

TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS



PASTOR'S POST

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

- John 15:13

It's Not Just a Memory

1775, 1812, 1817, 1846, 1861, 1898, 1917, 1941, 1950, 1964, 1990, 2001

These years above show those years in which the wars in which the United States began. Over 1.3 million have died in these wars, but millions more have served and this month we remember all those who have died after serving this great country. They were willing to lay down their life for their country, their neighbor, their friends, their family, for you.

We rejoice in the sacrifices they offered which resulted in our freedom. Their unselfishness, their love for others, their commitment to the cause brought them to the fields of training, to the fields of combat, to the fields of war. They laid down their lives to take up yours. They laid down their lives to take up their neighbors. They laid down their lives to take up their countries.

We read in 1 John 3:16, "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." Who is this he that John writes about? It is Christ himself. Jesus is the one who has come and laid down his life for not just those around us, but specifically for YOU!

When Christ came and died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He did not say that we are only to remember Him. While Christ's words at that first Holy Supper were, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.", it was to remember the new covenant that we have with our Heavenly Father. It is not that we only need remember what He did because it is an ongoing process. It is what we call in Greek a perfect tense.

How amazing it is to say that it is perfect because Christ's death, the death He laid down for His brothers, for you and for me, didn't just give us the freedoms afforded to us in the Bill of Rights, but the freedom to live in and with Christ. We have the freedom from sin, death, and the devil. This does not end, this is not just a memory, this is the present and it certainly is perfect.

As we look at this Memorial Day, we have our traditions. Maybe you are one of those who heads a bit south and sits in the stands as the IndyCars drive by at 200+ mph. Maybe you along with family have your annual family get together. Others come out to the parades and just take the day off. Whatever your doing that day, remember those who have served, have died, and given us freedom; but ultimately we have this day to live, because Christ is Not Just a Memory, He is present and He lives!

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY
9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL &
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:30 AM

THURSDAY
BIBLE STUDY
9:00 AM

Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays



Why does the pastor walk toward the altar during the singing (speaking) of the Introit?



The word *Introit* means “entrance,” and is the point at which we enter into the Mass. (The opening hymn and the confession and absolution, which precede in the Introit, are preparatory to the Mass, but are not in fact part of the Mass itself.) The service opens with the Introit because here the faithful of God enter by faith toward the altar while the Introit is sung (while here at TMLC we now speak). The celebrant is the representative of Christ among us, which is why he might appropriately be vested in a chasuble, and “in the celebrant,” who thus acts not only in the stead of Christ, but in the stead of Christ’s Body, the Church. Therefore when the celebrant approaches the altar, in truth *all* are approaching the altar. This is a priestly function of the Holy Ministry. The movement is made by one man, but it is a movement of the whole Church. This is fitting, because it serves to remind us that the whole Church is one, united in the one man Jesus Christ. It is also appropriate, therefore, for everyone to make the sign of the holy cross as the celebrant enters the holy place (the chancel), or even, as is the custom of some, to make the sign three times: once, as the celebrant begins his walk, again, as he passes into the chancel, and again, as he arrives, genuflects, and kisses the altar. This is in token that it is because of our baptismal faith that we stand united in one Christ, and enter with Him into the presence of His Father, as signified by the entrance of the celebrant.

Why do we sing (speak) “Lord, have mercy” right after the Introit?

The words “Lord, have mercy” are a translation of the Greek *Kyrie eleison*, which is why this part of the Mass is called “the Kyrie” (pronounced *kee-ree-yay*). Since the Introit is the “entrance,” wherein we all enter by faith into the presence of the living God, it is most appropriate for us to utter these words at once: “Lord, have mercy!” If even people as pious as Isaiah (cf. Isa. 6:5) or St. Peter (cf. St. Luke 5:8) find themselves woefully and miserably out of place in the presence of the holy God, certainly it is right for us to see ourselves in this way, upon first entering into His sacred presence in the Mass. But we also rightly cry at once for mercy, using the very same words as blind Bartimaeus, the ten lepers, and others who were brought to Jesus. We cry for mercy in the sure confidence that we shall receive it, for God is merciful and kind to His people. Our crying out for mercy *immediately* upon entering the holy place by faith indicates our awareness both of our own unrighteousness, and of the righteousness which He freely gives to us who claim no merit of our own.

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Save the Date for VBS

Diving into friendship with God

SCUBA

June 24-28

I'm a
Frog Fish!



I'm a
Dolphin!



More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

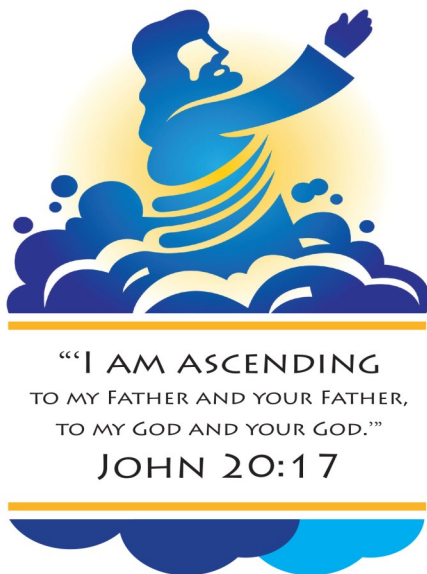
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry



Ascension Worship Service

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He ascended into heaven! Let's gather for a Circuit Ascension service at Trinity — Crown Point at 7 pm on Thursday, May 9th. Pastor Nygaard will be preaching the sermon. Other pastors, choir members, and brass from our sister churches will all be gathering together to celebrate.

Congregational Survey

The TMLC leadership wants to hear from you as part of a Congregational Survey.

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to be taken to the survey.

<https://forms.gle/E31E28Bmy9kimNov9>



Please complete the survey by May 19th.

FEED THE FLOCK TIME

FEED the FLOCK



Trinity Memorial will be preparing and serving lunch on **May 18th** at the First Presbyterian Church on Taft. We are going to try something different: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, fruit cocktail and desserts. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. If you are just providing food items, please have them delivered by 9:00-9:15 am to our church. They will be picked up and taken over there for the meal. Please consider helping this endeavor.

Thank you.





**Are you GRADUATING
this year ?**

We would like to know! Please send us your Graduation Information (High School, Military, College, or Career certification) and future plans to tmlamore@att.net for acknowledgement **on June 2** Thank you!

SS Wraps up May 12

Sunday School classes will conclude for this academic year on May 12th. Be sure to watch for information about registering your child (and their friends) for VBS, June 24-28!

Bible Classes with Pastor will still be ongoing.



**THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS**



Camp Lutherhaven's summer theme is Wildfire and there are so many things we do around the campfire! Sing camp songs, tell funny stories, gather in community, listen to evening devotions, and roast delicious marshmallows! Do all of these are things and so much more at Camp Lutherhaven this summer. If any of these things sound interesting to you, it isn't too late to sign up! There are programs for kids K-8, high schoolers, and families. Visit www.lutherhaven.org today or call for more information at 260.636.7101.



Please consider making an individual donation to lutheransgo.org naming one of our Northwest Indiana Lutheran schools. Individuals receive a 50% state tax credit for SGO donations on their next state tax bill. Spreading God's Word through Lutheran schools is needed in today's world.



<https://www.lcms.org/payne>

Culture Bites

Here you will find a small sample, tiny nibble or little bite of some of the things we are learning about Tanzania.

Speaking in proverbs is common even in English. Can you think of some common English proverbs? Like: "The early bird get the worm" or "Better safe than sorry." We have many more, and they don't all mean exactly what their words mean but often teach a lesson.

This is the same with Swahili proverbs. They may not be understandable if you do a direct translation. Besides the one to the right, here are few of our favorites: "Ni maisha" - it's life; "Haraka, haraka, haina baraka" - hurry hurry has no blessing; "Kuuliza si ujinga" - It's not foolish to ask.



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Pole Pole Ndio Mwendo



The Paynes with their language teachers and the famous cook Benedict "Beni" Mbogolo.

Dear Friends and Family,

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Cor. 15:20-22).

Happy Easter Season to you all! Christ has indeed arisen! Hallelujah! As we celebrated our Risen Lord and Savior in Tanzania this year, we remember God's promises from the beginning in Genesis and fulfilled in Christ's life, death and resurrection! We look forward to sharing this good news alongside our brothers and sisters of the South East of Lake Victoria Diocese (SELVD) very soon!

"Pole pole ndio mwendo." This is a Swahili proverb that helps us with learning the new language. It means slowly, slowly is the way to go. This is how we continue on with our language learning every day. We are soon wrapping up our classes in Iringa and will be headed to Shinyanga! Of course we have just begun to learn Swahili and will continue learning every day.

We are not only learning the Swahili language but also the culture which includes cooking lessons! We had the opportunity to learn how to cook chapati and mandazi from the head cook of a well known restaurant here in Iringa that is always sold out of their chapatis because they are so good! We have made them ourselves several times now and will keep practicing! Keah has enjoyed cooking with our host family here in Iringa. She is learning to cook all kinds of dishes using spices she has not used before. The kids are the judges for the foods.

We attended the annual Africa Region Missionary meetings in Stellenbosch,



The Payne family at the missionary retreat.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our minds to comprehend the language of Swahili.
- The South East of Lake Victoria Diocese as they prepare for our arrival at the end of this month.
- Continued health as we are moving.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Safe travels to South Africa and back to TZ.
- For patient language teachers.
- The hospitality we have been shown here in TZ.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage and support us in so many ways, **such as you!**



Keah cooking with her dear friend Hilder Kessy (also our host mama)

South Africa right before Easter. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet the other missionaries in the Africa region. We dug into scriptures together and learned much.

We are amazed that our time in Iringa has gone so quickly. We completed our classes April 26 and are now preparing to head to Shinyanga, TZ. We will

start the process of finding a house and making it our home. This will be the kids first time to Shinyanga, we look forward to introducing them our friends in the SELVD.

This week is the call services for the LCMS Seminaries in the USA. As we hear about our friends and where they are being sent to, we too are excited to be arriving in the town we have been called to serve in very soon.

You can check out [our Facebook page](#) for more pictures and highlights. Also, don't forget to check out the podcast, "5 Minutes with a Missionary," at this [link](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts. We will be in Season 6.

God's Peace,

Rev. Bryan, Dcs. Keah, Rory, & Dalton

Kids' Corner

The children are continuing to learn Swahili and doing a wonderful job. We all took our final Swahili language exam this week. The kids did great! We're looking forward to seeing how their language improves over time. As they get friends in Shinyanga, they will naturally learn the language, and the basics of the language they have learned here in Iringa will be the key to their future success. As they say here, "Kuishi kwingi kuona mengi." Experience comes with age.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service.

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Rev. Bryan and Dcs. Keah Payne. Make checks payable to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	OR	Mission Central
P.O. Box 66861		40718 Highway E 16
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861		Mapleton, IA 51034

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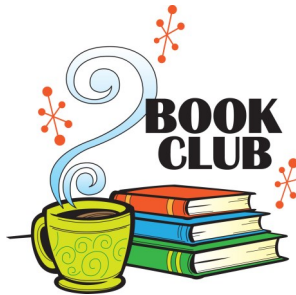


Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon we will gather to do some spring cleaning. Most of the work will be on the exterior of the church clearing out the weeds around the buildings, edging, preparing the garden area, and other odd jobs as needed.

SISTERS IN CHRIST ACTIVITIES

- ☀ Shipshewana Day on **May 14th** from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please sign up!
- ☀ We are going out to eat! Join us on **May 20th** at 6:30 PM at Asparagus in Merrillville. Please sign up if you can attend. See Celeste for more information.



Book Club

We will be meeting on May 21st at noon in the conference room to discuss "The Leisure Seeker" by Michael Zadoorian. Bring a lunch.

Interested in helping with an Outreach Event for Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

Contact Dr. Brian E. Thompson, 219-616-1655, betdvm@comcast.net



Door Collection

for

Ascension Lutheran Christian School

As our faithful educational, Sunday School and Confirmation Classes come to an end, let us remember our neighbors, the children at Ascension Lutheran Christian School in Gary. Let us do what we can to help support these little one's faith and education. Please consider making a donation on May 12th.

Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their lifelong vocation. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

80th Anniversary Trivia

The Motto/Mission Statement that was posted in the bulletin in 1944 was "Uncompromising Loyalty to Christ and the Bible".

Are We There Yet?

Well if you are in Shipshewana on August 7, then yes, you are!

We are planning a group outing to see the comedian, Jeff Allen

at The Blue Gate Theatre (PAC) Performing Arts Center on August 7 at 7:30 PM.

Please sign up if interested.



Birthdays

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| 1st Dennis Crane | 17th Timothy Nygaard |
| 2nd Lance Tobias | 18th Emme Poulston
Payton Poulston |
| 3rd Mike Shultz
Jim Vargo | 19th John Hassel |
| 6th Sharon Lindow | 21st Sophia Kukelhan
Anna Padberg |
| 7th Addison Woodward | 24th Andrew Teibel |
| 9th Carson Poulston | 26th Melissa Jackson
Fred Sanchez |
| 10th Christine Boshoven
Owen Groff
Brittney Hale | 27th Steve Gorman
John H. Gourlay |
| 11th Irene Miller
Bob Pusateri | 28th John G. Gourlay |
| 12th Alexandra Brown | 29th Courtney Walsko |
| 13th Sue Kramer
Michelle Ragan | 30th Kathryn Harty |



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| 1st Nina Sheehan |
| 4th McKayla Guajardo |
| 6th Jennifer Cieslak |
| 7th Richard Boshoven
Addison Woodward |
| 10th Michele Wadkins |
| 12th Andy Troupos |
| 13th Karli Klimowicz
Cameron Louthan |
| 15th Ron Knutson |
| 16th John Hassel |
| 18th Cole Thompson |
| 20th Gretchen Ruble |
| 22nd Cassie Cieslak |
| 27th Tommy Pavell |
| 28th Alice Eller
Bill Harder |
| 29th Ellie Jackson |




Anniversaries

- 49 years for Dennis & Trish Crane on May 3rd
 45 years for James & Pamela Roberts on May 5th
 53 years for Mike & Judy Shultz on May 13th
 10 years for Wesley & Katie Savage on May 17th
 39 years for Joe & Tammy Zimmer on May 18th
 45 years for Mike & Celeste Cooley on May 19th
 3 years for Eric & Courtney Collum on May 22nd
 9 years for Michael & Cassie Cieslak on May 23rd
 42 years for Jeff & Lynette Cieslak on May 29th
 10 years for John & Courtney Gourlay on May 31st
 16 years for Jeffrey & Brianne Miller on May 31st

Was your birthday missing or have you been married for 35 years and not 25. If you notice an error in this listing then please contact the church at 219-769-5376 to update your church record. Thank you.

Noah Andrew Groszek,
 born March 5, 2024
 son of Jacob & Allyson Groszek
 was received into the family of God
 on April 28th through
 the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

*May all the gifts of faith
 bless his life in the years ahead*





2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING NEWS

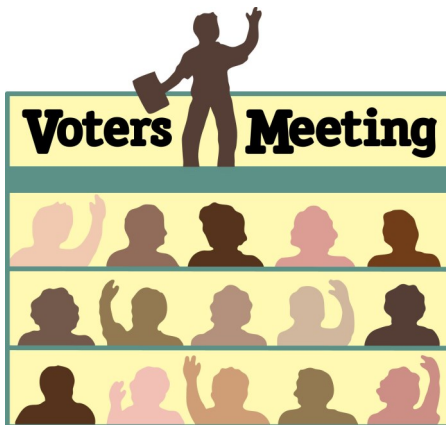
Here is the **PLANNING TIMELINE** for ENDURE

May 2024

- Listen to the End Goals Podcast Gathering episode released on May 7.
- Join us for our Gathering Update on Zoom on May 9.
- Begin the process of recruiting and selecting adult leaders for the Gathering.

June 2024

- Join us for our Gathering Update on Zoom on June 13.
- Before June 28, register for [NATIONAL24](#) in New Orleans (Registration closes July 1.)
- Build a list or database of youth eligible to attend the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering and begin to reach out to them. (Eligible youth are those finishing 7th grade in the 2023-2023 school year or no younger than 13 on July 15, 2025, and no older than 20 on July 15, 2025.)



VOTERS MEETING

(will not be in May,)

will be on June 2nd

Sisters in Christ - Community Project

We are now collecting items for our "Chemo Bags" this month.

This is the last collection until September.

We need items for 15 bags.

Crossword puzzle books, pens, lotion, chapsticks, snacks, candy, small water bottles,

Kleenex, books, bookmarks, hand gel, nail files, pocket mirror, etc.

Please sign up on the bulletin board. You need to bring 15 of that item.

Please give your items to Celeste. Thank you!



