

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 21

8am-9am: Church Service-Communion
9:30am-1pm: Lutheran High Sunday Brunch at LUHI
10:30-11:30am: Church Service
1pm-3pm: Junior Youth Christ in the Culture
6:30pm-8pm: Christ in the Culture "Superman"

Monday, October 22

9am-3pm: World Relief Quilters
7pm-8pm: Board of Elders

Tuesday, October 23

9am-10am: Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
10am-11am: Seniors' Bible Study
6:30pm-8:30pm: Griefshare
6:30pm-8pm: Trinity Mens Group

Wednesday, October 24

6:30am-7:30am: Bible Study
8:15am-9am: TLS Chapel
9am-10am: TLS Preschool Chapel
4pm-5pm: Public School Catechism
6:30pm-8pm: Adult Instruction
6:30pm-8pm: "Be Ready To Give An Answer"
Bible Class-Dr. Ken Schurb

Thursday, October 25

8am-3pm: Quilters Meeting

Friday, October 26

TLS Early dismissal at 1:30pm
7pm-8:30pm: Organ Recital and Hymn Sing

Saturday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 28

8am-9am: Church Service
10:30am-11:30am: Church Service-Communion
6pm-9pm: Master Calendar Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPERMAN TOPIC FOR CHRIST IN THE CULTURE: "Superman" is the featured topic for the Christ in the Culture session on Sun., **Oct. 21** at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The goal for this session will let participants be able to use the story of Superman as a way to start a conversation about how Jesus is the true "God of all" who shows His strength to us in our weakness. What are the similarities and differences between "The Man of Steel" and "The Real Man of Steel"? We'll delve into the Bible for answers! Please note: the January Christ in the Culture will be a discussion of the recent Netflix hit series "Stranger Things". So, spend a dull winter's evening (or two) viewing (binge-watching?) this terrifying and compelling series and watch for details about the January session.

JUNIOR YOUTH CHRIST IN THE CULTURE: Faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. It's a bird... It's a plane... No, it's Superman Christ in the Culture for the Junior High Youth Group on Sun., **Oct. 21** from 1pm-3pm in the Parish Center. Youth currently in 7th and 8th grade are invited to come along for an afternoon of discussion concerning popular media and Christianity. Any questions, please contact Morgan Grillot at mgrillot@trinity-lutheran.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

CROWD EVENT: Everyone, young, old, married, or single is welcome to join the TRINITY LUTHERAN CROWD. A Crowd event will be held on Sun. evening, **Oct. 21** with a bonfire and wiener roast at the home of Larry and Paula Boehme, 1485 Richland Elevator Road near Pleasant Plains. Arrive around 4:30pm.; we'll plan on eating around 5pm. Hot dogs and chili will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Bring a lawn chair if you wish. RSVP to Larry and Paula is appreciated. larryboehme51@frontier.com or 217-626-2179.

WORLD RELIEF QUILTING PROJECT: There's still time and your help is needed! The World Relief Quilting Project will meet for two more Mondays, **Oct. 22** and **Oct. 29** from 9am to 3pm in the Parish Center. All members of the congregation, men or women, are invited to help with this worthwhile project. No sewing experience required. Please bring your own lunch. For further information call Dee Boehm at 217-793-6370 or Paula Boehme 217-626-2179.

TRINITY MEN'S GROUP START-UP MEETING: Join us on Tues., **Oct. 23** at 6:30pm at the Parish Center. A group member will be present at the Parish Center entrance to direct you to the meeting location in the school. We will discuss ideas for men's fellowship activities, bible studies, and acts of community service. Men's ministry groups bond men by giving them a forum in which to share and a reason for getting together. Like a fire of burning coals, the combined energy of men gathered together draws men toward the flame and keeps them active in the church and encouraged by the other members involved. With this in mind we hope you will come prepared to discuss your ideas of how we can make men's ministry at Trinity have the broadest appeal to the men of our congregation and community. Look forward to seeing you Tues. at 6:30pm! Please contact Scott Anderson at 217-299-3060 for questions or concerns.

**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 CLASSES:

- The Lord's Supper, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.
- Women's Bible Study: Living the Fruit of the Spirit, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room.
- Burning Questions, taught by Pastor Paul Hemenway in the Parish Center.

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: In Sunday School today, the children will learn the account of "The Passover." This true story, about the night when the angel of death passed over the homes of God's people who had painted their doors with the blood of a lamb, foreshadows Christ, God's Son, who became the Lamb whose blood was shed for us. Jesus is our Passover Lamb, and thus we will never die—we have the gift of eternal life. Ask your children, "Who gives us the faith to believe that Jesus is our Savior?"

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

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

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.

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

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!

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.

WOMEN'S SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT: Camp CILCA invites you to bring your scrapbooking, quilting, or other crafts and enjoy the companionship of other Christian women during a relaxing weekend of crafting, faith, food, and friendship **Nov. 2-4**. Cost is \$80 for a shared room. Private rooms are available for an extra fee. Meals and devotions will be provided. Contact Pastor Joshua Theilen at 217-487-7497 or email camp@cilca.org to register.

APPLEBEE'S PANCAKE FUNDRAISER: Join us Sat., **Nov 3**, 8am-10am for a pancake breakfast at Applebee's on S. Veteran's Parkway to support Trinity's Youth Program. Tickets are \$5. See a youth member after services to purchase yours. Tips will be collected to support Trinity Lutheran School's scholarship fund.

LUTHERAN HIGH CRAFT FAIR: The Lutheran High School Crusader Aiders will be hosting a Craft Fair on Sat., **Nov. 3**, from 9am to 3pm, in the Learning Commons at Lutheran High, 3500 W. Washington St. Proceeds will benefit the students of Lutheran High.

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.

An Inviting and Thriving Congregation - Improvements in the area of accessibility and other facility issues were identified as needed in order for Trinity to be a truly inviting and thriving congregation. In addition to the renovation and expansion project at the downtown church, an estimated \$1.2 million in improvements were identified at the school facility. Over the past year, following projects have been completed:

- Boiler system replacement
- Roof repairs
- Outdoor brickwork and window sealing
- Bathroom remodeling
- New flooring in the halls and classrooms
- New treads, carpet and painting in the stairways
- Water remediation on the south wall of the brick garden
- Extended care room renovations
- New furniture in the 8th grade classroom

A great deal of effort has gone into work on these projects and we are so thankful to all who have contributed to make these improvements possible. To God be the Glory!

VOTERS MEETING SUMMARY OCTOBER 15, 2018

- Ted Haberman and Dave Rohe were elected Elders
- Shaela Dust was elected Treasurer.
- The voters passed a resolution for the use of our Thanksgiving offerings.
- A resolution of thanks for John Penick's service as Church Comptroller was approved.
- Cindy Good, our new Youth Director, was introduced. She gave the Voters an update on plans for her work with our youth.
- Sarah Schlichting reported on the progress on Trinity's strategic plan.

Many reports on what is happening at Trinity were presented. Thank you to all who attended and participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

JUNIOR HIGH LOCK-IN: 7th and 8th grade students are invited to head to the CID Junior High Lock-in on **Nov. 9-10** 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 if your youth would like to attend and give 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.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY: Lutheran High School invites you to their fall play on **Nov. 9-10** at 7pm. The students will be presenting "Airline" the story of an oddball assortment of characters aboard a wacky flight. \$10 for adults, \$8 seniors/students, \$3 children 3-5, free admission for 2 and under.

MEN'S TARGET SHOOTING RETREAT: Camp CILCA is holding its first ever Men's Target Shooting Retreat on **Nov. 9-10**. Registration is \$65 and includes 3 meals on Saturday. Rev Jonathan Fisk will be presenting between target shooting, giving permission for men to be masculine. Bring your favorite firearm and ammunition. All ages are welcome but children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. Call 217-487-7497 or visit www.cilca.org.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT OKTOBERFEST: Thank you for making this year's Oktoberfest a great success! Around 125 participants enjoyed great German food, desserts, and dancing, as well as a bouncy house and games. We would like to thank Pastor Radtke, Amy Holmes, Lana Schurb, Larry Boehme, Pam Sausaman and Terri Cameron for the six spectacular chilis in the Chili Cook-off. The winning chili (by a very close vote) was made by Terri Cameron.

We particularly want to thank the following individuals and groups: Mary Denham for her LWML exhibit, Leslie Jones and PTL, Lisa Krueger, Donna Harshaw and the ladies of Trinity Ladies Aid, Jake Klug, Trip Rodgers, Jim Sausaman, the Springfield International Folk Dancers, Thrivent, everyone who helped us set up tables and chairs after Sunday School, and the Oktoberfest Committee: Larry and Paula Boehme, Stace and Terri Cameron, Stu and Judy Fliege, Tim and Laura Fliege, Leslie Jones, Cliff Krueger, Kathy Radtke, Brendan and Caitlin Reichert, Roger and Sara Schlichting.

Check Trinity's faceBook page for photos and mark your calendars now for an even bigger and better Oktoberfest 2019: Sun., Oct. 13!

TRINITY SCHOOL GARDEN: Have a green thumb? We are looking for a few volunteers to work with us to recreate the school's perennial and vegetable garden. Thrivent has provided us with funds to do some fall prep and plant bulbs. We will spend 2-3 hours this fall, and then a few more hours in the spring, adding plants for a bee and butterfly garden, and vegetables. The school will be able to incorporate garden activities into classroom activities. Please contact Judy Fliege by email at judy.fliege@gmail.com or Terri Cameron by email at tcameron55@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION WEEKENDS: Food donations are collected the first Sunday of each month, except December, at both locations. Collections begin in Nov. 3-4, 2018 and continue through Nov. 2-3, 2019.

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.

ATHLETICS

8TH GRADE APPRECIATION NIGHT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23: We will recognize the 8th grade Cross-Country, Volleyball, Softball, and Golf Athlete's between the JV and Varsity games. The JV game begins at 6pm with recognition beginning shortly after completion of the JV game. Please plan to attend and help us recognize the young student athletes.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: We have applied for the State Varsity Volleyball Tournament the weekend of Friday, November 2, Saturday, November 3, and Sunday, November 4. We are sure that we will be accepted. Trinity and Our Savior are hosts for the State Tournament in Springfield. We have become known for the concessions we offer on Friday and Saturday which require a number of volunteers. Please contact Leslie Jones via email at obnxus7@gmail.com or Brett Moll at the school office, 217-787-2323, to be scheduled.

VOLLEYBALL MATCHES

Tues., Oct. 23: Home-8th Grade Recognition
Fri., Nov. 2, Sat., Nov. 3, Sun., Nov. 4: State Volleyball (Trinity hosts on Friday and Saturday only.)

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to the Cross-Country team for their 9th place finish at the State Meet in Bloomington on Saturday, October 13. The team just missed an 8th place finish which would have given them a plaque. Thank you to the parents for their support and especially Coach Jake Klug and his assistants for their commitment and dedication.

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, October 22:

Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, October 23:

Corn Dogs, Corn, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, October 24:

Mac/Cheese, Hot Dog, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, October 25:

Chicken Quesadilla, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Peas, Fruit, Milk

Friday, October 26:

½ Day

Tuna Salad w/peas, Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #2: Camp CILCA Christian Growth Center (\$15,000) The Camp CILCA Christian Growth Center is used by many groups who meet to learn new ways to spread the Gospel, as well as groups who meet for Bible study and Christian fellowship. Many updates need to be made, especially to the kitchen. This grant will be used to repair or replace the stove and other needed items. *What can I do? Pray for this mission that God would provide the resources for Camp CILCA to be able to make these renovations. Support your church's LWML society by dropping all that loose change in the designated large mite box. Contact any member of your church's LWML society for more information about this grant.*

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@cidlms.org. You may also visit their website: cidlms.org for this special interest rate or other investment options. Thank you for investing in the future of our LCMS!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB OPENING-TRINITY SCHOOL MAINTENANCE-Trinity Lutheran School is seeking a part time Custodial worker with the potential of full-time. This position, under general direction from the Parish Administrator, will perform general custodial duties with light maintenance duties on a daily basis. Applicant must pass a background check. Resumes may be submitted by email to church@trinity-lutheran.com or delivered to the school office.

ONLINE AUCTION TO SUPPORT 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP: The 8th grade class will be hosting an online auction to raise funds for the annual class trip. Please consider donating items that might be of interest for the auction. This is a great opportunity to market your business to Trinity families while supporting our 8th graders. The auction will be hosted online in late November to early December just in time for Christmas shopping. All donations are greatly appreciated! Visit trinity-lutheran.com/auction to donate items.

TRINITY SCHOOL FEATURED ON THE RADIO: Throughout the month of October, Trinity classes have been featured reciting the pledge of allegiance on local radio stations, 98.7 WNNS, News/Talk 94.7 & 970 WMAY and WUSW (FM). Visit trinity-lutheran.com/radio to listen to audio recordings and to view a listing of the remaining dates and times that our students will be featured.

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.