

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 23

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

Monday, September 24

5:30pm-8pm: Board of Christian Day School
6:30pm-8pm: Board of Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, September 25

10am-11am: Seniors' Bible Study
6:30pm-8:30pm: Griefshare

Wednesday, September 26

6:30am-7:30am: Bible Study
8:15am: 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 27

9am-2:30pm: Quilters

Saturday, September 29

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. We hope to see you there!

HYMNFEST 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, lfliege@trinity-lutheran.com or Mrs Boehme, 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 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

SECOND ANNUAL TRINITY CAMPOUT: The second annual Trinity campout at Camp CILCA is scheduled for **Oct. 5-Oct. 7**. Anyone interested in attending please contact Dave Rohe at 217-691-8804 or email drohe1@aol.com.

CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST: Celebrate our church's German heritage with us at our annual Oktoberfest Sun., **Oct. 14**, from 12pm to 3pm at Trinity Lutheran School. We'll have German food and music, a chili cook-off, and fun for all ages. For more information, contact Terri Cameron at tcameron55@gmail.com

**TRUSTING IN THE LORD
CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT -
BLDG. FUND**

Thru the month of	August 2018
Months completed	21
Months to go	15
Pledges made	\$746,518
Amount received (59%)	\$444,398

Contributions Report - Thank you for your financial support to the Trusting In The Lord building campaign. As you can see we have already received over 59% 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.

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 started back on September 11 at the home of Vickie Douglas, 1204 Interlaken. We will continue with our Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply Bible study by Deb Burma. For more information contact Vicki at 217-698-8554.

"BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER" BIBLE CLASS-

This Bible study takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm in the Parish Center. Taught by Dr. Ken Schurb of the CID office, this study will focus on questions such as: Who is Jesus? Did everything just evolve? Does Science have it all figured out? Discussion will include how to engage unchurched people regarding these and other questions. For more information, please call the Church Office at 217-787-2323.

SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY (Wednesday):

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wow! 61 students attended Sunday School last week on Rally Day, far above the average attendance. Lots of new faces!

THANK YOU TO SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

STAFF: Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Summer Sunday School session a success. A special thanks to all who served as guest teachers including Heather Daniel, Michelle Swisegood, Larry Boehme, Molly Booher, Brent and Kathy Radtke, Elaine Moran, Cindy Furling, Angie Strong, Becki Esselman, Sara Grillot, and Rhonda Goeres. We thank God for blessing us with you.

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today in Sunday School, the children will complete their study of how God worked in Joseph's life. "Joseph Forgives" and reveals himself to his brothers, telling them that though they meant evil, God used their acts for good. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His Holy Word and Sacraments. Families could discuss, "How was God with Joseph, blessing him through all that happened, the good and the bad? How has God turned bad or evil things in your life or world into blessings for your good?"

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

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 to learn more. Contact Cindy Good for more info at cgood@trinity-lutheran.com **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 amboohher13@gmail.com or 217- 899-8875.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE: Springfield Coupon Books are being sold to support Trinity's Youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Each book is \$25. Buy 5, get one free! See a youth member following service to purchase. We'll be selling in the common areas of both church and fellowship hour.

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: A master calendar planning meeting will take place on Sun., Oct. 28 at 6pm. Dinner will be provided. 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. 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.

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.

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.

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 to the development of this plan and the implementation of its action items. In an effort to ensure that the congregation is aware of the progress that has been made in many areas, we are featuring weekly spotlights on items from the Strategic Plan that have been carried out. An important component of the Strategic Plan is the Vision Statement, because it provides the direction toward which all our efforts should be focused. Trinity's Vision Statement is:

We aspire to be an inviting, thriving congregation of spiritually-mature, actively involved members who positively impact our community.

In order to encourage the spiritual growth among our members, the plan outlines several action items including more publicity for Sunday School and Bible Study, and additional Bible Study options.

Sunday School Rally Day: We had 61 students attend Rally Day last weekend! The Sunday School team worked hard to publicize the event and to reach out to new families. Parents were invited to attend the group opening with their children, meet the teachers, and learn more about Trinity's Sunday School program.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb is leading an apologetics Bible Class at Trinity, titled "Be Ready to Give an Answer." The class has been very well-attended! Audio recordings of the study are available on our website at: trinity-lutheran.com/apologetics-bible-study.

New Sunday Morning Bible Classes: Next month, we will begin offering three adult Bible study options on Sunday mornings. Trinity has been blessed with consistently high Sunday Morning Bible Class attendance and we are prayerful that the addition of multiple classes will encourage even more members to attend Bible study on Sunday mornings!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

YOUTH NEWS: The junior high and high school youth groups joined forces last Saturday for a day of service. Thirteen youth and seven adults were busy with a wide array of service to the school, the community, the country, and even the world! Take a look at what the youth group accomplished:

- Picked up 3 bags of trash on the school property
- Sorted 2 bags of plastic containers for St. John's Breadline
- Sorted and folded 300 plastic bags for St. John's Breadline
- Crushed 29 lbs of cans, earning \$14.50 to be given to Trinity Lutheran School in Klein, Texas. The pull tabs from the cans will go to the Ronald McDonald House
- Assembled 350 gluing blocks that are used to build school desks for schools around the world

Many thanks to the congregation for their donations of cans and plastic bags and containers.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TRINITY: Trinity Lutheran School recently received a \$20,300 technology grant from the Susan Cook House Educational Trust. The monies received from this grant will allow Trinity to upgrade its WiFi access points so more students can be on computers and other devices at the same time. Trinity will also be able to purchase new Google Chromebooks and Microsoft Surface Pros for use by both teachers and students. These Chromebooks and Surface Pros will replace aging, outdated Chromebooks and other devices. Congratulations Trinity on receiving this grant!

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.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS FOR FIRST QUARTER: Chapel offerings will go to Trinity Lutheran Church, Klein, Texas to help with disaster relief efforts. Their church and school families are still reeling from Hurricane Harvey's effects and are still in need of assistance. Please consider helping our fellow Christians in the Houston area whose homes were damaged from Harvey.

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, September 24:

Pepperoni Pizza, Peas, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, September 25:

Chicken Nuggets, Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, September 26:

Sloppy Joe, Broccoli, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, September 27:

Ravioli, Green Beans, Garlic Stick, Fruit, Milk

Friday, September 28:

Hamburger w/Bun, Oven Fries, Fruit, Milk

TRINITY CHOIR SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER

Primary Choir

September 29: 5pm Saturday Service

Junior Choir

September 23: Hymnfest at the Carillion

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

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** or under the *Resources* category in the *Church* section of the website.
- In order to 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.
- 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.