

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 30

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

Monday, October 1

5:30pm-PTL Meeting
7pm-8pm: Board of Property Management

Tuesday, October 2

Outdoor Education-6th graders
10am-11am: Seniors' Bible Study
6:30pm-8:30pm: Griefshare

Wednesday, October 3

Outdoor Education-6th graders
6:30am-7:30am: Bible Study
8:15am-9am: TLS Chapel
9am: Preschool Chapel
1pm-2:30pm: Ladies' Aid Board Meeting
4pm-5pm: Public School Catechism
6:30pm-8pm: Adult Instruction-New Members Class
6:30pm-8pm: "Be Ready To Give An Answer"
Bible Class-Dr. Ken Schurb

Thursday, October 4

Outdoor Education-6th graders
9am-2:30pm: Quilters

Friday, October 5

No School-Teachers Conference

Saturday, October 6

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

Sunday, October 7

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

Monday, October 8

No School-Columbus Day
5:30pm-6:30pm: Athletic Committee
6:30pm-7:30pm: Board of Directors

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!

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

DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR: Trinity Lutheran Church will be included in the October Downtown Springfield Architectural Walking Tour. The October tour will feature the Capitol Campus, as well as the sights of South 5th Street including the Kidzeum location, the Moxo block, Sangamo Club, and the State House Inn. As the tour passes the exterior of our downtown sanctuary, the tour guide will share information about the history and recent renovation of our historic church building. Those interested in participating in the October tour are invited to meet at the Lincoln family statue on the Southeast corner of the Old State Capitol Plaza at 5:30pm on **Oct. 3**. All tours are free, open to the public, will last 1 1/2 hours, and will conclude with a complimentary reception at a downtown location.

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.

FOOD PANTRY REMINDER: Food Pantry Next Weekend-The October Food Pantry collection will be on **Oct. 6 and 7**. We are currently serving 8 households, with 24 individuals. Please drop off your donations in the bins at the rear of the sanctuary or in the Parish Center lobby. We especially need toilet paper, household cleaning products, peanut butter and jelly.

LADIES AID MEETING: Ladies Aid will meet at noon on **Oct. 10** in the parish center. Our special guest will be Mark McDonald, host of the Emmy winning series, "Illinois Stories." A potluck lunch will be provided by A-1 members. Alice Rhodes will lead devotions. Personal care kits will be collected for our October mission service project. See the p. 21 in your Ladies Aid yearbook for the specific items for the care kits as well as additional items you may bring.

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.**

**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 9:30am-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 Interlacken. 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

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: The Sunday School lesson today begins a series of lessons Moses. Today's lesson is "The Birth of Moses." The children will learn that God was with Moses, caring for him and protecting him. God saved His people through Moses, who led them out of slavery. Family discussions might include, "How does God show His love and cares for us? How does God deliver us from evil?"

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

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, music, and fun for all ages.

Have a chili recipe? Here's your chance to show it off by entering this year's Oktoberfest Chili Cook-Off! We would love to have a great assortment of chili available To register text or call Terri Cameron at 217-891-2076.

4-H CLUB: Parents and Youth ages 5-18 – Please join us on Sun., **Oct. 14**, 3pm-4:30pm in the Extended Care Room for the second meeting of our new 4-H club. At this meeting we will be naming our club, learning the duties of 4-H youth officers, and enrolling in projects! You must attend one meeting before you can enroll in a project. At the November meeting we will elect our first 4-H officers from our youth members. If you have questions about the citizenship and leadership skills that youth can develop through 4-H, please contact Jan Zepp at jan.zepp@gmail.com

ORGAN RECITAL AND HYMN SING: Join us on Fri., **Oct. 26**, at 7pm as we celebrate our newly restored Casavant organ! Noted composer and organist, Dr. John Behnke, will play a program of Reformation music with organ masterworks and glorious hymn arrangements, assisted by Trinity's Adult Choir and the Sangamon Brass Quintet.

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 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.

CITY WIDE HYMN FEST: Big thanks are due to the students and parents who represented Trinity Lutheran Church and School at the City Wide Hymn Fest held in Washington Park last Sunday. Our choristers joined with students from 6 other schools to celebrate hymns in the park with the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon and the Trinity Concert Band. It was so exciting to see that Trinity students filled half the risers of over 100 students singing at the event!

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES STARTING SOON!

Three new adult Bible study classes will be introduced on Sunday, October 14. This is the perfect time to renew your commitment to the study of God's Word through Sunday morning Bible study. We hope you will join us for one of these great studies!

❖ The Lord's Supper

This Bible study will examine what Scripture and *The Lutheran Confessions* (aka: *The Book of Concord*) have to say about the life-giving blessing given by God to us, the Church. The Lord's Supper is a miracle in bread and wine established by the God-Man, Jesus the Christ. It is the very gift of His true body to eat and His true blood to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Join us as we:

Dig into the basics of Lutheran theology
Examine the importance of the Lord's Supper for the believer
Explore how the Lord's Supper shapes the Divine Service
Make connections between what Lutherans believe and what Lutherans do

❖ Women's Bible Study: Living the Fruit of the Spirit

We are called to be daughters and wives, sisters and friends, mothers and grandmas. We are called to be volunteers, employees, citizens, and leaders. And as we fill these various roles, we are to be intuitive, creative, persistent, supportive, and productive. Is it any wonder that we may also be tired and crabby?

This Bible study will help the Christian woman put all of these roles, characteristics, and emotions into perspective. Each session focuses on one fruit of the Spirit and considers how the lives and stories of nine biblical women convey that characteristic. As you study women like Esther (self-control) and Dorcas (goodness), Ruth (love) and Elizabeth (joy), you'll see how God is at work in your life too and how His promise of salvation and peace through Jesus are fully yours all the time.

❖ Burning Questions

This video-based Bible study addresses some of the biggest reasons people give for rejecting the Christian faith, and then provides Scripture based answers to those questions. *Is there a God? If so, why is there evil and suffering? Has technology eliminated the need for God? There are thousands of different religions: which one is true? Can we take the Bible seriously, or is it just a myth? Who was Jesus of Nazareth and does it matter?*

This study features insight and Biblical truths from some of the best defenders of the Christian faith and encourages participants to think through the questions and explore the answers together. It is designed to "help the believer to think and the thinker to believe."

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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. Pie Pickup will be on Nov. 14 from 2:30pm-5:30pm in the parish center.

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL WISH LIST: The 2018-2019 School Wish List is now available. Each year, teachers submit a list of items needed for their classrooms. Anyone interested in contributing funds toward the purchase of items on the wish list may contact the school office. To view the Wish List, please visit trinity-lutheran.com/wishlist or contact the school office at 217-787-2323, option 1.

JOB OPENING AT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL: Trinity School is looking for part time help in the cafeteria. Part time position offers approximately 10-15 hours per week, all dayshift, Monday through Friday. If interested, please contact the school office at 217-787-2323 with your name and phone number.

STRATEGIC SPOTLIGHT

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 of 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 are featuring weekly spotlights on items from the Strategic Plan that have been completed.

One area of the strategic plan focused on educating members about the importance of tithing time, talent and treasure. The Board of Christian Stewardship has been hard at work to provide more opportunities for the congregation to get involved in this area. New eGiving tools were introduced this summer and the response has been very positive. A new financial education curriculum will be introduced at the school that engages middle school students and transforms the way they approach money. Confirmation students will once again take part in a stewardship project as part of their catechism instruction. Project details will be shared with the congregation in 2019. We thank God for the blessings and opportunities He is providing for us.

TRINITY CHOIR SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER

Primary Choir

September 29: 5pm Saturday Service

Adult Choir

September 30: 8am Service

Trinity Choir

September 30: 10:30am Service

CONGRATULATIONS TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Trinity Lutheran School has been officially accredited by the National Lutheran School Association. The certificate of recognition will be presented in Sunday's 10:30am service. In addition, Trinity School is being recognized for a Powerful Practice with the Eight Elements of Success program. Congratulations Trinity School!

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, October 1

Cheese Pizza, Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, October 2

Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, October 3

Pizza Stick, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, October 4

Turkey/Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Milk

Friday, October 5

No School

ATHLETICS

SOFTBALL: Congratulations to the Trinity-Little Flower-Calvary Girls Softball Team. They won their Regional Tournament but fell in the Sectional in an extra inning game. Trinity Student Athletes on the Team were Elly Clark and Autumn Bodine.

GOLF: Congratulations to Elissa Warren who is a Medal Winner in the IESA 8TH Grade Girls State Golf Tournament with her 9th place finish. There were 71 competitors and Elissa shot the best round in her young Golfing career.

BASKETBALL: The start of the Season is getting very close. Coaches are starting to get gym time when available as Volleyball Teams are the priority. Days and times will be published each week in Announcements, Coaches will be contacting players and parents. We also have a couple of younger grade teams playing in a league at THE GYM off Veterans Parkway in Springfield.

VOLLEYBALL

MATCHES

Sat., Sept. 29: Bethel Morton, Concordia Peoria & Christ Peoria (Coaches will handout times)

Mon., Oct. 1: O.S. 6pm and 7pm

Fri., Oct. 5 and Sat., Oct. 6: Christ Peoria Varsity Tournament; Concordia Peoria JV Tournament

CROSS COUNTRY

MEETS

Sat., Sept. 29: Jacksonville Middle School Meet 2pm Start

Tues., Oct. 4: CID Meet at Trinity Bloomington 5pm Start

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.