

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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

Tuesday, October 9

10am-11am: Seniors' Bible Study
12:30pm-4:45pm: Blood Drive
6:30pm-8:30pm: Griefshare

Wednesday, October 10

6:30am-7:30am: Bible Study
8:15am-9am: TLS Chapel
9am-10am: Preschool Chapel
12pm-1:30pm: Ladies' Aid 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 11

9am-2:30pm: Quilters

Saturday, October 13

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

**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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE: Trinity is hosting a blood drive on Tues., **Oct. 9** from 12:30pm-4:45pm in the Parish Center. To schedule an appointment contact Jessica Noble at 217-622-7047 or jesfermon85@yahoo.com or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and find the drive using sponsor code 60893.

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.

LAUDAMUS CHOIR CONCERT: Our Savior's Lutheran Church presents the Laudamus Choir on Fri., **Oct. 12** at 7pm. Admission is free. Contact 217-546-4531 for more information.

JOYS OF PIETY: A Workshop on "Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey – Recover the Joys of Piety" will be led by Rev. William C. Weedon, Director of Worship for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Sat., **Oct. 13** at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL. Doors open at 9am for coffee and rolls. Tickets are \$10 per person, which includes lunch. Please call 309-452-5609, ext. 2 or email lcms@frontier.com with questions. Payment for the tickets can be made with cash or check when you arrive.

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

LUHI SUNDAY BRUNCH: Join LUHI for food and fellowship on **Oct. 21** from 9:30am-1pm at the Lutheran High School gym. Adults eat for \$10.00/ Children 12 and under eat for \$5.00. Questions, please contact Kim Haynes at k.haynes@spiluhi.org

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.

VENDOR FAIR AT CAMP CILCA! Are you a craftsman, artist, or vendor? Contact the camp office to register for the vendor fair during the CILCA Homecoming on **Oct. 27** from 11am-2pm. \$15 gets you a table and two chairs and access to over 100 Homecoming attendees. The vendor fair will be outdoors, or in the Dining Hall in case of rain or cold. Call 217-487-7497 or email camp@cilca.org to reserve your table.

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):

Class begins at 10am in the Parish Center.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

We will meet in October at the home of Paula Boehme, 1485 Richland Elevator Road, New Berlin. We will continue our study on Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply by Deb Burma. We will begin at 9am. For more information or directions, please contact Paula at 217-626-2179.

"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.

****Please note that there will not be a class on Wednesday, October 31 due to Trinity's Trunk or Treat event in the Parish Center.***

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

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today in Sunday School, the lesson recalls the account of "Moses and the Burning Bush." Just as God had Moses remove the sandals from his feet, God in Christ removes our sin from us, making us fit to approach God and stand in His presence. Discuss, "Who makes us holy before God? What did Moses have to do, and why, in order to be in God's presence?"

MEMORIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

In Memory of Merle Casolari:

Faith Forward Fund-Bill and Karen Bade, Cliff and Lisa Krueger, Percy and Karen Stephens, Ray and Carol Boehner

In Memory of Emma Armitage:

Building Fund-Suzanne Drummond, John and Vicky Peters

In Memory of Ted & Dot Hasselbring:

Faith Forward Fund-Roger and Amanda Allman

In Honor of Pastor Radtke's 40 years in the Ministry:

Organ Fund-Paul and Cathy Von De Bur

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

CILCA RUN 5K: Join us on **Oct. 27** at 10am for the CILCA run. Sign up at www.cilca.org for a beautiful and challenging trail run through the 225 acres of Camp CILCA. Registration is \$30 for those 12 and over. Runners under 12 are free. The race will be followed by a vendor fair, live music, games, food trucks, hayrides, and more at the CILCA Homecoming from 11am-2pm

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 ambooh13@gmail.com or 217- 899-8875.

LUHI OPEN HOUSE: Lutheran High School hosts open house on Thur., **Nov. 1**. The program begins at 6:30pm with tours and refreshments at 7pm. For questions, please contact the Lutheran High School office.

JUNIOR HIGH LOCK-IN: 7th and 8th grade students are invited to head to the CID Junior High Lock-in on **Nov. 9 and 10** at the Five Points in Washington, IL. Cost will be covered by the Youth Fund as a result of fundraising dollars. Please notify Morgan Grillot by Mon., Oct. 15 if your youth would like to attend and his/her t-shirt size. Also, please indicate if you would like to attend yourself and your t-shirt size. Chaperones are selected by a first come, first serve basis.

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Minneapolis, Minnesota is hosting the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering, **July 11-15, 2019**. 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.**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please submit events through the online submission form prior to the meeting if you are able. The planning meeting will include a review of the events submitted, opportunity to request publicity for your event, and discussion of the event submission process throughout the year. Every board, committee and group associated with the church and/or school should plan to have 1 representative present at this meeting. 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!

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.

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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL: Ready to Learn Screenings are done twice a year. The first screenings will take place throughout October. All parents should have the results by the middle of November.

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.

INVEST WITH A PURPOSE! Earn not only a return on your investment but the added blessing of providing resources for the growth of God's Kingdom! The Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) partners investors who wish to grow God's ministry with churches seeking to build or expand. Because our church obtained financing for its building project through the CID-CEF, the CID-CEF is offering a special interest rate of 1.5% for a 2-year investment certificate (\$500 minimum) to members of our congregation and our church and its organizations. Please contact Chris Anderson or Susan Short at the CID-CEF at: 217-793-1802 or email: cef@cidlcms.org. You may also visit their website: cidlcms.org for this special interest rate or other investment options. Thank you for investing in the future of our LCMS!

CHOIR SCHEDULE:
OCTOBER

Primary Choir:

October 20, 5:30pm Service

Junior Choir:

October 21, 10:30am Service

Trinity Choir:

October 28, 10:30am Service

Adult Choir:

October 26, Organ Recital/Hymn Sing

October 28, 8am Service, Reformation

ATHLETICS

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

Fri., Oct. 5, Sat., Oct. 6, and Sun., Oct. 7: Christ Peoria Varsity Tournament

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

Thur., Oct. 11: Zion Mt. Pulaski at 6pm and 7pm

CROSS COUNTRY

MEETS

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

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. A vision statement was written to summarize the goals of the plan and provide direction for our efforts. Trinity's vision statement is:

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

Positively Impact our Community

Trinity continues to work hard to positively impact our community. In June we offered another wonderful VBS experience for children of our community, as well as members of the church and school. We hosted more than 50 attendees at our 3rd annual Outdoor Movie Night in June. Church and school families mingled with members of our neighborhood and enjoyed watching the movie Peter Rabbit together. Trinity's Annual Clothing Giveaway was a huge success for the 4th year in a row, with more than 250 people served and over 1,000 bags of clothes distributed. We also hosted more than 150 attendees at the Trinity Summer Block Party.

On October 26 at 7pm, we are inviting members of our community to join us for an organ recital and hymn sing at our downtown campus. This will be a great opportunity for residents of Springfield to see the results of our substantial renovation project and enjoy our newly restored organ.

Trunk or Treat will take place on Oct. 31 from 5-7pm. We typically have more than 500 visitors come through our Parish Hall on Halloween – what a great chance to be present for our neighborhood families. Please contact Molly Booher at if you would like to host a table this year.

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, October 8:

No School

Tuesday, October 9:

Hot Dog Bar, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, October 10:

French Toast Stick, Hash Browns, Orange Juice, Milk

Thursday, October 11:

Bosco Stick w/meat sauce, Carrots, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk

Friday, October 12:

Chicken Patty, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk