

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWING IN CHRIST

2 years – 8th grade Sunday school focus

5/7 Jesus Appears to Thomas – John 20:1-19

5/14 Jesus Appears in Galilee – John 21:1-19

CHANCEL FLOWERS

This weekend's flowers have been given to God's glory by Tom and Young Jackson in loving memory of Juanita Jackson.

LWML

All ladies are invited to the next LWML meeting and Bible study which will be held Monday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Mites box donations will go toward the Church Worker Scholarship Fund.

FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

The prayer team has made a booklet available for you to help you in your prayers for our nation, president, vice-president, congress, Supreme Court, churches, and our schools. It is called *Pray for Our Nation* and feel free to help yourself at the welcome center. Just watching the news should prompt us of the importance of these prayers as well as the command to pray for our country in 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

VBS

Save the week—June 12-16, 2017

FAMILY REUNION THANK YOU!!

A heartfelt thank you to the many, many people who donated their time, talents and baking ability to make the Reunion a special event for our Trinity Family! Your willingness to set-up, clean-up, wash-up, bake and serve in countless ways blessed all of us! A special thank you to the Trinity teachers and students for their thoughtful artwork and insights into what it means to be a family! "Family is loving and caring to each other just as Christ did for us!"

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES

It's been said that children may not always be good at listening to their parents, but they never fail to imitate them. The words you speak are less important than the everyday life you lead. Your children (and grandchildren) are constantly learning about life by watching you. What an immense responsibility. What an incredible privilege! Pray that God will help you to be the kind of adult that you want your child (or grandchild) to become.

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The nomination process is currently open to fill the four Board of Director vacancies that will come open in June. The four elected openings are treasurer, secretary, and two director-at-large positions.

There will be no self-nominations accepted. Any member of the congregation who would like to submit a name may do so by emailing Mary Frost at Mary.frost@palmer.edu or maryjason@me.com.

THE MEYER MINUTE FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2017

(Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis)

Today's eccentricity from Dale: Stop recycling church bulletins! You'll walk out of church on Sunday and there'll be someplace to get rid of your used worship guide. It even happens in the Seminary's chapel: Come in, pick up the order of service, do it, drop it. Bugs me.

I'll try to explain. The other day I started reading a scholarly article about Jewish public prayers in the first centuries B.C. and A.D. Scholar Daniel Falk writes: "The language of prayer is to a great extent conventional. Because of this constraint, a straightforward reading of a prayer text cannot always be assumed to represent accurately the pray-er's theology." (in *Justification and Variegated Nomism*, p. 7). That means the public prayers used back then, or the prayers and liturgy prepared for your worship this Sunday, don't necessarily reflect what you and I, the pray-ers, believe about God. Makes sense, doesn't it? I imagine three possibilities when we use conventional prayers and liturgy. 1. They may reflect what we truly believe (we're into these words head and heart). 2. They may not (we're just going through the motions). 3. Something in between.

Some pastors begin their sermons by saying, "The Word of God that engages us today is...." That's the challenge of public worship, to engage ourselves with those conventional readings, prayers and liturgies. What does this mean? For me that means marking the bulletin when something strikes me. Think about this, Dale. Use this thought, Dale. And so on. I fold the bulletin, put it in my pocket, and recycle the spiritual engagement in my head and heart during the week. There's just too much in every order of service for me to drop it at the door. Thank you for letting me share my eccentricity as your prepare for Sunday's worship!