



**October 2017**

*From the Pastor's Pen*

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**The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation!**

[Portraits of Katharina von Bora, Argula von Grumbach, and Marguerite de Navarre]

*“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” -Romans 15:4*

This month, we are celebrating a big anniversary – it’s 500 years since the start of the Protestant Reformation! On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther wrote a list of 95 Theses and nailed them to a church door in Wittenberg. As a priest and professor, he was expecting to bring certain errors and concerns to the church’s attention. He wasn’t trying to start a new movement; he was trying to cleanse the Catholic church of abuses of indulgences, abuses of power, and inadequate theological education for some priests. After he went public, he encountered a lot more backlash than he expected. Soon, people were accusing him of being against the pope and against the church and he began to build the early protestant church.

On the last Sunday of the month (the 29<sup>th</sup>), our theatre troupe will present a play about how the ideas of the reformation evolved and came into conflict with one another. Luther was insistent that we are justified or saved by grace through faith rather than a combination of grace and good works as the Catholics taught.

Usually when we read about the Reformation, we hear from Martin Luther and John Calvin, Huldrych Zwingli and John Knox. But it wasn’t just men who struggled and prayed, forging new paths for Christianity – there were many important women, too.

Katharina von Bora, born in 1499, was sent to a convent when she was five. She heard about Luther’s ideas and became convinced of them. She secretly formed a group of nuns who agreed with her and reached out to Luther to help them escape. On the eve of Easter 1523, Luther sent a herring delivery man to the convent. She and her friends hid in the wagon with the fish barrels to flee to Wittenberg. Luther worked to find homes, families, or marriages for the nuns,

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but many feared taking them in because it was a crime against the Catholic church. After two years, Luther had situated everyone except Katharina. Though she had several suitors, she wouldn't settle for less than Luther himself. They married in 1525. Katharina was no shrinking violet. She had a fast wit, a quick tongue, and she was not to be trifled with. She managed the affairs of the monastery where they came to live, bred and sold cattle, and took charge of the brewery to support the monastery. When need for health care was great, Katharina would open the monastery as a hospital, working together with the other nurses. In their marriage, she had a great deal of say over her own life and the decisions that affected them both. Luther even sometimes affectionately called her "my Lord, Katy"! Since Luther was so prominent, their marriage served as a model for others in the new church movement. She brought home the bacon and even gave him some guidance on church matters. Thank you, Katy!

Argula von Grumbach was born a noblewoman in 1492. She learned to read at a young age and had her own Bible to study even though local preachers said that scripture would, "only confuse her." When Luther's protestant ideas were published, she devoured them and became a dedicated follower in 1522. The following year, a young teacher at the University of Ingolstadt was arrested for having Protestant views. The university was trying to force him to abandon his belief and, if he would not, the magistrate would exile him. Argula was outraged by this and wrote a letter to the university that they should follow scripture and not Rome. He should not be punished for following God. In her letter, she cited 80 different verses of scripture. Her long letter became a booklet that had 14 different editions in two months. She argued the young teacher's case to anyone who would hear her and, thus, became the first woman to publicly campaign for the Reformation. Though the university dismissed her concerns, she continued to write and to speak out in support of this new Reformation for the rest of her life. She used her education and her social standing to gain access to halls of power that few men would have dared in her day. Thank you, Argula!

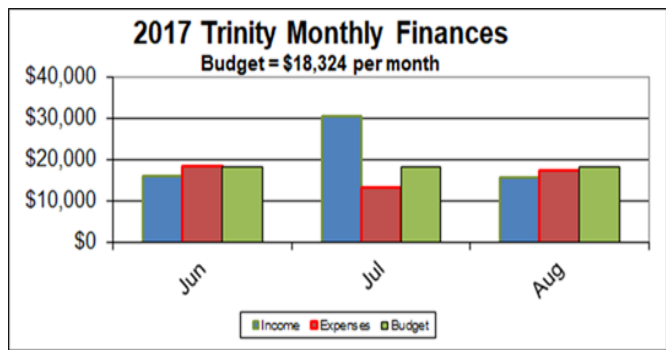
Marguerite de Navarre was born in 1492, the older sister of Francis I, king of France. Marguerite received almost the same education as her brother, which was practically unheard of in their day. She was considered one of the best educated women in France and worked as a diplomat and advisor to kings (first her brother, then her husband Henry III). In the 1520s, she learned of the Reformation ideas and embraced them. Her writings were so scandalous, that one writer in her day noted that she would probably have been burned at the stake if she had not been royalty. She used her power and position to be a patron to Reformed ministers and theologians. She offered them sanctuary when they were persecuted, even sheltering John Calvin! She maintained good relationships with both the Catholic church and the Reformers and was able to serve as a mediator on many occasions. She was careful to do what she could to protect the Reformers and to work against intolerant laws. Thank you, Marguerite!

So many saints have gone before us – so many brave, faithful souls took risks, trusting in God to see them through. We can see the thread of inspiration flowing from scripture, through these saints and into our lives today. These are our teachers, "so that by steadfastness and by the encouragements of the scripture we might have hope." May we always remember that we stand on the shoulders of giants and that the Spirit moves through us still, this day and always. Amen.

~Pastor Elana



**Finance/Stewardship** randy smith



2017	Income	Expenses	Budget
YTD	\$152,389	\$138,070	\$146,592



**Evangelism** brenda cunningham

**BEWARE:** Our Team is cooking for the Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Team Meetings and it is Halloween – so, we might have ghoulish stew or eyeball eggs. Better show up to find out!

We are planning on having a booth at the Festival at Washington-Irving Park on October 28<sup>th</sup> with plenty of literature about Trinity and candy for the kids. It is a free family event open to the community with food trucks, inflatables and carnival games. There will be a special performance of Sleepy Hollow by Bixby High School around 6pm. Here is the schedule:

- Saturday October 28, 2017 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM**
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat**
- 3:00 PM Costume Contest**
- 6:00 PM Sleepy Hollow performance**

If you would like to join us at the Trinity booth, please let Joe Cunningham, Cindy Strasheim, Michelle or Otis Buttress or me know.

Future events will include a table at a Disk Golf tournament, a trip to the Botanical Gardens, and a special "Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday, with a Theater skit and snacks after Worship.

Respectfully, Brenda Cunningham  
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**Trinity Players Theater Group**



Practices are held each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. for those interested! We are currently working on our first Production of the season, to be performed on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017!

Be sure to come out and see,

**"Reform Boldly—But**  
**Believe & Rejoice in the Spirit**  
**Working More Boldly Still"**

**Christian Education** sue chancellor**Family Rules****Always Be Honest**

Proverbs 12:22

**Count Your Blessings**

Psalms 34:1-3

**Bear Each Other's Burdens**

Galatians 6:2

**Forgive and Forget**

Micah 7:18

**Be Kind and Tender Hearted**

Ephesians 4:32

**Comfort One Another**

1 Thessalonians 4:18

**Keep Your Promises**

Romans 4:21

**Be Supportive of One Another**

Acts 20:35

**Look After Each Other**

Deuteronomy 15:11

**And Above All...****Love One Another Deeply From the Heart**

1 Peter 1:22



These are beautiful wise words for all kinds of families and they certainly work wonderfully with our amazing Trinity family. These words are reflected in so many ways by so many of our Trinity folks here, from the very young to the "always young at heart!" May we all strive to put these words in action every day as often as possible. And...prayerfully, may our actions reach far beyond these church walls and into so many place of hurt and brokenness. And again..."Above All, Love one another deeply from the heart!"



## *Sunday Morning Possibilities* Please join us when you are able every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. for many learning possibilities:

**Child Care** All infants to Pre-Kindergarten are most welcome to join Donna in the childcare room of the children's Sunday School wing (next to library.) Donna Bridenstine offers a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment with a wide range of age-appropriate activities for our youngest folks. She is available from 9:00 a.m. through the close of worship each Sunday and an additional child-support person is always on hand when needed. Donna is also available for childcare at 8:00 a.m. for parents of young ones who attend choir practice early Sunday morning; just let Donna or Sue know a week in advance if childcare is needed then.

### **Children's Sunday School for Pre-kindergarten through Fifth Grade**

Multi-age Sunday School for Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade in Sunday School room by Sue's office (additional room next door if needed.)

Please join our enthusiastic teaching team this fall for exciting lessons focused on "Being Closer to God," through a plethora of exciting hands-on experiences centered on different scripture each Sunday.

Oct. 1	Millie Spencer	"Finding God's Mercy"
Oct. 8	Melinda Carver	"Serving God"
Oct. 15	Vicky Adams	"Come to the Party"
Oct. 22	Sue Chancellor	"Paul Gives Thanks"
Oct. 29	Katy Orrell	"The Greatest Commandment"
Nov. 5	Valerie Wagner	"Serving in Word and Deed"
Nov. 12	Millie Spencer	"Get Ready"

### **Tweens and Teens, Sixth Grade through High School:**

The youth's (6th-12th grades) teaching team are ready with curriculum from Kieth Stelp's, "Great Bible Studies," with lively insightful discussions centered on important relevant topics. Each lesson is a separate entity, so come whenever you're able; you're always most welcome!

Oct. 1	Sue Chancellor	"Words of Faith: "Community"
Oct. 8	Liz Powell	"Words of Faith: Grace"
Oct. 15	Royce Chancellor	"Words of Faith: Humility"
Oct. 22	John Clawson	"Stressors: The Future"
Oct. 29	Royce Chancellor	"Stressors: Busyness"
Nov. 5	Sue Chancellor	"Purity and Being Holy"
Nov. 12	Royce Chancellor	"Forgiveness"

## CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017

Pastors Lucus and Elana are leading an upbeat meaningful confirmation class for all interested youth. There are at least two classes a month and the first class began September 24 in the upstairs classroom closest to the stairway. If you are not yet signed up, it's not too late to get on board with this quality group of leaders and participants. The following is the scheduled confirmation classes for October and November; please note that all youth can come every Sunday as one of the Trinity Youth Teaching Team will offer a class upstairs in the room by sound tech even on the days that the confirmation class meets.

- Oct. 8** Where did the Bible Come From? Authority of Scripture; Languages (Learn some important Greek & Hebrew words/phrases)
- Oct. 15** History of Ancient Israel & Rome; What's hiding in scripture?
- Nov. 5** History of the Reformation; History of Presbyterianism GA, Synods, and Presbyteries; Why do we do things the way we do them?
- Nov. 12** Grace & Gratitude; Baptism (What is grace?) (How does it change us?)
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**ADULT CLASS:** The DVD series/discussion, **Living the Questions 2**, led by Richard Spencer is in full swing this fall in the classroom off of Churchill Hall. But it's not too late to try it out and join the friendly diverse group. Individuals are challenged to reflect on their own struggles and discernment as they continue along their personal faith journeys. "LtQ2 features the insights of over twenty-five theologians at the top of their game, including Nancy Ammerman, John Bell, Marcus Borg, Rita Nakashima Brock, Walter Brueggemann, Diana Butler Bass, Minerva Carcano, Tex Sample, Brian McLaren..." This is an inviting intelligent study, and Churchill classroom is a great place to be on Sunday mornings at 9:15!

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**MIDWEEK BOOK STUDY:** Midweek Book Study is enjoying the wisdom and humor of Lillian Daniels as the group is discussing her book, **"When 'Spiritual But Not Religious' is Not Enough."** Her book is available online or you can grab the extra one in the office and join us Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m in the Trinity Cafe any time you can! Booklist says this about the book: "Marvelously gritty wit...an impassioned and wining case for why church, community, and formal religious traditions are so integral to creating a fulfilling life."

So come one come all and join the teaching team of Cathie Harper, Pastors Lucus & Elana, and Sue in honest thought-provoking conversation! And please mark your calendar to come to Churchill Hall at 10:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, October 4** to pack backpacks for our precious Bixby students.

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**A NOTE OF APPRECIATION:** We appreciate all those folks who joined us on Rally Day 2017: "God's Hope--God's Children!" And...a huge thank you to the many kind souls who helped in the preparation and presentation of this joyful celebration. We are also blessed to have so many volunteers involved in the educating and care of our Trinity family. We are most grateful to each of you for volunteering your time and talents.

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## FAMILY/YOUTH/TWEEN/TEEN NEWS

Kids, youth, parents, grandmothers, and sponsors enjoyed a rollicking round of miniature golf on a bright sunny afternoon following Rally Day Worship on September 10! Beware, Trinity family, we have some aspiring young golfers in our midst...and one who has strong swift one-handed swing (since one of her arms was adorned in a perky purple cast:).

This Sunday, **October 1**, marks the debut of creative delight as kids of all ages can engage in a variety of "**Art of the Heart**" visual experiences. A kid-friendly lunch will be served following worship. Be ready to let your creative energies fly and to fill up your heart with colorful joy. Participants will be encouraged to create something for someone else so their heart too may be filled with joy!

**Save the Date: October 14** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Pumpkin Day** is back by popular demand! Bring a pumpkin to paint any way you wish! We've even got a new game or two to add to the all-time popular pumpkin activities! Kids, bring yours families and friends to Churchill Hall and be ready for an afternoon of Pumpkin Extravaganza!! Tasty snacks will be served too!

And...kids, youth, and families...you can join the fun and games with the Trinity's theater group on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Any questions, ask the Smiths...they're a great part of Trinity's fine thespians! Currently, practice is underway for a production to be presented on Reformation Day, October 29.



## *Fellowship News* dwayne strasheim

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Rally Day Brunch on September 10, either by contributing food or by working in the kitchen. The next event for the Fellowship Team will be a soup-and-sandwich potluck meal following the **Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 26.**

Meanwhile, there are still several opportunities for providing Sunday morning treats in the Trinity Café. The sign-up sheet is on the counter between the kitchen and the Café.

Respectfully submitted, Dwayne Strasheim

## *Music Notes* erik collins

Happy October to all!

**Jazz Cantate.** The Latin text "Cantate canticum novum" means "Sing to the Lord a new song." Set at an easy jazz-waltz tempo by Andy Beck, this Jazz Cantate is a marvelous blend of Latin and English text, canonic verses and jazz sonorities. Steve Janke will join us on the alto sax.

**Brother James' Air.** This is a beautiful arrangement of Psalm 23 by Mark Wilberg for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Wilberg's simple arrangement will provide a sense of majestic tranquility.

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by. He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through shadows death, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me comfort still. Thy rod and staff they comfort still They comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head with oil thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.*

**Serve the Lord With Gladness.** This upbeat gospel rendition by Rollo Dilworth draws its text from Psalm 100 and incorporates the Doxology.

*Serve the Lord with Gladness. Come before his presence with singing. Praise the Lord, O Praise Ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Know that the Lord is God. It is He that hath made us. We are the sheep of his pasture. Enter into His gates with praise and Thanksgiving. Give thanks and bless His name.*

**Psalm 103** is the middle movement from James Quitman Mulholland's Canticum of Psalms which was first published by Frangipani Press in 1982. Mulholland wrote the Canticum of Psalms for the Central Indiana Youth Chorale that met during the summers at Butler University during the later 1970's.

*Bless the Lord, my soul; Bless His holy name! All that is in me, Bless His holy name! Who forgives our faults, Crowns us with His love, For He shows no anger; Yet abounds in steadfast love.*

*Bless the Lord my soul. For He knows our frame; knows that we are dust. Man is as the grass; And must fade away. But the steadfast love, of the Lord our God, shall be everlasting, for the ones who love the Lord! Bless the Lord my soul!*



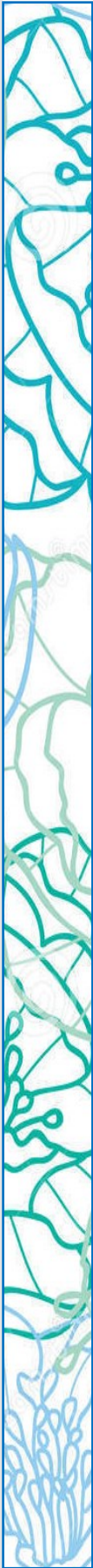
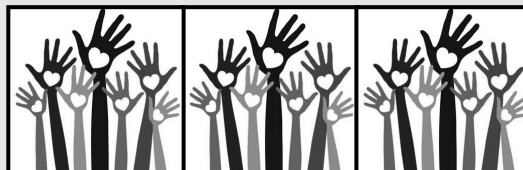
*Mission News* craig hanson

The Mission team has been hard at work these past few months! It all started in August with a food drive for the Backpacks for Bixby program. The B4B program is currently working with 3 schools in Bixby and we give out 56 backpacks every week. The food drive had a goal of collecting 500 items, which was tripled in a few short weeks! The total number of items collected was **1,159!** THANK YOU! We could not have done it without your amazing support!

Another mission project that is ongoing is the collection of funds and items to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They are currently using funds and care buckets for hurricane Harvey and Irma victims. Sunday offerings for the entire month of September went toward PDA. You can still donate a check with PDA in the memo line, or bring items that can fill Clean-Up Buckets until October 8th.

The last mission project for September was the walk for Alzheimer’s Awareness. There were 11 people that completed the walk at the beautiful University of Tulsa on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. As of Sunday, September 24, donations totaled \$1,200! Additional donations to “The Alzheimer’s Association” are always welcome. Way to go Trinity Troopers! Your hearts for mission are very evident!

Respectfully submitted, Katie Hanson  
-Mission Team member



# Trinity Happenings



**Rally  
Day  
2017**



## ***October Lectionary Readings***

### **17th Sunday after Pentecost—Oct. 1**

Exodus 17:1–7  
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16  
Philippians 2:1–13  
Matthew 21:23–32

### **18th Sunday after Pentecost—Oct. 8**

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b–14  
Matthew 21:33–46

### **19th Sunday after Pentecost—Oct. 15**

Exodus 32:1–14  
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23  
Philippians 4:1–9  
Matthew 22:1–14

### **20th Sunday after Pentecost—Oct. 22**

Exodus 33:12–23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10  
Matthew 22:15–22

### **21st Sunday after Pentecost—Oct. 29**

Deuteronomy 34:1–12  
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

## ***Happy October Birthdays***

Jeff Frazier	10/12
Margot Ries	10/12
Trevor Eckert	10/19
Luke Clawson	10/23
Laura VanNewkirk	10/23
Stephanie Smith	10/24
John Spencer	10/28





# October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 17th Sunday After Pentecost <b>World Communion Sunday</b> Art in the Heart Activity following worship	2	3	4 10:30 am Pack Backpacks 11:00 am Book Study 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 pm Banner Making	5	6	7 2:00-4:00 pm 8903 E. 56th St. ELANA & LUCUS' HOUSE BLESSING
8 18th Sunday after Pentecost	9 10:00 am Yoga Class	10	11 9:45 am—PW 11:00 am Book Study 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 pm Banner Making <b>6:30 pm Team Meetings</b>	12	13	14 2:00-4:00 pm 2nd annual Pumpkin Day!
15 19th Sunday after Pentecost After Worship: <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b>	16 10:00 am Yoga Class	17 <b>6:30 pm Session Meeting</b>	18 10:30 am Pack Backpacks 11:00 am Book Study 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 pm Banner Making	19	20	21
22 20th Sunday after Pentecost	23 10:00 am Yoga Class	24	25 11:00 am Book Study 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 pm Banner Making	26	27	28
29 21st Sunday after Pentecost <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>	30 10:00 am Yoga Class	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b>				

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