

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Sunday, September 16**

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

**Monday, September 17**

7pm-8pm: Board of Elders

**Tuesday, September 18**

9:30am-10:30am: Seniors' Bible Study  
6:30pm-8:30pm: Griefshare  
6:30pm-7:30pm: 7th and 8th Grade Parent Meeting-Lutheran Catechesis

**Wednesday, September 19**

6:30am-7:30am: Bible Study  
8:15am-9am: TLS Chapel  
6:30pm-8pm: Adult Instruction-New Members Class  
6:30pm-8pm: "Be Ready To Give An Answer" Bible Class-Dr. Ken Schurb

**Thursday, September 20**

9am-2:30pm: Quilters

**Friday, September 21**

1:30pm: TLS Early Dismissal  
6pm-9pm: Trivia Night-LUHI

**Saturday, September 22**

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

**TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Work continues on our renovation projects. At the church, our contractors are putting on the finishing touches. Flashing will be added to make our new roof complete. Plaster repairs inside will cover where the narthex light fixtures were removed. Furniture deliveries have begun and we will soon be gearing up to move into the offices downtown.

Over the summer, new flooring was installed throughout the school. All 8 bathrooms in the original school building have been updated with new wall coverings, fixtures, and partitions. A drainage system has been installed in the brick garden to help move rainwater away from the building. This fall, new landscaping will be installed along the North side of the brick garden.

**\*Adam Booher is acting as point person for the Task Force while Bill Furling recovers from his accident. Please direct any questions to Adam and continue to keep Bill in your prayers.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NEW BIBLE CLASS STARTED:** "Be Ready To Give An Answer" Bible Class-Trinity Lutheran Church invites all to a bible class every Wednesday evening until **Nov. 14** from 6:30pm-8pm in the Parish Center. Dr. Ken Schurb of the CID office is teaching on "Who is Jesus? Did everything just evolve? Does Science have it all figured out?" Be able to engage unchurched people regarding these and other questions. For questions, please contact Autumn Bowers in the Church Office at 217-787-2323.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH? NEW ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:** Our new adult instruction class began on Wed., **Sept. 5**, but it is not too late to join! Class meets every Wednesday from 6:30pm-8pm in the Extended Care Room at Trinity Lutheran School for approximately 12 weeks. Childcare is available if necessary. (Please inform us if this service is needed). We will provide everything you will need for the class; just bring yourself! If you have any questions, please contact the church office by phone at 217-787-2323, or by email at [church@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:church@trinity-lutheran.com). We hope to see you there!

**CHOIR SEASON IS HERE!** The Trinity Adult Choir began rehearsals on Wed., **Sept. 5**, 7pm-8:30pm in the church balcony. New Members of any voice part are welcome to join our choir. Come and be a part of Trinity's premier vocal ensemble! Questions? Contact Laura Fliege at 217-836-3295 or [lfliege@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:lfliege@trinity-lutheran.com)

**NEW 4-H GROUP STARTING:** Parents and Youth ages 5-18-Please join us on Sun., **Sept. 16**, 3pm-4:30pm in the Extended Care Room to find out more about how 4-H clubs offer youth opportunities to:

1. Develop positive relationships with peers and adults.
2. Be actively involved in their own learning.
3. Contribute as active citizens through community service and leadership.
4. Develop skills that will help them succeed.

If you have questions, please contact Jan Zepp at [jan.zepp@gmail.com](mailto:jan.zepp@gmail.com)

**CULVER'S NIGHT FOR LUHI SOCCER:** Your Lutheran High boys' soccer team is hosting a Culver's night on **Sept 18**, 4pm-8pm at the Wabash location. No form needed and drive thru orders work too. Don't forget to grab your shopper's blessing for an extra bonus. Hope to see you there!

**LUTHERAN HIGH TRIVIA NIGHT:** Lutheran High will be hosting their annual Trivia Night on **Sept. 21**. Doors open at 6pm, trivia begins at 7pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Lutheran High Bus Fund. Participants may bring their own snacks and beverages. Beer and wine may be brought but must be in cans, plastic or box. No glass bottles. Last call will be at Trivia Round #7, at that time all alcohol must be removed from the Parish Center. The cost is \$15/person. Register individually or reserve a table of 8-10 people. Please register by Sept. 18.

**LWML ZONE RALLY:** The Ladies Aid LWML Springfield Zone Fall Rally will be held on Thur., **Sept. 20** at St. John's Lutheran Church and Preschool in Chatham, IL, 1225 N. Main St. Registration and refreshments begin at 8am. The rally begins at 9am. Bible study will be led by Rev. Michael Mohr. The mission speaker is Nicole Boeder. She will be discussing her two mission trips to Africa. An ingathering will be received for Basket of Hope to benefit children and families dealing with serious illnesses. A new toy, game, craft, book, music, etc. may be brought to help fill the baskets. Cash donations will also be accepted. Registration is \$15. Please contact Donna Gram, 217-787-5897, [fudge13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fudge13@sbcglobal.net), or Marsha McFall, 217-553-2356, [mcfall.r@comcast.net](mailto:mcfall.r@comcast.net), to register by Fri., Sept. 6. You may mail a check to Marsha made out to Trinity Ladies Aid or bring it to the Sept. 12 meeting.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS:**

Ephesians: What does God's Word say about faith, the challenges of living in a broken world and how believers should live together in the Christian church? Sunday mornings in the Parish Center from 9:35am-10:15am. We hope to see you there!

### **SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS (Tuesday):**

Refreshments begin at 9:30am; class at 10am in the Parish Center.

### **TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY:**

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will resume on September 11 at the home of Vickie Douglas, 1204 Interlacken. We will continue with our Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply Bible study by Deb Burma. For more information contact Vickie at 217-698-8554.

**GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM:** This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The next Griefshare program began on Tuesday, August 28 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Any questions or to preregister call Joleen Hoff, 217-899-9418 or email: [trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Today in Sunday School, the children will learn how "Joseph Feeds Egypt" during a great famine. Ask your children, "How do our sins cause suffering for both ourselves and others?" God sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil. Discuss the reality that in spite of how awful life seems, Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments, caring for us always.

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Trinity Church and School: 217-787-2323  
This will remain the primary phone number for **both** the church and the school on a permanent basis.

Church After-Hours/Emergency: 217-522-8151  
We all have times that tragedy can happen and a pastor needs to be contacted immediately. The after-hours/emergency phone number is intended for emergencies such as a death, serious accident/injury. When you call this number you will be connected with our answering service. The operator who receives the call will take your message and promptly forward it to the pastor on-call.

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

**HYMN FEST 2018:** You are invited to attend the 3rd annual City Wide Hymn Fest at the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon on Sept. 23 located in Washington Park. This interdenominational hymn sing is free to the public and open to everyone who enjoys singing along with, or listening to, traditional hymns. Our own Trinity Summer Band will provide musical interludes and new this year will be a children's choir with children from several local churches gathering to sing.

Trinity and Junior Choir also perform at the City Wide Hymn Fest! The Trinity and Junior Choirs will join with the children's choirs of six area churches in performance. Choristers are asked to report to Washington Park at 3:15pm and to wear their 8 Elements t-shirts to represent Trinity in the community. Please notify Mrs Fliege, [fliege@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:fliege@trinity-lutheran.com) or Mrs Boehme, [wboehme@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:wboehme@trinity-lutheran.com) if your child is unable to attend.

Welcoming carillon music begins at 3pm. For more information please call the Carillon Office at 217-546-3853.

**WHIPPOORWILL GOLF OUTING:** Sponsored by the Lutheran Legacy Foundation, the Whippoorwill Gold Outing will be on **Sept. 28** at Hickory Point in Forsyth, IL. Basic costs is \$60. Proceeds go to the Camp CILCA Endowment Fund. Check in and warm-up begin at 11:30am with a shotgun start at 1pm. Supper with awards to follow. Please contact Rev. Daniel Smith at [pastordan@grics.net](mailto:pastordan@grics.net) or 217-466-1215 to register.

**WORLD RELIEF QUILTING PROJECT:** The World Relief Quilting Project will resume on **Oct. 1** from 9am to 3pm in the Parish Center and continue each Mon. through Oct. 29. All members of the congregation, men or women, are invited to help us with this worthwhile project. Please bring your own lunch. For further information call Dee Boehm at 217-793-6370 or Paula Boehme at 217-626-2179.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CATECHISM:** Public School Catechism class begins on Wed., **Oct. 3**, in the Parish Center from 4pm-5pm. Parents of public school students are required to attend the first meeting with the student. There is still time to join the class! For more information, please contact Autumn Bowers at the church office by phone at 217-787-2323 or email [church@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:church@trinity-lutheran.com)

**SECOND ANNUAL TRINITY CAMPOUT:** The second annual Trinity campout at Camp CILCA is scheduled for **Oct. 6-8**. Anyone interested in attending please contact Dave Rohe at 217-691-8804 or email [drohe1@aol.com](mailto:drohe1@aol.com).

**CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST:** Celebrate our church's German heritage with us at our annual Oktoberfest Sun., **Oct. 14**, from 12pm to 3pm. We'll have German food and music, a chili cook-off, and fun for all ages.

**LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:** Minneapolis, Minnesota is hosting the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering, **July 11-15**, 2018. Current 8th-12th graders are eligible to participate. Go to [lcmsgathering.com](http://lcmsgathering.com) to learn more. See Cindy Good for more info on Trinity's group. **Registration and \$150 deposit is due Oct. 14.**

**TRINITY ORGAN RECITAL:** Save the Date! We will present Trinity's organ in recital on Fri., **Oct. 26**, at 7pm. Dr. John Behnke, university organist and professor emeritus of Concordia University-Wisconsin will perform and lead us in some of our favorite hymns.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** It's time to start planning for Trunk or Treat! Trunk or treat will be **Oct. 31** from 5pm-7pm in the parish center. This is one of our biggest outreach events of the year with over 600 visitors and we need your help! Can you host a table? All you have to do is decorate your table in whatever theme you'd like and pass out candy/treats with a friendly smile. The candy is even provided for you! Think hosting a table isn't for you? We also need people to greet and direct visitors, pass out other food items, and help with set up and tear down. If you can help in any way please contact Molly Booher at [ambooher13@gmail.com](mailto:ambooher13@gmail.com) or 217- 899-8875.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

In 2016, Trinity Lutheran Church and School adopted a Strategic Plan to guide its efforts and bring about improvements across all areas of ministry. Many people contributed their time to the development of this plan and the implementation its action items. In an effort to ensure that the congregation is aware of the substantial process that has been made in many areas, we will begin featuring weekly spotlights on items from the Strategic Plan that have been completed. To God be the glory!

### **New Trinity Youth Director – Cindy Good**

Cindy and her family recently relocated to Springfield from St. Louis. Cindy holds a Director of Christian Education degree from Concordia Chicago. She has served in many roles throughout her career, including DCE, middle school teacher, confirmation teacher, Sunday School teacher, school librarian, choir director and many others. Trinity is so blessed to have Cindy as our Youth Director and we are excited to see how God uses her talents to strengthen our youth ministry program in the coming years!

One of the action items referenced often throughout the plan, was the need to increase our offerings in the area of youth ministry. We are so thankful to have welcomed Cindy Good to our staff as the Trinity Youth Director!

### **Youth Updates from Mrs. Good**

- This Sunday is Sunday School Rally Day! All high school youth are invited to join the High School Sunday Morning Bible Class in the Parish Library, 9:30-10:15am.
- If you missed the Youth Service Saturday event and informational meeting, it's not too late to get caught up on all the exciting things happening! Trinity Youth Group informational letters will be mailed out soon. The letter will include an outline of upcoming events, youth communication vehicles and Youth Gathering updates. It's going to be an exciting year in youth ministry at Trinity!

## TRINITY CHOIR SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER

### Primary Choir

**September 29:** 5pm Saturday Service

### Junior Choir

**September 16:** 8am Service

**September 23:** Hymnfest at the Carillion Choristers are asked to report to Washington Park at 3:15pm and to wear their 8 Elements t-shirts to represent Trinity in the community. Please notify Mrs Fliege, [lfliege@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:lfliege@trinity-lutheran.com) or Mrs Boehme, [wboehme@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:wboehme@trinity-lutheran.com) if your child is unable to attend.

### Trinity Choir

**September 23:** 8am Service-Choristers are asked to report to the church balcony before 7:40am to prepare for worship.

**September 23:** Hymnfest at the Carillion Choristers are asked to report to Washington Park at 3:15pm and to wear their 8 Elements t-shirts to represent Trinity in the community.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELPING HANDS SHELTER:** The only date scheduled for the remainder of 2018 is **Nov. 30**. If you or your group are interested in participating with this project, please call Byron Welt at 217-803-0107. A meal will cost in the range of \$160-\$180. If you wish to help with funding, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, memo line "Helping Hands".

**MASTER CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING:** We are in the process of scheduling a master calendar planning meeting that will take place mid-late October. The meeting date and time will be announced within the next week. All leaders of Trinity boards, committees, and groups are asked to begin outlining the events that your group is planning for the next 12-18 months. We realize that new events will arise and some changes may take place. However, many of our events occur at the same time each year or at regular times throughout the year. The master calendar planning meeting was an action item that came out of our strategic planning process and we are excited to get it underway! More information will be provided next week.

**FOOD PANTRY REMINDERS:** Since 1984, the Trinity Food Pantry has been assisting member and non-member families through monthly distributions of non-perishable food and household supplies. The distribution takes place the first Sunday of each month. If you would like an email reminder (with shopping suggestions) prior to each collection weekend, please send a message to Roger Schlichting at [raschlichting@comcast.net](mailto:raschlichting@comcast.net). Please be sure to include your name in the message.

**LWML CID:** Our mission goal for 2018-2019 is \$95,000; \$71,250 for district grants, \$23,750 will be sent to LWML for national mission grant projects. Grants are paid in full in the order presented as funds become available. Updates are available at [lwmlcid.org](http://lwmlcid.org).

### **LWML-CID MISSION GRANT #1:**

Student Aid for Church Workers (\$30,000) Given the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dream of becoming full-time church workers. These funds will be distributed through the CID-LCMS Scholarship Committee.

*What can I do? Pray that God would provide men and women willing to become church workers to spread the Gospel message. Support your church's LWML society by filling the designated large mite box with those pennies, nickels, dimes, or more. Contact any member of your church's LWML society for more information about this grant.*

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PTL PIE SALES:** The Trinity Lutheran School PTL Pie Fundraiser is back! Students will be selling pies Sept. 10 -Oct. 6. If you would like to purchase pies to support PTL, please call the school office or talk with a school family. Pies will be available for pick up on Nov. 14.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL:** Over the summer the National Lutheran School Association met in July. Trinity Lutheran School has been officially accredited by the National Lutheran School Association. In addition, we have been recognized for a Powerful Practice with our Eight Elements of Success program. To God be the glory! We will receive our certificate at a church service in the future.

**EMPOWER ILLINOIS:** Empower IL is a scholarship granting organization. As of Sept.3, 2018 four students at Trinity have benefitted from the funds given by members who have designated Trinity Lutheran School. We have 31 more students on the wait list to receive tuition funds. The need is greater than the designated funds we have been given. If you would like to consider donating please contact Pam Sausaman or Carol Radtke. By donating and designating Trinity Lutheran School, you can receive a tax credit from the state of Illinois.

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENT SUBMISSION UPDATES

The announcement submission process has generated some difficulties for users in the recent months and we apologize for the frustrations these issues have caused. In an effort to correct the problems and bring clarity to the process, we are implementing the following changes:

- In order to streamline the process, **we have created a single online form** that allows you to create an announcement, add an event to the calendar and reserve facility space, all at one time.
  - You can find the online submission form at [trinity-lutheran.com/submit-an-announcement](http://trinity-lutheran.com/submit-an-announcement) or under the *Resources* category in the *Church* section of the website.
  - In order provide sufficient time for editing and proofing the bulletin and announcement sheet, **the weekly submission deadline will be moved to Tuesday morning at 6am.** The church bulletin and the weekly announcement sheet merge information from many sources. Adding the additional time will help to ensure that items are not missed.
  - Paper forms are available in the school office for those who are unable to submit online. **The deadline for paper forms is Monday at 3pm.**
  - We ask that all announcements and events be submitted using the online or paper form.
  - Meeting times are not considered events for this exercise. Leaders and church members who would like to schedule facility space to conduct church or school business may call the school or church office to do so.
  - In the coming weeks, we will be scheduling a couple of training sessions on the announcement and event submission process. It is our goal that all church members understand exactly how the process works and the reason that we need it in place. We encourage all those who are involved with submitting announcements and events to attend one of these training sessions.
- Trinity is a vibrant and active church community with a lot of activities. Praise God for this! We are committed to identifying an effective process that works well for all involved. We encourage you to continue to provide feedback and we will adjust and improve the process as needed.

## ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JV BASKETBALL:** Mr. Ken Casey has informed me he is planning to continue as the JV Girls Head Basketball Coach. His Assistants will be Brooke Lovekamp and Paul Haley.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Great start to the Season. JV is currently 2-1, Varsity 3-0.

### VARSITY PRACTICE

**Sept. 19 and 20:** 3pm-4:30pm

### JV PRACTICE

**Sept. 20:** 5pm-6:30pm

### MATCHES

**Sept. 18:** O.S. 6pm and 7pm

**Sept. 22:** Home Vs Trinity Bloomington and Bethel Morton

## CROSS COUNTRY

### PRACTICES

**Sept. 17, 20 and 21:** 3:15pm-4:45pm

### MEETS

**Sept. 18:** SCS Invite at their school off Veterans – 4:15pm Start

**Sept. 25:** O.S. Invite at Lewis Memorial Acres – 4pm Start

**Sept. 29:** Jacksonville Middle School Meet – 2pm Start

**SOFTBALL:** The Calvary-Trinity-Little Flower coop Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Team won their Regional Championship on Tuesday Sept 11. They now advance to the Sectionals at Raymond Lincolnwood with their 1<sup>st</sup> game on Sat., Sept 15 at 11am. A Sectional Title will take the Girls to Normal, Il where they will play on either Fri., Sept. 21 or Sat., Sept. 22 depending on their seeding. Congratulations to the Calvary-Trinity-Little Flower coop Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Team and Good Luck.

**GOLF:** The IESA State Championship Tournament is being held on Sat., Sept. 15 in Peoria. Results will be in next week's Athletic Announcements.

## HOT LUNCH MENU

### Monday, September 17:

Chicken Chili Crispto, Peas, Salad, Fruit, Milk

### Tuesday, September 18:

Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

### Wednesday, September 19:

Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Corn, Fruit, Milk

### Thursday, September 20:

Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Carrots, Fruit, Milk

### Friday, September 21:

Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk