

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 24

8:00am-9:00am: Worship Service-Communion
9:30am-10:15am: Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
10:30am-11:30am: Worship Service

Monday, March 25

9:00am-3:00pm: World Relief Quilting
5:30pm-7:00pm: Board of Christian Day School Meeting
6:00pm-7:00pm: Family Home Life Team
7:00pm-8:00pm: Sunday School Teachers
7:00pm-9:00pm: Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, March 26

10:00am-11:00am: Seniors' Bible Study
7:00pm-8:00pm: Confirmation Exam Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

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 28

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

Friday, March 29

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, March 30

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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., Apr. 21, 6:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am Easter Sunday Service-Easter 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.

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: \$70.

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.

WOMEN WITH MISSION: Will meet on **Mon., Apr., 1** at 6:30pm at the school location. We will continue our Bible Study on *Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply*. Our April mission project will be donations of pet food. Our business meeting will include discussion about the upcoming LWML CID convention in Danville on **Apr., 27**. For more information, contact Shannon Shannon at 271-819-1832 or Becki Esselman at 217-787-8258.

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".

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today in Sunday School, lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus give the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, "Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the fount of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."

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 on **Mar. 31** last winter's Lord's Supper Bible Study in the Eighth Grade Classroom.

●**Seasons of the Church Year:** In our daily lives we keep track of our activities and special events with a calendar. The church throughout the centuries has also "kept track" of days and seasons and commemorating special occasions with a calendar. The Christian church follows the example set in the Old Testament of structuring year around the marvelous acts of salvation that God completed for us in his Son, Christ. This "structure the Church Year" is organized into three sections: Sundays and seasons, feasts and fests and festivals and commemorations. The seasons of the church year are marked by certain liturgical colors. This class will explain these traditions and what they mean to our worship. Led by Pastor Holmes in the Parish Hall (**Mar. 31** only)

●**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 begin **Mar. 31** and will be led by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Hall.

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. Several of dates are still available for the opportunity to donate altar flowers. *Flower charts* sign up for this great opportunity are available in the Parish Center lobby or in the narthex of the church building or at www.trinity.lutheran.com/flowers. The price 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. 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.

THE TRINITY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: Is sponsoring a water stop at the Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon on **Sat., Apr. 6**. Any Trinity Lutheran Church members and/or Trinity Lutheran School students are welcome to join us. This is a great way to grab a "front row seat" for this premier running event in Springfield. Our water stop will be located in Washington Park at the Lincoln/Williams Blvd. intersection.

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.

HOT LUNCH MENU**Monday, March 25:**

Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, March 26:

French Toast Stick, Sausage Links, Hash Browns, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, March 27:

Nachos, Cheese Sauce, Corn, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, March 28:

Hamburger w/ Bun, Oven Fries, Fruit, Milk

Friday, March 29:

Bosco Stick, Sauce, Peas, Fruit, Milk.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WINTER BOOTS AND SNOW PANTS: Thank you to those who donated boots and snow pants last fall to the Second Grade "Boot"ique to support our letter writing to soldiers. It appears that winter has finally left us (we hope). So, before packing up your child's boots and snow pants, check and see if they outgrew them. If so, consider donating them to next year's sale. There will be blue collection bins in front of the school office and by the Parish Center for the next few weeks. Thanks! Mrs. Rodgers

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MUSIC CONTEST: Congratulations to the members of the Trinity Band who represented Trinity in the prestigious Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Music Contest held in Jacksonville last Saturday. Five students performed in eight events. We are pleased to report that all students earned First Place Honors. Violet F – trumpet, horn, piano, Greenlee D – clarinet, WW duet Reagan M – sax, WW duet Cybelle G – clarinet, Avery B – clarinet.

ILLINOIS LUTHERAN HONOR BAND: Congratulations to three Trinity Band Students who earned a place on the 16th Annual Illinois Lutheran Honor band held at SIUE last **Fri., March 15.** Hannah, MaLaya, and Allyson were selected to join in collaboration with about 80 top band students from Lutheran Schools throughout the state in day long rehearsals and final concert led by Professor Darryl Coan, Professor of Music and Director of the SIUE World Music Ensemble.

LUTHERAN HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!