

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 28

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

Monday, October 29

9am-3pm: World Relief Quilting
5:30pm-8pm: Board of Christian Day School

Tuesday, October 30

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

Wednesday, October 31

6:30am-7:30am: Bible Study
9am-10am: TLS Reformation Chapel
5pm-7pm: Trunk or Treat
***REMINDER:** 6:30pm Adult Instruction Class and the 6:30pm Bible Class with Ken Schurb is cancelled due to Trunk or Treat. Classes will resume on Nov. 3.

Thursday, November 1

TLS Early Dismissal at 11:30am
9am-2:30pm: Quilters
12:30am-8pm: TLS Parent Teacher Conferences
6:30pm-8pm: LUHI Open House at LUHI

Friday, November 2

No School

Saturday, November 3

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

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

Thru the month of September 2018
Months completed: 22
Months to go: 14
Pledges made: \$746,518
Amount received (60%): \$452,509

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 60% 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

MASTER CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING: A master calendar planning meeting will take place on Sun., **Oct. 28** at 6pm. Dinner will be provided by Subway. 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!

WORLD RELIEF QUILTING PROJECT: There is still time and your help is needed! The World Relief Quilting Project will meet one more Monday on **Oct. 29** from 9am-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 more information call Dee Boehm at 217-793-6370 or Paula Boehme at 217-626-2179.

TRUNK OR TREAT: It's time 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. Tables are still available if you would like to host! For more information, please contact Molly Booher at ambooher13@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.

HE RESTORES MY SOUL-MEET THE AUTHORS: Meet the authors! Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sherman (500 S. Sherman Blvd.) is hosting a meet-and-greet with authors of Emmanuel Press's latest release, He Restores My Soul, on Thur., **Nov. 1**, at 6:30pm. The event is open to the public and includes a cookie reception, a presentation made by the authors on the writing process, and a book signing. Copies of He Restores My Soul will be available for purchasing. For more information on the book, the authors, and the event, go to KatieSchuermann.com

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.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Bible Lutheranism 101: 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 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: Today in Sunday School, the children will learn about how God saved the Hebrews by parting the waters in "Crossing the Red Sea." Ask your children to tell you what they know about this story. Talk about, "How does God fight for us and save us from sin, death, and the devil?" Discuss Baptism and how water combined with God's Word washes you clean from sin and gives you eternal life.

CHOIR SCHEDULE: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Primary Choir:

November 17: 5:30pm Service

Junior Choir:

November 18: 10:30am Service

Trinity Choir:

October 28: 10:30am Service

November 11: 10:30am Service

November 18: 8am Service

Adult Choir:

October 26: Organ Recital/Hymn Sing

October 28: 8am Service, Reformation

November 4: 10:30am Service

Kindergarten Performance

Nov. 11: 8am Service

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

WOMEN WITH MISSION: WWM will meet on Mon., **Nov. 5** at 6:30pm at the school. Our mission project this month supports The Ronald McDonald House. We will continue with our Bible study from Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply by Deb Burma. For more information, contact President Shannon Shannon at 217-819-1832. All women of the congregation are invited to attend!

BAND CONCERT: On Thur., **Nov. 8**, the Concert Band from Lutheran High School Northwest in Rochester Hills, Michigan will be having a concert at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois at 7pm. A free-will offering will be taken. Special guests and performing with the 37 high school students will be our very own Trinity Band and the students of the Our Savior's Band. Join us for this special occasion.

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.

LADIES AID: We will meet Wed., **Nov. 14** with an early start time of 11am to work on the Project Christian Love cookie tin decorations. Our special guest is Dr. Samuel Wheeler, Illinois State Historian, speaking on the 200th Anniversary of Illinois. A special menu will be served based on favorite recipes of presidents from Illinois. Janie Rast will lead devotions and mites will be collected.

BIBLE BOWL: Attention all Bible Bowl enthusiasts in Grades 5-8, if you are interested in participating in Lutheran High School's annual Bible Bowl challenge, please contact Mrs. Rodgers at Trinity Lutheran School. Practices will be held in Room 205 from 3pm until 4pm on Tuesday 11-6, Wednesday 11-7, Thursday 11-8, Monday, 11-12, Tuesday, 11-13, Wednesday, 11-14 and Thursday, 11-15. The Bible Bowl is held on Sat., **Nov. 17** at Lutheran High School 3500 W. Washington St. If you want further information or to sign up for the team, please contact Mrs. Rodgers at 217-787-2323.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SHARE: A free GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays seminar, will be held on Sun., **Nov. 18**, at Trinity Lutheran School Parish Center from 1-3 pm. It offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. You'll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors and psychologists. You'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with over 30 encouraging readings, helpful charts and tips to manage the holiday season during this difficult time. At GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays, you'll meet with other grieving people who have an understanding of what you're going through. They won't judge you or force you to share, but will accept you where you are and will offer comfort and support. Your holiday season won't be easy; your emotions may ambush you and suck you under at times. But you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors your loved one and puts you on the path of health and healing. To register or find out more about GriefShare Surviving the Holidays, call Joleen Hoff at 217-899-9418 or email trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com

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. In these weekly spotlights, we are featuring areas of the Strategic Plan that have been completed or are currently in development.

Throughout the strategic planning process, it became clear that communication was an area that needed significant attention. Last fall, Trinity school leaders asked Karen Hemenway to join the school staff in a marketing and communications role. Early communication projects included a redesigned weekly announcement sheet in the bulletin with more school information included, the weekly Tiger Talk e-newsletter, the introduction of the Elements of Success program, video clips of Trinity students shared with our community, the launch of the new website, and the Celebrating God's Blessings book (which highlighted events from last school year.)

This year, the position has been expanded to include both church and school activities. Recent projects have included developing resources to support the re-opening of the downtown church campus, maintaining the website, assisting with Trinity's Facebook page, sending weekly Tiger Talk e-newsletters, and promoting Trinity events internally and to the greater Springfield community. With the launch of the new website we lost some of the automated communication that existed previously and Karen has also been working with the church and school office staff to help adjust our processes accordingly. Trinity is a vibrant and active church community with a lot of activities. Praise God for this! As work continues to identify an effective process that works well for all involved, we appreciate your patience and your feedback. This weekend's Master Calendar Meeting will be an important piece in our efforts to improve communication.

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.

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.

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!

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, October 29

Mr. Rib w/Bun, Sweet Potato, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, October 30

Ravioli, Garlic Stick, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, October 31

Chili, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, November 1

11:30am Dismissal

Friday, November 2

No School

ATHLETICS

VOLLEYBALL

LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: We will be participating in the Lutheran School Assn. of IL State Varsity Volleyball Tournament the weekend of Nov. 2, 3 and 4. Please try to attend some of matches and support the Team.

HOSTS FOR STATE TOURNAMENT: 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 requires a number of volunteers. Please contact Leslie Jones via email at obnxus7@gmail.com or Brett Moll at the School, 217-787-2323 to be scheduled.

VOLLEYBALL MATCHES

Fri., Nov. 2, Sat., Nov. 3, and Sun., Nov. 4: State Volleyball (Trinity Hosts on Friday and Saturday Only)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

GIFT CARDS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS-NOVEMBER 2018: During church services on Nov. 3, Nov. 4, Nov. 10, and Nov. 11 you will have the opportunity to contribute towards a collection that will be used to purchase gift cards for seminary students. The Gift Cards will be purchased through Lutheran High's Shopper's Blessings program and will be sent to our seminaries in Fort Wayne and ST. Louis. Your donation will give financial assistance to our seminary students and to Lutheran High School. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION SCHOOL PARENTS: Parents paying tuition and fees by bank draft need to give notice of any changes to bank information at least one week in advance of the draft date. This allows time to make changes before the bank builds the file for drafting. Thank you for your consideration.

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.