

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 18

8am-9am: Worship Service-Communion
9:30am-10:15am: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30am-11:30am: Worship Service
1pm-3pm: GriefShare-Surviving the Holidays

Monday, November 19

6pm-7pm: Internal Ministries
7pm-8pm: Board of Elders

Tuesday, November 20

10am-11am: Seniors' Bible Study
5pm-8:30pm: Boys' Basketball vs. Zion Litchfield at Home
6:30pm-8:30pm: GriefShare

Wednesday, November 21

6:30am-7:30am: Sunrise Bible Study
8:15am-9:30am: School Chapel
1:30pm TLS Early Dismissal
7pm-8:30pm: Adult Choir Practice
***NOTE: The 4pm-5pm Public School Catechism class and the 6:30pm-8pm Adult Instruction Class are cancelled on Wednesday, November 21 due to the thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22.**

Thursday, November 22

9am-10am: Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 23

NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, November 24

5:30pm-6:30pm: Worship Service

CLASS CANCELLATIONS

Public School Catechism and Adult Instruction Class are cancelled for Wednesday, November 21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22.

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

Thru the month of October 2018

Months completed: 23

Months to go: 13

Pledges made: \$746,518

Amount received (62%): \$463,791

Contributions Report - Thank you for your financial support to the Trusting In The Lord building campaign. In this season of Thanksgiving, we want to thank you for your support. 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

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

GRIEFSHARE: 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

MEET THE NEED DRIVE: The Student Life Committee is hosting a food drive from **Nov. 19-Nov. 21** as a community service project. We are accepting non-perishable food items and toiletries, but please no more than 12 of the same item per day. This food drive benefits Trinity families as well as the surrounding community. Last year 2000 items were collected! As an extra incentive, the class with the highest percentage of giving will receive a movie/pizza party courtesy of Casey's. The class with the second highest percentage will receive a popcorn/movie party. The class with the third highest percentage will receive a doughnut party. All monetary gifts for chapel during this quarter will also go to the Trinity pantry for perishable items.

LUTHERAN HIGH CHRISTMAS WREATHS: Lutheran High School is selling fresh, hand-made Christmas wreaths. Visit trinity-lutheran.com/lutheranhigh to download and print an order form. Orders must be received by **Nov. 21** and will be available for pick up on Nov. 30 from 3-6pm.

PACKERS VS. BEARS GAME: Come join The Trinity Men's Group on Sun., **Dec. 16** in the extended care room for a time of fellowship and join the rivalry between Packers and Bears fans as we watch the game on the big screen. Time TBD. Lutheran beverages allowed BYOC (in cans only-no bottles). Snacks provided. Contact Scott Anderson at 217-299-3060 for more information.

WHOLE LIFE CHALLENGE 2019: Are you looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas, but know that you will be ready to reset after the new year? Join us for the Whole Life Challenge starting **Jan. 19**. Focusing on nutrition, some exercise, sleep and well-being habits will help to reset and start 2019 off on a positive note! Register now for a discount! To learn more about the challenge go to www.wholelifechallenge.com. If you have other questions, see Amy Holmes. Looking forward to you joining us on the challenge!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #3: Fort Wayne and St. Louis Seminary Food Banks (\$10,000) A necessary part of sharing the Gospel with others and spreading the Word is having trained church workers, including pastors. Having the ability to draw on food bank resources supports the church's mission of training church workers and pastors to spread the Gospel. This grant will assist the staff at these food banks in buying food, toiletries, and other needed items.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

- 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.

TUESDAY SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS:

Class begins at 10am in the Parish Center. For more information, please call the church office at 217-787-2323.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

We will meet in November at the home of Lana Schurb, 130 Pinehurst (behind Our Savior's in Country Club Estates). We will continue with our bible study on Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply by Deb Burma. For more information or directions, please call Lana Schurb at 217-679-4623. Please note that we will not meet on Nov. 20 due to the Thanksgiving holiday!

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 more information, please contact Bill Rast at 217-585-0571.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today students will study "Worship in the Tabernacle." God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. Ask students, "Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?"

CHOIR SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER

Primary Choir:

November 17: 5:30pm Service

Junior Choir:

November 18: 10:30am Service

Trinity Choir:

November 18: 8am Service

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, November 19

Mr. Rib w/bun, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, November 20

Chicken Patty w/bun, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, November 21

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

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The School Store is coming! Trade in those Elements of Success cards for pens, pencils, plush toys, gift cards, and Trinity apparel. Scheduled to open after Thanksgiving break.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

CALENDAR YEAR 2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: In an effort to save on mailing costs, the distribution of our 2019 contribution envelope packets will be the same as last year. **All envelope packets are now available** in the Parish Center, arranged in alphabetical order, reading from the bottom of the table to the top, left to right. Please be sure to use the designated envelopes for your capital campaign offerings. Also, like last year, there is a check box marked "I/We Give Electronically" on each envelope. This is for those who have (or will) sign up for regularly scheduled electronic transfers of their set offerings from their bank account to the Church's accounts), or through one or more of Trinity's e-giving options. To make things easier for all concerned, the envelope packets for 2019 will be renumbered to match the alphabetical listing of family names. This greatly eases the administration, preparation and distribution of envelopes. Please be assured that all records of past giving will be transferred completely to your new envelope number. Please note your new number. The contribution counters ask that you write it on the memo line of your contribution checks in 2019.

Please pick up your envelope packet as soon as you can.

Remaining packets will be prepared for mailing on Saturday, Dec. 15. Please do not use your new envelopes until after Jan. 1, 2019. After New Year's Day, you are encouraged to dispose of any unused 2018 (or previous years') envelopes. Thank you for your assistance!

2019 GUIDEBOOK DIRECTORY NEEDS INFORMATION: The 2019 Guidebook Membership Directory is in the works. Have you moved? Changed phone numbers? Please be sure that the church office has the most updated information for your family by Dec. 5. Whatever the church office has on file is what will be submitted to the company for publication. Don't assume the office has the correct information already and don't wait until the last minute to make those changes--call 217-787-2323 or email the church at church@trinity-lutheran.com with any corrections! Thanks for keeping the guidebook (and the church database) updated and accurate!

2019 GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY: We are in the process of updating our annual Guidebook Membership Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church. It is subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church office 217-787-2323 by **Dec. 5**. A Guidebook sales rep will be in contact with you in early January.

POINSETTIAS: It's Poinsettia Time! Advent is fast approaching and it's time to order your poinsettias for our Christmas services. Flowers are \$14 and may be ordered by contacting Judy Fliege at 217-787-9011 or judy.fliege@gmail.com. All orders need to be placed by Dec. 10. Let Judy know if you would like to designate someone to honor with your order. All poinsettias may be taken home after the Dec. 25 service.

EARN A RETURN AND HELP OUR LCMS CHURCHES: The Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) provides resources to churches in our Central Illinois District that wish to grow God's ministry through building or expansion. We are able to do this because of conscientious LCMS members like you who support our churches by investing in the CID-CEF - we need *your* continued support and investments! As an added blessing for your investment, we are now offering a 24-Month SPECIAL RATE of 2.35% (minimum investment \$500) to you as well as our church organizations to support the LCMS ministry. Please contact Chris Anderson or Susan Short at the CID-CEF (phone: 217-793-1802, email: cef@cidlcms) or visit our website: www.cidlcms.org, for this special interest rate and other recent rate increases for our investment options. Thank you for investing in the future of our LCMS!