

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 17

8:00am-9:00am: Worship Service-Communion
9:30am-10:15am: Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
10:30am-11:30am: Worship Service
3:00pm-4:30pm: Capital Clovers 4H Club

Monday, March 18

9:00am-3:00pm: World Relief Quilting

Tuesday, March 19

10:00am-11:00am: Seniors' Bible Study

Wednesday, March 20

6:30am-7:30am: Sunrise Bible Study
8:15am-9:30am: School Chapel
11:30am-12:00pm: Special Right to Life Service
4:00pm-5:00pm: Public School Catechism
5:30pm: Lenten Meal
6:30pm-7:30pm: Mid-week Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 21

9:00am-2:30pm: Trinity Quilters

Friday, March 22

6:30pm-8:30pm: Trinity Trivia Night

Saturday, March 23

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Wed., Mar 20, 6:30pm Lenten Service-School
5:30pm Dinner: Quilters (Pizza, Salad and Dessert)
- Wed., Mar 27, 6:30pm Lenten Service-School
5:30pm Dinner: Women with Mission
- Wed., Apr 3, 6:30pm Lenten Service-School
5:30pm Dinner: Trinity Men's Group
- Wed., Apr 10, 6:30pm Lenten Service-School
5:30pm Dinner: Trinity Teachers (Sloppy Joes, Carrots, Chips, and Cookies)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sun., Apr 14, 8:00am and 10:30am Palm Sunday Services (Confirmation at 10:30am)-Church
- Thurs., Apr 18, 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service-Church
- Fri., Apr 19 1:10pm Good Friday Service-Church
- Fri., Apr 19, 7:00pm Tenebrae Service-Church
- Sat., Apr 20 5:30pm Holy Saturday Service-School
- Sun., April 21, 6:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am Easter Sunday Service
Church Breakfast at School 8:00am-11:00am

UPCOMING EVENTS

LENTEN SEASON CONTINUES WITH SERVICES AT THE SCHOOL: On Ash Wednesday, the Church began a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lenten season for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and celebrate this wonderful gift in truth and sincerity. The season continues with weekly Lenten services at the school, preceded by a Lenten dinner at 5:30pm.

TRINITY TRIVIA NIGHT: The 8th grade class will be hosting a trivia night on **Fri., Mar. 22**, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall to help fund the upcoming 8th grade class trip. If you are interested in reserving a table, please contact the school office.

SPRINGFIELD PREGNANCY CENTER: In Celebration of 40 years of service, the Pregnancy Care Center will hold its Annual Spring Luncheon on **Mon., Apr. 8**, from 10:30am-1:00pm at the Northfield Center. This fun spring event includes lunch, a silent auction, a bake sale, a raffle and musical entertainment by "On Occasion," A Quartet from Sound Celebration Chorus. Lunch will be served at noon. Seats are \$30 and reservations are required. To reserve a seat can call the Center at 217-525-5630.

30TH ANNUAL LUTHERAN HIGH BLUE TIE AND PEARLS AUCTION: The Lutheran High Association Office is now accepting donations for the **Sat., Apr. 27**, annual auction at Northfield Center. We hope you plan to join us at this fun event. Doors open and silent auction begins at 5:00pm, with dinner at 6:45pm. The live auction begins at 8pm. Reservations are first come, first serve. DUE to limited seating, you must RSVP with payment. Tickets: \$60 before **Mon., Mar. 11**; \$70 after **Tues., Mar. 12**.

RELIEF FUND: Over the years, many individuals and families have received much needed assistance through Trinity's Relief Fund. Thank you for your generous and many gifts to make this possible. However, a special collection for the Relief Fund has not occurred since 2016. As a result, the Relief Fund is seriously depleted. We're asking for your prayerful assistance at this time. Please make out your check to Trinity Lutheran, noting "Relief Fund" in the memo line. Please deposit those offerings in the collection plate. Including your envelope number on the memo line would be most helpful. An option to contribute via e-giving is also available.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Contribution Statements for 2018 have been mailed out and delivered. If you have not received your statement, please contact the church office at 217-787-2323.

EASTER LILIES: Help us celebrate our Lord's glorious resurrection by ordering Easter lilies for the sanctuary. Lilies are \$12 and may be ordered by contacting Judy Fliege at 217-787-9011 or judy.fliege@gmail.com. Ordering deadline is April 3rd. The lilies will be yours to keep after the Easter services.

HELPING HANDS SHELTER: The meal dates scheduled for the remainder of 2019 are: **Apr. 1, May 31, July 1, Aug. 30 and Nov. 4**. If you or your group are interested in participating with this project, please call Byron Welt at 217-803-0107. A meal will cost in the range of \$160-\$180. If you wish to help with funding, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, memo line "Helping Hands".

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today in Sunday School, we will learn about Jesus teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus under the cover of night. Since the fall into sin, all born spiritually blind, sinful and unclean. We, like Nicodemus, cannot see our sin or understand who Jesus truly is for us. As children of God, born of water and the Spirit, we can see our sinfulness and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Parents, discuss with your children, "How did Baptism change you? What does Baptism do?"

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:

●**Women's Bible Study:** Join us for Women's bible study on Sunday mornings. Women of all ages are welcome to participate in the discussion! We will be using *He Restores My Soul: Writings on Cross and Comfort* edited by Katie Schuermann (Sherman, IL). There are signed copies available for purchase for \$15 from either Amy Holmes or Karen Hemenway. This study will show us how to find Christ in dire situations many women find themselves in on a daily basis. Topics will include miscarriage, abortion, same sex attraction, terminal illness, and depression. We will equip ourselves with the tools needed to show the grace of Christ where it is needed most. Class is led by Amy Holmes and Karen Hemenway and meets in the Extended Care Room.

●**The Christian's Mission:** This is a nine-week Sunday morning Bible class taught by Dr. Ken Schurb in the science lab. Orientation will be on **Sun., Feb. 17**, first session on **Feb. 24**. This course examines the mission that the Lord has given to Christians as members of His church, first receiving from Him in Word and Sacrament and then responding in love and service. Among other things, this class can make for catechetical review, with application to mission. The study will utilize weekly worksheets and *Issues*, etc. companion audio, so class time will maximize discussion.

●**Lord's Supper Bible Study:** Pastor Holmes will resume last winter's Lord's Supper Bible Study in the Eighth Grade Classroom.

●**How to Read the Bible:** Have you ever tried to read the Bible but found yourself confused about where to start and how it's done? Or maybe you tried once and found yourself so frustrated, baffled or even angry that you just stopped? It doesn't have to be that way! Join us for **How to Read the Bible**. This new two week class on Sunday mornings is designed to give the necessary tools to stay in the Word of God and help you better understand what He says to us in it. This class runs **Mar. 10** through **Mar. 17** and is led by Pastor Hemenway and will meet in the Parish Hall

●**Conquering the Sins We Love:** Falling for temptation isn't inevitable. We don't have to lose the fight. In fact, we can win if we understand the root of the problem and what Christians have done from the beginning to beat them. In this class, we will study the parts of God's Word that reveal the time-tested methods for getting victory over sin. The sins we will discuss are not what most would consider to be the "biggies," like infidelity or theft. Instead, we will focus on the everyday temptations that all of us fall prey to, including desire, anxiety, procrastination, media, pride and laziness. This class will be led by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Hall, at the conclusion of **How to Read the Bible**.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will meet in March at Vickie Douglas' home, 1204 Interlacken (near Our Savior's). We will continue our study of *Proverbs*. On March 26, we will meet at Debbie Rodenburg's home, 3908 Marigold. For more information, please call 698-8554.

TUESDAY SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS: Class begins at 10:00am in the Parish Center. For more information, please call the church office at 217-787-2323.

SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY (Wednesday): 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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

EASTER OFFERINGS AND E-GIVING: During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services! Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions. Trinity is certainly blessed by your stewardship. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program as a convenient option to support our mission of "Sharing Christ, Meeting Needs". Electronic giving is a way to automate your giving and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan or make the one-time donation. Visit Trinity's Giving page at <http://www.trinity-lutheran.com/giving/to> learn about our online, mobile app, and text giving options.

ALTAR FLOWER OPPORTUNITY: Providing flowers can be a wonderful opportunity to commemorate a special event or loved one, as well as reminding us of the beauty of God's creation and the life we have obtained through Christ. Plenty of dates are still available for the opportunity to donate altar flowers: **July 14, 21, 28; Sept. 8; Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 22.** *Flower charts* for signing up for this great opportunity are available in the Parish Center lobby or in the narthex of the church building. The price in order to purchase the flowers is \$40 plus tax – or for a more elaborate arrangement \$50 plus tax. A reminder with the steps for ordering the flowers will be sent to you when the date you have graciously selected gets near. Plus, you will have the opportunity to take the flowers following the 5:30pm or 10:30am service to decorate your own home. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janie Rast at 217-585-0571 or Susan Schultz at 217-483-5225.

LWML CID MISSION GRANTS UPDATE: The LWML CID has funded \$55,000 in mission grants so far this fiscal year. Student aid for church workers received \$30,000; improvements to the Camp CILCA kitchen and Christian Growth Center received \$15,000; the Seminary Food Banks at Ft. Wayne and St. Louis have received \$10,000 (\$5,000 each). Those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters do add up. There is, however, another \$16,250 in grants that still need funding before the fiscal year ends on March 31. Camp CILCA's removing barriers to make the camp more handicapped accessible is still awaiting funding of \$12,000; Deaconess Kim Buelmann's ministry as a Refugee Outreach Facilitator is waiting for partial funding of \$4,250. New mission grants will be voted on at the District Convention in Danville on April 27th. Will Camp CILCA and Deaconess Buelmann be funded? Which projects will be funded for the 2019-2020 FY? Stay tuned for updates.

TOGETHER IN MISSION: As a congregation we recently made a donation of \$1,500.00 to Central Illinois District (CID) Missions. CID Missions provides major financial support to 4 campus ministries (U of I, ISU, EIU, WIU) deaf ministry, the only District deaf ministry of its kind in the Synod, two ministries conducting outreach in Spanish, two pastors doing prison ministry, and an emerging urban ministry prospect on the south side of Peoria. Pastor Ken Schurb reported to the District convention last year that, "The District cannot continue doing precisely what we have been doing. We cannot financially afford all these current endeavors. Bluntly, without a substantial increase in income, reconfiguration seems unavoidable. Somewhere or other, activity will be curtailed. Since missions comprise so much of District activity, missions will end up curtailed." We have posted the most recent copy of Central Illinois District newsletter "The Gate Post" at the Church and School or you can read it on-line at cidlcms.org/gatepost. Please prayerfully consider supporting this very important mission by using your 'Together in Mission' contribution envelope!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

Special Prayer Service: Anyone attending the Pro-Life Rally and Lobby Day at the state capitol in Springfield on **Wed., Mar. 20** might be interested in a Prayer Service at Trinity Lutheran Church from 11:30am until noon on that day. CID President Mark Miller will preach. Trinity's church building will be open for prayer before and after the service, from 11:00am to 1:30pm on **Mar. 20**.

Trinity Men's Group: Will hold a Bible Study and breakfast on **Sat., Apr. 13** at the school campus Parish Hall. Men of Trinity bring your Bibles, an appetite and a friend.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

MARCH 2019

Preschool/Kindergarten

March 23: 5:30pm Service

Primary Choir

March 17: 10:30am Service

March 27: 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service

Junior Choir

March 16: 5:30pm Service

March 20: 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service

Trinity Choir

March 10: 10:30am Service

March 13: 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service

March 31: 8:00am Service

Adult Choir

March 10: 8:00am Service

March 24: 8:00am Service

March 31: 10:30am Service

TRUSTING IN THE LORD CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT:

Through the month of February 2019

Months completed: 27

Months to go: 9

Pledges made: \$746,518

Amount received (80%): \$603,307

REBATE: Staying current with our mortgage payments last year, we were able to receive a \$19,258 interest rebate from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund. This was applied back toward the principal on our construction loan. The Church Extension Fund was able to offer this rebate for the last eleven years to congregations with mortgages from CEF due to good management on their part and the faithful payment on those loans. Please continue to support our District's Church Extension Fund when you are looking to invest. You not only get a good return on your money, but you are helping to expand ministries in our District.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

217-787-2323 is the primary phone number for *both* the church and the school. We all have times that tragedy can happen and a pastor needs to be contacted immediately. The emergency phone number is intended for emergencies such as a death, serious accident/injury. When you call the emergency phone 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.

Emergency Phone Number: 217-522-8151.

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESCHOOL SPRING SHOW: The Preschool is seeking someone to help run the music for our Spring Show on **Apr. 12**. We will be practicing the week of **Apr. 1 and Apr. 8**. Practice times will be in the morning. Please contact Rebecca Login in the Preschool for more information at 217-787-2323 or preschool@trinity-lutheran.com.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING BREAK: The School office will be closed for Spring Break **Apr. 1 thru Apr. 5**.

MATH BOWL: Congratulations to the following students who represented Trinity in the Math Bowl competition at Lutheran High School. We are proud of you! Grade 5 took 2nd place: Avery K., Caleb C., Tia H., and Ashlyn B. Grade 6 took 1st place: Cybelle G., Cameron C., Violet F., Aiden R., and Greenlee D. Grade 7 took 2nd place: Rylan R. Grade 8 took 2nd place: Chalen G., Elijah K., and Makenna C.

TO THE WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS: Mrs. Sausaman's 8th grade math class would like to thank the World Relief Quilters for welcoming us into their group. The 8th grade learned how to sew, tie, and bind the quilts. Most importantly, they were able to develop a relationship with these lovely ladies. This project encompassed all the *Elements of Success*. Thank you again for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful group in furthering God's Kingdom.

HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, March 18:

Mr. Rib, Sweet Potato Stick, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, March 19:

Pizza Stick, Corn, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, March 20:

Burrito Chili, Cheese, Salad, Peas, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, March 21:

Grilled Chicken, Patty w/ Bun, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk

Friday, March 22:

1:30 Dismissal: Tuna Salad w/ peas, Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk.

ATHLETICS

TRACK: Basketball is about over with spring just around the corner, which means it's time for Track Season to begin. Coach Eric Budde is excited about the upcoming season and looks forward to building on the successes the participants had last year. We highly encourage Student Athletes in grades 4-8 to come out for the Team. You never know what hidden talent you have unless you give it a try. Go to: <https://band.us/n/a3afz724qfa3S> for the Trinity Track Band App. Coach Budde will be using this to update you on practice times, any cancellations, or changes due to weather.

Below are the dates for this year's meets. All are held on Saturdays- except the LSA State Meet which occurs on Sat./Sun. **May 18/19**.

- Mar 30:** St. John's Champaign at the U. of I. Armory on the Campus of the University of Illinois
- Apr 13:** Good Shepherd Collinsville at the Collinsville H.S.
- Apr 27:** Bethel Morton at Bethel H.S.
- May 4:** CID Meet Hosted by Trinity Bloomington at Heyworth H.S.
- May 11:** Trinity Bloomington "last opportunity to qualify" Meet at Olympia H.S.
- May 18/19:** LSA State Meet at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL

LUTHERAN HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUTHERAN HIGH MUSIC CONTEST: We congratulate all the young musicians who represented Trinity at the Lutheran High Music Contest last **Sun., Mar., 10**. We are very pleased to report that all of our students earned a rating of Superior. First Place Honors: Piano – Violet F., Matt H., Callum M., Cylas M. Violin – Cora B., Jack H. Trumpet – Violet F. Horn – Violet F. Flute – Hannah B., MaLaya M. Clarinet – Avery B., Greenlee D., Cybelle G., Allyson W. Sax – Reagan M., Grant S. Percussion – Jozsef M., Blake S. Woodwind Duet – Greenlee D., Reagan M.

6TH GRADE DAY: All 6th grade students are cordially invited to 6th Grade Day, **Fri., Mar 22**. Students will attend mini-classes from 9-11:30 with a spaghetti lunch in our cafeteria until noon. If students are able to stay for the afternoon, our drama department will put on a dress rehearsal of its production *Nice Work: If You Can Get It*.

STUDENT REGISTRATION: Thinking of registering your student at Lutheran High School for the 2019-2020 school year? Now is the time! Please contact our Administration Coordinator, Kim Wilson, at 217-546-6363 ext 138 or k.wilson@spiluhi.org to learn how your family can become part of LuHi's 40th year of leading from generation to generation!

To submit an announcement, please visit trinity-lutheran.com/submission.

The deadline for the next bulletin is Tuesday, March 19, at 6am.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT UPDATE

Opening Thoughts: In preparation for the Bible Bowl this month, re-read the account about Lot in Sodom. Bible-believing Christians in Illinois are living in his shoes. Our government insists on promoting what God calls crimes: killing babies in the womb, homosexuality, lawlessness in general. Our state mandates the teaching of lies: that God did not create you, that people can change their sex, that gambling is good. What are we doing to help God call our neighbors "out of the darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9)? Must God send angels to drag us out of sinful entanglements? May He be so gracious to us! May God prevent us from becoming accustomed to evil! May God lead us to repentance this Lent, and, for the sake of Christ's atoning death, may He forgive us, renew us, and lead us to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name! - *Pastor Mark Eddy*

Prayers for CID Missions: *Pray for Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District...* "Finally brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..." In your prayers, please remember to thank God for Pastor Doug Evenson, Vicar Gino Marchetti, and Maria Guijosa at St. John's Lutheran Church, Beardstown. The Lord is using them to bless this congregation's continuing Latino outreach.

LCMS Youth Gathering Information: Adult leaders can email questions to cindyg@gmail.com. Be sure to request to join our Facebook group "CID Lutheran Youth". This page is a great resource to ask questions and communicate with other adult leaders in our area!

National Youth Gathering Key Planning Dates

May 1, 2019 - Registration Closes

July 11, 2019 - National Youth Gathering Begins

CID Event at the Youth Gathering: Timber! Join the fun and fellowship at the Minnesota Lumberjack Experience with the CID on **Fri., Jul. 12**. The event will be from 4:30pm-6:00pm at Concordia St. Paul's campus at Sea Foam Stadium, located at 281 Hamline Ave N, St Paul, MN. Dinner will be provided! If you would like to register your group, please complete the online form below. You can also download the PDF version:

https://cidyouth.weebly.com/uploads/6/3/9/1/6391788/2019_central_illinois_district_event.pdf. During the event, wear your CID T-shirts! There are 3 packages to choose from for your group:

#1 - T-Shirt Only = \$10 per participant

#2 - Lumberjack Experience ONLY = \$40 per participant

#3 (BEST DEAL) - Both T-shirt and Lumberjack = \$45 per participant

Prayer Service for the Pro-Life Rally and Lobby Day:

Mar. 20: Anyone attending the "Pro-Life Rally and Lobby Day" at the state capitol in Springfield on Wednesday, March 20 might be interested in a Prayer Service at Trinity Lutheran Church **11:30pm-noon** on that day. President Mark Miller will be preaching at the Prayer Service. The church building will also be open during the day for prayer.

Mission Stories: Each month we will be emailing each congregation mission stories from a number of our mission stations within our District. Read about the blessings of each of these mission stories. These stories will also be available on our CID website:

www.cidlcms.org

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®: Granting funding through Thrivent Financial Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let your Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available are asked to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Help support the Central Illinois District - Springfield, IL. <http://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/> to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. If you're eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars available to direct, please keep us in mind.

The CID Lutheran Layman's League 2019 Annual Convention Saturday, March 30 - Lutheran Church of St John, Quincy: Adults \$7.50 (Children & Students Free) make checks payable to: Central IL LLL District. RETURN REGISTRATION TO: Bob Kassel 20 Fairlane Drive, Altamont, IL 62411 (Include the number of individual attending). Go to (www.cidlcms.org) upcoming events for additional information and registration forms. Contact Rev. Kendall Meyer at 515-306-9479 if you have questions or need hotel information. Dr. Tony Cook's, VP of Lutheran Hour Ministries - Global Ministries presentation will highlight findings of the Barna Group study on Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age. Attendees will discover ways to apply these findings in sharing their faith.

Being the Shepherd's Hands: Sat., May 4, 10:00am-Noon, Deaconess Rachel Jaseph of Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. will speak at Wittenberg Student Center, Normal, IL, about the work done by this urban congregation in developing an outreach center, especially a two-pronged initiative to provide nutrition and after-school tutoring for neighborhood children. Her experience can be especially helpful for city or larger town churches that do not operate elementary schools at their sites.

Student Center Anniversary: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb, is announcing a 50th anniversary celebration of the completion of CID's student center and chapel for Western Illinois University. There will be a service at the student center at 2:00pm on **Sun., Mar. 31**.

Dr. Dale Meyer President of Concordia Seminary, will be the guest preacher.

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