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Worship time:
9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible
Study: 10:15
a.m.

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“Foundational Message”

When I was in Honduras at the beginning of February, I saw a great example of why a good foundation is important. We were on the way to La Paz, Honduras. I was riding along with Pastor Ed Auger and his wife, Deaconess Cherie, with Tulio Meza who is a member and leader in the mission congregation in Comayaguela and with a man by the name of Marco who is a wonderful musician from the Lutheran Church-Nicaragua Synod. Marco had come to provide music for special worship services in Comayaguela and La Paz. At the service in La Paz on that day, two boys were being confirmed as Lutheran Christians.

On our way out of Tegucigalpa, Ed pointed me to houses on the hillside of what was a failed housing development. I could see how a number of the houses were no longer level but instead were sliding down the hillside. They were nice looking houses—new with brick on the outside. But they were not sitting level, and about 4-5 of them were in a pile at the base of the hill not far from the road. Evidently the developer had not done the important work of building adequate foundations for the homes. As a result, many people lost a lot of money that they invested in those homes.

In the parable that Jesus told in Luke 20:9-20, we hear about the most important foundation. In quoting Psalm 118:22, He said, *“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”* He spoke those words on the Tuesday before He was arrested and put to death.

Jesus directed His words toward them hoping that they would understand their place as the wicked tenants in the parable. He wanted

them to shudder at the thought of their sinful actions, and turn away from their stubborn rejection of Him. Though God had set the descendants of Abraham apart as His own people, the Old Testament tells us how they had rejected the prophets many times down through the years.

Unfortunately that nasty habit of rejecting His own appointed representatives did not stop even when God sent His own Son to them. Jesus was indeed the solid cornerstone and foundation of God’s plan to buy us, and all of humanity, back from the just punishment we deserve for our sinfulness and sin. And yet, the chief priests and Pharisees in their jealousy and their desire to maintain their prestigious positions rejected Jesus as only a man and cast Him aside as a blaspheming pretender.

But as the Christ, the promised Messiah, Jesus was the cornerstone--the very foundation--of God’s purpose and plan to build an eternal heavenly home for us. Though Jesus hoped that the chief priests and teachers of the law would listen to His words, repent of their sins, and trust in Him alone as the foundation of salvation, sadly, many did not. In fact, the text says that instead they looked for a way to arrest Jesus immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. However, they could not do anything at that time because the people were so supportive of Jesus. But that changed two days later when they arrested Him.

Even though those Jewish authorities admitted their guilt in Jesus’ death, we can’t put all of the blame on them. You and I must admit that we also are responsible for what happened to Jesus. Though we may not think of ourselves doing the awful things that those members of the Sanhedrin did, there have been many times when we also have rejected Jesus. We have done so

when we've tried to build salvation for ourselves not upon Christ and His work alone but rather upon the nice things that have done or tried to do. That is the same sort of thing the Pharisees did who condemned Jesus. They wrongly thought that God blessed them, loved them, and forgave them as a result of the good things that they did.

Our sinful human nature also wants to think that the nice things that we say or do earn God's favor, His forgiveness, and a place in heaven with Him. But how can that be when even our good works look like filthy rags to our God Who is perfect and without sin? (Isaiah 64:6)

Jesus is the only way to heaven. In John 14:6, He said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me? The Holy Spirit inspired the apostle Paul who wrote, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith." (Romans 3:23-25)

We also fall short of the glory of God when we reject Jesus' word and the Holy Spirit's efforts to mold and shape us to what our living Savior desires for us, our life, and our relationships. It is so much easier, convenient and more comfortable to go along with the ways and temptations of the devil and this world that appeal to our old sinful flesh. But Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let Him deny Himself and take up His cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

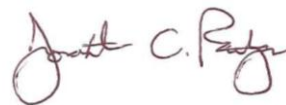
It is sad to think how some His own people rejected Jesus back then and tried to build salvation for themselves on different foundations. It is troubling how many people also do that today in spite of God's clear word. The rejection by the Jewish religious leaders led to suffering and death on the cross for Jesus. They tossed Him aside, thinking that He wasn't important. But how wrong they were! They missed what God had said about how He would deal with the punishment for sin. "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the

chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

His rising to life from the dead on Easter day shows us how important Jesus was for them and how important He is for you and me and for all people. For without the Son, the stone that the builders rejected, who is indeed the solid and only cornerstone for the forgiveness of our sins and for the certain hope of eternal salvation, we would be rejected forever. But because of Jesus, through repentant faith alone in Him and His work for you and me at the cross and empty tomb, we receive the riches of His gracious work. Trusting in Christ alone, you are forgiven, you are spiritually alive and your eternal salvation in His heavenly love is on the firm foundation. Thanks be to God only in Jesus' name! Amen!

God's continued blessings to you!

In Christ, our Savior,



Pastor Rathjen

John 1:29, ESV: "The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"

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Mark Your Calendar:



LWML Spring Workshop at St. John Lutheran Church in Tecumseh, Saturday, April 9, at 9:00 a.m. Information about the

morning is next to the kitchen window.



LLL Zone 10 Spring Rally will be held here at Trinity Lutheran, Sunday, April 24, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Speakers

will give information about prison ministry.

All are welcome!

If interested, please contact Rich Tanderup or Dennis Wittmann as soon as possible.

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Congregational Goals for 2015-2016

- 1) Promote engaging relationships and connections in the community (esp. Preschool and KOHK parents) to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 2) Promote engaging relationships and connections inside the congregation to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 3) Support Senior Youth Group Development.
- 4) Develop a multi-media/sound system upgrade plan to support the needs of the congregation. [Lead Stewardship]
- 5) Update the congregation’s website. {Board of Elders}

April 2016-May 2016

ELDERS

April	May
03 – Troy Barker	01 – Tim Becker
10 – Mike Zaruba	<i>Confirmation</i>
17– Troy Barker	08 – Eric Bohling
24 – John Ackerman	15 – TBA
	<i>Graduation Sunday</i>
	22 – Mike Zaruba
	29 – Troy Barker

ORGANISTS

Joan Wittmann	Merri Johnson Sandy Wilson Vicki Ackerman
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PIANISTS

ALTAR CARE

April	May
Stacy Zaruba	TBA

ACOLYTES

April	May
03 – Kyle Becker	01 – Kyra Becker
10 – Angel Tanderup	<i>Confirmation</i>
17 – Kyra Becker	08 – Angel Tanderup
24 – Samuel Ackerman	15 – Dariane Stutheit
	<i>Graduation Sunday</i>
	22 – Kyle Becker
	29 – Samuel Ackerman

Voters’ Meeting
April 18, 2016 at
7:30 p.m.

Watch for agenda to be posted.

Cut out and put somewhere that you will remember to pray regularly and often in your devotional prayer time for these people:

On-Going Prayers

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV

- ✦ **Our missionary family:** Nicaragua & Honduras: Rev. Ed and Deaconess Cherie Auger. Pray that the Lord will watch over, bless, and provide all that is needed for this missionary family. Pray also that He will keep them safe and healthy and give them encouragement as they are separated from their family. Finally, pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of those who do not yet believe in Christ Jesus to hear God's word so that they may be brought to faith in Him as their Savior.
- ✦ **Others in foreign missions:** Nova Scotia: Rev. Charles, Deborah, Olivia & Sophia St-Onge; Macau: Sharon Owens, Joanna & Peter; Dominican Republic: Rev. Joel, Clarion, Slav, Sergei, Andrei Fritsche; Africa Radio Ministries: Rev. John & Kathy Duitsman; Mongolia: Rev. David, Rachel, Julia, Timothy, Daniel & Esther Baker; Southeast Asia: Rev. Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, & Cassie Ferry; Kenya: Shara Cunningham and Julie McManus; Germany: Rick, Marla, Courtney & Jonah Steenbock, and Rev. Dr. Christopher, Elizabeth & Thomas Ahlman; Dominican Republic: Bill, Nicole, Kiersten, & Karissa Lohmeyer; Taiwan & the Philippines: Sean Harlow; Nicaragua: the people, pastors and deaconesses of the Lutheran Church—Nicaragua Synod: Rev. Junior Martinez and the members of the mission congregation at La Paz, Honduras; mission congregation at Comayaguela, Honduras; emerging mission at Choloteca, Honduras.
- ✦ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Kate Blaylock (Linda Jacobsen's mother), Jill Bloss (friend the Ackermans), Lee Bogle (Randy Bogle's brother), Ruth Bohling, Greg Brandt (Brother-in-law of Pam Tetrick), Neena Cipolla (Janet and Chuck Hawley's granddaughter), Aaron Clark (son of former members), Myrna Corbin, Ethel Currier (Heather Lowrance's Grandma), Wendy Engles (Friend of Barb Swanson), Myrna Fredrick (friend of Jane Stutheit), Donna Gottula (friend of Trinity members), Wes Hardin (husband of Ken Riley's niece), Gale Haun (Kamtz family friend), Maryann Kalkwarf (friend of Lori Parrish), Sonia Madrideo (relative of Jane Stutheit), Patty Mason (Linda Schultz's sister), Jan McCallum (friend of Dolores Glasser, Melissa Buman's mother), Cindy Meyers, (Pat Collins' niece), Roger Moerer (Wyatt Gauchat's Grandpa), Bev Moyer, Elaine Riley (Ken's sister), Nora Marie (infant relative of the Riley family), Scott Riley, Dick Schlichtmann (Vicki Ackerman's dad), LaVerta Schultze, Rosanna Tanderup (Rich's sister-in-law), Pam Tetrick, Carolyn Vickers (friend of Bev Moyer), Ann Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Joy Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Cathy Volker (friend of Becky Lueders), Justin Williams (friend of Hawleys and Hasslebrings).
- ✦ **Preaching stations or subsidized congregations:** Zion, Crookston (Rev. Greg Hinners); Lamb of God, Hickman (Rev. Luke Russert, vacancy pastor); Sandhills Ministry [Bingham Lutheran, Bingham; Faith, Hyannis; Shepherd of the Hills, Hyannis] (Rev. Andy Safarik)
- ✦ **Those in the armed forces:** Dillon Becker (Tim's nephew), Bob Bogle (Randy & Kay's son), Alex Chase (son of Becky Lueders' friend, Tammy Chase), Guy Cipolla, Brody Clark (Kim Kieler's son), Aaron Fisk, Trey Hightower (friend of Trinity members), Rev. Matt Mortenson, Chris Pelchat, Scott Rathke (Becky Lueders' cousin), Chris Riley (Ken's nephew), Matt Riley (Ken's nephew), Rev. Pat Riley (Ken's brother), and Andy Roepke.

- ✦ **Ethnic congregations/ministries:** Cristo Cordero de Dios, Grand Island [Hispanic congregation] (Rev. Salvador Ferrero); Ministry to Muslims, Omaha (Emad and Shireen Tawadrous, missionaries); African immigrant ministry (Rev. Eddie Mekasha); Peace International Friendship Center, Omaha (Rev. Jim Haack, director); Sudanese Ev. Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Peter Gatkuoth); Jesus Es el Senor (Jesus is Lord), Omaha (Rev. Obdulio Felix); Lord of Lords Sudanese Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Leroy Gerner, vacancy pastor); Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach, Winnebago (Rev. Ricky Jacob)
- ✦ **Seminary students we support or who have connections with our congregation:** Mark Duerr, seminary student at Concordia Seminary in St Louis; Ben Riley as he returns to the seminary for his final year of studies, and Rev. Tim Prince as he pursues an advanced degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Pray that the Lord would bless the learning process for these men so that they will be well prepared to serve Him as pastors and in other ways. Pray also that the Lord will bless their families with all that they need—physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- ✦ **Trinity Lutheran Preschool & Kids of HIS Kingdom Childhood Development Center** that the Lord will continue to bless these missions of our congregation and bring more students to hear about the saving love of Jesus.
- ✦ **Our college students** – Madison Anderson, Sydni Barker, Tyler Barker, Quintin Boden, Danielle Gauchat, Wyatt Gauchat, Tyler Hasselbring, Rachel Hinrichs, Thomas Hinrichs, Kelsey Jacobsen, MacKenzie Larson, Zachary Larson, Mallory Parrish, Lauren Pelchat, Mason Pelchat, Austin Penfield, Tyler Penfield, Heidi Rathjen, Scott Riley, Laura Ruskamp, Cassie Severs, Robyn Tetrick, Tori Tetrick, Hannah Wilson, and Nadine Yoesel—that God would bless their studies and other activities. Pray also that they take time during the school year to feed their faith by listening to God's Word in personal devotions and in attending worship services so that by the Holy Spirit's work they will continue to trustfully follow Jesus and be comforted by the Good News of His ongoing love, care and forgiveness for them.
- ✦ **New congregations (within 5 years):** Cross of Christ, Aurora (served by Vicar Timothy Wells), and Life Church Lutheran, Lincoln (served by vacancy pastor Rev. Bill Steinbauer)
- ✦ **New ministry starts (not yet congregations):** Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry [joint ministry of Peace, Immanuel, 1C] (Sergio Puente, missionary); River of Life, Grand Island [satellite of Trinity, GI] (Rev. Jack Gillam/Rev. Adam Snoberger); The Edge, Holdrege [ministry of Mt. Calvary, Holdrege] (Rev. Kenton Birtell); 211 South, Lincoln [satellite of Christ, Lincoln] (Rev. Jeff Scheich/Rev. Carl Grulke); LifeStory, LaVista [satellite of Beautiful Savior] (Rev. Ryan Brons)

Directory Update

New Address & Phone:

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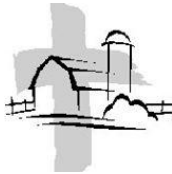
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Reaching Out to Inactive Members Seminar

Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church was a day to remember! About 120 people from across Nebraska and northern Kansas arrived for a day spent learning together how to reach out to inactive congregation members. Every congregation has members who, for whatever reason, become less involved in worship attendance and other congregational activities, and outreach to them is an important part of the mission work that the Lord calls and enables us to do.

Rev. Todd Kollbaum, Director of the LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission, gave a practical, engaging presentation.

We are grateful to the Falls City Circuit for covering the cost of the seminar. Thanks to the Elders for their leadership and work to help organize the seminar and to make arrangements for lunch. Thanks to Melissa Buman for providing cookies for the lunch.



Flowers for Worship

No money was approved in the 2016 budget to purchase flowers for the sanctuary for our worship services. We would still like to have flowers in the sanctuary from time to time. To

purchase 2 vases of flowers usually costs \$50-60. We know that's a lot, so if you would like to help purchase flowers, you can donate any amount at any time. People's gifts will be combined to purchase flowers as needed. If anyone has flowers that they grow, those are very welcome to be used for bouquets as well! Also, if your donation is in memory of a special occasion (anniversary, birthday, etc.), please provide information to the church office so that it can be printed in the bulletin on the date you'd like. If you have any questions, please see Pat Maddox. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Lilies to help celebrate our Risen Lord!

Their sparkling white blooms and lush scent are a part of Easter for our congregation.

Easter Lilies were given in memory and recognition of our loved ones by:

- ✦ The Parrish family
 - In memory of Rod & Jan Vandenberg, Lori's parents
- ✦ Delores Glasser
 - In memory of Wayne T. Glasser, husband (Melissa Buman's father)
- ✦ Easton Graf
 - In memory of Phyllis Lane, Easton's great-grandmother
- ✦ Jerry & Vivian Oestmann
 - In memory of Martin & Magdalene Oestmann, Jerry's parents
 - In memory of Henry & Clara Alberts, Vivian's parents
- ✦ Beverly Stutheit
 - In memory of Willis Stutheit, husband (Pat Maddox's father)
- ✦ Micah & Sarah Bogdanoff
 - In memory of Robin Todd
- ✦ Mike, Stacy & Cassidy Zaruba
 - In memory of Philip & Kathryn Brown, Merle & Ladine VanZandt, Albert & Lucille Zaruba and Keith Detenbeck
- ✦ Mike, Stacy & Cassidy Zaruba
 - In recognition of Dorothy Detenbeck, John & Sharon Brown, and Arlen & Karen Zaruba
- ✦ Jerry & Judith Ruskamp
 - In memory of Joni & Marlin Scheer, and Francis Ruskamp
- ✦ Todd, Susan, Blair and Zach Benton
 - Jesus Christ has Risen!

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!





Confirmation

May 1, 2016 is the planned date for Confirmation at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Lord willing, Joshua Barker, Logan Edwards, and Elaina Riley will confirm their faith in the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – as Lutheran Christians on that day. We invite the congregation to join in celebrating this special day with them and their parents and family members during worship, and to continue praying for their on-going growth in the Christian faith..



KoHK Welcomes VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact Allie Graf (402-274-1424) to see if there is something you can help with involving various tasks at our daycare mission. Examples:

- ✝ Assisting staff with various childcare and activities
- ✝ preparing snacks
- ✝ Cleaning
- ✝ Occasional repairing/sewing of toys

Thanks to all who have helped the Preschool and Daycare missions of our congregation with gifts of time, talents and financial resources!



KoHK Friendly Faces

Beginning in February, new *Friendly Faces* volunteers have been at Kids of HIS Kingdom Early Childhood Development Center on Friday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. when most parents pick up their children. These volunteers greet and welcome parents picking up children, assist with finding children, share notices and important reminders with parents, encourage use of books in the KoHK resource library, and help ease the hectic process of getting children out the door to go home. We hope these Friendly Face volunteers are one more way that Kids of HIS Kingdom that will create a welcoming environment to bless our participating families and help build relationships with them and ultimately with Jesus Christ as Savior.

Come & See Our Growing Daycare Mission in Action!

Please come and tour Kids of HIS Kingdom (1320 20th Street) Mondays – Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, or 2:00 – 3:30 PM. Just as a picture is worth a thousand words, you can best feel the energy of our growing daycare by experiencing it! We have added new faces to our daycare family of children, and an exciting new summer curriculum program will soon be launched. Come and see HIS Kingdom in the small faces!



Trinity Lutheran Preschool



Pajama parties remain a favorite event at Preschool!



Our Preschool students welcomed a special visitor when Brody Clark (Director Kim Kieler's son) made a special stop while home on leave from the Marine Corps. *Semper Fi!*



Spring means getting back on the playground!

Bee103.1 FM Radio comes to Preschool!

Hunter Arterburn came from B103.1 FM to record our Preschool students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance! Their clear, strong voices were heard on the radio the next morning, Wednesday, March 23, as they made their pledge! Hunter was able to spend some time with the students, and a highlight of the morning was an up-close look at the radio station’s “Bee Mobile!” Thank you to Hunter!



Recording the Pledge of Allegiance.



The “Bee Mobile”



Thanks, Hunter!



Graduation...

...will be here before you know it. If you have someone graduating from high school or college and would like to invite the congregation to a reception, please notify the church office by April 17th. Thank you!

VBS IS COMING!!

Join the Barnyard Roundup VBS Team!

Volunteers are needed—men, women, and youth—to help with Vacation Bible School. We need people to help with decorating, crafts, snacks, being guides, etc. We are also seeking 2 or more Co-Directors to coordinate activities of this year’s program. If you are interested, please contact a Board of Ed member or Pastor.



Corned Beef Feast!

A huge thank you to the many people who donated time, food, service and cooking talents to the March 13 Corned Beef Feast! About 100 people enjoyed the delicious food, with proceeds totaling \$800 for our Kids of HIS Kingdom daycare mission.



Rev. Llewellyn Installation



On Sunday, March 13th, Rev. Timothy Llewellyn was installed as the new pastor of Faith Lutheran in Humboldt and Zion Lutheran in Pawnee City. Rev. Richard Snow, President of the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) preached at and presided over the installation service at Zion Lutheran in Pawnee City. Other LCMS pastors who participated in the installation service are shown in the picture above: Front row (L-R): Rev. Robert Schaedel, Rev. Richard Snow, Rev. Timothy Llewellyn, Rev. John Schmidt, Rev. Richard Albers. Back Row (L-R): Rev. Dan Gifford, Rev. Robert Schermbeck, Rev. Jason Wolter, Rev. Jon Rathjen.

Palm Sunday



Getting ready to process with palms waving.



Our Sunday School students about to enter the sanctuary.

Honduras Water Project

Worship at Comayaguela, Honduras (*the same congregation where Loli Bohling's brother, Tulio served as a pastor, and still helps out in many and various ways even though he is no longer a pastor*) is in a rented building that the people of the congregation and others worked for about 2 months to rehabilitate and make it suitable for worship. This neighborhood receives water once every 3 days. They would like to install a water tank with appropriate fixtures/equipment to make it easier for people to wash their hands and operate a toilet. This would help with the growing number of activities at this mission site.

This need was identified by the people of the mission when Pastor visited them on Wednesday, February 3rd, and was confirmed by Rev. Ed Auger and Deaconess Cherie as a top priority for this mission site for the coming months. They would like to have it done sometime soon - - ideally, before May. The cost of a tank is approximately \$500. At it's meeting in February, the Board of Directors approved using the proceeds from the midweek Lenten dinners to help with funding this project.

The total amount raised so far is \$514.60. Anyone who would still like to make a donation to help with this project can do so until Sunday, April 3rd. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to help our sisters and brothers in Christ in Honduras with this important project!



Tulio in front of the planned water tank area.

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