

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Sunday, January 6**

Food Pantry Collection  
8am-9am: Worship Service  
9:30am-10:15am: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
10:30am-11:30am: Worship Service

**Monday, January 7**

9am-3pm: World Relief Quilting  
5:30pm-7:30pm: PTL Planning Meeting  
6:30pm-8pm: Women with Mission

**Tuesday, January 8**

6pm-7pm: JV Boys Basketball home vs. Jacksonville Middle School

**Wednesday, January 9**

6:30am-7:30am: Sunrise Bible Study  
8:15am-9:30am: School Chapel  
12pm-3pm: Ladies' Aid Meeting  
4pm-5pm: Public School Catechism  
7pm-8:30pm: Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 10**

9am-2:30pm: Trinity Quilters  
6pm-8:30pm: Girls' Basketball home vs. Zion Litchfield

**Friday, January 11**

End of 2nd Quarter for Trinity School  
Girls' Basketball Varsity at Trinity Davenport Tournament  
8:30am-10am: Circle of Moms

**Saturday, January 12**

Girls' Basketball Varsity at Trinity Davenport Tournament  
10am-1:30pm: Boys' and Girls' Basketball at Bethel Morton  
5:30pm-6:30pm: Worship Service

**TRUSTING IN THE LORD  
CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT:**

Through the month of November 2018  
Months completed: 24  
Months to go: 12  
Pledges made: \$746,518  
Amount received (66%): \$495,833

**Building Fund-Two Years Completed**-With 24 months completed so far on our current building pledge drive, we are so thankful for the many faithful members that have financially supported this project. If you are unsure what you have given on your pledge you can contact the church office and we will be glad to find out this information. With the end of the year fast approaching this may be helpful for tax purposes. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WOMEN WITH MISSION:** WWM will meet on **Mon., Jan. 7** at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Our mission project will be birthday supply bags (bag, cake mix, frosting, pan, oil, etc.) given to the monthly food collection. Our Bible Study will continue with Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply. For more information, contact President Shannon Shannon at 217-819-1832.

**WOOD WORKERS NEEDED:** The Trinity Wood Workers will meet at the Midwest Mission Center on **Thur., Jan. 10**. For more information contact Roger Schlichting at 217-836-2053 or email [raschlichting@comcast.net](mailto:raschlichting@comcast.net)

**CIRCLE OF MOMS:** Circle of Moms will be meeting on the second Friday of each month January through May in 2019. This is a great opportunity to meet other women in our church and school community and to enjoy a time of fellowship while participating in activities and service projects. Mothers and women of all ages are welcome to attend. The first meeting will be held on **Fri., Jan. 11** from 8:30am-10am. Join us as we prepare freezer meals to take home or to share with others. For more information contact Karen Hemenway through email at [marketing@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:marketing@trinity-lutheran.com)

**JUNIOR YOUTH ICE SKATING EVENT:** Now that the New Year is in, it is time again for a fun and exciting Junior Youth event. **Sun., Jan. 13** from 1pm to 3 pm, Youth currently in 7th and 8th grade are invited to come to the Nelson Center to enjoy an afternoon of skating fun! Please RSVP to [mgrillot@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:mgrillot@trinity-lutheran.com) by Jan. 10.

**WHOLE LIFE CHALLENGE 2019:** Did you miss early registration for the Whole Life Challenge? Don't worry! You can still join us if you register today. Once you register, look up our team, *Taking on the New Year at Trinity*. The challenge begins **Jan. 19** so don't wait too long for these 6 weeks of creating habits to help you to use all of the gifts God has given you! For questions, contact Amy Holmes at 217-836-0624 or email at [holmesfam08@icloud.com](mailto:holmesfam08@icloud.com).

**TRINITY MEN'S GROUP UPDATE:** December's Activity-The "Bears/Packers Game" viewing was attended by more than two dozen. While the Bears' fans liked the outcome everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to get together. The next Meeting will be **Sat., Jan. 26** at 8:30am in the Parish Center. We will be hosting a breakfast and bible study. Study will be relevant to the challenges faced by Christian men in today's world. Please bring your appetites and a buddy with you!

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION:** Join us on **Sun., Jan. 27** as we welcome our newest members to Trinity Lutheran Church. A luncheon will follow in the Parish Center immediately following the 10:30am service.

**ANNUAL BANQUET:** Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet is **Sun., Jan. 27**, from 5pm-8pm at Our Savior's Church in Springfield. The evening includes delicious food, music, conversation, and guest speaker Rev Jeff Hemmer, author of "Man Up", speaking on mankind's connection to God's creation. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by contacting the camp office 217-487-7497/[camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) by Jan. 23.

**2019 LUTHERAN HIGH AUCTION:** The 30th Annual Lutheran High Blue Tie and Pearls Auction is on **Sat., Apr. 27, 2019**. The Lutheran High Association Office is now accepting donations.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

### **SUNDAY MORNING HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS:**

*What's YOUR Worldview*, taught by Youth Director Cindy Good in the church library.

### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:**

- *Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper*, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.
- Women's Bible Study: *Think on These*, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room. Philippians 4:8 instructs us to place our minds on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise...join us as we discuss what this means for us in our daily lives.
- *Burning Questions*, taught by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center.

### **TUESDAY SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS:**

The next class begins on Tuesday, **January 15** at 10am in the Parish Center. For more information, please call the church office at 217-787-2323.

### **TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY:**

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible study resumes on **January 8** at the home of Becki Esselman, 848 S.Park. We will decide on our next topic to study. For more information, contact Becki at 217-787-8258.

**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:** "The Birth of Jesus" as recorded in Luke 2 is today's Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family discuss the details of Christ's birth. Ask, "How does our sin cause us to fear God like the shepherds did? Focus on the fact that God's son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

## DECEMBER 2018 MEMORIALS

### **In Memory of Bill Furling:**

Building Fund-Cliff and Lisa Krueger, Adam and Angie Strong

Faith Forward Fund-Cliff and Lisa Krueger

### **In Memory of Harold Sturm:**

Trinity School-Bill and Jan Firth, John and Linda Rodenburg, Barb Tappendorf, Kirk and Mary Dyson, Paul and Shirley Hayden, Gloria Creasey

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.org](mailto:cef@cidlcms.org) or visit the website, [www.cidlcms.org](http://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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Ushers, Greeters, Office Workers, and other positions are needed. Please contact Marcia McNicol at [volunteer@trinity-lutheran.com](mailto:volunteer@trinity-lutheran.com) to help find your area of service.

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are preparing a new six month church custodian schedule. Duties include

- Vacuuming
  - Dusting and straightening pews
  - Dust mopping floors
  - Cleaning windows
  - Other light cleaning of the sanctuary and cry-room areas.
- Volunteers are scheduled to clean once every 9-10 weeks. Cleaning takes 2-3 hours per session. Training is provided. Contact Sara Schlichting at 217-585-0969 or email [schlichts@comcast.net](mailto:schlichts@comcast.net).

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOMEWORK HELP COMING TO EXTENDED CARE:** Homework Help will be coming to Extended Care at the beginning of **January, 2019**. The program will offer "Homework Help" to students of Trinity Lutheran School.

**What is Homework Help?** Homework Help is a quiet place to study, read, or do your homework. An extended care worker will be available to assist with homework.

**When does it begin?** Jan. 7, 2019

**Who is able to participate?** Students must be enrolled in the extended care program to take advantage of this offer.

**Where is it located?** In the cafeteria next to extended care room.

**What is the cost?** This program is free to any student who pays for extended care service. There is no extra fee associated with homework help.

**What days is it offered?** Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45pm (after snack) until 4:30pm.

**Do I have to sign my child up for this service?** Yes. A form is available on the Trinity Lutheran School website: [www.trinity-lutheran.com/homeworkhelp](http://www.trinity-lutheran.com/homeworkhelp).

**What if I sign up and my child has no homework that day?** Your child will still attend and be asked to read quietly or study.

For more information about the Homework Help program, please contact Sara Opperman or Pam Sausaman at Trinity Lutheran School: 217-787-2323.

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:**  
**JANUARY 2019**

**Primary Choir:**

January 27: 8am Service

**Junior Choir:**

January 15: 5:30pm Service

**Trinity Choir:**

January 13: 8am Service

January 20: 10:30am Service

**ATHLETICS**

**BASKETBALL**

TOURNAMENTS HOSTED AT TRINITY:

•Varsity Girls-Fri., Feb. 8, Sat., Feb. 9, and Sun., Feb. 10

•Youth Group, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys-Fri., Feb. 15, Sat., Feb. 16, and Sun., Feb 17

•Greater Springfield Lutheran Athletic Association (GSLAA) 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys-Sat., Feb. 24 and Sun., Feb 25

Volunteers are a key to the success of each tournament. Please consider giving a couple of hours of your time to help with admissions, concessions, or cooking. The girls tourney is a major fund raiser for the Athletic Committee, the sole financer of all Trinity Athletics. The youth tournament helps support our Youth Group in raising funds for attending the Youth Convention. The only fund-raising event for the GSLAA is the tournament. Funds raised are often used to bring in speakers for each of the schools.

**JV and VARSITY BOYS GAMES**

(JV game first unless otherwise indicated)

**Tues., Jan 8:** JV boys home vs. Jacksonville Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> grade-6pm

**Thurs., Jan 10:** Zion Litchfield-6pm and 7pm

**Sat., Jan 12:** Bethel Morton-1pm and 2pm

**JV and VARSITY GIRLS GAMES**

(JV game first unless otherwise indicated)

**Tues., Jan 8:** JV home vs. O.S.-7pm

**Tues., Jan 8:** Varsity at Zion Mt. Pulaski-7pm

**Thurs., Jan 10:** Varsity home vs Zion Litchfield-6pm

**Sat., Jan. 12 and Sun., Jan. 13:** Varsity at Davenport IA Tournament-(Bracket with times will be provided by the coach.)

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**YOUNG AUTHORS:** Students at Trinity have the opportunity to participate in the Young Authors program again this year. This program gives our students the experience of being an author. Each student is encouraged to write an original story or poem book. These works are then judged and local winners are selected. Stories are due on **Thur., Jan. 31**. Please check with your child's teacher as this may be an assignment for some classes. Happy Writing!

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT: APPLICATION REMINDERS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH EMPOWER IL:** Part one of the application will be available at empowerillinois.org on **Jan. 15, 2019** at 7pm. The application is a two-part process:

Part one is a brief reservation form which will timestamp applications.

Families can access part two of the application on **Jan. 18, 2019** through their new portal on empowerXchange.

Families are encouraged to complete part two before **Jan. 28, 2019**.

Parents help line: 309-416-0741 or email

scholars@empowerillinois.org

**HOT LUNCH MENU**

**Monday, January 7**

Chicken Quesadilla, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk

**Tuesday, January 8**

Ravioli, Green Beans, Garlic Stick, Fruit, Milk

**Wednesday, January 9**

Walking Taco, Corn, Fruit, Milk

**Thursday, January 10**

Ham/Cheese, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

**Friday, January 11**

Chicken Nuggets, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk