



Trinity Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church
Springfield, Missouri
October 2025



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.

OUR CORE VALUES

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

VISION STATEMENT

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

OUR CRITICAL TARGETS

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

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 4
5:00-10:00 p.m.
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Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 29
5:00-8:00 p.m.
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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)***

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Our Trinity Family Stewardship – September 21, 2025

Attendance: 8:15 a.m. 180	Previous week: 178
11:00 a.m. 180	135

Tithes and Offerings:

Undesignated (General) Offerings	\$ 12,225.38
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Designated Gifts

Debt Reduction	\$ 211.00	R&R Fund	\$ 200.00
Christian Care	\$ 200.00	Gym Roof	\$ 220.00
Bus Expense	\$ 4.00	Music Department	\$ 100.00
SLHS	\$ 5.00	LSC	\$ 100.00
Midweek Dinners	\$ 199.00	Helen Schultz Mem.	\$ 30.00
Nursery	\$ 30.00	Total	\$ 1,299.00
		Total Gifts	\$ 13,524.38

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class Attendance for September 21

Preschool: 11	Jr. High: 7
Elementary: 35	Adults/Teachers: 80

FROM the PASTOR

Dear Trinity Family,

In my Trumpet article this month, I would like to take some time to address some recent events that have occurred in our country; namely, the violence that has claimed several innocent lives over the course of the past couple of months. Specifically, I am referring to the attack on Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis that left two children dead and seventeen others wounded, and the assassination of conservative political commentator Charlie Kirk in Utah. These events have understandably shocked and grieved all of us, and I regret that I left for vacation the day after Kirk's murder, as it left me unable to respond to it in a timely manner. I knew who Charlie Kirk was and had seen some video clips of his debates with college students, but I did not realize how much of an impact he had on so many people in this country, including many members of Trinity. I also was unaware of how much his Christian faith informed his political activities until I heard what many of his supporters said about him in the days following his death. His assassination, coupled with the attack on Annunciation Catholic School, have left many conservative Christians in this country quite nervous about the future.

As Christians, we want to respond to these developments in the proper way: as Jesus would have us do, and as most glorifies Him. Here are some things that I believe Christians should be doing right now in the face of these violent episodes:

- 1.) **First, we should pray.** Pray for an end to politically motivated violence in this country. Pray for repentance for those who have engaged in it or are planning it. Pray for protection for those who may be the targets of such violence. Pray for unbelievers in this country to turn to Jesus and embrace His ways,

rather than the ways of the world. Ultimately, repentance and faith in Christ are the only way that this will actually stop.

Particularly in the weight of the Minneapolis school shooting, several politicians dismissed the power of prayer, implying that the fact that these children were shot while praying in chapel is proof that prayer doesn't "work," and that more concrete action is needed. While I certainly agree that Christians should be active in seeking concrete solutions, the dismissal of prayer as ineffectual by elected officials in our country is highly disappointing. As we all learned in our basic confirmation classes, God is not a cosmic vending machine, and we don't get everything we want from Him simply by asking Him for it. Rather, prayer is our opportunity to lay our concerns and fears before God, to remind ourselves that He is in control of all things, and to confess that only He can grant us what we need. We do not expect that He will automatically answer all of our prayers in the affirmative, but we do know that He hears us and will answer us in the proper way and at the appropriate time. Prayer helps us to realize that we are utterly dependent upon God for all good things, and that we ourselves cannot fix this situation, no matter what concrete actions we might take. Prayer changes us and our attitudes, rather than changing God's unchanging will. If we remain diligent in prayer, we will find that God will help us to trust Him more and more, and to be confident that He is indeed working to curb violence and shine the light of His Son Jesus in our land.

- 2.) **Second, we should honestly recognize that there are people in this world who wish to harm us for our beliefs.** The church has always been attacked by the world, and what we are facing today is nothing new. However, it may be unfamiliar for Christians living in the United States, especially if we grew up in a time when Christianity was more respected in the public square. I've always said that it's highly unlikely that we American Christians will be martyred for our faith, and statistically, I still believe that to be true. However, it's impossible to ignore the fact that attacks on Christians have become more violent and deadly in recent years. Furthermore, the gleeful and celebratory reactions of many people online to Kirk's murder in particular shows that there are indeed plenty of people who, though they may not kill anyone themselves, certainly have no problem proclaiming that they believe their opponents deserve to die. Although I probably didn't agree with every single one of Kirk's political views, I certainly shared his faith, his basic outlook on life, and his views on issues such as abortion and sexuality, and I imagine that most people at Trinity would say the same. What this means is that there are those in this world who think that we deserve to be murdered for believing the things we do, because that's what they thought about Charlie Kirk too. That is indeed a sobering thought, but I don't know how we can pretend otherwise at this point.
- 3.) **Third, we should not allow fear or intimidation to silence us or prevent us from proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** As I said above, the church has always faced hostility from the world, and it has by and large remained faithful in its witness to the truth over the past two thousand years. We need to continue in that tradition: not compromising our beliefs, and not allowing ourselves to be silenced or shouted down. Now more than ever is the time for a bold, faithful Christian witness in the public square. The forces arrayed against the church have grown violent because they are desperate, and they sense that public opinion is turning against them. Now is the time to press forward in our confession that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that God's Law is the way by which all people should live their lives, including all of his commands regarding the "controversial" issues, such as the sanctity of human life, the sanctity of marriage, and the immutability of one's biological sex. We dare not allow ourselves to be frightened into submission; the witness of the church is too important for that.
- 4.) **Fourth, we should not allow our anger at these events to drive us to unbiblical worldviews or actions.** Right now, there are calls from some conservatives in this country to embrace the fact that we are in a war

with the Left, and that violence must be met with violence in order for the forces of good to succeed. Some of these voices use language that is racist, antisemitic, or otherwise out of line for Christians whose faith is based on the Scriptures. We cannot allow our understandable frustration with the current situation to drive us to seek vengeance or harm to our opponents. Young men especially need to avoid the temptation to forsake the ways of Jesus and take a more militant approach. Christians are not called to act in such ways; rather, we are called to put away our swords and fight with the Word of God. God's Word is far more powerful than any earthly weapon we could wield, and we need to have confidence that He will accomplish His purposes through it, without resorting to violence or hatred ourselves.

5.) Finally, we should never lose hope in the eternal future and salvation that God has in store for those who trust in His Son Jesus Christ. The two children in Minneapolis and Charlie Kirk are physically dead, and they will not be coming back to life before the last day. But spiritually, they are alive and well, their souls in heaven with Christ as they patiently await the resurrection of the dead. The same blessings await us after we die, regardless of whether we died of natural causes or by some violent or tragic means. This means that Christians can always look to the future with confidence and hope, because the hostility of the world against us does not change the fact that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. He has promised that He will return at the appointed time to raise us from the dead and vindicate everyone who believed in Him, proving Himself once and for all to be the Son of God and welcoming His followers to eternal life in His kingdom. On that day, those who opposed Jesus and His people will realize that they had been gravely mistaken, and God's justice will be dispensed upon them if they never repented. We Christians, however, will just be starting our eternal lives with God, with no sin, sorrow, or pain to threaten us ever again. These promises from God give us the strength and confidence to boldly move forward and remain steadfast in our confession of faith. We may suffer in this life, but we will be vindicated on the last day. The forces of darkness in our world may seem to be winning now, but in the end, it is Jesus and His people who will win the victory and the glory.

I am reminded of Jesus' words during the Last Supper that He spoke to His disciples just a few hours before His arrest and crucifixion: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). We Christians do not ever need to give in to despair, because Jesus has indeed overcome the world. No matter how bleak things look in our society sometimes, Jesus remains the Lord of all creation who is returning to judge the living and the dead. We simply need to trust in Him, be patient, and await the consummation of everything His Word promises.

I would be happy to talk further about these issues with anyone who desires to do so, and I do plan on addressing them in a sermon in the near future. I also would be open to any suggestions anyone has about how to improve our safety and security at Trinity. We have made some significant changes to our security procedures over the past several years, but there are probably additional steps we could take. We also need to remember that no matter how much we prepare, there is simply no way to thwart every potential attack on our congregation. We need to have trust that God will protect us, and if He sees fit to allow an incident to happen at Trinity, then we will take comfort in the fact that no physical violence can sever our relationship with our Lord and Savior. He is faithful to His promises, and in the end, He will give us eternal life. May He bless us all with a strong and confident faith in His Son Jesus Christ, a faith that endures to the end!

In Christ,
Pastor Hagerman

FROM the DCE

Beginning at a new job can be as overwhelming as it is engaging at times. Choosing the right things to spend your time, focus, and energy is a constant balancing act. I am grateful to everyone at Trinity for making this transition easier than I could have imagined by helping me feel comfortable as I settle into this new role.

As with starting any new job, there is lots of information to be gathered, and lots of things to ponder. Being a Director of Christian Education, I spend a great deal of my time thinking about the most effective ways to disciple people through education in the church. The incredibly frustrating and equally freeing thing about teaching the faith is that there is no way in the world to measure faith. We have the fruits of the spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, we also have a number of passages that outline the characteristics of a disciple (2 Peter 1:5-8, Romans 12:9-21, Ephesians 4:1-3), but these are presented as marks of a Christian, and not a checklist on your way to a greater faith. After all, who are we to say where a person is at with their faith?

It isn't up to us at all. The Holy Spirit is who knows what is truly in a person's heart, and it is only by the Holy Spirit that we can comprehend the things of God (2 Cor 2:11). So we faithfully teach the Word of God, knowing that God is at work because he has revealed to us that faith comes by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:12).

While it can be frustrating to not have the ability to measure exactly what we're trying to accomplish in our ministry, we rest in the fact that it is not we who are in control. So we have an incredible opportunity to join Jesus on his mission of making disciples, and what an exciting journey that is to witness and be a part of.

It is my encouragement to you to serve boldly, faithfully, and humbly in the church, trusting that God is working all things together for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

In Christ,
Daniel Duffy, DCE

The altar flowers this week are given in celebration of our 10-year wedding anniversary. Every anniversary is a gentle reminder of the joy our relationship brings, especially with our sons, Leon and Lou. ~~ Scott and Jess Luna

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as our does for you." 1 Thessalonians 3:13



ABOUT the VICAR

Welcome - Vicar Noah and Abigail (Abby) Oloff



Vicar Noah Oloff was born in Idaho Falls, ID. He attended Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT earning a bachelor's degree in environmental science, Management, and Policy in 2018. He bounced around with a few jobs before working in the Montana State Parks Department at Pictograph Cave State Park near Billings, MT. He enjoyed giving tours of the pictographs and being out in nature.

Abby earned a bachelor's degree from Rocky Mountain College in Equine Science with a Therapeutic emphasis in 2019. She finds joy in teaching horse riding lessons to individuals with physical or mental disabilities. Vicar Oloff and Abby met while working as Resident Assistants (RAs) in college. They were married on December 30, 2019, in a blizzard, and settled in Billings, MT.

After significant deliberation, Vicar Oloff decided God was calling him to attend seminary. He and Abby made the move to Concordia during the summer of 2023.

Vicar Oloff and Abby enjoy hiking and camping together. Abby loves being around horses, reading, crocheting, and their two cats. Vicar Oloff loves being out in nature identifying trees, birdwatching, gardening, and cooking. They both look forward to being a part of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Springfield community.



There was a nice turnout to help Vicar Oloff and his wife Abby move into their new apartment a week ago.

Please join us on Sunday, Sept. 28 after first service for a welcome reception. Feel free to bring them a card and gift card from the Scrip table.

Adult Bible Study (ABS)

SUNDAY

Time	Topic	Leader	Location
9:45 AM	Bible Reading Journey	Pastor Todd Biermann	Gym
9:45 AM	Luke	Bob Quebbeman	Woker Room
9:45 AM	Adult Confirmation Class	Pastor Hagerman	Room 2, Family Center
9:45 AM	The Stuff they Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School	Zeke Young	Family Room (Heilman Room)
9:45 AM	Senior High Youth	Josh Sexton	Youth Room, West Wing

MONDAY

9:15 AM	Faith Foundations	Pastor Hagerman	Gym and Mark Schultz Education Building, various rooms
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WEDNESDAY

10:30 AM	Unforgivable to Forgiven (starts Oct. 1)	Vicar Oloff	Gym
6:30 PM	Luther's Catechisms – Adult Bible Study	Ed & Jen Larson/ Hannah Knehans	Family Room (Heilman Room)
6:30 PM	Senior High Youth Bible Study (starts October 1)	Daniel Duffy	Youth Room, West Wing

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Adam Breshears & Matthew Knehans	Room 2, Family Center
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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. Join us in the gym.

Luke – In the Book of Luke, Jesus teaches us about how to live our life. Through parables, he teaches us how to treat one another and live in the world with kindness and humility. In Luke, we also learn about what Jesus holds in high regard. That he has love for the afflicted and the sinners. This class is led by Dr. Bob Quebbeman.

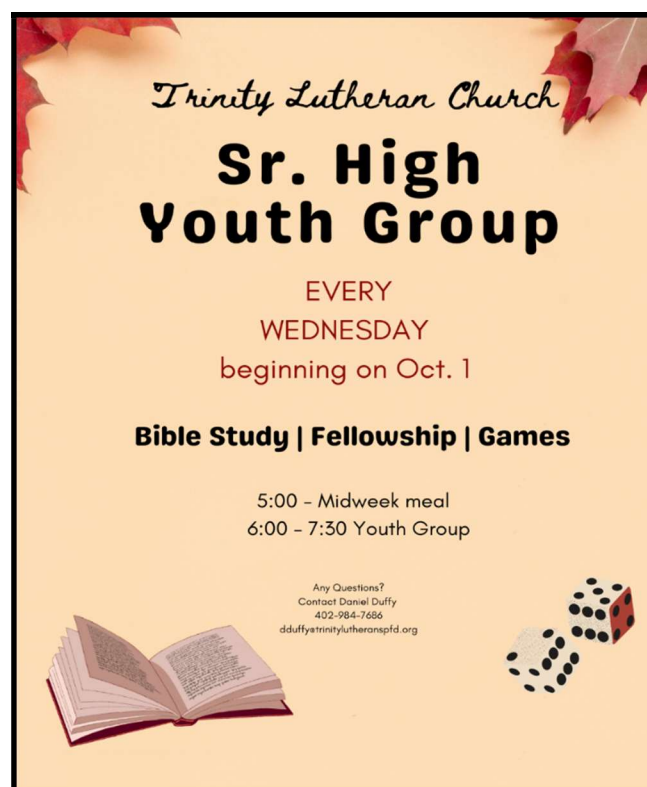
Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School -- The period of the kings in ancient Israel's history was a turbulent time of formation, expansion and disappointment. Beginning with Kings Saul, David and Solomon, Israel took shape as a nation and as a people set apart by God. It's persistent disobedience in straying after foreign gods and its wanton apostasy, however, were hallmarks of its faithless ways. Chronicling these events, host Bruce Wurdeman paints the big picture of geo-politics in the region and also relays timeless stories about David, Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, Jonah, Hezekiah, the Messianic promises of the prophets and more, This is a critical period in the development of ancient Israel. Join us as we learn the *"Stuff They didn't Teach Me in Sunday School about the Period of the Kings."* This class is facilitated by Zeke Young.

High School Bible Study-Josh Sexton teaches our High School Students (9th-12th grade).

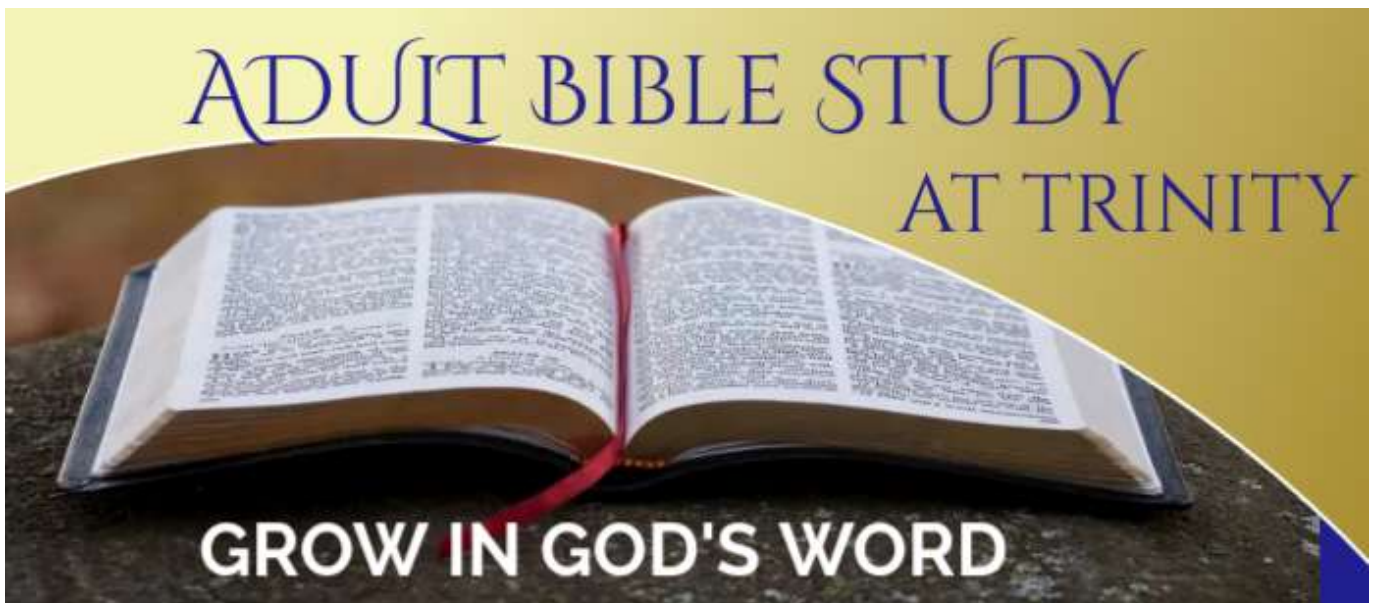
Faith Foundations Women's Bible Study – The Gospel of John (part 2) - The ladies of Faith Foundations will resume studying the Gospel of John. John's account of Jesus' ministry is very different from that of Matthew, Mark, and Luke: it recounts different events, includes different monologues and sayings of Jesus, and overall focuses the most on Jesus' divine identity as God in the flesh, come to dwell with His people. Countless Christians over the past two thousand years have found inspiration, joy, and hope in John's Gospel, and they will continue to do so until the day that Jesus returns in glory. Join us at Faith Foundations on Monday mornings so that you too may be encouraged by Jesus, whom John's Gospel describes as the living water, the bread of life, the light of the world, the Good Shepherd, and the resurrection and the life!

Unforgivable to Forgiven -- Forgiveness seems impossible when we are wronged. We try to deal with the hurt through coping mechanisms or by superficial statements such as, "It's fine." As we relive the past and think about the pain, we sink further into disgust towards others or ourselves. Our lives are consumed by the "unforgivable" things that we experience. Jesus offers a radically different approach. In this Bible Study, we will use Dr. Mark Rockenbach and Ted Kober's new book, "Unforgivable? How God's Forgiveness Transforms Our Lives", to explore forgiveness as the Bible defines it: a gift from God for you. Led by Vicar Oloff in the gym each Wednesday morning.

Luther's Catechism -- This class will offer an in-depth look at Luther's Catechisms on Wednesday nights. We'll learn more about the main teachings of Christian doctrine (the 10 Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, and more) and discuss how to use and apply these doctrines at home in worship and devotion and in conversations throughout your daily life. This class will be especially helpful for the parents of our 3rd-8th graders as you learn more about the Catechism together. The Small Catechism was designed for individual use by pastors and laypersons alike or for use in homes for the instruction of children, while the Large Catechism was intended to assist church workers in their task of teaching the chief parts of Christian doctrine. Led by Ed & Jen Larson, and Hannah Knehans, DFLM



ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY



GROW IN GOD'S WORD

SUNDAY 9:45-10:45 AM

Gym: Bible Reading Journey
Taught by Pastor Todd Biermann

Heilman Room: "What They Didn't
Teach You in Sunday School"
Taught by Zeke Young

Woker Room: Book of Luke then
on to Ecclesiastes
Taught by Bob Quebbeman

Room 2 Adult Confirmation Class
Taught by Pastor Hagerman

MEN'S STUDY

Thursday @ 7:00 AM

Room 2 in the Family Center
Title: Head of the Household
Taught by Adam Breshear and Matthew Knehans

WEDNESDAY AM & PM

10 AM-
Study & Start date TBD
Taught by Vicar Olaff

6:30 PM-Luther's Catechism
Taught by
Ed & Jen Larson/Daniel Duffy

WOMEN'S STUDY

Monday @ 9:15-11AM

Faith Foundations: For women
from all churches in the area
John beginning at chapter 11
Taught by Pastor Hagerman
Leaders for small groups for
discussion



“TRINITY STYLE”

Back by Popular Demand!

Saturday, October 4th

EVENT HELD at MICKEY & LINDA MOORE'S HOUSE

4311 S. Farm Road 107, Brookline, MO

Just east of Republic High School!

This is a SHINE ONLY event and we will let you know
of cancellation by October 2nd.

Heady's BBQ Food Truck...5–7 p.m.

(Menu items will be available for purchase)

SMORES & MORE...7–8 p.m. (Provided)

(Bring your own “beer, wine, soda, water etc.” & chairs/blankets)

CORN HOLE, HORSESHOES, BEER STEIN CONTEST,

KIDS GAMES, POLKA DANCING, and FIREPITS!

**PLEASE USE TRINITY SIGNUP GENIUS, SIGNUP SHEET IN NARTHEX
OR GYM SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF WHO'S COMING!**

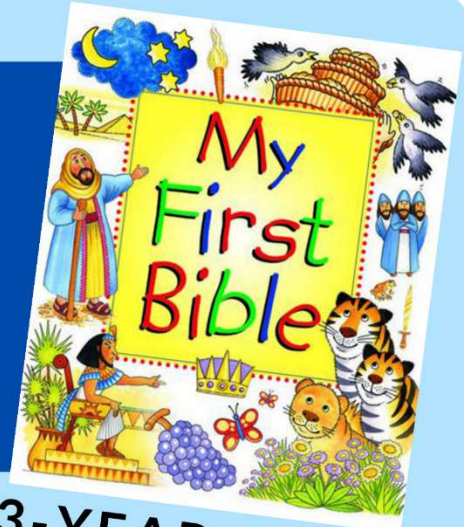
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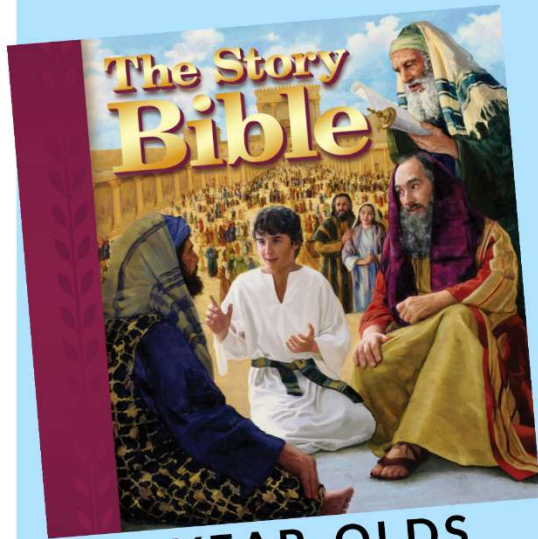
F.L.E.A.

Family Life Events & Activities

Story Bibles



3-YEAR-OLDS



6-YEAR-OLDS

Bring your milestone Bible and join other families of 3 and 6-year-olds to eat lunch, make crafts, and practice using your story Bible at home with some fun activities and free resources.



RSVP Here

Sunday, Sep. 28th 12:30-2:30 pm
Trinity Youth Room & Family Room

<https://forms.gle/oBSEju6hugvjRoFa9>

Trinity's Family Life Ministry Committee

Campus Clean up - August



CHRIST THE KING

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
6:30 PM

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS



OCTOBER 8 2025

Senior Safari



**JOIN US AT NOON ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN
THE GYM FOR FELLOWSHIP AND A PROGRAM.**

ANYONE 60 AND OVER IS WELCOME

Stewardship Moment

Harmonious Stewardship

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other. Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

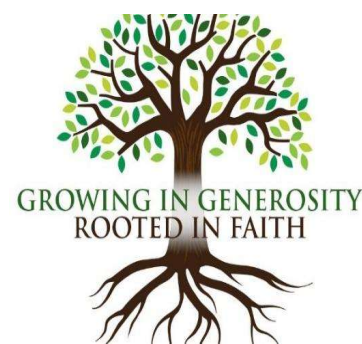
Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to “carry the tune” for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!



SHRIMP & SAUSAGE BOIL

Benefiting Springfield Lutheran High School

Saturday, October 11, 5:30 - 7:30pm

1415 S. Holland Ave, Springfield, MO | Dinner & Live Music | \$30/ticket

More info & Reserve Tickets:

givebutter.com/SLHS-Shrimp-SausageBoil



I am writing to send my love and prayers to my Trinity family. My heart and love are with you all. I see each person in my prayers every day and I miss you all so much. I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and love. It means so much to me. The cards are so beautiful and each one touches my heart so deeply. I am recovering slowly but I know God our Lord is with me every moment and gives me daily blessings. I am so grateful for the good care I have been blessed with.

Dr. Grace St. Pierre



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!

Trinity's Midweek School Program

5:00 p.m. – Dinner service begins-fellowship and gather around the table with your church family
5:45 p.m. – Kids of the Kingdom Choir for 3rd-6th graders led by Caleb Staehr
6:00 p.m. – Childcare begins, 7th & 8th grade class begins
6:00 p.m. – High School Bible Class with Daniel Duffy
6:00 p.m. – Kindergarten class and 1st-2nd grade class (Good News Crew)
6:20 p.m. – 3rd-6th graders head to class
6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Class – “Luther’s Catechisms”

Upcoming Meal Plan

Oct. 1	Tacos	Laura & crew
Oct. 8	Chicken Tenders, fries, green beans	Jen & crew
Oct. 15	Shepherds/Cottage Pie, Salad	Jen & crew
Oct. 22	Chicken & Wild Rice Bake	Laura & crew
Oct. 29	Hamburgers/Hotdogs/chips	All teams assisting

A gluten free option is usually available. We ask for a \$3 donation to help off-set the cost of the food, if you are able.

If you would like to help in the kitchen, please contact Laura McCune at 417-880-0053. There are so many ways to volunteer.

Our Midweek Superintendent is Heather Newman.

**All the ladies of Trinity are
invited to attend the
*FALL QUARTERLY TWiA EVENT***



TUESDAY OCTOBER 14
Family Center Foyer
6:00 pm - Evening Meal
6:30 pm - SLHS Speaker
and a brief business meeting
to end the evening



Trinity Women in Action

Twia

Planning another year of
service for our Lord!

UPCOMING MISSION PROJECTS

Gathering items for Christmas gift shoeboxes
to deliver around the world

Collecting mites in support of LWML Mission grants,
assisting charities like
The Lutheran Family & Children's Services' angel tree

Consider joining Dorcas Circle meetings on
2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 am

or

Deborah Circle meetings on
3rd Thursdays at 4:00 pm

Enjoy fellowship, bible study and refreshments

or

the Service Workers Group on
3rd Mondays at 1:00 pm

making quilts for Newborns in Need

contact Donna Rovey for details on quilting group

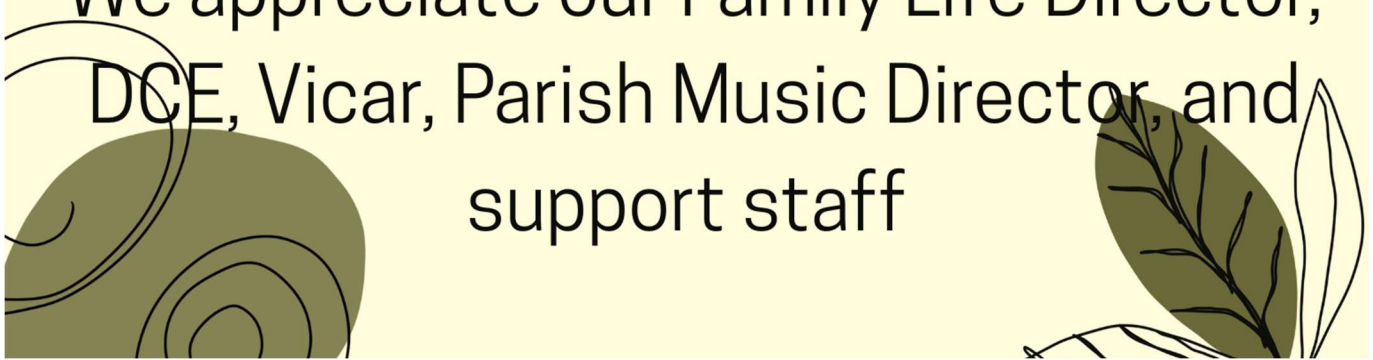
*October is Pastor
Appreciation Month*



Thank You

FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP

We appreciate our Family Life Director,
DCE, Vicar, Parish Music Director, and
support staff



Trinity Lutheran Presents:

AUTHENTIC GERMAN MEAL

Community Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:00 Take Out Service from Fellowship Hall
(with pre-purchased ticket only)

5:30–7:00 Seated Service in Gym

Trinity Lutheran School, 218 N Main St in Freistatt



MENU:

Pork Medallions & Spaetzle Noodles
Red Cabbage
German Potato Salad
Green Beans
Apple Dessert



SCAN to PURCHASE

Call 417-235-5931 to purchase your ticket by October 6

VERY LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE DAY OF EVENT after 5:30

\$18 Adults

\$9 Kids 12 & under

3 & under free

“Wednesday, October 29th



**TRINITY'S FALL
CARNIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT
5:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.**

5:00 p.m. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs/Games/Activities – Gym

6:00 p.m. Costume Parade – Gym

6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot “weather permitting”

**We Need
Trunks!**

Use SignUp Genius link
below Or Call Church Office
Prizes Awarded
For Best Trunks!



**Donations of
candy may be
placed in
church foyer
in orange tub**

Signup Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0549A4AA2BA4FB6-trunk1#/>



September UPDATE

Sports at SLS

Springfield Lutheran School is grateful to have a variety of athletic teams and activities for students. We currently have three seasons happening:

FIRST LEGO League Robotics Team - Coached by Josh Wanner. This is a competitive robotics team in which students are given a challenge and then have to design/program robots to solve the problem.

Girls Volleyball - Coached by Stephanie Richter. Students in grades 5-8 compete against local Christian schools, public schools, and homeschool groups.

Cross Country - Coached by Jason Gabathuler. Students in grades 5-8 train to build endurance and speed and compete in local meets against other schools.



You're Invited - Saturday Night for the Saints

Join us for the second annual "Saturday Night for the Saints," a fundraiser to benefit the SLS Endowment Fund, on **Saturday, November 1st**. Ticket prices are \$75 each or buy a table for 8 people for \$600. Tickets include dinner, drinks, multiple football games broadcast, and an auction.

Buy your tickets now before they are gone! Use the QR code to the left or call the school office at (417) 883-5717 for more information.

Hymn of the Month

Praise God,
from Whom All
Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Upcoming Events

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| ● Family Game Night | Sept. 19 |
| ● No School - Teachers @ Conference | Oct. 2-3 |
| ● Picture Retake Day | Oct. 10 |

Our mascot,
Bernie the Saint
Bernard

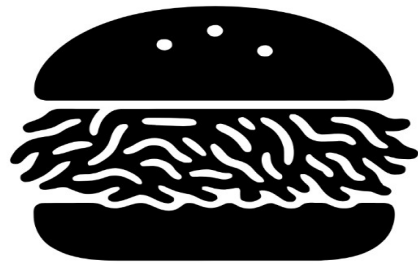
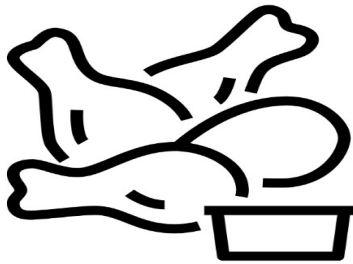




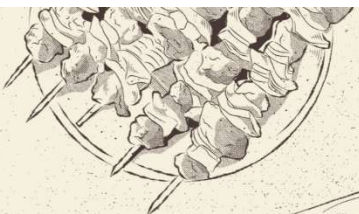
Make your way to

DUBLIN'S PASS

and meet the Church Ladies
on Monday October 20 at 6 pm
2915 E Battlefield



Contact Jody Hackley for info at bertsgirl421@gmail.com



The Knehans Family is
Hosting their Annual

TRINITY FAMILY COOKOUT

Sat. Oct. 18th starting at 4:30pm
(Eat at 5:00 - Campfire at 6:00)

BBQ - BURGERS - FELLOWSHIP

We will have allergy friendly options available

Please bring a lawn chair and a side dish or dessert to share!	RSVP to Hannah at hknehans@trinitylutheranspfd.org or 417-861-2218
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TOTS AT THE FARM

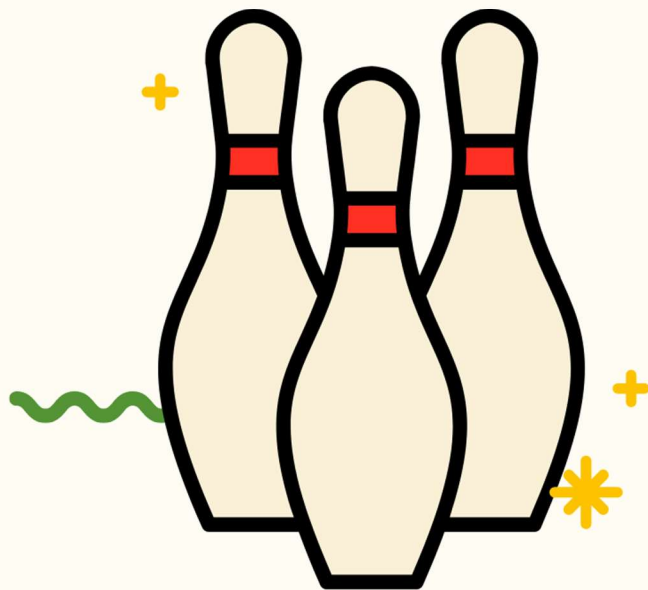


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
10AM-12PM
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

417 306-4092
Rutledge Wilson farm
3825 west farm road 146
Springfield Mo



**ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS COME
BOWLING
WITH THE LSC!**



SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP!

09 NOVEMBER 3:00 P.M.



1500 W Sunshine St. Springfield MO 65807

Contact alderman.emily.kay@gmail.com for questions!

Lutheran Student Center

meal sign ups



Scan this QR Code to sign up!

We are looking for people to sign up to provide a meal for our weekly Prayer and Praise, Tuesday nights at 5:45 PM. We need enough food to feed about 25-30 people. Drop off at the center and we will serve it! We provide utensils and plates! Please consider bringing a dessert and some snacks as well! Our address is 848 S. National, Springfield, MO. Contact Angela at (417) 844 - 3274 for questions. We truly appreciate your help!

September Newsletter

-The Lutheran Student Center Springfield-



Hello everyone! We have done so much in the past month, lets recap some of it!

To kick off the month we had our first Prayer and Praise on September 2nd! Pastor Moser from Redeemer Lutheran Church came and spoke about Law and Gospel in Psalm 139! Then that Thursday we had our first volleyball game in the Missouri State Intramurals. We are participating in these every Thursday and are having a lot of fun! Then on Sunday we went down to Praise and Worship in Branson and had our annual Lake Day! We first went to church at Praise and Worship and then went to the lake to swim and go out on a boat! We even went tubing! It was a lot of fun, even if we had some trouble staying on the tube. At our next Prayer and Praise student board members Matthew and Andrew spoke! They talked about God's omniscience and what that means for our lives!

Then on September 12th we went to the Springfield Cardinals game. It was a great game, we got to see Nolan Arenado play, there were fireworks after the game, and the Cardinals even won with a well-fought 4-3 victory! Our next Prayer and Praise we had Pastor Bluege from Faith Lutheran Church in Branson talk about our identity in Christ and how He sees us versus how the world sees us! Then on September 23rd we had Andrew Buzlaff talk about what the Bible says about money!

Thank you to everyone who brings us meals every week! It truly does not go unappreciated. If you are interested in bringing us a meal please send an email to andrewlewis6416@gmail.com

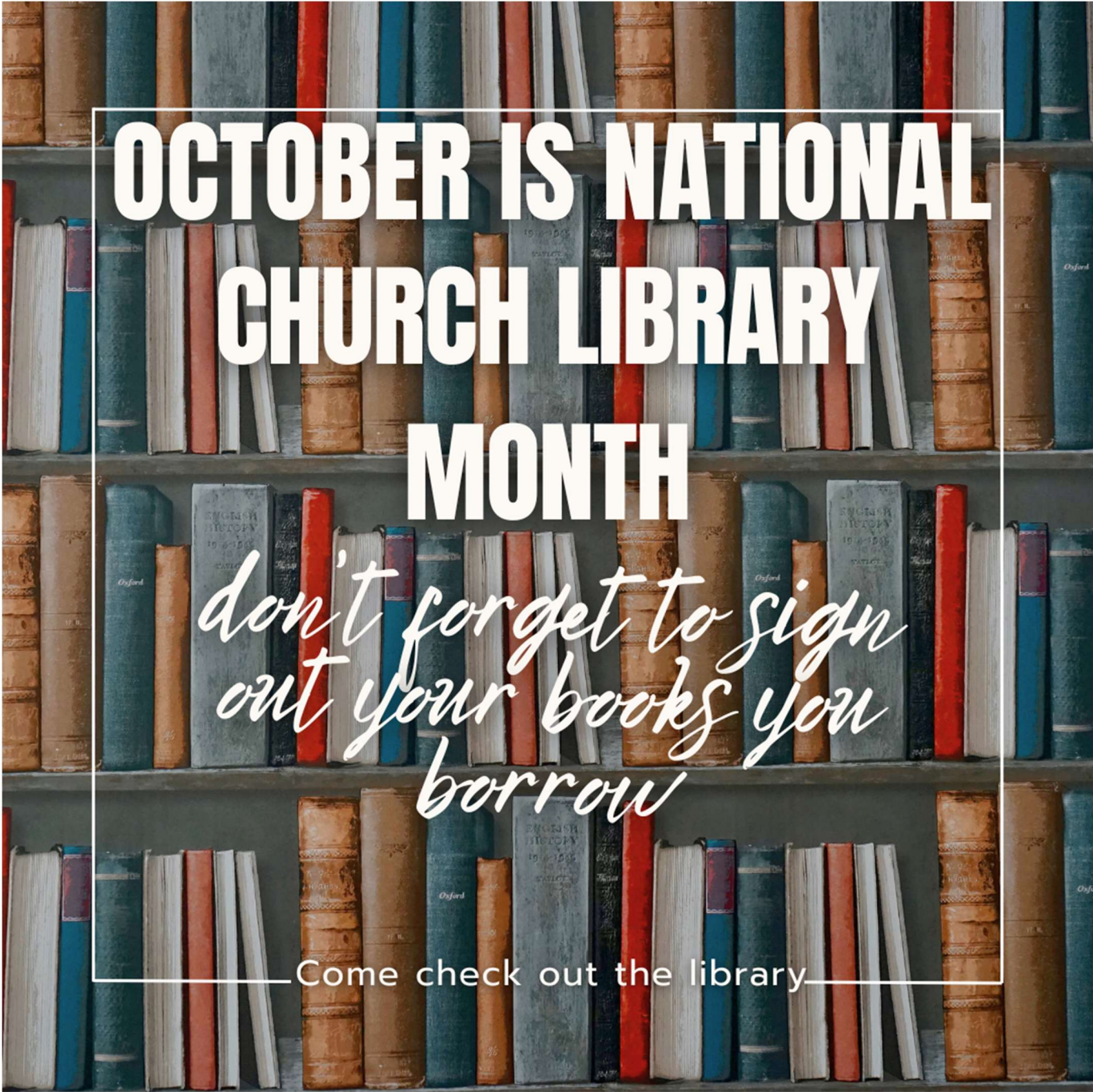
What a great month of events! Thank you to everyone who made it possible, we really appreciate it!



Thank you!

That's this month all wrapped up!

Thank you so much for your continued support! We are so blessed to have you by our side!



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CHURCH LIBRARY MONTH

*don't forget to sign
out your books you
borrow*

Come check out the library

Turn Our Hearts to Heaven

*"Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."*

Matthew 6: 9-10

Fall Women's Gathering

Sponsored by LWML Southwest Zone

All Saints Day -- November 1, 2025, 9:30 am - 3 pm

Trinity Lutheran Gym and Fellowship Hall

218 N Main, Freistatt, MO, 65654 (Park in back lot)

Ingathering: "For the Kids" resources for foster families

Please bring new socks and underwear (all sizes)

RSVP by October 18th to Connie Prater at (417) 761-0953

Join us for

Saturday Night FOR THE SAINTS



Ticket/Sponsor
Information

Benefiting
Endowment Fund at
**SPRINGFIELD
LUTHERAN**
S C H O O L

Join us in celebrating our school spirit.
Wear the school colors and enjoy a night of causal
food and fun. We will be serving Bambinos and a
sponsored happy hour. Table & individual tickets are
available. The endowment serves as a growth fund to
expand the school's growing needs and offer school
scholarships to students.

NOVEMBER 1ST 2025

OZARK EVENT CENTER

Happy Hour starts at 5:30 pm
Dinner & Program at 7:00 pm

DINNER • GAMES • AUCTION • DRINKS





Spirit Sponsor

Your sponsorship will provide all beverages for the evening. Sponsorship includes:

- 2 tables (Seating for 16 Guests)
- Featured sign and recognition on program at event.
- Head Logo/Name on a banner to hang in SLS gym for 2025/2026 school year.
- Recognition in school newsletter and social media accounts.
- VIP drink service at your table.



Joyful Sponsor

Your sponsorship will help offset costs for the evening. Sponsorship includes:

- 1 table (Seating for 8 Guests)
- Featured sign and recognition on program.
- Logo/Name on a banner to hang in SLS gym for 2025/2026 school year.
- Recognition in school newsletter and social media accounts.
- 2 Complementary premium bottles of wine.



Mission Sponsor

Your sponsorship will provide \$500.00 directly to help support classroom supplies.

Sponsorship includes:

- 1 table (Seating for 8 Guests)
- Featured sign and recognition on program.
- Logo/Name on a banner to hang in SLS gym for 2025/2026 school year.
- Recognition in school newsletter and social media



Saints Sponsor

Your sponsorship will provide a table for our teachers and staff to attend for the evening.

Sponsorship includes:

- Featured sign on table.
- Recognition on program.



Ticket/Sponsor
Information



SAVE THE DATE!!

“Journey of Promises”

Community Choir Concert

December 20, 2025

7:00 p.m.

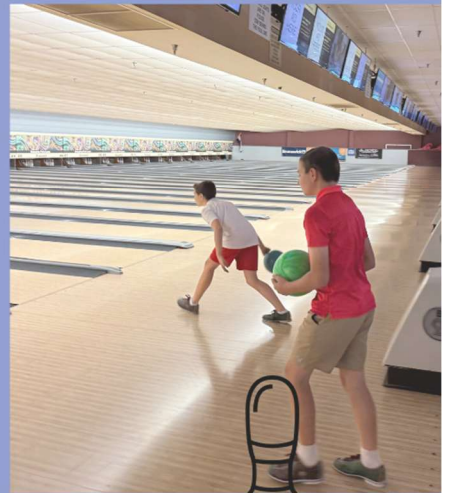
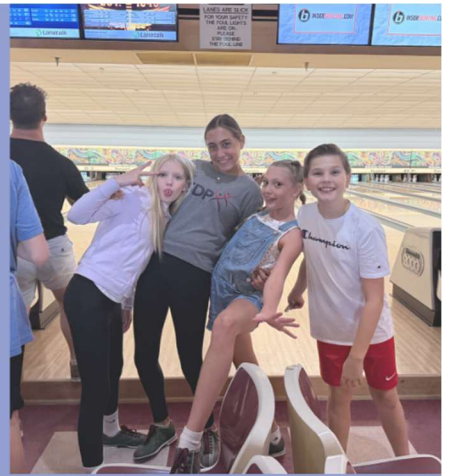
Trinity Lutheran Church,
Freistatt, MO

Directed by Carol McIntrye

Free Furniture:

Two members of our congregation have furniture they would like to give away. If anyone needs beds (king, queen, twin with mattresses), couches, kitchen table, or a sleeper sofa couch please contact Heather Newman at 417-894-2178

Bill Thompson has a king bed (frame and mattress) available. You can reach him at 314-941-6533.



Jr. High bowling





UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 26

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE (NOON & 7 P.M.)

NOVEMBER 23

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (9:30 A.M.)

THANKSGIVING LUNCH (12:30 P.M.)

CHRIST THE KING SERVICE (6:30 P.M.)

NOVEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

ADVENT SERVICES (NOON & 7:00 P.M.)

DECEMBER 21

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE (6:00 P.M.)

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (5:00 & 7:00 P.M.)

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (10:00 A.M.)

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:

Ginnie Beaman, co-worker of Melinda Brown
Jenee Kernan, friend of Carl & Linda Oughton
Elaine Kruger, sister of Fran Wald
Lynn Rogers, friend of Carmen Swinney

Sharon Schmidt, mother of Candace Gaede
Gene Schroeder, brother of Ben Schroeder
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
Phyllis Hansen
Georgia Mikessell

Kay Quasius
Paula Spalding
Jerry Williams

For Those Facing Ongoing Health Issues

Frank Bennett
Marien Byrne
Carol Etherton
Easton Fitzgearlds
Joshua Gaede
Donna Gann
Roy Merritt
Pam Osterloh
Tim Peters
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 Friert
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 Friert

Week of September 28-October 5, 2025

Today	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. F.L.E.A. – Story Bibles for 3- and 6-year-olds 5:30 p.m. Sunday Night ABS – Home of Mark & Karen Freiert
Monday	9:15 a.m. Faith Foundations Women’s Bible Study, gym 1:00 p.m. Church Office Opens Caleb Staehr’s day off
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Pickleball, gym 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise @ The Lutheran Student Center
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Class, gym (begins Oct. 1) 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal – Tacos 5:45 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom 6:00 p.m. 7 th -8 th grade class/ High School Class/ Nursery 6:30 p.m. 3 rd -6 th grade class/Good News Crew 6:30 p.m. Adult Catechism Study
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Room 2 Noon College Bible Study @ Big Slice Pizza 5:25 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:50 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
Friday	Church office closed Pastor Hagerman’s day off Daniel Duffy’s day off
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Oktoberfest @ Home of the Moore’s (see page 11)
Next Sunday October 5	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 5:30 p.m. Sunday Night ABS – Home of Dan & Barbie Lyons