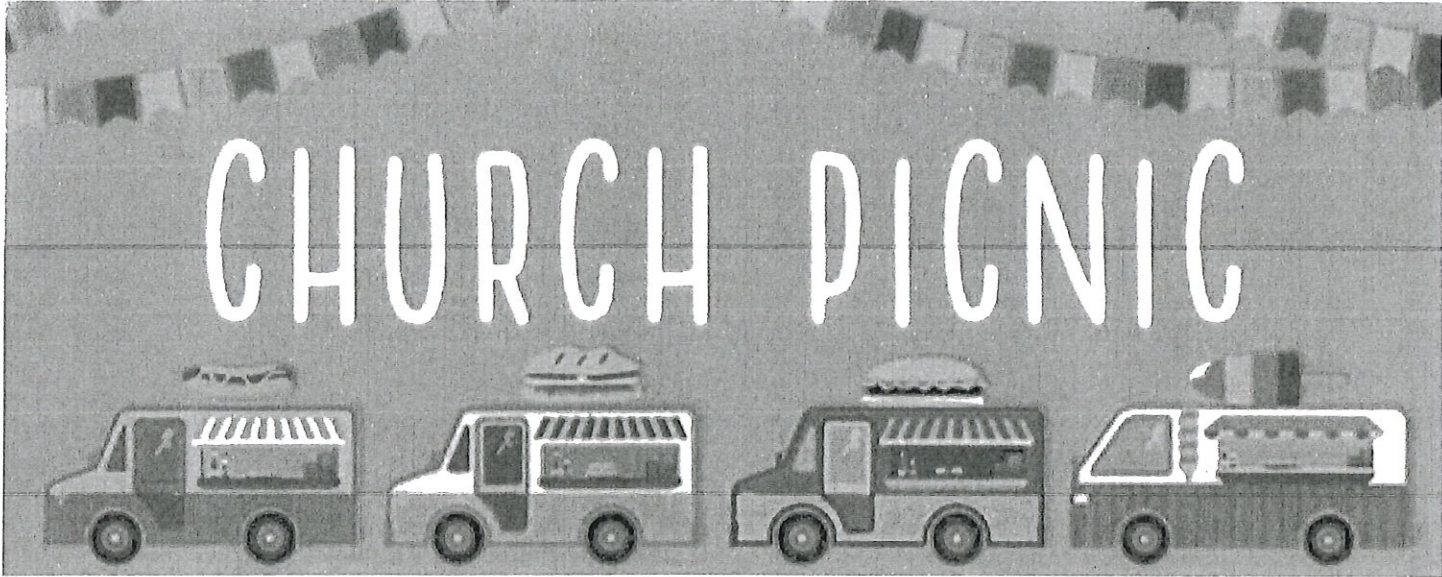
We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:00am -11:00am. If you wish to join, new members are welcome to come. You can help glue ribbons. (and visit).

Thank you for your support!

Darlene Bahn

Cards that we sell on the rack.

Donation Box	Birthdays	Get well	Sympathy	Anniversary	Thank You/Notes	Retirement Baby Wedding Secret Pal Encouragement
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CHURCH PICNIC

Bird Creek Park

Hwy 21, Wautoma

June 11, 2023

Church Service will be held at Trinity, 9:00am

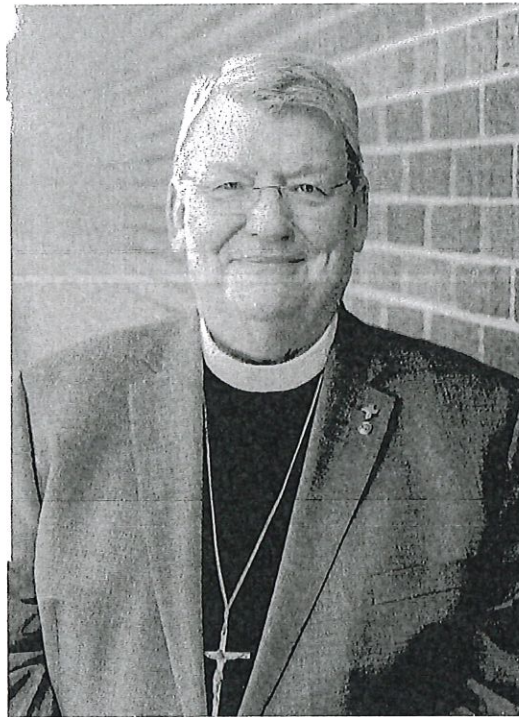
A Potluck Picnic will follow at the park.

Check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex

The park offers a playground and Splash pad for the kids. Bingo, Horseshoes and Cornhole Games.

Bathroom will be open.

Special Guest Pastor
Sunday, May 21, 2023



Rev. Dr. John C. Wille
LCMS-SWD President

**Join us after the Church Service for
fellowship and refreshments.**

May Bits and Pieces

YOUTH CONFERENCE has raised a total of **\$2713.42**. The youth and Adults have an estimated cost of \$3500.00. This amount will go towards their conference cost, travel, lodging and meals prior to the conference and the day after. Thank you for your donations!

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MITES

are continuing to be collecting on the
1st Sunday & Wednesday
of each month. Please remember to drop
them off in the LWML white box.
Thank you from Trinity LWML

RECYCLED CARDS MEET

May 9th

May 23rd

TIME: 9am-11am

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

1. You can use your bank's online payment, option, but this takes about 1 week. A check will be issued by your bank and mailed to Trinity.
2. Trinity is registered with Zelle (peer to peer payment system).
3. Trinity accepts PayPal payments, however there will be a fee charged to the sender, unless your account is linked directly to your bank account. To find Trinity, search for trinitytreasurer121@gmail.com of "Trinity Lutheran Church, Wautoma"

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church

This is to Thank you for being so thoughtful so often with your generous gifts to our food pantry.

May you be blessed for this kindness!

Blessings to all, Marty Lee, and all volunteers of the pantry.

May Bits and Pieces

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Norman & Krista Zimmer 5/3/1968

LeRoy & Joyce Weisjohn 5/14/1960

Tom & Joan Voigt 5/15/1982

MAY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY'S

00 Lynn Pomplun

01 Betty Bahn

07 Jared Utecht

12 Gwen Marquardt

12 Ryan Renner

17 Chris Hedrick

24 Katie Daily

24 Gerald (Jerry) Williams

30 Ruth Ratzburg

USHERS SCHEDULE

MAY: Everett Gomoll
Steve Wollet

A\V DEPARTMENT

Bruce and Donna Weiss

Justin Bohn

Will Berthon

Joseph Siegel

Elders Schedule

May

May 7th Rich Voigt

May 14th Bruce Weiss

May 21st

May 28th

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

FIRST Sunday of the Month: **Liam Thompson**

SECOND Sunday of the Month: **Elders**

THIRD Sunday of the Month: **Liam Thompson**

FOURTH Sunday of the Month: **Elders**

FIFTH Sunday of the Month: **Elders**

May 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Recycled Cards 9-11am	3	4	5	6
7 Confirmation Sunday Service w/Holy Communion 9am Mothers Day Flowers For Mom's	8	9 Board Meetings 6:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm	10	11	12	13
14 Service w/Holy Communion 9am Mothers Day/Flowers for Mom	15	16 Recycled Cards 9-11am	17	18	19 Morning Devotion Heartland House 10:00am	20
21 President John Wille Service w/Holy Communion 9am	22	23	24	25	26	Pastor and family on vacation 27
Pastor on Vacation Social After Church	Pastor and family on vacation	Pastor and family on vacation	Pastor and family on vacation	Pastor and family on vacation	Pastor and family on vacation	Pastor and family on vacation
28 Pastor Art Callies Service w/Holy Communion 9am	29	30	31			
Pastor and family on vacation	Memorial Day Pastor and family on vacation	Pastor and family on vacation	Pastor and family on vacation			



