

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, May 12

8:00am-9:00am: Worship Service
9:30am-10:15am: Sunday School
10:30am-11:30am: Worship Service – Communion

Monday, May 13

6:30pm-8:30pm: Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 14

10:00am-11:00am: Seniors' Bible Study
6:30pm-8:00pm: School Academic Awards

Wednesday, May 15

6:30am-7:30am: Sunrise Bible Study
7:30am-5:00pm: Confirmation Class Trip to Concordia Seminary
8:15am-9:30am: School Chapel

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

1:00pm-3:00pm: Junior Youth Open Gym
5:30-6:30pm: Worship Service

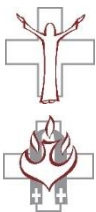
TRUSTING IN THE LORD

CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT – BLDG. FUND:

Thru the month of	April 2019
Months completed	29
Months to go	7
Pledges made	\$746,518
Amount received (82%)	\$634,543

UPDATE - With 29 months completed so far on our current building pledge drive, we want to again thank the many faithful members that have financially supported the addition at the church and renovations at the school. As you can see 85% of our pledges have been received so far. We have borrowed \$2.2 million dollars and now have a monthly mortgage payment of \$17,500. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR



Thursday, May 30

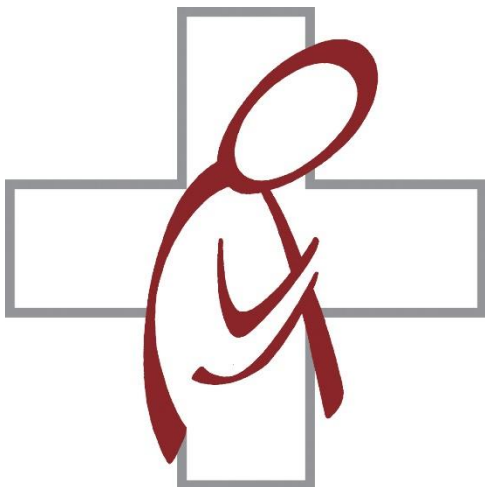
6:30pm: Ascension Service

Saturday, June 8

5:30pm: Pentecost Services

Sunday, June 9

8 am and 10:30am: Pentecost Service



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS



THANK YOU TO MOHN CUSTOM INTERIORS: We would like to thank to our school campus neighbor, Mohn Custom Interiors, for offering the use of their parking lot during last week's Trinity Carnival! Mohn Custom Interiors has been serving Springfield and surrounding communities with quality and excellent design services since 1968. If you are looking for interior design, residential or commercial consultation, upholstery services, or window treatments including draperies and Hunter Douglas window fashions, we encourage you to stop in and visit their store at the SW corner of MacArthur and Edwards, or visit them online at mohninteriors.com.

THANK YOU TO AREA CHURCHES FOR CARNIVAL PARKING: Thanks also to Douglas Avenue Methodist Church and Temple Israel for so graciously sharing their parking lots Tuesday and Wednesday for teacher parking and Wednesday night for the carnival.



SPECIAL THANKS TO BRIAN DUST AND BSI for donating prizes to the carnival and making it such a fun and successful event!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS: We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make the first annual Trinity Carnival fundraiser a huge success! Many church and school families, as well as a large number of community members, came out for the event and enjoyed the carnival rides and food, games and prizes and *Chick-fil-A* sandwiches. Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who worked to make this event a reality!

VIRTUOSO ORGANIST DALE T. ROGERS: Will lead a pilgrimage through the Specification Suite Library of the St. Paul's Cathedral at 815 S 2nd St, Allen RL-66 Organ, **Sun., May 12**, at 3:00pm. Free and open to the public. A reception follows the program.

MEET ALYSSA ANDERS, MISSIONARY TO RUSSIA: Trinity Lutheran Church in Taylorville invites you to meet Alyssa Anders, a missionary who is teaching English in St. Petersburg, Russia, at 6:30pm. **Sun., May 19.** A catered meal (\$10/person) will be served. Please RSVP by **May 13**, to the church at 217-824-8148 or Judy Jacobs at 217-825-3310. As all missionaries are required to obtain their own funds for their work, we will accept any donations for Alyssa at the program.

UPCOMING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DAY: The Board of Property Management is in need of volunteers to assist with cleaning out the bus barn **Sat., Jun. 1**, beginning at 8:30am. If you are able to help please contact Adam Booher at 217-741-5616 or John Boehme at 217-414-0915 so we know how many people to expect. Lunch will be provided, and work should conclude no later than early afternoon. Please bring your own work gloves. Any needed tools will be provided. If you can only come for a couple hours or the whole time your help will be appreciated.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED: The spring Sunday School quarter ends on Sun., May 26 and the summer quarter begins **Sun., June 2**, and we need teachers to work with the children in our Sunday School.. Once again this summer we look forward to members of our congregation taking turns sharing their faith with our children in the setting of Trinity's Sunday School. There are many Sundays available from which you may choose. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve and let us know which date you prefer to be our "Guest" teacher between June 2nd and August 25th. May God bless your service. (contact Sharon Croxton at scroxton@gmail.com or 217-899-4084)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today in Sunday School students study the story, "Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter." Just as Jesus by word and touch raised the dead girl to life, so by His Word and Sacraments, He kills and buries death and raises us to eternal life. Questions for discussion include, "How did Jesus heal this little girl?" "How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?"

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.

●**Lord's Supper Bible Study:** Last winter's Lord's Supper Bible Study continues in the Eighth Grade Classroom led by Pastor Holmes.

●**Conquering the Sins We Love:** Giving into 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 pride, desire, anxiety, procrastination, media, and laziness. This class will be led by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY will meet on May 14 at the home of Cathy Von De Bur, 65 Cinnamon Creek. Please call 487.7846 for directions. We will meet on May 21 at the home of Chris Milbrandt, 1201 S. Walnut. We will meet at Morning Star Café on May 28 for our year-end luncheon. For more information, contact Mary Denham at 546.8387.

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): Class begins in the school library at 6:30am. For more information, please contact Bill Rast at 217-585-0571.

CHOIR SCHEDULE: May 2019

Kindergarten

May 19: 10:30 Service

Primary Choir

No scheduled services

Junior Choir

May 12: 8:00am Service

Trinity Choir

May 19: 8:00am Service

Adult Choir

May 26: 8:00am Service

May 30: 6:30pm Service

PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT AN ATTENDANCE CARD: We are currently only receiving about 80% of attendees' cards, so we are unable to create an accurate accounting of member participation in worship services. Please help us improve our ministry and reporting by filling out an attendance card each time you attend a worship service. Pass completed cards to the center aisle for collection by the ushers. Thank you!

HELPING HANDS SHELTER: The meal dates scheduled for the remainder of 2019 are: **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"

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOT LUNCH MENU

This week, students in these classes selected the menus:

Monday, May 13: Red room: Bosco stick, Meat Sauce, Broccoli Mix, Apples, Milk

Tuesday, May 14: Third Grade: Ravioli, Garlic Stick, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday, May 15: Kindergarten: Mini Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Oranges, Milk

Thursday, May 16: First Grade: Hot Dogs, Corn, Grapes, Milk

Friday, May 17: Second Grade: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Jello, Fruit, Milk

SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE SURVEY: Trinity's Board of Christian Day School is in the process of evaluating the school's dress code. If you are the parent of a current Trinity Lutheran School students, please visit trinity-lutheran.com/uniformsurvey to share your opinions on this topic.

ART FAIR: The Art Fair will be on display in the Parish Hallway from **Apr. 29** until **May 15.** We have some talented students! The judges will award ribbons after **May 4** to students in Grades 5-8. Best of the show will be announced at Awards Night, on **May 14.** All are welcome!

Art Fair 2018-2019 Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons in the Art Fair. (Grades 5-8 only were judged.) Please note Best of Show will be awarded at Awards night on the 14th.

First Place Ribbons

Tia H.	Reaghan M.
Caleb C.	Sienna S.
Natalie D.	Ellissa W.
Malaya M.	Makenna C.
Brennan F.	

Second Place Ribbons

Brayden D.	Cybelle G.
Avery K.	Blake S.
Anna B.	Aiden R.
Rylan R.	Alexis K.
Violet F.	Peter D.

Third Place Ribbons

Avery K.	Jordyn W.
Tia H.	Gabbie R.
Elliott P.	Beau G.

Honorable Mention

Joey K.	Jayceline R.
Tucker C.	Ella M.
Ashlyn B.	Wyatt P.
Camden A.	Abby O.
Kaden M.	Autumn B.

BEST of SHOW

Three students will be given the Best of Show awards on **Tues., May 14.**

AWARDS NIGHT: Academic Awards Night will be held in the Trinity Parish Hall on **May 14** at 6:30pm. This is a special night to recognize the academic achievements of our students in grades 4-8. Please dress appropriately for this event Chapel/Church attire. We are very blessed to have so many gifted students at Trinity Lutheran School.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS, CON'T.

RE-ENROLLMENT: Current Trinity School families wishing to re-enroll for the 2019-2020 school year should return completed forms along with the re-enrollment fee to the school office. A free Trinity t-shirt featuring a new design created especially for enrollment season will be given to each student re-enrolling for the upcoming school year!

SCHOOL STORE: Promoting the *Eight Elements of Success*, the School Store has been very positive in promoting the *Elements of Success* for Trinity Lutheran School this year. The 8th grade class has taken charge with the assistance of Mrs. Sausaman in managing the store. The School Store will be open **May 13-17** for the last time this school year. Our inventory is running low, and we are seeking monetary donations to purchase gift cards and other items. If you feel so inclined to donate please mark the School Store on the envelope and bring to the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sausman.

FOURTH QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS AND COIN

DRIVE: For the Fourth Quarter, Trinity School's chapel offerings will go to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Arlington, Nebraska. Many church families and people in the surrounding community suffered significant damage due to the recent flooding. Also, the Church had some damage to thirty historic pews that they were restoring offsite. In addition to this, Trinity School will have a coin drive **May 13-17** to assist as well.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TRIP TO CONCORDIA SEMINARY:

The confirmation class will travel to St. Louis to visit Concordia Seminary, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church (Soulard), and the Concordia Cemetery on **Wed., May 15**, leaving Springfield at 7:30am and returning at 5pm. Detailed itineraries were sent home with students and e-mailed to parents.

RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS BY MON., MAY 20! All library books checked out from the school library are to be returned by **Mon., May 20**. Please check with Mrs. Denham on any Wednesday if you have any outstanding books. Failure to return library books could result in report cards being held back. Thanks!

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION: Trinity Preschool will celebrate the accomplishments and growth of our preschool students on **Wed., May 22**, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

PRIMARY TRACK MEET: Trinity's annual Primary Track Meet will take place on **Thurs., May 23**. This event includes all students in grades 1-4 and provides a chance for some end-of-the-school-year, outdoor fun. The students will compete in events ranging from sprints and sack races to an obstacle course and ball throws! Students should plan to wear their Spring Musical t-shirt on this day to help staff members and volunteers identify kids by grade.

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION: Trinity will celebrate a fantastic year in Kindergarten on **Fri., May 24**, 9:30am-10:30am in the Parish Hall. Parents, family and friends of our Kindergarten class are invited to attend!

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

TRACK: Congratulations to the following Members of the Team who qualified for State at the CID Meet on **Sat. May 4:**

- MaLaya Malley – Girls Shot Put;
- Elijah Klug – Boys 800M (Time was a new School Record, CONGRATULATIONS ELIJAH);
- Jaycee Russell, Reagan Madura, Greenlee Dust & Ella Mauer Girls 4 x 100M Relay;
- Jeremy Daniel, Joseph McIntire, Caden Meredith & Elijah Klug – Boys 4 x 400M Relay.

Members who have already qualified are:

- Ella Mauer – Girls 200M;
- Elly Clark - Girls Shot Put & Discus.

There are others very close to qualifying for State who will have their last opportunity at the Trinity Bloomington "Last Chance to Qualify" Meet **Sat. May 11**, at the Olympia H.S. Track, GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!! To see Pictures from meets, schedule for practices and meets dates/times along with other information sign-up for the Track Band App at; <https://band.us/n/a3afz724qfa3S>.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR STATE QUALIFIERS (Changes/Additions will be sent out via BAND)

- **Mon May 13** 3:15-4:45 at Trinity
- **Wed May 15** 5-6:30 at SHG Track (Could start a little later due to Confirmation Trip to St. Louis)

MEETS

- **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

SOFTBALL

Trinity is entering our 2nd year of a Co-Op with Calvary Academy for Jr. High Girls Softball, grades 6-8. LuHigh and Calvary also Co-op in Softball and Mr. Jeff Bodine of Trinity is an Asst. Coach with the Jr. High Team. More information will be forthcoming for those interested.

ATHLETIC BANQUET: All Trinity athletes and their families are invited to join us on **Tues., May 21**, 5:30pm-7:00pm to celebrate the fun times and the accomplishments of our athletic teams throughout the year. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. More information, including RSVP instructions, will be made available in the coming weeks.



LUTHERAN HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACCALAUREATE: **Sun., May 19**, at 2:00pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2645 Old Jacksonville Rd.

CULVER'S NIGHT FOR LUHI GIRLS SOCCER: Come to Culver's on Wabash, **Mon., May 20**, 5-8 to support your Lutheran High girls soccer team. A percentage of the sale goes back to girls soccer. Increase your donation to the school by purchasing a *Shoppers Blessing* Culver's card! Thanks for your support and see you there!

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATION: Will be held on **Sat., May 25**, at 12:30pm at Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Rd.

LUTHERAN HIGH GARAGE SALE: It's garage sale time again!! The LuHi garage sale is **Fri., May 31**, 4-7pm and **Sat., Jun 1**, 8-12, and we would love your donations! Drop-off times are: **May 25** 9-12, **May 28** 10-12, and 5-7, **May 29** 10-12 and 5-7, and **May 30** 10-12 and 5-7. Cleaning out your home? Downsizing? Kids toys and clothes that need a new home? Donate your items to the LuHi garage sale! (please, no TVs or baby beds) Our success also depends on shoppers! Early bird shopping is **Fri., May 31**, 3pm with a \$5 entry donation Any questions? Please email joann.isham@oursaviors-school.org. Thanks for your continued support of this great fundraiser!

CALL FOR NEW TEACHER: Please continue to join us as we lift up in prayer Mr. Ryan Dauss of New Orleans Lutheran High School as he considers a Holy Call to teach at Springfield Lutheran High School.

SUMMER SPORT CAMPS AT LUTHERAN HIGH:

Is your elementary school student interested in summer sports camps at Lutheran High School? We offer summer sports camps for volleyball, soccer and basketball led by the LuHi coaches of those sports! Details, deadlines, and registration forms can be found at <https://www.spiluhi.org/Athletics/Summer-Camps/>.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL TOURS: We invite families interested in Lutheran High to visit us. Tours and "Shadow Days" when school is in session are available by appointment (217-546-6363). Share the gift of the Lutheran Education you received with your own children!

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



CONCORDIA SEMINARY 2019 COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises for the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis graduating class will take place **Fri., May 17.**

Theological Diploma Service

- What: Presentation of theological diplomas
- Who: All graduating students eligible to receive a call as a pastor or deaconess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)
- When: 10 a.m. (CDT) May 17
- Where: Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus
- Preacher: Dr. Douglas L. Rutt, Provost, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Commencement

- What: Presentation of academic degrees and honors
- Who: All graduating students
- When: 7 p.m. (CDT) May 17
- Where: Main Quadrangle
- Speaker: U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon, MD, (IN-08)
- Live stream: www.csl.edu/live

Six honors also will be conferred during Commencement:

- Christus Vivit: Dan and Marti Huss of Cincinnati, Ohio
- Distinguished Alumnus: Dr. Samuel Nafzger of Washington, Mo.
- Honorary Doctor of Divinity: Archbishop Jānis Vanags of Riga, Latvia.
- Honorary Doctor of Letters: Dr. Werner Rudolf Albert Klän of Oberursel, Germany.
- Honorary Doctor of Laws: U.S. Rep. Dr. Larry Bucshon, Evansville, Ind.
- Honorary Doctor of Laws: Dr. Melissa Salomón of Chula Vista, Calif.

To read biographies of the honorees, visit www.csl.edu/commencement.

This year's graduates will be joining more than 7,000 called leaders of the LCMS around the world and more than 12,500 individuals who have received degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in the school's 180-year history.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF NEEDS YOUR HELP: Families in the Middle East need food, shelter - and YOU. The battle to

destroy ISIS in Mosul, Iraq is over. But for the people who survive its reign of violence and terror, now the hard work of recovery begins. More than 70 percent of the city was destroyed – homes, hospitals, schools all reduced to rubble. And then there are the scars you cannot see. Horrific scenes of violence still haunt the men, women and children who are now working so hard to move forward, toward a peaceful future. You can help support three LWR-operated community centers in West Mosul. They are named *Ana-fi-Aman*, Arabic for "I am safe." They provide resources, job training for adults, and trauma counseling for children and teens. Help us reach even more families with healing hope. There's still so much more work to do in Mosul. [Your gift today](#) will truly shape the future of the families living here, working to rebuild their lives and futures.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT: The Central Illinois District Office in Springfield is seeking a qualified individual to fill this position on a part-time basis. Hours are from 10am until 2:30pm. Starting wage is \$15/hr. for a 20-hour work week. There are no benefits being offered. The successful applicant will have a background in Microsoft Office, especially, Outlook, Word, and Excel. For a job description or questions, contact mmiller@cidlcms.org. Applications are available through the CID Office during regular hours 8:00am until 4:00pm or can be sent by email by request.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY | FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



THE SHEPHERD IMAGE: From the walls of the catacombs to the stained glass of modern churches, the picture of Christ as our Good Shepherd is one of the most popular and well-loved images of the Savior. He is often depicted

with a lamb draping His shoulders and sheep standing at His feet. We look at those pictures and instinctively know: That's our Jesus and that's us!

The popularity of the image is not surprising. After all, our Lord identified Himself that way: "I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" (John 10:11). For centuries in the early Church, it was customary for catechumens (adults preparing for Baptism) to learn and to recite not only the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, but also *Psalms* 23. They all knew that when they said "The Lord is my Shepherd" they were talking about the Lord Jesus. When the Lutheran Confessions identify the Church, they often use Shepherd shorthand, for example, "The holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd" (Smalcald Articles, Part III:XII:2). And it is no wonder, given St. Peter's words (1 Peter 5:1-4) about Christ being the Chief Shepherd.

The Church often calls those who are called to preach His Gospel and administer His sacraments in His stead "pastors"—which is Latin for shepherds. In some Christian traditions, certain pastors even carry a crosier—a shepherd's staff. The image of the Shepherd is particularly loved at the time of death. We confess that Jesus is the Shepherd who wrangled with the wolf—death—and came out the victor! He knows how to guide His people safely through that dark valley and bring them out to the high pasturelands of heaven. Under His guiding hand, His people "fear no ill"—they know that their Good Shepherd is with them with His rod to ward off the evil spirits and His staff to snatch us back if we start to wander. So even in urban settings where folks have not seen a sheep in years, the image of our Lord as the great Good Shepherd continues to speak to the hearts of Christ's people.

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