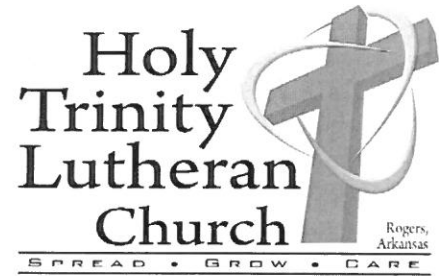


# CLARION

AUGUST, 2018



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When you don't have children in school, it is hard to remember how much school permeates the lives of families that do have kids in school. This year school is starting even a little earlier than most years because of the way the calendar fits. Normally, I am reminded that school re-starts in August because I am involved in the Thank-A-Teacher Celebration (Teacher Fair) with the Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce. But because of our vacation to Colorado the first couple weeks in August, I will even miss that this year. As I have made Educator of the Year presentations for the Chamber over the last few years, I have often pointed out the importance of a good teacher. You can have the best facilities and curriculum, with a poor teacher, and students will struggle. At the same time, you can have poor facilities and a lousy curriculum, with a good teacher, and students will learn and thrive. Who is our teacher? As disciples of Jesus, our primary teacher is Jesus.

If Jesus is our teacher, how do you receive him? At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the story about the wise man who built his house on the rock and the foolish man who built his house on sand. When the storms came, the house on the rock stood firm while the house on the same fell in a great crash. But what was the point that Jesus was making? He had just finished going over the ten commandments and applying them to people's lives. Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24). We are wise when we learn from Jesus and put what we learn into practice. When Jesus finished the story, Matthew said, "When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law" (Matthew 7:28, 29). Jesus taught as a person who knew what He was talking about. It reminds me of a story I read about a controversial call in a softball game. I don't know who wrote it, but it makes me think of the authority of Jesus.

"A number of years ago, when I was playing in a friendly men's softball game, the umpire made a call that incensed our coach. My coach didn't agree with the ump's interpretation of a specific league rule. The game stopped, and a heated discussion ensued. Finally, the ump sighed as he pulled a rulebook from his back pocket and proceeded to read page 27, paragraph 3b, section 1. 'As you can clearly see,' he concluded, 'this rule means that my call must stand.' Unconvinced, my coach yelled, 'But you're not interpreting that rule correctly.' To which the ump re-

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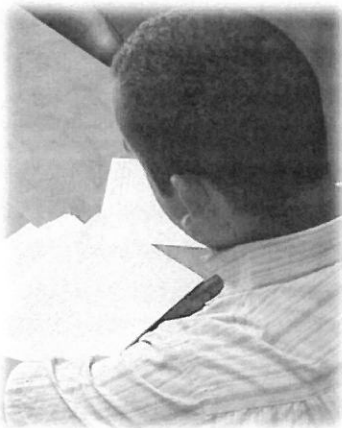
plied, 'Uh, excuse me, I think I should know: I wrote the rulebook.' After an awkward silence, my coach walked back to the bench, shaking his head and pointing to the ref as he told us, 'Get ahold of that guy. He wrote the rulebook!'" The author of the story then added, "Throughout His ministry, Jesus didn't just affirm and endorse the words of Scripture; He talked and acted like He had authored the Scriptures. He lived with the authority of the One who wrote the 'rulebook.'"

As Lutherans, we believe that the Bible is God's Word. Quite simply, that means that we believe it is the "rulebook" in which God tells us about the game of life. He points out our sin. More importantly, He points out His love. He tells us what is good for us and what is bad for us. There are times we don't like what the Bible says. At times like that, it is important to remember that as the Creator of the Universe, He wrote the rulebook. Paul told Timothy, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). There are many people who say that "if it is in the Bible, I believe it." But they don't even know what is in the Bible. As kids go back to school this year, I encourage to reaffirm the need to return to "school" at the feet of Jesus. Take a little time each day to read "God's Book" so you actually know what the author of life is teaching.

In Christ,  
Pastor Besel

## PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD

This information comes from Voice of the Martyrs



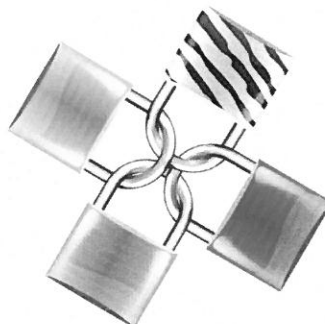
**GAZA STRIP:** After hearing a university professor mention the name of Jesus four years ago, Mohammed began to seek information about Christianity online, eventually connecting with a group of Christians. His new interest in Jesus soon led to conflict with family members. When his sister saw him watching a Christian TV program, she reported him to their father, who then restricted Mohammed's access to the Internet and social media for the next year. When Mohammed graduated from college, his father again granted him Internet privileges, assuming his Christian "phase" was over. But instead, Mohammed met a pastor online who was willing to teach him, and he began reading the Bible on his own. One day, Mohammed told his family that Islam was a false religion and that they should follow Jesus Christ. His family attacked him, kicked him out of the house and eventually told him he was no longer part of the family. Despite the pain and loneliness, Mohammed continued to grow in faith. "It is true that I am deprived of the grace of the family," he said, "but I am not deprived of the Lord's grace." Pray that Mohammed will remain faithful to the Lord.



"Where has the summer gone"? That is the question I keep hearing from our youth. Breaks always seem to slip by way too fast. We have been having a lot of fun this summer, and although it isn't quite over yet, it is winding down to a close. Mid August will have our young men and women back at the books, hopefully learning and reminiscing of summer. But not until we get a few more youth group memories in. On Aug 4th we will be having brunch at church, followed by a color war. August 5th is the first Confirmation Meeting for the Fall. If you are a student going into 7th or 8th grade this fall, or the parent/guardian of same, then please attending this meeting during education hour, 9:30-10:30, Sunday Aug 5th. Then on August 10th we will have a Back to School Lock-In from 4:00pm to 12:00am. Let Cameron know if you plan on attending. The Youth Ministry Team is working on what Youth Group will look like this Fall and will know more after the confirmation meeting on August 5th.

Blessing,

Youth Ministry Team





# Happy Anniversary

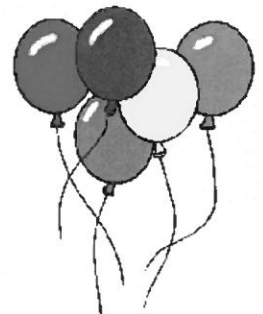
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	Dave & Christy Lehenbauer	27	Rachel & Matthew Fredrick
	Charlie & Debbie Wilken	29	Pat & Pam Pickett
19	Steve & Peggy Jones		



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| 3 Laurie Martin    | 13 Mason Heilman   | 27 Kyle Rodgers             |
| Mike Nelson        | 14 Gloria Jenkins  | Duane Wright                |
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| Melvin Kvamso      | 22 Priscilla Alden | Clayton Studyvin            |
| 8 Erika Leech      | Gloria Sommers     |                             |



# happy birthday



Fellow Members of Holy Trinity;

June 22, 2018

I wanted to continue keeping you updated on the budget process, to keep everyone up to date on the trends with the 2018 Budget. There are some alarming entries playing a part in the final numbers thru May.

The forecasted budget, for 2018 thru May, on income, was \$204,750.00;

Income received into the General Account for budgeted purposes was \$180,653.00; (Short \$24.2K)

Our weekly General Account needs, to meet budget, is \$9750.00 weekly and lately we have been averaging around \$8,000.00, thus creating an operations shortage of near \$40K for the first 5 months of the year. This takes into account for the unbalanced Budget deficit of \$16K, when passed last Fall.

The start of the year showed we had a surplus of Non designate Funds of \$111K. If we continue on the same pattern of giving, we will have used up over 90%, of that total, just to run this year's church's operational needs.

Expenses have been running less than budget by \$11K but the majority of the under spend is from the Trustees Budget and we have several major issues facing us currently; Outside Cross Repair, HVAC Replacement for balance of year.

We show these totals as merely an update, for the congregation, on where the church is trending vs. time elapsed. We all understand that God is in control but we all need to remain faithful to our pledges and do the work of the church positively! Remember that Designated Accounts giving does not go into the General Fund for taking care of Church's Daily expenses.

If you should have any questions regarding the numbers, please ask me or one of the council members and they will be glad to answer your questions.

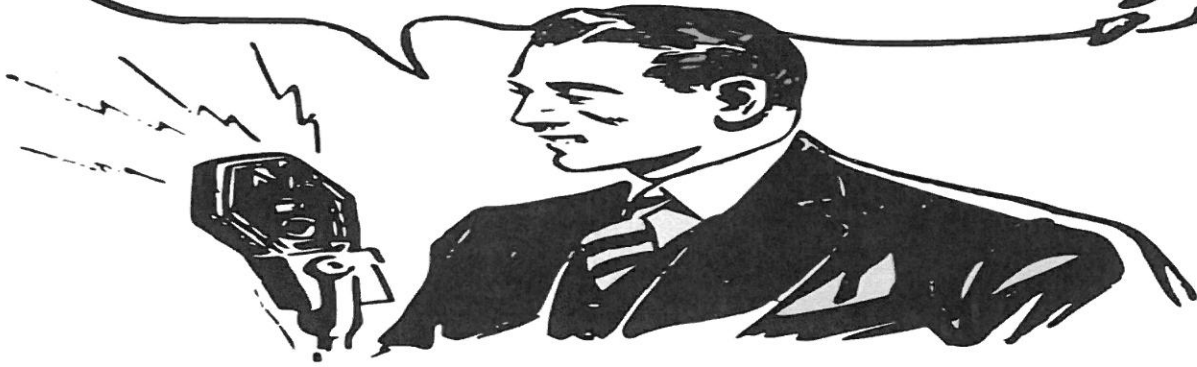
In Christ Always;

John Jenkins

Vernon Schmiegelow

Financial Stewardship Team

# CAMERON'S CORNER



I know summer is suppose to be a time of relaxation and chillness but around here, it is our busy season. Between weekly youth activities, Sunday prepping, conferences, Vacation Bible School, preparing for Confirmation this fall, and housework, there is plenty to do. I am going to need a break from summer break! But it has been a fun summer. Weekly youth activities have been awesome and VBS is going to be a blast. The conference in Minneapolis was so much fun and so informative. We gained incredible insight into a huge city before it was crowded with 25,000 people next summer.

On a more serious note, I currently have something weighing on my heart. The education team and I are revamping confirmation for this fall. One of the more important changes is the small group, which meet after the main session. In the small group students will discuss the topic at hand, along with questions that encourage deeper thinking than just 'Bible answers'. They also talk about their lives; their triumphs and their struggles. It is a very important part of what we hope to accomplish. We need guides for those small groups. Parents, adults, working, retired, young or old all are welcome and encouraged to reach out to this upcoming generation to help guide them. Please prayerfully consider your place in God education of these young people. Talk to Cameron if you have any questions.

God Bless,

Cameron

## **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

### **NEW ADDRESSES**

Loretta C Wunschel  
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Bentonville AR 72712

Jordan W Frevert  
4509 SW Lilly Street  
Bentonville, AR 72713-5566

### **NEW CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Phone: 01182908064827071



### **Cell Phone vs. Bible**

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cellphones, we don't ever have to worry about our bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

# WHAT'S UP?



## ISRAEL BIBLE STUDY

Starting on August 19<sup>th</sup> I will begin a new Bible study class on Sunday mornings. It will be a combination of showing vacation pictures from Israel, a little history and diving into scripture all at the same time. Huh? Here is what it will look like - we will take a place in Israel, let's say Kursi. I will explain what the place is significant for in the Bible (the place where Jesus restores the demon-possessed man and sends the demons into a herd of pigs). I will show pictures of what it looks like today, talk about how archeologists found pig bones on *this* side of the Sea of Galilee but not the other, proving this is where the Gentiles lived. Then we will open our Bibles to the story, read it, discuss it and think about what it means for us today. After that we will move on to the next place.

I hope you can join us. We will meet in Classroom 1 starting at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions please let me know.

Pam Pickett  
479-601-2550  
[Pamsue27@gmail.com](mailto:Pamsue27@gmail.com)



## PINOCHLE CARDS

Here we are into August already, can't believe it!! First off thanks to each of you that helped with the VBS supper on the 31th. ( Donating, help preparing and serving ) Great job once again! And now for cards on Friday, August 3rd. Should be cool enough in the fellowship arena & loaded with fun, food & great cards! Look for all of you by 6:30 or by 6:00 to help set up.



# AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 11:30am- Outreach Team 5:30pm-Youth Ministry Team	3 1pm-Assemble Bulletin 6:30-Cards	4
Vacation Bible School July 29 through August 2 (Dinner at 5 PM., Programming 6-8 PM)						
Pastor Besel on Vacation July 30 through August 9						
5 <b>FEED MY SHEEP</b> 8:00am- Communion 9:30am- Education Hour 10:45am-Communion	6 Cameron's Day Off 6:30pm Elder's Meeting	7 5:30pm- Education Team	8 12pm-News & Notes Due	9	10 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	11
Pastor Besel on Vacation July 30 through August 9						
12 8:00am- Worship 9:30am- Education Hour 10:45am-Worship	13 Cameron's Day Off	14 6:30 Council Meeting	15 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-Clarion Articles Due 12pm-News & Notes Due	16	17 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	18
19 8:00am- Communion 9:30am- Education Hour 10:45am-Communion	20 Cameron's Day Off	21	22 12pm-News & Notes Due	23	24 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin & Clarion	25
26 8:00am- Worship 9:30am- Education Hour 10:45am-Worship	27 Cameron's Day Off	28	29 12pm-News & Notes Due	30	31 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	

# Serving in AUGUST 2018

		August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00am	Elaine Launderville & Vernon Schmiegelow	David & Mary Frevert	Ray Eschenburg & Karen Launderville	Dave & Wendie Ferguson
	10:45am	Debbie Peterson & Evelyn Waters	Cameron Pullmann & Youth	Brent & Libby Garner	Mike & Bettye Platt
<b>Readers</b>	8:00am	Leyland Hermes	Karen Launderville	John Jenkins	Elaine Launderville
	10:45am	Eric Kerr	Joe Raleigh	Kurt Schrock	Cameron Pullmann
<b>Video</b>	8:00am	John Jenkins	David Heintz	Stephany Franco	Sabrina Isbell
	10:45am	Liam Scott	Evan Wright	Dave Lehenbauer	Matt Bolte
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00am	Owen Winters	Reanna Dunlap	Jena Eisma	Addison Faust
	10:45am	Landen Kerr	Ethan Leech	Levi Wright	Lizzie Gregory
<b>Lead Counters</b>		Cari & Betty Brokaw	Cari & Betty Brokaw	David & Connie Heintz	David & Connie Heintz
	<b>Counters</b>	Omar & Ione Kauffeld	Von & Phyllis Von Holdt	Herb & Shirley Bernthal	Phil Garling & Elaine Launderville
<b>Lawn Care</b>		Team #1 (Edging)	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4 (Gas)
<b>Office Helpers</b>		<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 24</b>
		Fred & Shirley Lewis	Bruce Pilcher & Eva Jean Beck	Libby Garner, Emily Jenkins & Dorine Hand	Omar & Ione Kauffeld, Elaine Launderville, LB & Ila Teeter

**SERVING ALL MONTH**

**ALTAR GUILD**

Marcia Black & Sabrina Isbell

**ELDERS**

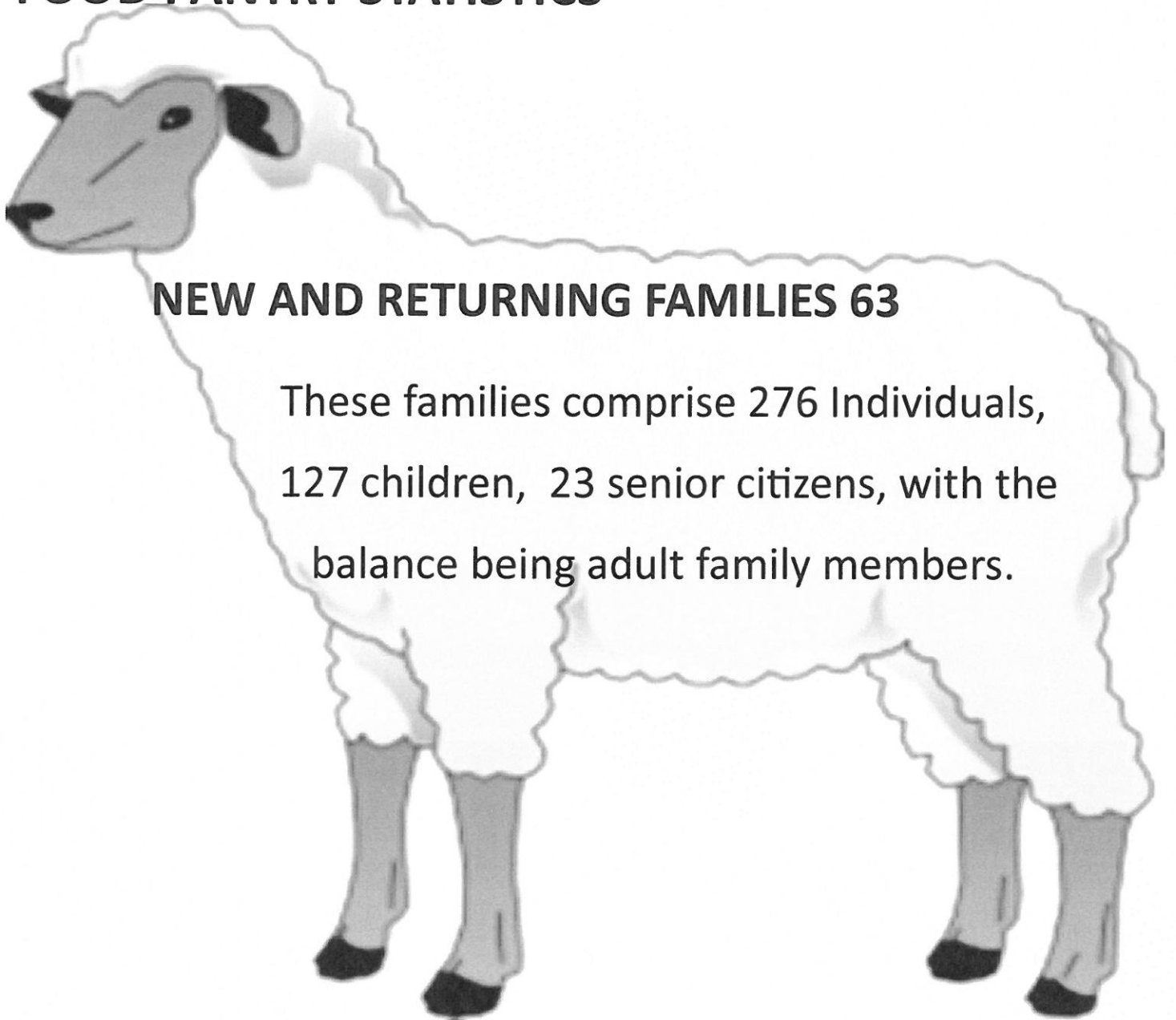
8:00am Dave Ferguson  
10:45am Jim Williams

**USHERS**

8:00am Team E Dave Frevert, Dean Eisma, Claton Studyvin, Ken Rader, Tommmy Byrd  
10:45am Team F Dave Lehenbauer, Matt Bolte, Leroy Meyer, Evan Wright, Liam Scott, Duane Wright

# FEED MY SHEEP JUNE

## FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS



### **NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES 63**

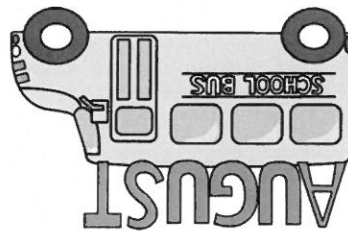
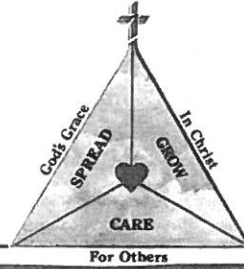
These families comprise 276 Individuals,  
127 children, 23 senior citizens, with the  
balance being adult family members.

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The mission of Holy Trinity is to:

*SPREAD* God's Grace  
*GROW* in Christ  
*CARE* for Others



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