

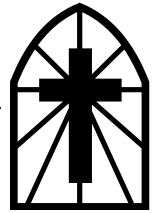
Looking through

The Stained Glass Window

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May 2012

From Pastor Kim



What do McDonald's, Total Fitness Gym, and Christ and Trinity have in common?

They are all buildings, yes.

They can all be found in Sedalia, Missouri.

They all have the potential to make us sweat, or feel uneasy.

They all have the potential to provide an amazing high and burst of energy.

Perhaps, more importantly, they all share a similar calling. For McDonald's, Total Fitness Gym, and Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church are places of abundant love compelling those who enter to share their love with the world.

Sounds like a high calling. Sounds improbable.

Places of abundant love compelling those who enter to share their love with the world. Really? Now, maybe you're experiences of McDonald's revolve around children screaming over who got the best happy meal toy, or pleads for that ice cream sundae following that extra large fry and big mac. Or maybe your encounter with Total Fitness Gym was a temporary lapse of sanity in your New Year's resolution for a healthier lifestyle. Or perhaps you are not the type to eat fast food? Or you only feel pain at the gym?

And maybe, just maybe, your experience of church, yes Christ and Trinity, has been one of feeling excluded? Maybe you're tired of baking those cookies and breads and pies. Maybe you go through the motions each Sunday, up and down, prayer, song, and sermon. Maybe you wonder if you are indeed loved? Maybe you question what God's word says to you?

My mother begins most days at McDonald's. She greets the same faces each day - that is if she arrives at the same time. Some know each other's names. Some know family histories and stories. Some share the newspaper and a cup of coffee. But they know each other. They care for each other. They worry when someone hasn't been in for a couple of mornings. They make sure their travels are safe. They love. Albeit in a crowded, sticky-floored, fried-food smelling fast food restaurant. And in this love and community of McDonald's each morning, two men offered to help my mother with car troubles. They're not friends, barely acquaintances, names not even known until just recently, yet when they heard about my mother's problem they offered to help.

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Graduate Reception Sunday, May 13th

On May 13th we honor and celebrate anyone who has graduated! Join Christ and Trinity for worship this morning to bless the graduates and give thanks for the support and love of their families and community.

Here are our 2012 Graduates!

Sharae Newell

Graduated in December from State Fair Community College with her LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse). It was a three semester program with clinicals completed at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

Erica Stone

Graduates from Sacred Heart Catholic School this May. She will attend CMU to play volleyball and major in nursing.

Curtis Hartley

Graduated from University of Central Missouri and is studying to be a Certified Public Accountant.

Robert Hartley

Graduated from State Fair Community College as a COTA (Certified Occupational Therapist's Assistant). He interned in Versailles and now works at a school in Clinton.

April Ream

After 18 months of study, April graduates this May with her BSN (Bachelor of Science and Nursing) from Central Methodist University.

Eric Ainsley

Graduated from ITT Technical Institute (Kansas City) in January with a Bachelor of Science degree in Network Security.

Mitchell Morenz

Graduates from Smith Cotton High School this May. Mitch attended Kindergarten at Whiteman Air Force Base and with the exception of 18 months in Caledonia, Mississippi; spent the remainder of his academic life thus far in the Sedalia School District.continued on page 8



CONFIRMATION

May 16 & May 23:
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation students meet at church with Pastor Kim. As we continue with The Small Catechism, the students will delve into the sacraments of baptism and communion.

Friday, June 15th: The confirmation students and their families will gather to take part in a Shabbat service.

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No questions asked. Nothing asked in return. Pure gift.

Total Fitness Gym sees lots of people coming and going, sweating and hurting and overcoming obstacles. I sit at the counter with my smoothie and overhear a conversation:

"I'll see you on Sunday?"

"I'll be there."

"Good, I'm sharing my story with the church."

"I wouldn't miss it!"

The one woman turns to me and says, "He's been coming to church with me. With some of the people at the gym, it takes time but in our relationship and conversations, I can't help but talk about Jesus. It changed my life. I hope to help others know it can change theirs too."

So, Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church, where are you sharing God's love? Where are you offering hospitality to someone you don't know? Someone who is different? Someone who may be sitting right next to you? Where are you talking about Jesus and not containing yourself about all he's done for you?

Next time you're at McDonald's or venture to the gym, or at the grocery store or on your neighborhood street, remember God's love for you. Remember Jesus. And talk about that love. And then go and be God's hands and feet in the world. Let's open wide our doors, step outside the walls, and take this unrelenting, freely given, undeserving love and take over the streets, people, and places of Sedalia, Missouri.

Who knows, maybe you'll even end up with a changed life.

Worship Notes for May

Sunday, May 6th: We welcome new members this morning as well as bidding Godspeed to Janet and Esther Winter. This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine; we the branches are alive in each other, both here and wherever the Spirit takes us.

Sunday, May 13th: Today we celebrate our graduates! We also give thanks for all our youth who will help lead worship this morning. All youth are invited to participate - please speak to Pr. Kim if your youth is interested! This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. Come to experience that love and friendship Christ has for us and how deeply we are called to share that love with the world.

Sunday, May 20th: We bid Godspeed to the Kelly Family this morning. Come, Holy Spirit. Today we hear Jesus' long prayer offered to his disciples on the night before his death. Jesus desires that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one.

Sunday, May 27: The Spirit moves among us this morning with the message to open ourselves to God's call, wherever that may take us! We give thanks for the Spirit at work in the Stone and Centeno families and celebrate the baptism of Oliver Stone Centeno. This is the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.

Worship Attendance and Offerings

March 25	70	\$987.00
Weds., March 28	30	NA
April 1	59	\$2,653.00
Maundy Thursday	37	NA
Good Friday	53	NA
April 8	114	\$2,386.00
April 15	38	\$1,774.00
April 22	56	\$448.00



Sunday School

It's been an inspiring year for the Sunday school class as we've met together as confirmation students, high schoolers, and adults. Thanks for everyone who has shared their faith, questions, songs, stories, and prayers! We gather this May to finish our discussion on the Small Catechism (although, the study and learning of faith is never complete!). Join the Sunday school class at 9:15 on May 6th, 13th, and 20th. All are welcome!

Sunday School Celebration

May 20th will be the last Sunday of the Sunday School year before summer vacation begins. We will gather during the Sunday School hour to celebrate the many wonderful events and projects we did during the school year. Thanks to all individuals who made the year so successful.

Please mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School, scheduled for July 30-August 3. The theme will be "Sky – Everything is Possible with God". Invite friends and grandchildren to this big event.



Tools of Hope Sunday - May 6th

Tools of Hope is a Church World Service project. The money collected will be used for many different tools to help under-privileged countries around the world. It used to be called Blanket Sunday but they expanded it to encompass more items.

We collect the money throughout the year from many different churches and then send Church World Service one check. It makes it much easier for them. If you wish to pay by check, please make it out to Church Women United. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin.

Thank you for your love, generosity and caring. It is much appreciated.

Did You Know??? Three quarters of the world's poorest people depend on small plots of land to grow food and earn income but many lack the tools and resources to consistently grow good.

Windows of Opportunity to Serve

Open Door Food Pantry: May 16

Volunteers are needed for the third Wednesday of every month from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Open Door Food Pantry in Sedalia. You may sign up to help in the fellowship hall.

Feed the Hungry Sunday: May 27

Please bring canned or non-perishable goods and place in the shopping cart in the narthex. This month we are collecting boxed dinners, such as macaroni and cheese.

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Wednesdays at 4 pm

We meet each week from 4:00-5:00 at the church to pray for the requests on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may submit a prayer request by filling out a blue request slip, found in the pew racks, and placing it on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Items of Interest...

- The youth are collecting Best Choice labels for a cash rebate. There is a collection box on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, or they can be placed in the Morenz mailbox.
- Pastor Kim will be out of the office May 1st through 4th for a First Call Pastor's Retreat.
- The church offices will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.
- If you are graduating from high school or college this May, please let the church secretary know so you may be recognized in our service on May 13th.

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!**

Sunday, May 13

Welcome



New Members

On May 6th we welcome new members to Christ and Trinity. We give thanks for the energy and faithfulness each new member brings. Be sure to join us for worship on May 6th as we welcome three families:

Brent, Karissa, and Anna Logan

Karissa Schlesselman and Brent Logan both went to school in Cole Camp. Brent graduated in 1996 and Karissa in 2001. Brent attended HVAC school in Houston, Texas and has been employed at Home Heating and Air Conditioning since 1997. Karissa graduated from UMC in 2006 and has been working in the Pettis County Assessor's office ever since. We were married in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in May 2007. We were blessed with our daughter Anna on October 1, 2010. Karissa and Anna were baptized together in March, 2011. We moved to Sedalia from the Bahner area in May 2011. Karissa likes to run; Brent likes to barbeque, and Anna likes to read books. We enjoy spending time with family and friends more than anything.

Chad, Mary, Madeleine, and Katelyn Frintz

The Air Force has taken the Frintz family from New Mexico where Chad & Mary met to Las Vegas, NV, Anchorage, AK (where Maddie was born), & finally here to Missouri. Chad is a Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force, he has loaded weapons for the A-10 Warthog, the F-22 Raptor, & currently for the B-2 Stealth Bomber. Mary worked as a Therapeutic Recreation Director in geriatrics for 10 years, but after the newest addition to the family this month she is currently a stay-at-home mom. Madeleine is a very energetic 3 year old who enjoys playing at the park, singing, dancing, & playing with her friends. Katelyn, who is 1 month old, enjoys eating, sleeping, & cuddling with mommy & daddy.

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Prayer Requests:

Rodger Eckhoff, Gwen McDonald, Pat Howard, Eliot Elliott, Sara Cardwell, Danny Harms, Mike Knaus, Mike Fischer, Martha Vining, Amanda, Joedie Stevens, Doug, Gwen, Amanda, Norman Loetscher, Gary Bale, Seth Wagenknecht, Oliver Hughes, Charles Wilson, Floyd Hatfield, Rosemary Neisen, Gladys and Harold Hammersland.



Continue to pray for our shut-ins: Iva Wadleigh, Elaine Linn, Byrdia Hughes, Velma Schumm, Marcella Wilde, Wilma Anderson and Sandra Graf.

Let us also remember our sponsored children in Africa, Zakia Chebeti and Teferi Aba Moga.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

The Bothwell Regional Health Center Hospice sincerely appreciates your support with your generous donation of \$29. The donations we receive help us to continue to provide support to our Hospice families.

Sherie Metzner

Community Lenten Breakfasts

Thanks to all who joined for the Lenten Breakfasts each Wednesday in Lent. We gathered for a meal, prayer, song, and devotion. Free-will donations were accepted for the Community Cafe with \$639 raised! Thanks to Hannah Satnan for sharing her story of the stained-glass cross with the community! The youth continue to inspire!



Happy Birthday to You!

- 4 Emily Greble
- 5 Wilma Anderson
- 9 Allison Eppenauer
- 9 Robert Hartley
- 9 Sarah Stone
- 10 Karin Hoon
- 10 Meg Morenz
- 23 Dixie Byrum
- 23 Janet Winter
- 24 Eric Ainsley
- 25 Anna Hornbostel
- 26 Debbie Mueller
- 30 Sally Lynn

Changes to our Address Directory

Jean and Eliot Elliot's new address:
601 W. Slifer St. #201
Portage, WI 53901

Louise Harms' new address:
1919 S. Stewart
Sedalia, MO 65301

Congratulations on Your Anniversary!

- 23 Jason & Jenni Ohare
- 29 Jim & Wanda Meyer

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the church office.



Congratulations to Mary and Chad Frintz on the birth of their new daughter, Katelyn Emma, who was born on April 1, 2012. Katelyn joins big sister, Madeleine, who is 3 years old.



We wish to express our sympathy to Sara and David Cardwell for the loss of David's grandmother, Dixie Cardwell. (David is Eric and LuAnn's son-in-law.)



Choir Picnic
Monday, May 7 at 6 p.m.
Jim & Wanda Meyer's house

There are no choir rehearsals in May.

**Next Council Meeting:
Sunday, May 13
following worship**

WELCA News

The Women of the ELCA held their annual Rummage/Bake Sale on April 13th & 14th. It was a huge success of \$2,450. Thanks for all the wonderful help, donated items and baked goods. Proceeds will support WELCA's local budget and the many missions they support. Many blessing to all.

WELCA's Bible Study and business meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on May 3rd. We do not meet June, July and August.

We are still needing a coordinator (or can be two coordinators) and a treasurer. Please join us at our May meeting so we can make plans for our future WELCA year. We need your help.

Fitter's and Faith

Mark your calendars for the second Wednesday in June, July and August and join Pr. Kim at Fitter's 5th Street Pub on Ohio Street. We'll gather at 7 p.m. and discuss a topic of faith; we'll tell stories, share about our lives, and talk about all the ways God is working in our lives. Feel free to bring friends and come when you can.

Meals on Wheels

Christ & Trinity will deliver meals on July 9-13 and August 6-10. This is a great opportunity to serve our community. Mark your calendars and plan to help this worthy cause. For more information, please call Wanda Meyer at 827-2357.

LYO

Skittles, Sidewalk Prophets, mini golf, roller coasters, old friends, pizza, water rides, Echo Hollow, hills, and chain links; each played a part the weekend of April 1st at Young Christians' Weekend in Branson. Four adults and 7 youth spent a wonderful two days sharing in fellowship with thousands of youth group members at Silver Dollar City. The music was inspiring, the weather was perfect, and the rides added to the fun. After a long day in the park, we reunited with the Brunner family for dinner, mini golf, and a swim. Bill, Darlene, Ashley, and Amber send greetings and hugs to our church family.

Our outdoor worship services had great music and a message from Joe White, nationally known for his ministry to youth. We were each given a chain link, representing our relationship to Christ. A bond servant is a freed slave who chooses to serve a master, as we have chosen to be chained to Christ. Ask an LYO member about their experience.

Special thanks to the Mission and Ministry committee, who graciously funded the weekend, and to Carl Willadsen for discounted hotel rooms and free pizza. For two in our group it was the first Young Christians' Weekend, and for others we have too many to count. Whichever the case, it was a wonderful experience.

2012 MID-MISSOURI BIBLE CAMP



Attention all youth who have completed Grade 4 but not yet entered Grade 10! There is a Lutheran faith based experience waiting for you at Camp Rising Sun in the Lake of the Ozarks. It is a week to grow spiritually while meeting new friends and enjoying the great outdoors. You will be able to connect the world of God to the word of God. Camping dates: Sunday, July 15th (4:00 pm) through Friday, July 20th (noon). Registration forms are due July 1st along with a \$10.00 deposit. Cost of camp is \$75. Questions can be directed to Curtis Oelrichs 660-668-3380 or Brice Bell 660-553-1244.



**Annual
Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, May 6
following worship**

Annual Meeting Slide Show

We gather as a community to see where we've been and where God is calling us in the next year. Pastor Kim encourages all members to attend worship on May 6th and stay after for the Annual Meeting immediately following worship. This year, we'll begin with a slide show from the year! Please pass along any pictures from the year that you would like to share. Photos can be emailed to Pastor Kim at kimberlyknowle@gmail.com or brought to the church office.

Farmer's Market Opens: Food and Faith

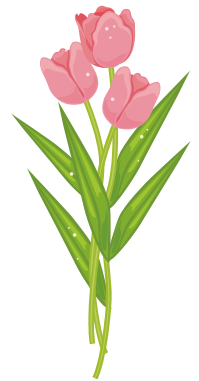
The Sedalia Area Farmer's Market opens Friday, May 4th from 3-7 p.m. The market is located on Hwy 65 at the entrance to the fairgrounds. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of June, July, and August where we'll gather at church at 2:30 to talk about faith and food, followed by a trip to the Farmer's Market together. God created each of us to be nourished by creation; let's talk about all the ways in which we can connect to God's creation through food and farm relationships.

EMA

On May 3rd, the Emergency Management Association will meet to honor and retire the ham radio number 518 that belonged to Rev. Greg Hibbard. The ceremony takes place at the courthouse on May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

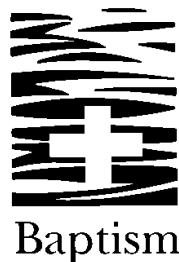
**Update on Calvary and
Christ and Trinity Discussion**

On April 1st, both Christ and Trinity and Calvary's leadership teams met to talk openly about how God could be calling each congregation into deeper ministry. Calvary is without a full-time pastor and would benefit from a steady pastoral presence. Intentional interim Pastor, Bill Say, facilitated the discussion where both groups shared hopes, questions and concerns. Since the meeting, Calvary has decided to take some more time to see what resources they have from within their congregation for pastoral leadership. The hope from the leadership team at Calvary is that both churches will continue to get to know one another and engage in mission and ministry and fellowship together.



**May Friendship Luncheon
Tues May 1st - 12 Noon
1st UMC Celebration Center**

Tickets are \$7.50 and if paying by check please make out to 1st UMC. Our program this year is "Sights and Sounds of Harmony. Listening to My Sisters". We will have a panel of 4 or 5 people who live in Sedalia but have ties to other parts of the World. They will be speaking about their journey to America. They can relate to Naomi & Ruth who left their homeland and went to a new and unknown land. It should be a very interesting program so please try to join us. See Connie Williams for tickets or call her at 826-8376 to reserve a seat. Leave a message if she isn't home.



**Oliver Stone Centeno
Born: February 17, 2012
Parents: Sarah (Stone) and
Tomas Centeno**

Sunday, May 27

Throughout his school years Mitch has been participating in bowling and has attained numerous awards and some scholarships through the Youth of America Bowling Association. His parents could always count on his teachers commenting on his ability to be kind to everyone and a genuine caring attitude for others; which is reflected in his personality as he becomes an adult. During high school Mitch has been involved in Building Trades with dual credit involvement through State Fair Community College. He has also participated in Technology clubs and DECA. This summer he will be attending the Lutheran Seminary Sampler in Ohio. His plans for the Fall are not concrete as of now; however, he expresses interests in attending technical school in construction management or joining the military.

Chris Smith

Graduated from Southeast Lineman School on April 12th with an electrical degree. He moved to Florida.



Jordan Robinson has been chosen for the Society of Academic Excellence Award for holding at least a 3.5 GPA throughout her 3 years in Stebbins High School in Dayton OH. All recipients of this award will be honored at a ceremony May 10th at the High School.

Attention: The front doors of the church and the kitchen door have been found unlocked on several occasions lately. Please make sure the doors are closed completely and locked when leaving.

Greg and Audrey Lang

We welcome the Lang family to Sedalia after a move from Pennsylvania. Greg works for Pittsburgh Corning. Audrey is looking forward to getting involved in the community and enjoys making crafts, quilts, pottery, and has even done glass blowing! Greg collects antique farm hit-and-miss engines. Their son, Seth, studies at Iowa State and was recently inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering honorary fraternity.

"Don't forget to sign up!"

If Nadine Fingland hasn't asked you yet to volunteer in worship, be sure to meet her! Nadine has been a faithful member of Christ and Trinity for years and we give thanks for her years of service coordinating volunteers week after week. This past April, Nadine filled 80 slots for volunteers! Wow! Thank you, Nadine!

Again, if you are curious about what it would be like to read or usher or help with communion, see Pr. Kim and/or Nadine!

Lawn Mowers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help mow the church grounds. There is a mowing schedule on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. All of the equipment is here at the church – we just need your time and willingness. If you have questions, see Jim Meyer. Please sign up if you can help.

Pastor: Rev. Kim Knowle
Pastor's office hours:
Monday-Thursday (Friday off)
Secretary: Kay Strouse
Church office hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:00-2:00 pm
Friday 10:00-noon
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.