

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, April 15

8am-9am: Church Service-Communion 9:35am-10:15am: Sunday School 10:30am-11:30am: Church Service

Monday, April 16

7pm-8pm: Voters

Tuesday, April 17

9:30am-10:30am: Seniors' Bible Study

6:30pm-8:30pm: Griefshare

Wednesday, April 18

6:30am-7:30am: Bible Study

8:15am-9am: Chapel

9am-9:30am: PreSchool Chapel

Thursday, April 19

9am-2pm: Quilters

Friday, April 20

End of Mid-Term

Saturday, April 21

5:30pm-6:30pm: Church Service

WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT

Trinity is in the process of finalizing the development of a new website. This project has been in the works for some time and we are so grateful for the many volunteers who have contributed their time and expertise to get us to this point. The launch of the new site is scheduled for the week of April 30. More information will be provided as the launch date nears

We would like to thank Stace Cameron for his many years of service as the Trinity webmaster. Stace seized the opportunity to create a state-of-the-art web presence for Trinity Lutheran Church while the internet was still an unused media for many churches. He has recorded and uploaded more than 500 sermons and Worship Services, and has maintained our web presence with consistency and dedication for more than 20 years. We are so grateful for his contributions!

CHOIR SCHEDULE: APRIL

Primary Choir (Grades 1 and 2)

April 29: 8am Service

Junior Choir (Grades 3 and 4)

April 21: 5:30pm Service

Trinity Choir (Grades 5 through 8)

April 15: 8am Service

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Sunday, April 15, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR YOUTH: April still coming in like a lion? Youth currently in 7th and 8th grade are invited to the Trinity Gym from 1-3pm, Sun., Apr. 15, for some fun indoor games. Basketball, dodgeball, or floor hockey, oh my! Come ready for some fun and fellowship.

SANGAMON COUNTY KIDS BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN:

Trinity Lutheran School is participating in the Sangamon County Kids Bicentennial Campaign._To celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial, Sangamon County school kids are encouraged to donate pennies to purchase a historic Abraham Lincoln artifact that contains the certification of his "good moral character" and permitted him to begin his law career in Springfield. The campaign, "Illinois Proud Penny Drive," is a two-week drive beginning in Sangamon County schools on Apr. 16. The campaign goal is to raise \$15,000 by April 27, 2018. "Good Moral Character"-one of the important aspects of the Illinois Proud Penny Drive is to remind kids and our community how important it is to have good moral character. This illustrates that even in Abraham Lincoln's time it was the first requirement in order for him to begin his law career in Springfield. That certification is documented in the Sangamon County Minute Book from July 1835 to July 1835 as well as information about some of Lincoln's first cases he worked on as a young attorney. If you would like to contribute, please put your pennies in the 2 Liter bottle located at the table in the back or send them to the school office.

SPRING MUSICAL NEWS: Thwacked! A Fractured Tale of Frogs, Folks, and Falling Skies is coming soon to Trinity School! Try-outs for the spring musical will be next Tues., Apr. 17 and Wed., Apr. 18 in Mrs. Fliege's classroom at 3pm. Encourage your student to audition for a leadership role. Students need to come to only one of the audition times. It is always a joy to see the students of Trinity showcase their talent and collaborate in singing, speaking, acting, and dancing. The teachers of Trinity are excited and looking forward to working on our spring musical, a happy time to be had by all.

Mark your calendars! The spring musical will be held on Fri., **May 11**, at 6:30pm, beginning with a performance of our very own Trinity Band.

A considerable amount of class time is taken up preparing for the performance. Many academic skills are used on this project, therefore a major test grade will be given along with daily grades. Parents of students unable to attend the performance MUST have a written excuse signed by a parent and turned in to Mrs. Sausaman by Fri., Apr. 20 so that alternative assignments may be given.

Questions? Contact Mr. Grillot, mgrillot@trinity-lutheran.com

MOTHERS' FREEZER MEAL EVENT: Join the Circle of Moms on Thur., Apr. 19, to assemble freezer meals for your family or to share with another household. We will gather at 8am and begin with prayer and social time. Freezer meal assembly will take place from 8:15am-9:30am. The two meals offered will be Hamburger Stew & Chicken Fajitas. The cost is a \$10 donation and proceeds will go to a local pregnancy crisis center. The group will also be making some freezer meals to share with families in our congregation that have new babies! Please contact Amy Holmes at 217-836-0624 by Tues., Apr. 17 if you plan to attend so we can get enough ingredients to make the meals.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS: "Ask the Pastor" This week we will answer some of the questions submitted to the pastors in previous classes and see how the Bible addresses these current issues. Sunday morning in the parish Hall beginning at 9:35am. We'd love to see you there!

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week in Sunday School, students will study, "Abraham's Visitors from Heaven." While Abraham received his visitors graciously, they brought more grace to him than he and Sarah could imagine. As a family, discuss, "How does God bring us more grace than we can imagine or expect?"

SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS (Tuesday): Refreshments begin at 9:30am; class at 10am in the Parish Hall. The group is led by Pastor Hemenway.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: The new ladies study is "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" by Deb Burma. This should be a fun study using the comparison of filling our coffee cups to filling our souls with God's Word. There are also delectable recipes for coffees and treats in the book as well. For more information, contact Paula Boehme at 217-652-0087.

We will be meeting at 2109 Kaskaskia on April 17.

GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM: This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. GriefShare is held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Parish Center at the school location. One session is 13 weeks.

Cost: \$15 workbook fee or scholarships available. Child care provided with advance request. Any questions or to preregister, call Joleen Hoff, 217-899-9418
Or email: trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com

SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY (Wednesday): All members of Trinity are welcome to join us in the school library for Sunrise Bible Study every Wed. at 6:30am. For questions, please contact Bill Rast at 217-585-0571.

TRUSTING IN THE LORD CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT - BLDG. FUND

Thru the month of March 2018

Months completed 16

Months to go 20

Pledges made \$746,518

Amount received (48%) \$362,754

Contributions Report: Thank you for your financial support to the Trusting in the Lord campaign. As you can see we have already received over 48% of our pledges. Your contributions are greatly appreciated in providing for our \$3 million in improvements at the church and school. Please keep this endeavor in your prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

PTL AND IT'S SCRAPTICATED: Come join PTL and It's Scrapicated for a fun Social Night! Fri., Apr. 27, join us at Southern View Community Center at 6pm. You can choose from a cross or flower design! It's a fun, simple project and a chance to hang out with members of the church and school! Snacks will be provided by PTL. Pick up a signup form at the parish hall or the office. You can sign up online by going to paintedtinbin.com/workshops and click the private workshop tab. You can find the trinity shapes under there!

LUHI MUSICAL REUNION: Come to Lutheran High School to enjoy an afternoon of songs from your favorite musicals on **Apr. 29,** at 2pm featuring former and current Lutheran High Students. Everyone is welcome! Admission is free!

PTL FATHER/DAUGHTER EVENT: Save the date! Our Father/Daughter event will be at Goals on **May 20** from 4pm-6pm. Look for sign-up sheets coming soon.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP: Trinity Preschool will be holding "Summer Camp" this year from Tues., May 29-Fri., Aug. 17. Camp is for children three-six years old (children completing Kindergarten). Enrollment for camp begins on Mar.1. Current preschool families will receive paperwork to indicate if your child will be attending camp. Camp enrollment forms for kindergarten students and new children will be available in the preschool office.

SUMMER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS: Trinity Concert Band is happy to announce that we will be back in 2018 for our 5th year! Our season will open on Sun., June 3 with a performance at the 57th Annual International Carillon Festival. Also in June we will be playing for Sunday services on Father's Day. Our season continues at Sunday services on July 1 and 15 and Saturday services on July 28. We have also been invited back to the 3rd Annual Hymn Fest at the Carillon on Sunday, September 23 and Caroling at the Carillon on Sunday, December 9. Trinity Concert Band is open to any adult who plays a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument and to students who have completed sixth grade and studied their instrument for at least 2 years. The band is about 70% Trinity members and 30% friends who join our band for the summer. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018. For more information please email churchband@trinity-lutheran.com. Director Jan Zepp is also offering six weeks of summer music lessons on Wednesdays, June 6 - July 18. You can reach Jan at jan.zepp@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date! VBS is scheduled for **June 26, 27, and 28.** Look for registration and volunteer sign up coming soon.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER BOOTS AND SNOW PANTS: Thank you to those who donated boots and snow pants last fall to the Second Grade "Boot"ique to support our troops. It appears that winter has finally left us. (We hope!). So, before packing up your child's boots and snow pants, check and see if they outgrew them. If so, consider donating them to next year's sale. There will be blue collection bins in front of the school office and by the Parish Center for the next few weeks. Please contact Mrs. Rodgers with questions or concerns.

HONOR ROLL MEDALS: It is that time of year again to turn your honor roll medals in to get them engraved. Please turn them into the office by April 20. Remember that in order to have it engraved and receive a medal, you must be on the A Honor Roll for 3 out of the 4 Quarters. (Grades 4-8 only.)

HOT LUNCH MENU

<u>Monday, April 16:</u> Hamburger w/Bun, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, April 17: Pizza Stick, Corn, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, April 18: Chicken Wrap, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk

<u>Thursday, April 19:</u> Chicken Chili Crispto, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

<u>Friday, April 20:</u> Turkey/Cheese Sandwich, Carrots/Celery, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk

ATHLETICS

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PRACTICES:

AT THIS TIME PRACTICES ARE EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 3pm-4:30pm. ADDITIONAL DAYS WILL BE ADDED AS THE WEATHER IMPROVES.

UPCOMING MEETS:

Sat., Apr. 21: Bethel Morton Meet at Morton H.S. Sat., May 5: CILCON/Trinity Bloomington at Heyworth H.S. Sat., May 12: Trinity Bloomington "Last Chance to Qualify for State Meet" at Olympia H.S. (Location is subject to change.) Sat., May 19 and Sun., May 20: State Meet at Concordia University River Forest

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM WITH TRINITY STUDENT ATHLETES ON THE ROSTER (Coached by Chris Nickols) PRACTICES:

Tues., Apr. 17: 6:30pm-8pm, Schlitt Park non-turf field Sat., Apr. 21: 10:30am-12pm, Rotary Park field #2 Tues., Apr. 24: 6:30 pm-8pm, Schlitt Park non-turf field Sat., Apr. 28: 10:30am-12pm, Rotary Park field #2 Tues., May 1: 6:30pm-8pm, Schlitt Park non-turf field Sat., May 5: 10:30am-12pm, Rotary Park field #2

ALUMNI NEWS

We are excited to announce that the first issue of a new alumni newsletter is coming soon! The alumni newsletter will be published bi-annually in May and November. The May issue will feature a welcome to our 8th grade graduates - our newest alumni - and the November issue will feature details about the 2nd Annual Alumni Reunion to be held in February 2019. Trinity Alumni and Friends is for anyone who loves Trinity School - you don't have to be a graduate! Membership is open year round. It costs nothing to join! Please tell your family and friends to join now so we have their addresses for the first issue of the newsletter! We are also looking for new friends to join the fun team called Alumni and Friends Committee! We are especially looking for people who enjoy digging into the files to find names and addresses of Trinity alumni, helping with mailings of newsletters, writing TY notes to donors, and helping to plan and host the next reunion in February 2019. You can contact the committee at alumni@trinity-lutheran.com.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

OTTO BAUM: Please note that you will see some workers and possibly encounter some noise around the building after Spring Break. The company Otto Baum will be working on restoring and preserving the school building. Their work is contained outside, weather permitting and will hopefully be completed in 4-6 weeks.

YOUR TECH DOLLARS AT WORK: The tech fee implemented last year has enabled us to upgrade our switches and improve the internet connection around the building. We have purchased a green screen for the school.

Mr.Grillot hopes to have the technology up and running this year with plans to expand next year.

ACCREDITATION TEAM: National Lutheran Schools Acceditation Team will be here April 23 -25. They are a group of educators, principals, and early childhood administrators from around the state to observe and evaluate our school. The team will be wearing badges as they observe. Please give them a warm welcome.

Trinity Lutheran School has already completed an extensive self evaluation report. A report that has been worked on for the past two years. The self-study document represents the essential element of the school's self-evaluation process. The team will be assigned the responsibility to review, rate and respond in writing to the school's materials in a single standard area. The areas are: Purpose, Relationships, Leadership, Professional Personnel, Teaching and Learning, Student Services, and Facilities.

CALL COMMITTEE: The call committee has had the following names submitted for consideration for Preschool Director: Emma Schranz, Carrie Crenshaw, Emily Moyer, Aaron Loveless, Rachel Schaefer, Rebecca Logan, Alicia Klug, and Ashley Scheele.

If you know of any other person of interest, please contact the church office at 217-787-2323, option 2.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CILCA: Registration is OPEN at www.cilca.org for the Camp CILCA summer programs. There are programs for everyone from 3 years old through high school. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to unplug from technology, make new friends, study God's word and have FUN in the great outdoors!!

E-GVING VOLUNTEER TESTERS NEEDED: Trinity Lutheran Church's voters assembly recently passed a resolution to offer electronic giving through Vanco Payment Solutions The Board of Christian Stewardship is administering this service and would like to launch a test group of eGivers prior to its church-wide implementation. Trinity will offer online giving, mobile app giving, QR code giving, and text giving. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. These contributions will be included on your yearend giving statement along with your regular envelope offerings. EGivers can choose from among several Trinity funds and make a one-time payment or set up recurring donations. If you would like to try out eGiving and share your feedback on its ease and convenience, please email <u>egiving@trinity-lutheran.com</u> for more information.

FOOD PANTRY DATE CHANGE: Due to Easter falling on the first Sunday of April, the Trinity Food Pantry collection will be the weekend of April 7 and 8. Please drop off your non-perishable food, paper goods, personal care items and cleaning supplies in the Parish Hall lobby before services that weekend. If you would like a monthly reminder e-mail prior to each collection weekend, go to the Trinity website, click on "Contact Us", and join the Food Pantry group.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

Have you noticed the weekly stewardship messages that appear at the bottom of the Weekly Announcements and Tiger Talk emails?

These messages were assembled by our Board of Christian Stewardship to remind us of important truths. Satan, the world, and our sinful nature constantly tell us that we are the masters of our fate and captains of our soul – that all our stuff, is just that: ours. We work hard, we've earned it, it belongs to us, we can do whatever we want with it. This is not so. God the Father made us, all that we are, in all our individuality. His only Son bought us salvation at a very, very steep price. His Spirit sustains us. All that we are and all that we have are gifts to us from Him, given in trust. We are trustees, managers, stewards of God's blessings. As such, we are privileged to make decisions every day about how we take care of and use His (not our) stuff. God offers us a lifetime of meaningful effort and real purpose, leading to the thrill of victory (now and forever).

In the midst of all that is going on in the life of our church and school, we encourage you to look for and read the weekly stewardship messages!

BAPTISMS

QUINN SOPHIA BOOHER-Please join us today in celebrating the public baptism of Quinn Sophia Booher, daughter of Adam and Molly Booher. May God strengthen these parents as they oversee her spiritual growth.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

SYNODICAL SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: SYNODICAL SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICANTS: Any member enrolled in an LCMS college majoring in a course of study that will lead to a position as a full time church worker interested in receiving an application toward receiving financial assistance through Trinity's Synodical School

financial assistance through Trinity's Synodical School Scholarship Fund, please contact Adrian Harless at 217-546-0759 or Roger Schlichting at 217-585-0969., university or seminary

SYNODICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND COLLECTION

Trinity's Synodical School Scholarship Fund Annual Collection Apr. 21 and 22 and Apr. 28 and 29: Through donations made to Trinity's Synodical School Scholarship Fund, Trinity congregation has been able to provide financial support to several of our members who have attended and are currently attending LCMS colleges and seminary.

You will find an envelope designated for donations to the Synodical School Scholarship Fund with your offering envelopes.

Pink envelopes designated for the fund will also be available in the bulletin during services on Sat., Apr. 21 and Sun. Apr. 22 and during services on Apr. 28 and 29. Thank you for your support.