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From the PASTOR

"For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me." (John 18:37)

I recently had a personal encounter with the power of genetics—that blows away the bizarre idea some have today of people “changing” from one sex to the other.

One of my sisters was treated successfully for breast cancer. Thankfully, she is in remission and doing great. In the course of her treatment at the University of Kansas Cancer Center she was found to be positive for the defective BRCA2 gene, which is connected to an increased risk of cancer. KU has a policy that her siblings and children could be tested for this gene defect for free, and all of us were.

Of the five children in my family, my brother and one sister tested negative. However, my other sister and I also tested positive. This does not mean that I have cancer, but a statistically increased risk of someday contracting cancer.

We are very blessed that KU has one of the leading cancer centers in the country. I had several visits with their excellent genetic counselor and fine physicians, who thoroughly explained the whole process, and implications of the results. It is much less significant for me than for my sisters who are positive. Because, for males a defective BRCA2 gene involves a slight increase in the occurrence of several types of cancer.

However, for females it causes a major increase in many cancers, especially increasing the risk of contracting breast cancer from 14% to 70%.

That simple, scientific fact shows the total folly and futility of thinking people can “change” their sex. Long before we understood the intricacies of genetics the Bible stated simply, *“Male and female He created them”* (Genesis 1:27). And God continues to create all humans as either male or female, not just from the moment of birth, but from the very moment of conception, as He declares, *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you”* (Jeremiah 1:5).



From the moment of conception every cell in the human body is indelibly stamped with either male or female chromosomes, an immutable identity that can never be “changed.”

Though modern humans may abuse medical science by poisoning their bodies with massive doses of hormones, or even surgically mutilating themselves, no matter what kind of radical steps a person takes, no matter how they make

themselves appear on the *outside*, on the *inside* their body still knows and always will know who they really are—which sex God chose them to be. Because, from the moment of conception every cell in the human body is indelibly stamped with either male or female chromosomes—an immutable identity that can never be “changed.”

The Apostle Paul predicted: *“For the time will come when men will not put up with sound teaching. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers, to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth, and turn aside to myths”* (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

That’s really a good summary of what’s happening in our society with the strange fad of “changing” genders. For, as Paul says, the very notion goes completely against “sound teaching”—not just of the Bible, but basic biology and medical science. The whole concept of “changing” genders is indeed a complete, anti-scientific “myth”—no matter what any supposed “expert” may say. As Paul warns, *“Avoid the foolish, useless absurdities of what is falsely called ‘knowledge’”* (1 Timothy 6:20).

Those suffering from the mental disorder known as “gender dysphoria” should be lovingly treated by society with care and compassion, to help them overcome this psychological illness, and accept who they really are and the sex which God made them—as testified to by every cell in their bodies. But, like the notorious Nazi “doctors,” who brutally mutilated Jews and other concentration camp victims for supposed “medical research,” it is a horrible, unethical abuse of medical science to pump such mentally ill people full of unnatural hormones, or in the name of medicine to even actually butcher them—just like the Nazis.

There's a ploy totalitarians often use to break down resistance: forcing people under threat of punishment to deny basic reality. You may have seen this scenario in a movie or television show, where an interrogator will perhaps hold up three fingers, but demand the person being broken down say there are only two fingers. At first the person will bravely resist, but after enough brutal punishment they eventually break down, and agree that three fingers are really two fingers. This actually is a tactic employed by dictators, for once you can force people to deny basic reality, you can manipulate them into anything.

The strange fad of "changing" genders is an anti-scientific myth that goes against not just the Bible but basic biology.

That's really what's at stake with the absurd claim that people can "change" their sex. It is the opening salvo in a dangerous war on reality itself. For, if we can be tricked into denying the most basic fact of human existence, our fundamental division into male and female, if we can be forced to call men "she" and women "he," then we can be manipulated into anything.

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Pontius Pilate famously asked Jesus, contemptuously, "What is truth?" But, contrary to this contempt for the very concept of truth, Jesus made a bold declaration: *"For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me"* (John 18:37-38).

There is indeed such a thing as truth and falsehood, right and wrong—and male and female. If the forces of evil can succeed in making us deny even such an evident reality as the basic masculine or feminine nature of humanity, they are well on their way toward making us disciples not of the One who came to testify to the truth, but rather followers of the "father of lies" (John 8:44-45).

Pastor Kevin Vogts



150th Anniversary Celebration November 4

We will rejoice to celebrate our congregation's 150th Anniversary on Sunday, November 4. Rev. Lane Burgland, former Pastor of Trinity, will be the guest speaker for the 10:00am Service of Holy Communion. Immediately following this morning service we will dedicate—Lord willing!—our Building Addition & Modernization Project. Everyone is then invited to a free catered Anniversary Luncheon at noon.

At 2:00pm we will have a special Anniversary Service with LCMS Kansas District President Rev. Peter Lange as our guest speaker, followed by an Anniversary Reception so that the reminiscing and fellowship can continue!

Please invite all your relatives and friends and anyone else who may wish to attend this grand reunion!



Sermon Topics for October

October 7
"Two Will Become One"
Mark 10:6-9

October 14 (Cornerstone Laying)
*"Make Christ Alone
Your Cornerstone"*
Psalm 118:22

October 21
*"Approach God's Throne
with Confidence"*
Hebrews 4:14-16

October 28 (Reformation Sunday)
"The Truth Will Set You Free"
John 8:31-32

**New
Bible
Study**



On October 14 we began a new study in Adult Bible Class, *"Put on the Full Armor of God!"* as described in Ephesians 6:10-19: *the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit.*

What is the meaning of each of these for you? How can you *"Put on the Full Armor of God!"* in your life? Join in Sundays at 9:00am!



Communion October 21

As is customary during the winter months, from October thru March we are having Communion twice per month, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, with Communion on October 21.

Missionaries of the Month



Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services—and you are encouraged to remember in your personal prayers—specific Missionaries of the Month from around the world, who are supported by our congregation through our mission offerings to our Synod.

October 7

Rev. Jacob Gaugert
Togo

October 14

Rev. Herb & Markie Burch
Belize

October 21

Rev. Lawrence & Tina Matro
Papua New Guinea

October 28

Rev. Steven & Cynthia Schumacher
Ghana

“Brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it is among you.”
(2 Thessalonians 3:1)



Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship? There are still a few spots left in 2018. The sign-up sheet is by the table with the snacks. Thanks to all those providing snacks for Coffee Hour!

October 7

Woods

October 14

Schlegels

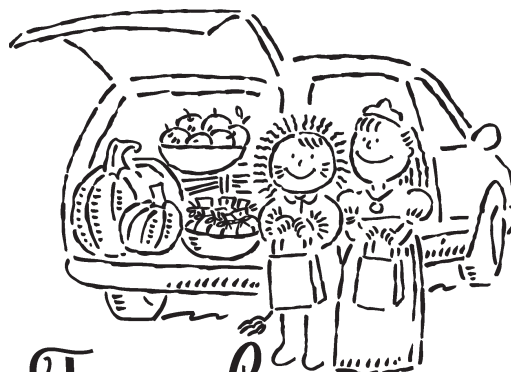
October 21

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October 28

Need Volunteers

Trinity's 10th Annual



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 28, 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Shelter House

Food 🍎 Games 🎲 Pumpkin Decorating 🎃 Bouncy House

Everyone Is Invited to Offer Trunk or Treat from Your Car, Truck, or Other Vehicle!
(Please Have Your Setup Completed by 3:30pm)

All Invited—Everyone Welcome!



Our records of birthdays and anniversaries may not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the Church Office at 913-849-3344 or email Church Secretary Stacey Elkinton at trinitylutheranblock@gmail.com.

October 1 Mike Schmidt
October 1 Kimala Morton
October 1 Michele Minden
October 2 Ashley Peckman
October 2 Sharon Prothe
October 4 Kyle Minden
October 5 Mark Deering
October 8 Megan Stutzman

October 8 Brian Oberheide
October 9 Kyle Garrison
October 10 LeRoy Thoden
October 11 Shelby Barrett
October 11 Kegan Warring
October 12 Ray England
October 13 Vicky Boyer
October 13 Aaron Mueller
October 13 Hazel Prothe
October 15 Pam Peckman
October 15 Jay Warring
October 16 Ariel Alcorn
October 16 Erica Jones
October 17 Dylan Fanning
October 17 Tony Hubbard
October 17 Julie Kellogg
October 18 Carter Zajic
October 19 Betty Prothe
October 19 Joe Stephens
October 20 Khrystin Davis
October 20 David Minden
October 23 Brett Golubski
October 23 Kaelah McMullin
October 23 Hannah Allcorn

October 24 Payton Bruce
 October 26 Charlie Peckman
 October 26 Dalton Russell
 October 26 Garrett Russell
 October 27 Kolby Fanning
 October 27 Lloyd Peckman
 October 27 Kayla Shappell
 October 30 Chris Kettler
 October 30 Rose Peckman
 October 30 David Prothe
 October 30 Jai Jenkins
 October 31 Nina Gerken
 Oct 1 Larry & Dana Simonson (12)
 Oct 7 Scott & Nancy Golubski (28)
 Oct 17 Joe & Anisha O'Barto (19)
 Oct 17 ... Darrel & Brigitte Rodewald (36)
 Oct 19 Kyle & Pam Minden (26)
 Oct 25 Mark & Diana Deering (14)
 Oct 27 Eric & Lindsey Lester (5)
 Oct 30 Les & Beth Prothe (24)
 Oct 31 Dale & Linda Prothe (40)



Cleanup Day October 27

To prepare for our 150th Anniversary Celebration and begin cleaning up from construction we will have a Cleanup Day at the church on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 9:00am. We will be working both inside and outside the church. If possible, please bring along tools, cleaning supplies, rags, vacuums, shop vacs, etc.

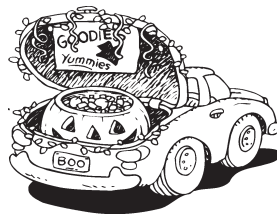
Members will be continuing to work inside the church, cleaning, sorting, moving, arranging, and organizing things, the evenings of the following week, October 29 thru November 3, so everyone is invited to drop on by and lend a hand!



In November we were originally scheduled for Nursing Home Services on November 4. However, due to our 150th Anniversary celebration that day we have traded for November 25, at North Point and Medical Lodge. You are invited to help provide brief worship services that day, beginning at 1:30pm at North Point and then going to Medical Lodge for the second service.



Thank you from the Trinity Youth to all donated so generously for our dinner at Blocktoberfest and all who gave so much help preparing and serving everything. We were blessed with net proceeds to help fund youth activities of over \$5,000!



Trunk or Treat October 28

Everyone is invited to participate in Trinity's very popular, 10th annual Trunk or Treat! This fun free event will be Sunday, October 28, from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Shelter House.



We rejoiced on September 30 to celebrate the Baptism of John Lincoln Wolf, son of John Devon and Emily Suzanne (Prothe) Wolf.

Wear your costume and Trunk or Treat with all your friends at Trinity in one stop! Adults are encouraged to wear costumes also.

Everyone is invited to offer Trunk or Treat from your car, truck, or other vehicle! Please have your setup completed by 3:30pm.

Games and activities include a bouncy house, cake walk, face painting, pop bottle toss, and more. Hot dogs, chips, apple cider, and other goodies provided for all. (No scary or gory costumes please.) For questions call Lori Schlegel (913-731-3267).



The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly will be held Sunday, October 14 at 7:00pm. Included on the agenda will be election of church officers for 2019 and an update on our building project.



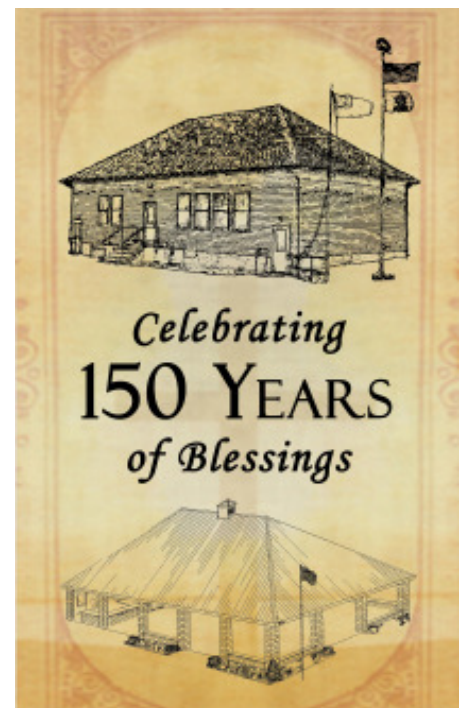
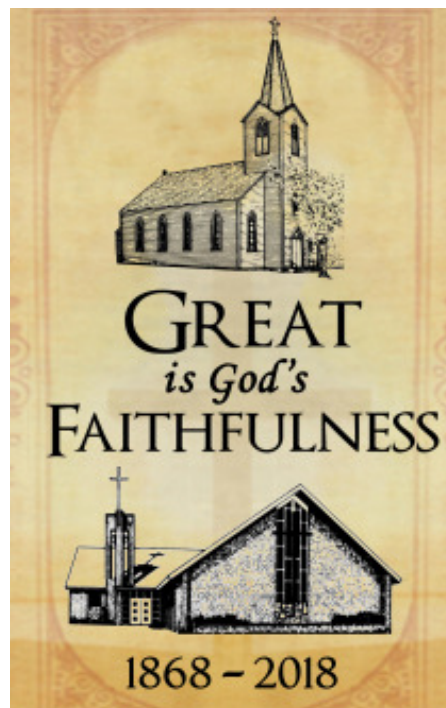
Work on the exterior of our Building Addition & Modernization Project is nearly complete. This photo from the west shows the new stairs, porch, and ramp for the west entrance, and the new North Wing. Due to various requirements, it is the ramp to the left and the new north door that is the technically the handicapped entrance. The additional "bonus" ramp on the right to the west entrance was added by the builder for convenience. You can get an idea of the extraordinary amount of fill that was added to make all this possible from the meter on the utility pole. It used to be about neck height, now it is knee height! Yet the additional soil was so skilfully graded that it all blends perfectly. The goal was to provide a ground-level, drive-up entrance, under a protective canopy, from which many can benefit, not just the handicapped. And to make the existing west entrance more accessible, with new stairs, a larger covered porch, and a proper ramp, to replace the former ramp that was too steep. Though no doubt there will still be some final "touch up" to be done, *Lord willing* the project will be completed adequately by November 4 so that it can be dedicated at the 10:00am service as part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations!



Cornerstone Laying October 14

Following the service on October 14 we will gather in the new North Wing to formally "lay" the cornerstone for our Building Addition & Modernization Project.

In order to commemorate our congregation's 150th Anniversary we are reusing the original 1884 cornerstone from the old church, shown above, set into the stone fireplace in the new Heritage Room. It was previously on the ground outside the southeast corner of the church. The German on the stone says "Erbaud im Jahre 1884," which means "Built in Year 1884."



Our thanks to Terry Vogts for designing the beautiful 150th Anniversary banners, reflecting the theme of our celebration, "Great Is God's Faithfulness."



Trinity's Sixth Annual Blocktoberfest

Hundreds More Pictures Online
www.trinitylcms.org/photos

