Trinity Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church
Springfield, Missouri
November 2026

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WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY FAMILY!

MISSION STATEMENT

The family of Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes all people to share in the life of the Christian faith in worship, friendship, and service.

VISION STATEMENT

The family of Trinity builds and nurtures the bonds of faith through love, learning, and sharing with others.

OUR CORE VALUES

Faithfulness to God's Word . . . Integrity . . . Compassion . . . Family focused . . . Engagement in Service . . . Welcoming to all people . . . Fiscal responsibility & stewardship

OUR CRITICAL TARGETS

Faithful Worship . . . Christian Education . . . Healthy Christian Homes . . . Caring Relationships in Christ . . Robust Community Connectivity & Outreach

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CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

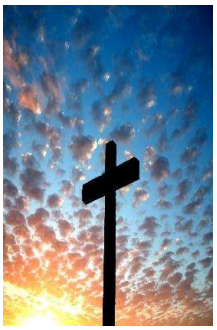
Right after 2nd Service

IT'S TRADITION FOR TRINITY TO COME TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION TO SHARE A MEAL & CELEBRATE ALL BLESSINGS TRINITY HAS EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT 2026!

OUR "FULL" POTLUCK DINNERS HAVE BEEN SUCH A SUCCESS THIS YEAR WE WANTED TO END WITH ONE ALSO! FELLOWSHIP WILL PROVIDE ROLLS AND DRINKS.

LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A - O PLEASE BRING MAIN DISH & SIDE DISH;

LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH P - Z PLEASE BRING MAIN DISH & DESSERT!



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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!

† ***Devoted to Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior and Lord of the World***

† ***Devoted to God's Word, teaching the pure doctrines of the faith***

† ***Devoted to the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, through which the Holy Spirit blesses God's people with His presence and His gifts.***

† ***Devoted to Christian Fellowship and to loving and caring for each other***

† ***Devoted to sharing the Gospel with all people***
(Acts 2:42)

Officers	**Mission & Ministry Council**	**Your Board of Elders**	**Your Board of Parish Education**
President: Mickey Moore Vice Pres: Daniel Straw Secretary: Amy Scheer Treasurer: Amy Collins Asst. Treas: Larry Zahn	Ev. & Mission: Jess Luna Christian Care: Joni & Dave Sommerer Fellowship: Melinda Brown Stewardship: Vacant Endowment: Ann Marie Baker Trustee: Jeff Winter Personnel: Jason Jones Parish Ed.: Heather Newman Elders: Kevin Scheer Family Ministry: Valerie Brockman Age-Based Ministry: Paul Hambrick	Zone 1 (A/Bo) Johnny Dicks Zone 2 (Br/C) Zeke Young Zone 3 (DE) Cary Watson Zone 4 (FG) Mark Jones Zone 5 (HIJ) Brock Buerck Zone 6 (KL) Josh Sexton Zone 7 (M) Gordon Lane Zone 8 (NOP) Clate Baker Zone 9 (QR) Greg Johnson Zone 10 (S/Se) David Mitchell Zone 11 (Sh/T) Kevin Scheer Zone 12 (UVWXYZ) Ed Larson	Chair: Matt Lundien Member/ABS: Dakotah Gumm Member: Patrice Winter Sunday School: Linda Young Midweek School: Heather Newman VBS: Claire Hagerman

Our Trinity Family Stewardship – October 25, 2026

Attendance:	8:15 a.m.	178	Previous week:	167
	11:00 a.m.	195		158

Tithes and Offerings:

Undesignated (General) Offerings			$ 10,254.38
Designated Gifts			
Debt Reduction	$ 260.00	R & R	$ 300.00
Mark Schultz Scholarship	$ 100.00	Christian Care	$ 200.00
Midweek Meal	$ 235.52	World Missions	$ 125.00
Special Projects	$ 20.00	Total	$ 1,240.52
		Total Gifts	$ 11,494.90

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – OCTOBER 25

Preschool	11	Junior High	5
Elementary	32	Adults	81

FROM PASTOR HAGERMAN

Dear Trinity Family,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I wanted to take this opportunity to provide my two cents about the upcoming election, specifically on the Amendment 3 ballot measure. If you recall, two years ago, a different Amendment 3 was voted into law in Missouri, which essentially removed all restrictions on abortions in our state. This amendment passed very narrowly, but it did indeed pass. This election year, pro-life organizations and individuals in our state are attempting to reinstitute some restrictions on abortions, and also to prevent "gender-affirming care" (such as surgeries, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers) from being made available for minors who are suffering from gender dysphoria. These measures would protect many unborn lives in our state, as well as prevent children and teenagers from being subjected to treatments that would have life-altering consequences for their physical health. As such, Christians all over Missouri who believe that the Bible is God's Word should be encouraged to vote "Yes" on Amendment 3.

When this same issue was brought to the ballot box two years ago, our congregation put up several signs encouraging people to vote "No" on that particular amendment (in contrast to the "Yes" vote that we are encouraging this year). Although most of our congregation was broadly supportive of taking that public stance, I recall that there were a few who felt uncomfortable with it, not because they were in favor of abortion, but because they believed that the church should not be getting too "political." This time, it appears that at least one anonymous individual either from our congregation or from our neighborhood feels the same way, as we came to church on October 18 to find that our sign had been defaced with the words "Keep politics out of the church." I would like to briefly address this criticism and explain why we as the church are perfectly within our rights to take a public stance on this issue, and why we

cannot afford to be silent when such an issue is put to a vote in our state or community.

First of all, from a legal standpoint, nonprofits (including churches) are allowed to take public stances on issues, but they are not permitted to endorse particular candidates. In other words, we at Trinity Lutheran Church can put up signs about Amendment 3, but we cannot put up signs in favor or against any person who is running for office. Our tax-exempt status is not in danger if we have a sign in favor of Amendment 3, nor would it be for any church or non-profit who publicly opposed Amendment 3. So if you're worried about the legal ramifications of our sign, don't be.

Secondly, one of the devil's greatest accomplishments in our society today is that he has caused many people, including many Christians, to believe that faith is a purely private matter without any legitimate implications for how we live our lives in the world, including how we vote. Many of those who are against "politics" in the church would have no problem with a secular organization taking similar stances, only because the secular organization does not profess faith in a particular deity. This seems like a completely arbitrary distinction, and the reason that it is pushed so strongly is probably because significant forces in our society want to silence the public witness of Christians and the church. Even many Christians themselves have uncritically accepted the idea that the church's public speech should be restricted in this way.

My friends, there is nothing in the Bible or in our country's laws that would prevent the church from speaking out on issues that the world considers to be "political." On the contrary, the church is called to proclaim God's Word to the world, not only the Gospel salvation in Christ, but also the Law of God's will for His creation. Just because an issue has been arbitrarily decided to be "political" does not mean that the church is automatically forbidden from addressing it publicly. If the church is uncomfortable speaking out when the situation warrants it, then what good is the church? And why are secular organizations allowed to weigh in on whatever they wish, but the church has to be restricted because it believes in God? There is no logical reason why so many people hold to this double standard, and yet they hold to it all the same. My plea to all of you is to see this for what it is: a ploy by the devil and the world to prevent the church from witnessing in the public square and encouraging people to make sound decisions as they vote. Do not listen to those who would say that it is inappropriate for the church to take such public stances. In the end, they have absolutely nothing to back up their position other than a general, unfounded distaste for the idea.

As such, I will be joining my own voice to those of the many Christians in Missouri who are urging each other to vote "Yes" on Amendment 3 this year. If you had not been planning on voting, please consider changing your mind and doing so. The "bad" Amendment 3 in 2024 passed by only a slim margin; if more Christians vote this year, the "good" Amendment 3 stands a significant chance of passing and reversing many of the problems that were caused by the vote two years ago. And remember, there are a number of other ballot measures and plenty of candidates to choose from, so please approach those decisions also with wisdom and common sense informed by the teachings of God's Word. Ultimately, what really matters is that we will be raised to eternal life in God's new creation, but we also want to make this creation a better

place, and an important way we do that is through the political process of voting. So get out there and vote, and especially vote "Yes" on Amendment 3.

God's blessings to all of you! No matter who wins or loses in the elections, Jesus remains our all-powerful King who forgives our sins and gives us eternal life with His Father!

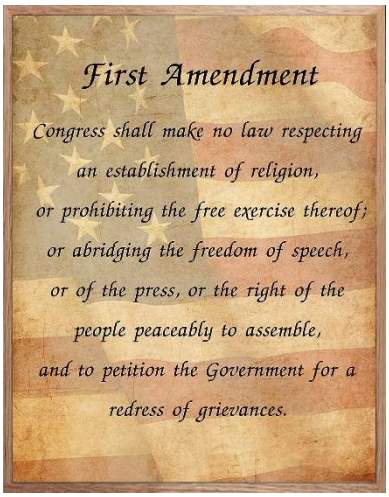
In Christ,
Pastor Hagerman

FROM VICAR SHALTANIS

Dear Members of Trinity,

It is always difficult to consider the position that churches should have when encouraging certain political stances. On one hand, it is not the role of the church to try and further political change, and so it should be cautious when taking certain stances. On the other hand, we are also called to live in our society in a godly way and use our voices and our votes appropriately.

While it is normally prudent to avoid getting too deep into politics from the platform of the church, there is one issue in particular that has repeatedly occurred in discussion within the church recently, appearing in Bible studies, confirmation, even sermons and lectures at pastor's conferences. It is not an issue of political preference, but a moral issue that is worth touching on. This is, as many of you are aware of, the abortion debate, which is especially relevant as we approach the election in the state of Missouri. Our District President, Lee Hagan, referred to this issue as one over the "sanctity of human life" in a letter. In other words, this topic, while not requiring a vote from Christians, requires a position. As Christians, we are obligated to take the position that protects the lives of innocent people. We are called to help, and not standby because it does not concern us (consider the parable of the good Samaritan in Luke 10).



We know from the Scriptures that the unborn are still children (Psalm 139:13, Luke 1:41), and understanding this fact is the crux of the entire issue. Yet in our secular world, this fact is either dismissed or ignored. Arguments in favor of abortion will often shy away from the biological debate, instead relying on emotionally charged stories, examples, or exceptions to support the killing of unborn children.

In this article, I want to present a way of considering the discussion that I have found helpful. I believe that, at its core, the abortion debate is over one of two things: it is either a biological debate, or an ethical debate. Every argument in support of abortion necessarily relies on one of two implicit premises: Either (1) that the fetus inside the mother's womb is not a living person. Or (2) the fetus inside the mother's womb is a person, but does not deserve to live. I am going to give a few examples of common pro-choice arguments, break them down, and show how they will always implicitly affirm one of these two premises. The reason why I am doing this is twofold. First, it demonstrates that taking the pro-life position

is not just a Christian position, but a logical position. It is not something to do because our church requires it, but it is something that makes sense no matter where you come from. And second, that understanding the framework of this discussion can make for a much more efficient and structured defense of the principles that we know to be true. This can then allow us to direct our efforts to the most effective defense, which is the biological defense, and prepare our advocates to be familiar with this aspect above all the others.

One final qualifier before looking at a few examples of why this framework is helpful: in the vast majority of cases, the argument will be over biology. This is because there are very few people (although some still out there) in our world who willingly affirm that unborn babies are living humans, yet still deserve to die. Often, this is an uncomfortable realization that they prefer to ignore, and the easy way to do this is to simply deny that the unborn fetus is a living person. This willful ignorance in order to justify emotionally-charged positions should not be written off, however, and there will certainly be many cases where all the facts can be presented clearly and methodically, yet still dismissed and ignored.

This all being said, I want to look at two common pro-choice arguments (although there are certainly more that can be dissected in the same way), and demonstrate how they can be broken down, showing that they rely on one of these two premises at their core, and hopefully make for a more streamlined and methodical defense against them. The arguments are these: (1) Abortion should be permitted in order to preserve female autonomy. (2) Abortion should be permitted in cases such as rape, incest, or where it is observed that the unborn baby suffers from a physical or genetical condition. For the sake of brevity, I will not go as deeply as possible into the logic of each of these, although I would be happy to expand elsewhere either in writing or conversation.

Looking at the first example argument, it is clear that it is centrally a biological argument. If someone argues that a woman is affirming the "right" to decide what to do with "her" body, they remove the possibility that there is another living person. The notion of "bodily autonomy" by definition supposes that the unborn fetus is nothing more than a clump of cells-specifically a clump that is somehow actually a portion of the woman. When someone argues in support of abortion because of "bodily autonomy" their argument is really saying, "The unborn fetus is not a living person, it is merely part of my body, therefore I should be able to do what I want with it." If the circumstances were to change, however, if it were determined that the fetus is in fact a living person, then the position would have no logical validity. Here we can see that the argument being made is a biological argument masked as a societal argument. But the most effective defense against this is to understand and demonstrate that the fetus is indeed a living person, and therefore it is not logical to kill this person on the basis of a "right to choose".

The second argument is disparate because it uses statistical anomalies to universally justify the position. This is where the role that ignorance plays on people who defend abortion is clear. The ignorance neglects the biological or philosophical weight that the pro-life position has. It tries to ignore the reality that the baby is a living person that has a right to life, in favor of placing the comfort of the mother over these facts. Yet just because one chooses to ignore the significance of the biological and philosophical truths, does not mean that they do not have any application. A rape has no effect on the biological truth that the child is alive. It has no impact on the rights of that same child. Yet it is used as if it supersedes both of these facts. This is because those who make this argument are ignorant of the connotations being made when they argue in favor of

abortion. They do not realize that they are contradicting natural order and/or denying biological realities. Or perhaps they are vaguely aware and choose to avert their attention to these facts. In this case, an effective response would be to repeatedly emphasize the fact that the unborn person is indeed alive, and has a right to life.

One final thing to bring up is that there are also philosophical arguments in favor of abortion that try to wiggle their way around these two premises that I have brought up. They will try to argue that the child is alive, and has rights, *but does not have as many rights as the mother*. These arguments can still be broken down in the same way, but this requires a deeper philosophical discourse on the study of ethics and the history of human rights. These arguments are often pushed, not by lawmakers or voters, but by academics who try to justify their political positions. Because of this, they are disingenuous arguments that devalue the core issue of life and show no respect for the preservation that we are trying to accomplish. Perhaps in the future there will be a time to discuss these specific examples in greater detail.

I hope that this framework is beneficial for organizing thoughts on the abortion topic. This is a massive issue to cover in a short article like this, and certainly there is much more that could be covered. I also want to stress that just knowing the logical facts does not at all guarantee the ability to change someone's mind. I do believe, however, that having a methodical approach to the issue is beneficial and can show that there is clearly a correct position to have on this issue-not just for Christians, but for all citizens who seek to uphold truth and life. In closing, I would like to again repeat some words from President Hagan's letter, which clearly lays out the expectation for us in the church. I also hope that this article has contributed to the informing of Christians who will then go out and live according to their beliefs. So I encourage you to consider these words: "*Our hope is that members of Missouri District congregations, and all Missouri voters, will be informed and exercise their rights as citizens to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and as we do so, to speak the truth in love. We also pray that the church would demonstrate Christ's love and mercy to our neighbors in need, especially in caring for children and their mothers both before and after birth.*"

In Christ,

Vicar Shaltanis

FROM DCE DUFFY

KINDLE Conference Recap

While on my DCE internship, struggling to make the transition from student to professional, I learned about a DCE leadership conference called KINDLE from its founder, Bill Karpenko. Bill is one of the pioneers of DCE ministry in our synod, and created this organization to nurture and develop second-chair leaders. For the three years since hearing about KINDLE, I waited for the right time to attend it for myself. That opportunity presented itself in September, when I took off to Mundelein, IL with hopes of returning home motivated, refreshed, and a better DCE.

The portion of the conference I attended was designed specifically for DCEs in their first five years of ministry. The conference consisted of a number of learning modules, daily worship, and time set aside to connect with peers. The experience was designed to encourage growth as a Christ-like servant leader by cultivating the faith, health, leadership skills, and community building skills of the participants. We were split into "circle groups" of 5 participants and one coach (an experienced DCE involved with KINDLE) to guide the group's discussion.

One of the biggest takeaways from the week for me was the discussions around stewardship of time. Ministry in the church comes with its unique challenges. Weekend events and unexpected opportunities to care for people on top of the responsibilities that are typical in a week require careful time management. Through the discussions in our circle group, along with the insight from the presenter, I was able to pick up key strategies to help with planning my work, balancing responsibilities, and effectively using my time. I have already begun to see some of these strategies help me to serve Trinity better.

Another big takeaway from the KINDLE conference was learning what it looks like to be a second chair leader. A second-chair leader is defined as a person in a subordinate role whose influence with others adds value throughout the organization. We discussed some common myths of a second-chair leader, and highlighted '4 Choices' a second-chair leader can make to be most effective in their role. A good second chair leader sets a good example, spurs on and challenges, and encourages the staff and people around them. Much of what we discussed was new information for me, so I am excited to use the resources I gathered to continue to grow as a second chair leader.

I was blessed to be able to connect with many DCEs in a similar stage of life as me, to be refreshed with God's word and sacraments, and gain new skills to take back to the ministry here at Trinity. I was also grateful to see my brother, sister-in-law, and nephew on my way back and try my first real Chicago Italian beef sub! Thank you for the support for continuing education!

In His service,
DCE Daniel Duffy

Flowers on the altar are in memory of the Saints of Trinity who have passed away since last year. All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) is when we have the opportunity to remember those who have gone before us. May God continue to comfort these families.

Adult Bible Study (ABS)

SUNDAY

Time	Topic	Leader	Location
9:45 AM	Bible Reading Journey	Pastor Biermann	Gym
9:45 AM	Adult Confirmation	Pastor Hagerman	Church Office
9:45 AM	Hosea	Bob Quebbeman	Woker Room
9:45 AM	The Stuff They Didn't Teach . . (Book of Mark)	Zeke Young	Room 2
9:45 AM	Senior High Youth	Josh Sexton	Youth Room, West Wing
MONDAY			
9:15 AM	Faith Foundations Women's Bible Study – Songs of Scripture	Pastor Hagerman	Family Center
WEDNESDAY			
10:30 AM	Study on the Formula of Concord	Vicar Shaltanis	Gym
6:30 PM	Practical Parenting in the Faith	Hannah Knehans & Heather Biermann	Heilman Room (Blue Room)
6:30 PM	Small Group-Augsburg Confession	Jacob Kuschel	Gym
6:30 PM	The Spirituality of the Cross	Paul Hambrick	Family Center Foyer
THURSDAY			
7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Adam Breshears & Matthew Knehans	Room 2, Family Center

Adult Bible Class Descriptions

Bible Reading Journey - Continue your journey through the Bible in two years. Based on the reading plan in the Lutheran Study Bible from CPH, use handouts written by Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann to guide your study and home discussions. Continue to follow the reading plan on your own, and join the group for Bible Study and deeper discussion on Sundays. This group now meets in the gym.

Adult Confirmation -- This is a class for any adults who come from a non-Lutheran background and are interested in learning more about what our church believes, teaches, and confesses. There is no obligation to join Trinity as a member after completing the class, but that will be an option for anyone who participates and desires to become a member afterwards. Taught by Pastor Hagerman in the Church Office.

Hosea -- Many Old Testament prophets were given challenging calls and difficult tasks to do. Hosea was told to do what seems not only hard but more than that, shocking and even outrageous! Would God tell his prophet to find and marry a woman known for adultery!? Really? It seems contrary to all His laws. Why would He do such a thing? Come to class and find out! There will be lots of interesting discussion on this book...This class is led by Dr. Bob Quebbeman in the Woker room, located in the Family Center.

The Gospel of Mark -- The 400-year period of transition between the Old and New Testaments witnessed significant changes in Israel's history and cultural development. During this time, superpowers like the Persians, Greeks and Romans were the dominant geopolitical players in the regions of the Mediterranean and the Near East. In Palestine, groups like the Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Essenes, and others fill the stage, vying for local power and prestige. Into this milieu comes Jesus, the Word Incarnate, who-along with His disciples-would change the world forever. Facilitated by Zeke Young in Room 2.

High School Bible Study – Sunday mornings Josh Sexton teaches our high school students (9th-12th grade).

Faith Foundations -- The title of this year's study for Faith Foundations is "Songs of the Scriptures," in which we will read many of the different musical and poetic pieces that are found in the Bible and discuss their ongoing relevance for our lives of faith today. Of course, we will spend a lot of time in the book of Psalms, but we will be reading selections from many other books as well. Special attention will be given to the way in which these songs point to our Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation He accomplishes for us, as well as to the Christian church's use of these songs in its liturgy and hymnody.

The Formula of Concord is a part of the Book of Concord, which we, as Lutherans, confess. It was written to address several issues and controversies at the time, and so presents Lutheran doctrine in a very clear and systematic way. In this Study, we will examine the text of the Formula of Concord and see how it fits historically within the Church, and also theologically within our Christian doctrine. Led by Vicar Shaltanis in the gym.

Practical Parenting in the Faith - Wednesday Night Adult Class
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM *(6:00-6:45 During Advent & Lent)*
Located in the Family Life Center Heilman Room (Blue Room) **Led by** Mother-daughter team Heather Biermann & Hannah Knehans DFLM. Join us for biblical discussions, practical discipleship training, and content focused on raising your children to truly love and value worship in church and in the home. This class is for parents, future parents, and grandparents. We hope to build encouraging, multigenerational mentorship as we discuss actionable skills for training children and helping them grow in the faith at all stages.

The Augsburg Confession: What is it and why is it so important to Lutherans today? This small group is led by Jacob Kuschel in the gym.

The Spirituality of the Cross: The Way of the First Evangelicals – This small group Bible study is led by Paul Hambrick in the Family Center Foyer.

October Council Meeting Summary

Church Council met on October 12, discussing the following:
A detailed summary of the Treasurer's Report regarding current financial information Year-to-Date and the initial proposed budget for 2027 for discussion.
Discussion from an accountant's perspective regarding receiving designated gifts / offerings.
Further budget revisions and clarifications will occur in the November council meeting, in advance of the proposed budget available for congregational review, and discussion to conclude at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for November 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Night FOR THE SAINTS

BENEFITING
SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
LEGACY ENDOWMENT

DINNER ▪ GAMES ▪ AUCTION ▪ DRINKS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

OZARK EVENT CENTER
842 W. GUIN RD. NIXA, MO

JOIN US FOR SPIRIT NIGHT!

BREAK OUT YOUR SLS SCHOOL COLORS FOR A CASUAL EVENING OF SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH FUN AND FRIENDS WHILE SUPPORTING THE SAINTS!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

5:30 PM | SPONSORED HAPPY HOUR

CORNHOLE GAMES

SILENT AUCTION WITH 20% OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE CLASSROOMS.

7:00 PM | CATERED DINNER BY BAMBINOS

7:45 PM | SHORT PROGRAM

SPONSORSHIP TABLES AVAILABLE
$75.00 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT & BUY TICKETS!

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SISTERS IN CHRIST
INVITES WOMEN OF ALL
AGES TO JOIN US FOR:

A Little More Social

Titus 2

Improve conversations and your confidence
Handle shyness
Build relationships and become more welcoming

Saturday, November 7th
2-4pm

Trinity Gymnasium

Childcare Available

Please RSVP Here:

Trinity Women in Action (TWiA)

****Thank you so much Trinity Congregation, for the Mite Offerings, which totaled $36.00. Romans 13:15-"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing." The LWML Mite collections will go towards: Not Alone!..Gospel Help for Families in Crisis, Lutheran Family Services, Iowa. You can save your daily pocket change and we'll collect for missions in the LARGE Purple Mite Box that will be displayed in the narthex on the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity will be Sunday, November 8, 2026.*

All women of Trinity are welcome to join these circles and quilting at anytime throughout the year.
Dorcas Circle – November 10 at 9:30 a.m., gym
Deborah Circle – November 19 at 4:00 p.m., Family Center Foyer
Quilting – November 16 at 1:00 p.m., Woker Room

Sunday School Singers is looking for adult or youth volunteers to lead the kids' communion singing during service each week. Use the SignUpGenius QR code to sign up for Sunday services when you will be in attendance, or text Shannon Crosby at 417-597-5895 when you can help. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this program possible!

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

- 5:00 P.M. MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP
- 5:45 P.M. KIDS OF THE KINGDOM / NURSERY
- 6:00 P.M. 7th-8th GRADE STUDY
- 6:00 P.M. LITTLES MUSIC (25 MINUTES)
- 6:15 P.M. ADULT BIBLE STUDIES
- 6:30 P.M. 1st-6th GRADE CLASS

ADJUSTMENTS TO STANDARD SCHEDULING OCCUR IN ADVENT AND LENT

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE DURING ADVENT

- 5:45 PM KIDS OF THE KINGDOM / NURSERY
- 6:00 PM 7-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS / LITTLES MUSIC
- 6:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDIES
- 6:10 PM K - 6TH GRADE CLASS
- 6:50 PM DISMISS ALL FOR ADVENT SERVICE

THIS SCHEDULE APPLIES TO ALL WEDNESDAYS FROM DECEMBER 2 - 16

Midweek Dinner Menu:

Nov. 4	Nacho Bar
Nov. 11	Baked Potato Bar
Nov. 18	Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, Carrots
Nov. 25	NO Midweek Meal. Thanksgiving Eve Services WILL be held

ADVENT IN YOUR HOME

Trinity's Family Life Ministry Committee

Preparing for the Coming of Jesus

The word "advent" stems from the Latin word for "coming". This helps us remember the purpose of the season of Advent, awaiting the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout the season of Advent, we follow the Biblical path of prophesies about a coming Messiah through the Old Testament to their fulfillment in Jesus. As we await His second coming, we should rest in the hope of His promise to be with us now, and to come again in glory.

Traditionally, the church prepares for the celebration of Jesus' coming at Christmas by focusing our worship, prayers, and devotions on the hopeful expectation we have of His arrival. Look around our church for the special ways we mark the season of Advent! The Advent wreath, decorations, paraments on the altar, and Pastor's vestments, all point to this season of hope. So do our readings, liturgies, hymns, and songs throughout the season! Consider ways you can prepare your home and your family's prayers, devotions, and conversations through this season of waiting for Jesus' coming.

Things to Try

1. Learn more about Christmas, also called, "The Nativity of Our Lord": https://allthehousehold.com/the-nativity-of-our-lord/)

2. Set out a nativity set (kindergarten students at Trinity recieve their own wooden set each year)

3. Read Luke 2:1-21 or a Christmas story book with your family

4. Read the genealogies of Jesus in Matt. 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-28. Thank God for His plan for our salvation

Pick Up an Advent Daily Devotional in the narthex starting the first Sunday in Advent!

TRINITY Lutheran Church

Sunday Night Adult Bible Study

Meeting on
September 13 & 27
October 11 & 25
November 8 & 22

This group gathers in various members' homes on a rotating schedule

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New Young Adult Small Group Opportunity

Are you 18-30 years old? Wanting to connect with Jesus and other Christians? Join us for food and fellowship Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. A study on Acts will follow dinner. Each week we will answer: What do we learn about God? What do we learn about people? How can we apply this to our lives? Reach out to Andrew and Ashley Butzlaff (417-576-8706) for address and information. Hope you can join us!

Welcome George and Judy Denholm

Judy met George at Walther League at First Lutheran Church in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Pastor Krause was the pastor there before he was called to Trinity, Springfield.

They were married on August 3, 1958. They have four children, three girls and one boy. They now have eight grandchildren and 11 great-grands. Judy spent most of her time as a full-time mother while George served an apprenticeship as a bricklayer and later in sales, where he spent 19 years with Campbell Soup, who moved the family eight times. When they moved to Springfield, they owned the Christian Book Store in Ozark. After 11 years with the store they retired and began travelling. They have driven in all 50 states, but their favorite mode of travel is cruising. They have been on 79 cruises and enjoyed trips to Alaska, Hawaii, and the Panama Canal the most.

Wherever they lived, they both were active in the churches they attended. Now living at The Waterford, an independent living facility, they really appreciate the ministry at Trinity because they have reached the time in their lives where they no longer drive. "We feel at home at Trinity since we knew many of the members before joining."

MEN'S NIGHT OUT
NOVEMBER 10TH, 6 PM

MEETING THIS MONTH AT REBAR
2925 W. REPUBLIC RD (NOTE ADDRESS)

REBAR
KITCHEN & TAPROOM

Ladies Night Out

REBAR
KITCHEN & TAPROOM

It's a REBar Reboot

The Ladies will meet

NOVEMBER 16th, 6 pm

at 2902 S. Campbell Avenue

Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

NOV. 6-8, 2026

Heits Point Lutheran Ministries
28345 Heits Point Ave.
Lincoln, MO 65338

Pastor Hagerman will lead us in a weekend filled with study of God's word and Luther's Small Catechism in God's beautiful creation

Open to Grades 6-8

REGISTER TODAY

Contact Adam and Maddy Breshears
adamandmaddysfamily@gmail.com

LUTHER CUP – VOLLEYBALL EDITION

OCTOBER 2026

Stewardship Moment

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

Senior Safari honors all who have served

JOIN US FOR A VETERANS DAY LUNCH

ON NOVEMBER 11 AT NOON IN THE GYM

Enjoy lunch, fellowship & sharing of memories and pictures (bring any to enjoy)

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX BY NOV 8

Thank you for dedicating your life to serving our country. We owe our freedom to you!

UPCOMING SERVICE TIMES

Thanksgiving, Advent & Christmas

Wednesday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve services at Noon & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 2 – Advent 1 at Noon & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9 – Advent 2 at Noon & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16 – Advent 3 at Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

- Reports
- Budget
- Elections

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Sunday, November 22

9:30 a.m., gym

TOTS PUMPKIN PAINTING

TRINITY CAMPUS RECYCLING EFFORT

You may have noticed these new recycling guides around in the last month. We have been able to add dedicated recycling to our campus, allowing us to steward our resources well. Please note the few exceptions: 1) all items must be rinsed to remove food debris 2) boxes should be flattened 3) waxy freezer boxes are not allowed in the bin and 4) no glass is to be recycled in the bin. However, we have a core group willing to take glass for recycling, and it can be placed in the dedicated glass container in the maintenance room. All other items should be placed in the bin loose (not in bags) even if the containers in the kitchen and maintenance room have a bag to help us maintain cleanliness. Please decant all mingled loose items from our containers / bags into the green bin beside the trash bin. Thank you all for your assistance in this new effort.

Sunday School News

Our New Parent & Children's Bookshelf Is Ready!

Beginning **Sunday, November 1**, families are invited to stop by the Sunday School hallway and explore the books available to borrow and enjoy at home.

For Parents

The **top shelf contains books for adults.** Simply use the notebook provided to check out any books you would like to borrow.

For Children

The remaining shelves are filled with books for children to enjoy! Each child may take home one book at a time and return it before choosing another. No checkout is necessary for children's books.

Help Us Grow Our Bookshelf!

We would love to add more chapter books and books for older children and youth. If you have gently used books you would like to donate, please leave them on the counter in the Sunday School hallway or give them to Linda Young.

Your donations will help us provide more reading opportunities for children of all ages!

Looking Ahead — Preschool Christmas Program!

Preschool Christmas Program
during Sunday School on
Sunday, December 20!

Our preschool children will share the joy of Jesus' birth through songs, Scripture, and the Christmas story.

Everyone will be invited to watch the program!

Thankful
CONGRÉGATIONAL POTLUCK
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
Right after 2nd Service
IT'S TRADITION FOR TRINITY TOCOME TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION TO SHARE A MEAL & CELEBRATE ALL BLESSINGS TRINITY HAS EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT 2026!
OUR "FULL" POTLUCK DINNERS HAVE BEEN SUCH A SUCCESS THIS YEAR WE WANTED TO END WITH ONE ALSO! FELLOWSHIP WILL PROVIDE ROLLS AND DRINKS.
LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A - O PLEASE BRING MAIN DISH & SIDE DISH;
LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH P - Z PLEASE BRING MAIN DISH & DESSERT!

Reformation

Sunday School 2026

The Lutheran Student Center

Upcoming events:

Prayer and Praise- Every Tuesday @ 6pm

Game Night at the Center- Nov 13 @ 7pm

Ways to support:

Sign up to provide a Tuesday night meal for Prayer and Praise

Make a tax deductible donation

Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to - The Lutheran Student Center Springfield

Connect with us:

Instagram: @lsc.springfield – Facebook: Lutheran Student Center Springfield

Director@thelsc.org - 848 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65804

Scan here to donate

Scan here for meal sign up

Scan here for GroupMe

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MONTHLY NEWS

CHOPPED

We had a Chopped cooking competition this spring and loved It so much, we did It again! This time there were much harder Ingredients to work with, such as cottage cheese and bacon for the dessert round! We had a blast!

YARD GAMES

The LSC loves playing any kind of games together and we had a great time at the MSU North Mall playing outdoor games and having a craft night with It!

FUNDRAISER

We held a Fundraiser, created and managed by our brand new Director of Campus Ministry! Called Breaking Bread, Redeemer In Springfield helped us host a dinner for anyone Interested In what our college students at the LSC are up to. Each table had at elast one college student to ask questions to so everyone could see all the hard work that the student put In to the LSC as a student run organization! We had raffle prizes and so much fun! Our very own Board of Directors president, Angela, got very lucky with the raffles!!!

NEXT UP

We have a lot more events coming up the last week of October Including our annual Halloween party, Trunk or Treat at Trinity, a Lock-in, and a visit to a haunted corn maze!

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

OCTOBER UPDATE

Fun Times at SLS

Autumn blessings to you from your friends at Springfield Lutheran School! God has blessed the SLS community with such a positive month. We were so excited for PALS, our parent organization, to host their annual PALS Sock Hop Dance. It was an evening filled with poodle skirts, bubble gum blowing contests, ice cream floats, and lots of dancing. It's truly become one of our favorite traditions, and we love dancing the night away with our families!

Our classes have also been busy going on engaging and exciting field trips! This month fourth grade students traveled to the George Washington Carver National Monument, middle school physical education students did customized work outs at a local gym, preschool students learned about animals at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, and prek and third grade learned about nature at the Conservation Center. What great local opportunities for learning!

Veteran Interview Panel

SLS Middle School students hosted a student-led interview session with a panel of some incredible local veterans this month. We were honored to have Mr. Al Michel, Mr. Jim Price, and Colonel Mark Costello come to SLS and allow our students to ask them questions about their experiences as US veterans. Hearing directly from these remarkable heroes was a gift. Students had opportunities to understand history from a first person perspective and understand the sacrifice, emotion and fortitude that serving in our armed forces requires. The veterans also provided a new perspective on what America means to them. Our students came away from the panel with a deeper understanding of their role in our future history and great respect for those who serve our country.

Hymn of the Month

How Great Thou Art

LSB 801

Upcoming Events

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** Oct. 26-29
- **No School** Oct. 30
- **Saturday Night for the Saints** Nov.7

FAITH RELATIONSHIPS EXCELLENCE

UPDATES FROM OCTOBER

SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Learning, Leading, and Serving at SLHS

At SLHS, learning extends beyond the classroom! Throughout October, students explored career possibilities in fields ranging from finance and healthcare to church work through our Vocation Lunch Seminars, attended a cross-country meet as part of Expedition Learning, and served their school and community by volunteering at Thunder Thrift.

A special highlight was the opportunity for SLHS students to lead chapel at Springfield Lutheran School, sharing God's Word through music and worship. Following chapel, they spent time tutoring third grade students in math and reading, which provided a great opportunity to encourage others, build relationships, and put their faith into action.

We also welcomed prospective students and families to campus for our Discover SLHS Family Dinner & Open House and eighth graders for a special Visit Day. Both events provided opportunities for visitors to experience firsthand the close-knit, Christ-centered learning environment taking shape at SLHS.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we help students discover their God-given gifts, grow in faith, and prepare for lives of service!

The Christmas Brunch: December 12, 9-11 AM

Gather the ladies in your life and join us for a beautiful Christmas morning benefiting Springfield Lutheran High School!

Enjoy a festive brunch, warm fellowship, Christmas music, and time to browse the Thunder Thrift Gift Market—a curated pop-up shop featuring unique gifts, décor, fashion, and one-of-a-kind finds. Learn more or purchase your tickets here: givebutter.com/TheChristmasBrunch

2027-2028 Enrollment Now Open

We are excited to announce that enrollment for the 2027–28 school year is officially open! As we continue to grow our SLHS community, we look forward to welcoming new students and families who are seeking a Christ-centered high school education. Know a family who might be interested? Help us spread the word! To learn more, or schedule a tour, visit: springfieldlutheranhs.org/apply

Thank you for your support!

Springfield Lutheran High School | 1415 S. Holland Avenue | Springfield, Missouri 65807
info@springfieldlutheranhs.org | 417.370.7975 | springfieldlutheranhs.org

THE Christmas BRUNCH

BENEFITING SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 9–11:00 AM

LEARN MORE & PURCHASE TICKETS

Seeking...

Sunday Drivers for the Church Van

Each Sunday our Trinity van brings joyous members to share in Divine Service. We are in need of an additional driver to cover one week a month. No CDL is required.

Please call the church office at 417-866-5878 if interested in this ministry opportunity.

TRINITY FAMILY PRAYER PAGE

Each week immediate prayer needs are published in "The Trinity Family Prayer Page." Each month in The Trumpet, those we pray for weekly as well as others with long term prayer needs are listed to be included in members' personal and household devotions and prayers. . .if you'd like to add a family member or friend, please call or e-mail the Trinity office with your request. . .May God bless all for whom we pray. . .

For Those Coping With Cancer

Friends/Family of Trinity Members:
Pat Merritt
Ruth Seboldt
Ramon DeArmas, friend of Bob & Lisa Schroeder
Derald Eggerman, brother of Don Eggerman
Michelle Hicks, friend of Pam Osterloh
Carolyn Johnson, aunt of Carmen Boyd
Jenee Kernan, friend of Carl & Linda Oughton
Lawrence Kitchen, grandfather of Mandy Patton
Elaine Kruger, sister of Fran Wald
Melissa Larimore, daughter of Sheila Ankrom
Dawn Price, friend of Dave & Joni Sommerer
Lynn Rogers, friend of Carmen Swinney
Sharon Schmidt, mother of Candace Gaede
Rob Snyder, nephew of Sheila Ankrom
Jeremy Summers, nephew of Ernie Lewis
Gary Williams, uncle of Candace Gaede

For Those Who Are Homebound in our Trinity Family

Members permanently or temporarily homebound. . .

Bob Bell
Frank Bennett
Jean Dwyier
Phyllis Hansen
Georgia Mikessell
Kay Quasius
Jerry Williams

For Those Facing Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Becker
Marien Byrne
Carol Etherton
Easton Fitzgearlds
Joshua Gaede
Donna Gann
Roy Merritt
Pam Osterloh
Tim Peters
Harry Polacoff
Kathy Polacoff
Dr. Grace St. Pierre
Albert Shook
Dave Sommerer
Friends/Family of Trinity Members:
Eli Applegate, grandson Ben & Deb Schroeder
Elise Drennan, great-niece of Debbie Shell
Jeril Heine, brother of Amy Johnson
Cheryl Kinkeade, sister of Linda Oughton
Verla Williams, aunt of Candace Gaede

For Our Nation and For Members of Our Armed Forces

We pray not only for the soldiers listed here, but also for their families!

Chris Adams
Phillip Hackley
Benjamin Schmidt
Robert Stillings, Jr.
Nick Costello, nephew of Mark & Karen Freiert
Frank Edling, son of Alfred Edling
William Jones, brother of Lauryn Peters
Kevin Myers, brother-in-law of Kathy Polacoff
Austin Peregory, nephew of Mark & Karen Freiert

Week of November 1– 8, 2026

Today	**ALL SAINTS' DAY** **The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services, Pastor Dave Benson, guest preacher 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Scrip sales, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Youth & Adult Classes 3:00 p.m. Basketball *Pastor Hagerman returns from Doxology Conference, Wichita, KS*
Monday	9:15 a.m. Faith Foundations Women's Bible Study, gym 1:00 p.m. Church Office Opens 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting Caleb Staehr's day off
Tuesday	ELECTION DAY *Pastor Hagerman attending Board of Directors Meeting, St. Louis*
Wednesday	8:15 a.m. Pastor Hagerman leads Chapel at SLS 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Noon SLHS Chapel (everyone is welcome to attend) Midweek Schedule 5:00 p.m. Dinner/Fellowship 5:45 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom, music room / Nursery 6:00 p.m. 7th-8th grade confirmation classes 6:00-6:25 p.m. Littles Music 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Studies 6:30 p.m. 1st-6th grade theology study
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Foyer 5:25 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 2 6:00 p.m. Pickleball, gym 6:50 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Balcony
Friday	Church Office Closed 5:00 p.m. Jr High meet at Trinity for Confirmation Retreat at Heit's Point Pastor Hagerman, Vicar Shaltanis and Daniel Duffy's day off
Saturday	2:00-4:00 p.m. Sisters in Christ Jr High at Heit's Point
Next Sunday November 8	**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost** 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Scrip Card Sales, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Classes Noon Jr High return from Heit's Point 3:00 p.m. Basketball, gym 5:30 p.m. Sunday Night ABS at Trinity, gym