



Trinity Trumpet

*Trinity Lutheran Church
Springfield, Missouri*

June 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



**Join us Sunday, June 22 at 1:00 p.m.
for a BBQ and prepping the Fireworks Tent**

- Set up Tables
- Hang Electrical
- Set out Fireworks
- Set up Cash Registers/Credit card machines
- Great fellowship!!!!
- 1320 W. Skyline (corner of NN & Skyline in Ozark)

We are looking for new leadership for 2026 as the current Fireworks Committee is retiring. If you are interested in keeping this fundraiser going, please join us this year to see how the "behind the scenes" work. Contact Josh Sexton or Matthew Knehans if you want more information.

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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 – May 25, 2025

Attendance:	8:15 a.m. n/a	Previous week:	161
	11:00 a.m. 135		173

Tithes and Offerings:

Undesignated (General) Offerings	\$ 9,855.38
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Designated Gifts

Debt Reduction	\$ 202.00	R&R Fund	\$ 200.00
Music/Choir	\$ 100.00	Sunshine Elementary	\$ 500.00
World Relief	\$ 200.00	M&M Camp	\$ 300.00
Christian Care	\$ 230.00	Gym Roof	\$ 200.00
Bus Expense	\$ 3.00	Family Life Retreat Refund	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$ 2,135.00</u>
		Total Gifts	\$11,990.38

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class Attendance for May 25

Preschool: 7	Jr. High: 8
Elementary: 28	Adults/Teachers: 64

FROM the PASTOR

Dear Trinity Family,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! By the time you see this article, our summer programs at Trinity will be in full swing, with Mighty Missionary Camp just about finished, and with preparations well underway for everything else happening this summer. Later on in the summer, we will have our Lutherans for Life Rummage sale (June 19-21), Martin's Fireworks (June 23-July 4), Vacation Bible School (July 7-11), and the LCMS Senior High National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA (July 19-23). And of course, we still have our weekly Sunday morning Divine Services and Bible classes to keep us grounded in God's Word throughout all of these activities.

Not too long ago, I was scrolling aimlessly on Facebook while killing time one day, and I stumbled across a meme based on the Dos Equis beer "Most Interesting Man in the World" commercials. If you recall, those commercials depicted a man engaging in ridiculous, unrealistic exploits to show how talented, confident, and interesting he is. At the end of each commercial, the Most Interesting Man in the World says, "I don't always drink beer, but when I do, I prefer Dos Equis." This line in particular has become the basis for a popular internet meme that has spawned thousands of pictures of the Most Interesting Man in the World making comments about things he doesn't always do, but the thing that he does when he does that thing. Does that sound confusing to you? Well, let me give you the example that I saw on Facebook that day, and it might make a bit more sense.

The meme that I saw was a picture of a pastor shaking hands with his parishioners after the Sunday morning service. And the caption to the meme read something like, "I don't always forget what people tell me right after the service, but when I do... Actually, just kidding, I always forget." Of course, as a pastor, I found this to be funny, mostly because of how true it is. I can't tell you the number of times

when, after the service, someone has given me a prayer request or asked for a visit or something like that, and I have completely forgotten about it five minutes later. I have probably left dozens of people hanging after telling them that I would get back to them about something or take care of something for them, only not to do it because I didn't remember having the conversation. Sunday mornings are a busy time for us pastors, and we have a lot of things running through our heads, and it is unlikely that we'll be able to remember something that we were told in a twenty second conversation that took place as we were shaking hands with a hundred other people. I wish our pastoral memories (and mine in particular) were better than that, but it's true all the same.

That's why, if you really want to tell me something so that I'll remember it and act on it, the receiving line after the service is probably the worst time to do it. If you'd like to talk to me about something at that point, I'm very happy to talk with you, but I will probably need a reminder phone call or email later so that I can remember what we talked about. I do try to encourage people to do that anyway, and many of you have listened, which I greatly appreciate. The last thing I want to happen is for someone's concerns not to be addressed because I forgot about a conversation, so any help you can give me is very much appreciated.

To be clear, I want everyone to know that I'm not addressing this topic in this article because I've had members complaining to me or to anyone else that I haven't been getting back to them. Nobody is putting any kind of pressure on me, and I'm not responding to anyone with this article. I simply decided to write about this because I saw that meme on Facebook and it made me laugh because it rang very true to me. I also wanted to preemptively encourage everyone to communicate with me in a manner more likely to produce a positive response (or any response at all, really). One of my biggest concerns as your pastor is to be responsive to the needs of the congregation, and if I'm not doing that, then I'm not doing my job very well. So, if you have something important you want to tell me about or a prayer request that you'd like to give to me, please don't rely on my memory of that initial conversation in the receiving line after services, because I will most likely forget about it very soon afterwards. Instead, give me a call later, send me an email, or come to talk to me after the crowds die down. I'll be much more likely to remember the conversation and take whatever action I need in order to help you with whatever situation you are bringing to my attention.

May God bless us all as we begin our summer at Trinity together!

In Christ,
Pastor Hagerman

Adult Bible Study (ABS)

SUNDAY

Time	Topic	Leader	Location
9:45 AM	Feasts & Commemorations in Lutheranism	Vicar Holland	Gym
9:45 AM	Luke	Bob Quebbeman	Woker Room
9:45 AM	The Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School	Zeke Young	Family Room
9:45 AM	Senior High Youth	Josh Sexton	Youth Room, West Wing
9:45 AM	Bible Reading Journey	Pastor Todd Biermann	Sanctuary

MONDAY

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study Born of Woman A Genealogical Study of Christ	Dakotah Gumm	Gym / Family Room
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Adult Bible Class Descriptions

Feasts and Commemorations in Lutheranism - This class will be explaining why Lutheranism maintains a "Sanctoral Calendar" and how we utilize it, especially with how it is distinguished from the Roman Catholic usage of the Saints. We will also be going through each of the Saints and events listed in the LSB Calendar in order to better understand how they show us Christ. Led by Vicar Holland.

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.

The Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School – We will pick back up this study: *The Stuff They didn't Teach Me In Sunday School...About the Exodus!* LHM Executive Director Bruce Wurdeman takes the viewer on a whirlwind tour of this formative period in Israel's development. With an eye to detail, he notes the rise of Moses, Israel's bondage under Pharaoh, the havoc God wreaked through the ten plagues, Israel's exit to the Sinai, and its 40-year romp in the wilderness with Moses at the helm. This series ends with Moses, the mighty Levite, a prophet without rival "whom the LORD knew face to face" (Deuteronomy 34:10b), being laid to rest in Moab. The torch has now passed to Joshua. This class is facilitated by Zeke Young.

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

Born of Woman – Led by Dakotah Gumm, this bible study for the women of the congregation will explore the genealogy of Christ, and will meet June 2- August 11 at 9:30 a.m. (with the exception of July 7 & Aug 4). A couple of weeks during the LFL rummage sale the group will meet in the Family Center.

The Book of Hebrews--During our Wednesday morning Bible class this spring, Pastor Hagerman will lead us through the only anonymously authored book of the New Testament. Even though we don't know who wrote Hebrews, his epistle has played a highly significant role in the development of the Christian theology of the vicarious atonement (Jesus shedding His blood on the cross to win forgiveness for our sins). The book also makes many connections between the Old and New Testaments and shows us how many Old Testament patterns and institutions pointed to and were fulfilled by Jesus and His work. Join us as we read this book, have our faith strengthened, and grow knowledge of Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross for us.

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. The class times will be changing with the end of midweek. Continue to follow the reading plan on your own, and join the group for Bible Study and deeper discussion on the following dates: Sun. April 27th, 9:45 in the Sanctuary; Sun. May 4th, in the Sanctuary; Sun. May 25th, in the Sanctuary

FROM VICAR HOLLAND

This may be the shortest article about the Apocrypha that I will do. This is because we will be looking at the Prayer of Manasseh. It is simply a prayer attributed to Manasseh and nothing else. The unique position of this text is that, even though Martin Luther included it in his Bible translation as part of the Apocrypha, both Protestants and Roman Catholics consider this apocryphal. That means that, if we were to include this in our Bibles with the Apocrypha, we would have one more addition than Rome. This is certainly interesting.

Now, about the man that this prayer is attributed to. Manasseh is recorded in the Bible as one of the most idolatrous kings of Judah. The second Book of Chronicles, but not the second Book of Kings records that Manasseh was taken captive by the Assyrians. While a prisoner, Manasseh prayed for mercy, and upon being freed and restored to the throne turned from his idolatrous ways. A reference to a penitential prayer, but not the prayer itself, is made in 2 Chronicles 33:19, which says that the prayer is written in "the annals of the kings of Israel". Perhaps this is the prayer? Perhaps not, though.

The majority of scholars believe that the Prayer of Manasseh was written in Greek (while a minority argues for a Semitic original) in the second or first century BC. It is recognized that it could also have been written in the first half of the 1st century AD, but in any case, before the Destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD. Another work by the same title, written in Hebrew, was found among the Dead Sea Scrolls (4Q381:17). The earliest codex that this is found in is the 5th century Codex Alexandrinus.

Martin Luther found this prayer to be a great example of repentance and confession. Due to this, he frequently referenced it when teaching Confession and Absolution to others.

Since this is quite the short text, let me simply show you. It reads as follows:

1 Lord Almighty, God of our ancestors, God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their righteous children, 2 you made heaven and earth with all their beauty. 3 You set limits for the sea by speaking your command. You closed the bottomless pit, and sealed it by your powerful and glorious name. 4 All things fear you and tremble in your presence, 5 because no one can endure the brightness of your glory. No one can resist the fury of your threat against sinners. 6 But your promised mercies are beyond measure and imagination, 7 because you are the highest, Lord, kind, patient, and merciful, and you feel sorry over human troubles. You, Lord, according to your gentle grace, promised forgiveness to those who are sorry for their sins. In your great mercy, you allowed sinners to turn from their sins and find salvation. 8 Therefore, Lord, God of those who do what is right, you didn't offer Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who didn't sin against you, a chance to change their hearts and lives. But you offer me, the sinner, the chance to change my heart and life, 9 because my sins outnumbered the grains of sand by the sea. My sins are many, Lord; they are many. I am not worthy to look up, to gaze into heaven because of my many sins. Now, Lord, I suffer justly. I deserve the troubles I encounter. Already I'm caught in a trap. 10 I'm held down by iron chains so that I can't lift up my head because of my sins. There's no relief for me, because I made you angry, doing wrong in front of your face, setting up false gods and committing offenses. 11 Now I bow down before you from deep within my heart, begging for your kindness. 12 I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned, and I know the laws I've broken. 13 I'm praying, begging you: Forgive me, Lord, forgive me. Don't destroy

me along with my sins. Don't keep my bad deeds in your memory forever. Don't sentence me to the earth's depths, for you, Lord, are the God of those who turn from their sins. 14 In me you'll show how kind you are. Although I'm not worthy, you'll save me according to your great mercy. 15 I will praise you continuously all the days of my life, because all of heaven's forces praise you, and the glory is yours forever and always. Amen.

For memory verses, I would recommend all these verses; it is only 15, after all.

Welcome New Members – Get to Know The Baumgardner Family



We met in 1966 as freshman at Pacific Lutheran University. Reggie was born in Fort Worth, Texas, however, his father was in the Army and stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco, so Reggie lived there during his school years. I was born in Bellingham, Washington and spent most of my school years in Port Angeles, Washington.

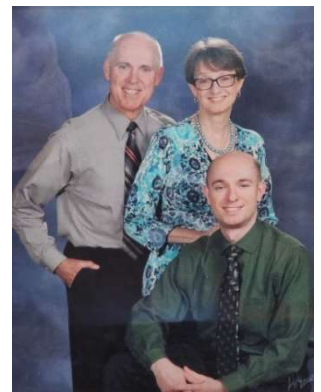
After college Reggie served as an officer in the Army. He attended the FBI Academy in Quantico Va. after his military service. Upon graduation he was stationed at the FBI Office in San Francisco. In recent years Reggie travelled overseas and taught airport and police personnel security procedures in many foreign countries. I was a stewardess for United Airlines prior to our marriage. Interesting little fact -- in the 60's and early 70's you could not be married as a stewardess, so I had to quit my job to get married! I returned to flying in 1997 as a "flight attendant" after we had raised our two boys.

Because of our careers we have lived all over the United States and in 2022, after we had both retired, we moved to Ozark Mo. We have family in Kansas and Missouri so this area was a good fit for us. We joined Redeemer Lutheran Church in Springfield.

We have 2 sons, Robert and Paul. Robert lives with his wife in Joplin, Mo. He has 5 grown children. Paul lives in Walpole Ma. with his wife and 2 sons. So we have 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

Get to Know The Vernava Family

The Rev. Michael and Harriet Vernava have come to Trinity from Peace Lutheran Church in Fresno, CA. Michael is a retired LC-MS Pastor, having served Faith Lutheran Church in Buena Vista, CO and First Lutheran Church in Hanford, CA. He has also served multiple vacancies in California during "retirement". He is a private pilot, although he has not flown in many years due to the costs of doing so, an airplane enthusiast, and enjoys building plastic models of his favorite planes. He loves Lutheran Hymnody and plays guitar. Harriet is an "awesome" wife (Michael says), and a retired California public school Computer Instructor. She and Michael are parents to Stephen, who lives and works in California on the F-35C Project at the China Lake Naval Weapons Test Station, Grace, who teaches 1st Grade at Springfield Lutheran School, and Andrew, who moved to Springfield with Mom and Dad and our little dog Bailey. Andrew is an accomplished musician, having



completed his Bachelor's Degree in Trombone Performance at California State University, Fresno, and looks forward to musical opportunities at Trinity. He has also completed some Computer Technology certifications hoping to work in that field here in Springfield. Harriet and Michael are grandparents to James, Caleb, Savanna, and Brooklynn. Michael, Harriet, Andrew, and Bailey, our 16 year-old Jack Russel/Chihuahua mix, relocated to Springfield to be near our daughter, Grace, and her growing family.

The move was complicated by Harriet's Breast Cancer diagnosis in Oct of 2024. "Thank You" to the members of Trinity and the parish staff for your kind words of encouragement and faithful prayers. We look forward to the end of Chemo treatments in May and hope to gradually become more active in congregational life.

Many of you will notice we are never here all together. Andrew usually attends the early service and Michael and I attend the late service. Bailey has numerous health issues and can no longer be left alone. So, we trade dog-sitting duties. God blessed us with our sweet little fur baby and we seek to honor Him as we care for her.

We are thankful to be a part of the Trinity Family and look forward to becoming more involved in the coming months.

Letter to Trinity from Noah Oloff

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I am humbled and excited to accept the call extended to me on April 30, 2025, to be the vicar at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield, Mo. I am particularly excited to join with Pastor Hagerman and the other leadership to serve the people and the community of Trinity Lutheran Church. It will be a blessing in my own formation to share the ministerial work with Pastor Hagerman and the other leadership. The vicarage is incredibly exciting as there are numerous opportunities to visit shut-ins, participate with you and family ministries, and preach and teach. It is my prayer that I may be a blessing to those I serve.

Over the coming months I look forward to preparing to move and begin serving Trinity Lutheran Church. I ask for your continued prayers for myself and my wife that the various aspects to concluding this semester of Seminary and moving will go smoothly. I am looking forward to serving as your vicar to the glory of God.

In Christ's Name,
Noah Oloff

SCRIP PROGRAM

Scrip cards are a great way to give back to our mission programs. You can find cards for Wal-Mart, Target, Harter House, various restaurants, fast food, etc. Please see us in the gym every Sunday morning from 9-9:45 a.m. or email Linda Oughton at oughtonlinda@yahoo.com to place an order or to find out about this amazing money raising program. This quarter's sales will go to Springfield Lutheran High School.





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 Card Rack – Be sure to stop by the card rack located in the narthex. All cards are 50 cents each and there are a variety from which to choose – Graduation, Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, etc.



Off The Shelf



We have a new addition to our collection that will be of special interest to those attending Vicar Holland's Sunday class. "Celebrating the Saints" by William Weedon is a chronological record of many feasts, festivals, occasions and commemorations practiced in the Lutheran Church. Each two page entry gives a brief history of a saint or celebration with a hymn verse, a prayer and sometimes scripture references. Luther once said, "We rightly honor the saints when we recognize that they are held up before us as a mirror of the grace and mercy of God." The saints provide encouragement to us through the stories of their faith in action. This book begins with the months of the year followed by the moveable feasts in the Christian Church Year. If you have any questions about book returns or the inventory, please call Judy Adams at 417-569-7439.

The Mother's Day/Father's Day Ingathering continues!! Springfield is blessed with the most active Newborns in Need Chapter in the country. Volunteers are busy cutting, sewing, knitting and crocheting. They touched 12,000 little lives in the past year throughout Greene County and 32 surrounding counties. Their layettes need baby shampoo, baby wash, binkies, bottles, board books and prayers. *Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Psalm 36:5*

Lutherans for Life - Life Quotes

June 1 "Watch and prepare for Jesus to return. Set your hearts on Him and on your life in Him. He is the beginning and end, the purpose and goal of your life. So there's no need for tears as you see Him ascend. He is with you always. He will come back for His people soon. Then we will appear with Him in glory." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

June 8 "We are blessed because Jesus has come to us, God most high become a human baby. We are blessed because God has kept His promise to redeem us, even at the cost of His own suffering, death, and resurrection. And we are blessed because the Holy Spirit has given us faith in His good promises." *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotion*

Lutherans for Life In-Gathering

Collection for All Stages of Life
from Mother's Day to Father's Day



Need Ideas?
Here's Some to Get You Thinking!



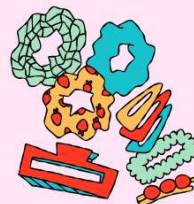
Newborns in Need

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- diapers
- swaddles
- bibs
- baby wash
- pacifiers
- diaper cream
- sleep sacks
- baby socks
- receiving blankets
- sleepers
- onsies



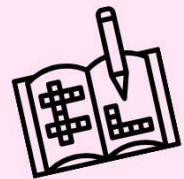
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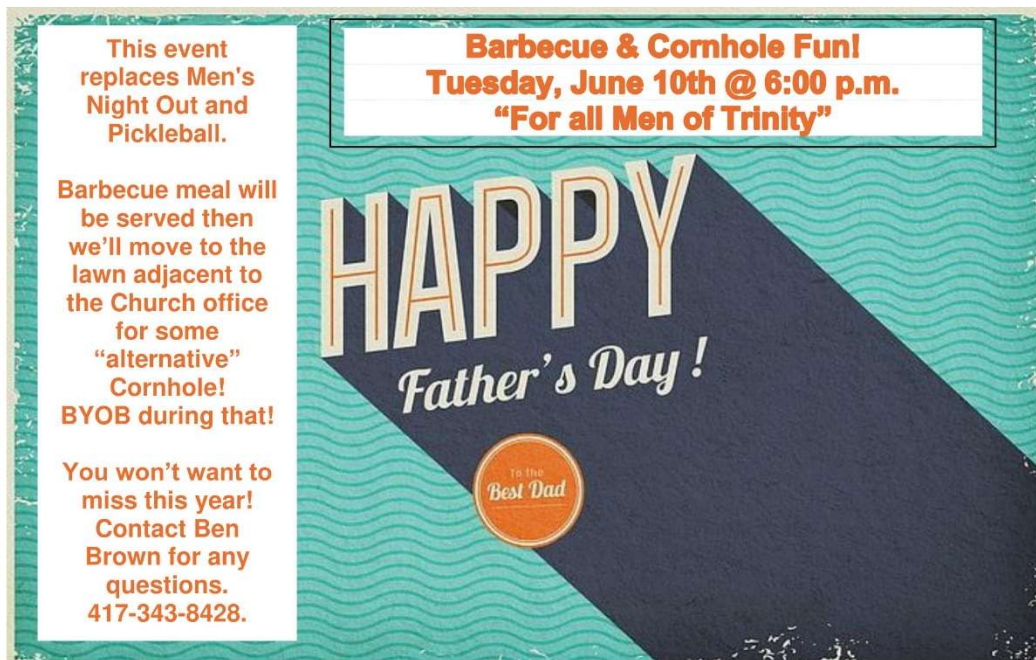
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- shampoo
- deodorant
- clothes
- paper towels
- cleaning products
- feminine products
- school supplies
- toilet paper
- non-perishable food



Local Nursing Home

- jigsaw puzzles
- crossword puzzles
- blankets
- diabetic socks
- stationary/cards
- paints/brushes
- coloring books
- colored pencils
- lip balm
- snacks
- clothes
- small stuffed animals
- nail polish





Tomorrow Tree Recognition



The Endowment Committee
would like you to join in

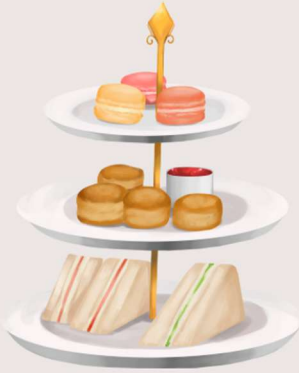
A Celebration of
the Tomorrow Tree

Sunday
June 22, 2025
9:15 am

Women's WORKSHOP

Join us for our first Sister's In Christ event!

Make and Take FIVE delicious salads for quick summer meals



Food (light breakfast)



Fellowship & Fun



Devotion Time

When: Saturday, June 28th from 9:30-11:30

Childcare will be provided

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church Gym

To join us, go to

<https://bit.ly/sistersinchristsiaj> OR

Registration is required to ensure we have enough ingredients



Scan me



Trinity Women in Action (TWIA) members are gathering items for the Shoebox Christmas Project. We will again focus on older boys' gifts that are small enough to include in the shoeboxes. Please start looking for (& purchasing) items like small school supplies, puzzles or games such as: yo-yos, magnets, or Slinkies. You may drop the items off in the Trinity Ladies' Storage Room (former Library off the Family Center Foyer).

Mark your calendars!

All Trinity Ladies (& daughters) are welcome to a **Potluck Salad Luncheon!!!** TWIA will sponsor its Quarterly Get-Together on Thursday, June 5 at 11:00 AM. Come to the church gym with a salad to share and enjoy our guest speaker, Trinity's Director of Music, Caleb Staehr.

Saturday, June 28th, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM is another Women's Event at Trinity "Sister's in Christ" (daughters are welcome too.) Childcare provided during this Trinity get-together, which is sponsored by the Family Life Committee. Jen Larson will be leading a workshop on prepping a salad in a jar. There will be a brief devotional time as well. Stay and enjoy your salads from the jar for lunch! Hannah, Director of Family Life, will be sharing more details in the coming weeks.

Scholarship Opportunity: Trinity's young men and women who will be attending schools of higher learning affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod may apply for a \$300 scholarship for the upcoming school year. Students, you must submit a typed or handwritten letter stating the name of the college/university, the academic year in which the funds are needed, as well as a brief summary of how this scholarship will assist you in your career plans. TWIA encourages careers in church work, but it is not a requirement. Scholarship request letters should be mailed to Linda Oughton, 4602 S. Forest Ave., Springfield, MO 65810.

****Thank you so much, Trinity Congregation, for the Mite Offerings this month, which totaled \$23.00. Mark 15:6-"She had wrought a good work on me." The Mite collections worldwide will continue to go to one of the LWML Mission Grants-"Tanzania Children's Homes"-(Evangelical Lutheran Church-Tanzania, Africa). 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, June 8, 2025.**

OPEN FOR 2 WEEKS

JUNE 22-JULY 4

8AM-10PM

**LOCATED IN OZARK AT NN &
SKYLINE (BEHIND LAMBERT'S)**

MARTIN'S FIREWORKS FOR ALL AGES



Martins Fireworks began in 1991 to raise funds for:

- High School National Youth Gathering
- Higher Things
- M&M Camp

The fireworks stand continues today and after tithing to the church, proceeds continue to go to the youth, **and** the Mark Schultz Memorial Scholarship that is awarded every year to a high school senior.



The operation of the fireworks stand is possible only by the many volunteers who offer their time. Although the youth and their families set up and work multiple shifts, this is such a large fund raiser any extra hands are greatly appreciated.

Come join us on Sunday, June 22 to set up tables, electrical, product, etc. We will start with a BBQ around 1 p.m.

HOW YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP THE YOUTH

- DO consider working a shift or two at the tent
- DO plan on being trained to work the cash registers
- DO get your family involved and sign up to work a shift together. The sooner you sign up the better
- DO plan on time to enjoy a good book or family games
- DO enjoy the fellowship while working at the tent. It's a great way to get to know new people.



If you have any questions or concerns or need more information contact :
Josh Sexton, Matthew Knehans, Kevin Scheer, Daniel Straw, Angela Bruton

Stewardship Moment

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).

- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.

- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.

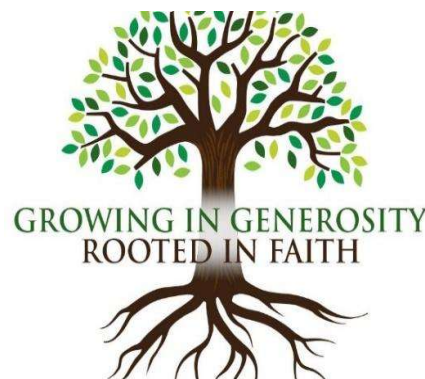
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.

- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!



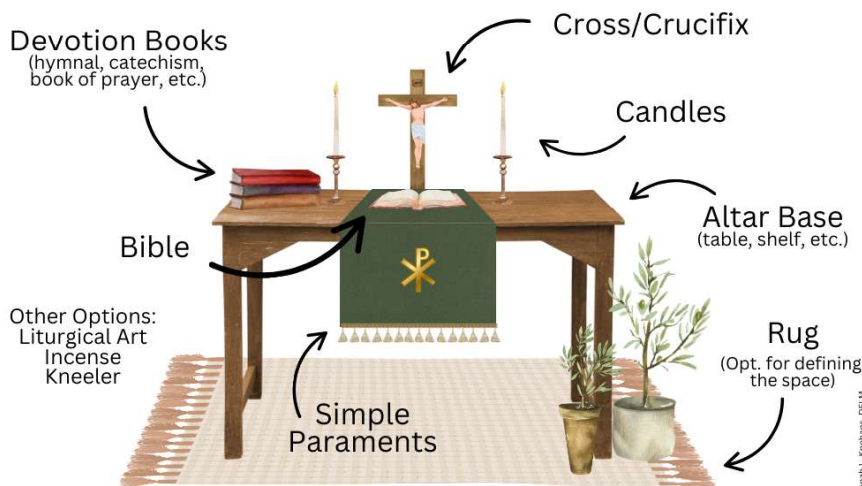
MONTHLY HOME DISCIPLESHIP HELPS

Hannah L. Knehans - Director of Family Life Ministry (DFLM)

The Family Altar

The altar is the place of worship. When your family gather's for family devotions, it might be helpful to have a physical space to help focus your attention. A home altar can be a physical space where you gather for regular home worship and devotions. Use what you already have at home! Matthew and I have a cross, candles, simple felt pieces that match the church season color, and books on our piano. The piano is in our living room where we usually do bedtime devotions on the couch. We use a simple order of worship to guide our devotion time. We also use many of the books listed in the side bar.

THE HOME ALTAR



Resources for Your Home

Family Devotions

Use a simple order of worship. See LSB/Hymnal pages 294-298 for brief services at different times of the day.

Bible Reading

Take turns reading passages out loud from a story Bible or study Bible with notes. Use the "Daily Lectionary" LSB/Hymnal pages 299-304 for suggested daily readings.

Books for Kids

- The Story Bible
- My First Catechism
- My First Hymnal
- My Treasury of Faith

Books & Apps

- Lutheran Study Bible
- Lutheran Service Book (Hymnal)
- Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation

Learn more about home altars for Lutherans: allthehousehold.com/the-lutheran-home-altar
A helpful checklist for elements of a home altar: allthehousehold.com/home-altar-checklist

IGNITE

EQUIPPING THE SONG OF THE CONGREGATION

**JULY
16**

Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.

THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

Where did the Lutheran hymnal originate, how has it changed over time, and how can I use it as a resource at home in my devotional study and private worship?

**JULY
23**

Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

What are the parts of the Lutheran Divine Service, where did they come from, and why do we continue to use this service structure in our worship practices today?

**JULY
30**

Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.

THE OFFICES: VESPERS & COMPLINE

An introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours and its place in Lutheran worship.

**AUG
6**

Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.

THE OFFICES: MATINS & EVENING PRAYER

An extended discussion of the Liturgy of the Hours as it relates to the services of Matins and Evening Prayer.

**AUG
13**

Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

An introduction to and rehearsal of a secondary setting of the Evening Prayer Service composed by Marty Haugen.



Meet the Inaugural SLHS Faculty & Staff

With great joy and anticipation, we are thrilled to introduce the inaugural faculty and staff of Springfield Lutheran High School for the 2025–2026 school year to our Founding Families and all our SLHS supporters!

These exceptional educators and leaders are deeply committed to faith, excellence, and relationships—and they are ready to pour into the hearts and minds of our students as we prepare to launch this fall.

This announcement marks a major milestone in the SLHS journey. Each individual has been prayerfully selected to support our mission of equipping students to impact the world for Christ.

Go to the SLHS website to see the bios on the faculty and staff, and don't miss your chance to meet them in-person at our "Meet the Faculty" Open House on June 12.

Please join us in welcoming and praying for this incredible team. Together, they bring deep faith, professional excellence, and a heart for students that will shape SLHS for years to come.

In Christ,
SLHS Board of Directors

Thank You, Trinity Lutheran Church!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church for your incredible generosity and support. Your approval of the Council's recommendation—a **\$22,000 one-time gift to SLHS**, along with **lease forgiveness**—is a powerful encouragement as we prepare to launch this fall.

Thank you for investing in Christ-centered education and helping lay the foundation for Springfield Lutheran High School! —SLHS Board & Staff

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Pointing the way to fun!

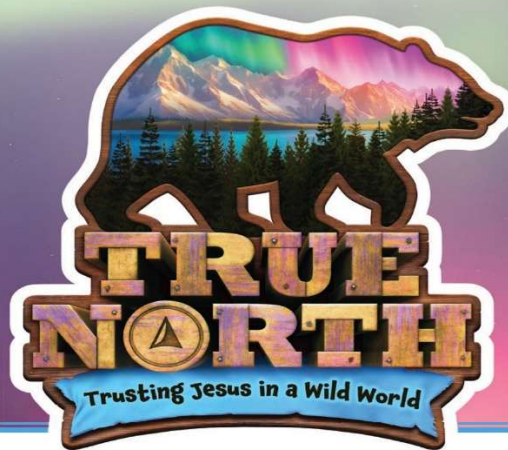
Wondering what to do this summer?
Join us for an Alaskan Adventure at VBS!

LOCATION: Trinity Family Center

SAVE THESE DATES: July 7-11, 2025

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER
GO TO:**

vbspro.events/p/trinityspringfield



Happy Mother's Day.



GET TO KNOW OUR PRESENTERS:

**** Rev. Dr. W. Mart Thompson, D.Min.**
is Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary.



Family discipleship and whole life catechesis are among his specialties. Prior to being called to seminary faculty, for three decades he served as a campus pastor, sole pastor, and senior pastor in congregations. He is a presenter at workshops and conferences on raising children in the faith.

**** Cheryl Thompson**

is a Licensed Professional Counselor who owns Concord Counseling STL. She has worked with children, couples, and individual adults using her specialized training in addressing anxiety, mood and trauma disorders. She has extensive training in Gottman Couples Therapy, working with master trainers from the Gottman Institute. Cheryl is also a certified Prepare and Enrich Facilitator.

*** Mart and Cheryl *** are blessed with three children who are married and have children of their own. Thankfully, the family discipleship legacy continues in all of their homes.



"The week EXCEEDED my expectations!!" — Mom from last year

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JUNE 8-13, 2025

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FAMILY CAMP

Schedule:

7:30 - Quiet Time with God by the Lake
8:00 - Breakfast
8:45 - Camp Songs and Opening Devotion
9:30 - Adult Sessions with Mart and Cheryl
KID Activity time with Camp Counselors
Noon - Lunch
1:15 - Whole Family with Mart and Cheryl
Active Learning Time—Put it into practice
3:15 - FREE TIME with family!
Swimming in the lake, fishing, canoeing, hiking, etc
Also, Mart & Cheryl available for private meeting time
5:30 - Dinner
7:00 - Evening FUN group activity
9:00 - Campfire and Devotions



Daily Camp Themes for Discipleship in the Home

Monday – Do: Spiritual Habits
Tuesday – Sync: Family Relationships
Wednesday – Say: Spiritual Conversations
Thursday – Serve: As a Family
Friday – Partner: Home and Congregation

**"Train up a child in the way he should go
and when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6**

HANDBELL *Cleaning*



“OOO,
SHINY!”



PICTURES FROM MAY 24, 2025
TRINITY HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBERS CLEANING AND POLISHING THE BELLS

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE



FAQ:

Q: When can I start dropping my “treasures” off in the gym?

A: JUNE 1-15

Q: What items can I NOT bring?

A: Old computers, TVs, mattresses, baby cribs . . . anything that DOESN'T work. If you wouldn't buy it – don't bring it.

Q: When will the gym be open so I can bring my items?

A: Please call the church office when you arrive at Trinity and someone in the office will unlock the door for you. 417-866-5878

Q: How can I help with the Rummage Sale?

A: There will be workers throughout the week of June 9-18 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can contact Kim DeLuce at 417-343-1126 or Theresa Rader at 417-840-4675.

Q: What are the sale dates and hours?

A: June 19-20 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and June 21 from 8 a.m. until Noon.

Q: Can I help during the sale?

A: YES! Workers are always needed.

Q: How does this money from the sale help Lutherans for Life?

A: It helps to fund many Pro-Life events.

THE RUMMAGE SALE to end all rummages sales is just around the corner. Are you cleaning those closets, basements and attics???? Each year, Lutherans for Life is convinced that everyone has emptied out all their “treasures” at previous sales, but each year, we are pleasantly surprised. You may begin bringing your items to Trinity's gym at 1415 S. Holland beginning TODAY. Please remember that we cannot accept mattresses, TVs or computers. For more information, please contact Kim DeLuce at 417-343-1126 or text Theresa Rader at 417-840-4675. Lutherans for Life depends on this annual sale to fund our many Pro-life activities. We deeply appreciate your support!

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

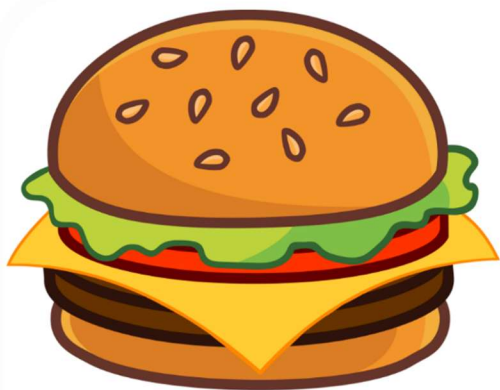
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JUNE 29TH

Join us for lunch as we
celebrate 50 years of
Faith Lutheran Church
serving in Springfield!

Please RSVP by June 22
at flc-s.org



Michael & Harriet Vernava have a lot of packing and moving supplies from their recent move and would be willing to share these with anyone who might be in need. You can contact them at harrietvernava@gmail.com.



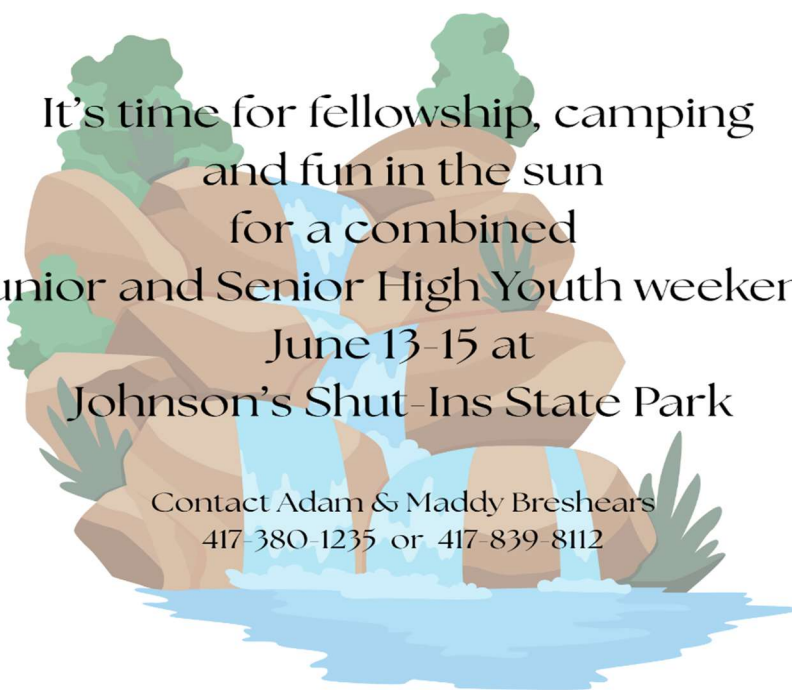
Trinity Church Ladies
are meeting this month
at Bair's All-American
Sports Grill



Monday June 23
6 pm
3821 S. Campbell Ave

It's time for fellowship, camping
and fun in the sun
for a combined
Junior and Senior High Youth weekend
June 13-15 at
Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park

Contact Adam & Maddy Breshears
417-380-1235 or 417-839-8112





SUNSHINE ELEMENTRY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE 2025!

THE SHOPPING IS BEING DONE FOR YOU!! WE ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR 150 2ND AND 3RD GRADE STUDENTS IN BULK QUANTITY AGAIN THIS YEAR THAT WILL SAVE MONEY, CAN BE PURCHASED TAX EXEMPT, AND GETS THE KIDS AND TEACHERS EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEED!

HOW YOU CAN HELP?? WE WILL BE COLLECTING MONETARY DONATIONS THROUGH THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE SUPPLIES. THE SUPPLIES COST ABOUT \$5000 THIS YEAR

**PLEASE MARK YOUR \$\$ DONATIONS AS
“SUNSHINE SCHOOL SUPPLIES” TO THE OFFICE!
THANK YOU TO THE SCRIP COMMITTEE AND SUMMER SUNDAY
SCHOOL OFFERINGS FOR HELP WITH THIS PROJECT!**

**Please contact Laura McCune 417-880-0053 or
Lisa Schroeder 573-619-6464 with any questions or to
volunteer to pack and deliver the first week of August!**

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

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 June 1-7, 2025

Today	The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Ascension of Our Lord (observed) 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <i>Items for the Lutherans for Life Rummage Sale can be brought to the gym until June 15</i>
Monday	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, gym 1:00 p.m. Church Office Opens 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting Caleb Staehr's day off
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Pickleball, gym
Wednesday	
Thursday	11:00 a.m. TWIA Meeting, gym – Caleb Staehr guest speaker
Friday	Church office closed Pastor Hagerman & Vicar Holland's day off
Saturday	5:00-7:00 p.m. Gym Reserved
Next Sunday June 8	The Day of Pentecost 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Hannah Knehans' part-time office hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from Noon-4:30 p.m. She will be working her other hours from home or in the evenings at meetings/events.