



Trinity Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church
Springfield, Missouri
April 2026



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



Let God's light shine by spring cleaning our neighbor's yards!

Sunday, April 19

12:30-3:00 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 – March 18-22, 2026

Attendance: 8:15 a.m.	171	Previous week:	171
11:00 a.m.	211		190
Ash Wednesday Noon	98	7:00 p.m.	55

Tithes and Offerings:

Undesignated (General) Offerings			\$ 9,758.28
<u>Designated Gifts</u>			
Debt Reduction	\$ 245.00	SLHS	\$ 155.00
Christian Care	\$ 20.00	Family Life (Sisters in Christ)	\$ 5.14
Sunday School	\$ 28.36	Flowers	<u>\$ 144.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$ 597.50</u>
		Total Gifts	\$ 10,355.78

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class for March 22

Preschool:	14	Junior High:	11
Elementary:	31	Adults:	43

FROM PASTOR HAGERMAN

Dear Trinity Family,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I'd like to use this Trumpet article as an opportunity to talk about an issue that has become very significant over the past couple of years: artificial intelligence (AI). Let me say up front that I am no expert on AI; in fact, I have never used any of the newest AI programs (such as Chat GPT, Grok, etc.) before, for any reason. But I have certainly encountered content produced by AI, as I'm sure all of you have, even if you are not aware of it. And because AI usage and content have become so prevalent recently, it's important for us to discuss the implications that these developments might have.

AI allows the production of content in a tiny fraction of the time that it would take a human being to produce. AI can write articles, poems, and even sermons almost instantly, and it can also make pictures and videos quickly. All it needs is a prompt from a person (e.g.—write a story about a knight saving a princess) and it will very quickly produce something that is almost indistinguishable from what a human being might have done over a much longer period of time. AI is also helpful in research, as it quickly produces information that it would take a person reading books or surfing the Internet much more time to find. The benefits of such technology are clear: certain types of work can be done much faster, and it takes fewer people to do accomplish those tasks. However, there are some significant concerns that I and many other people also have when considering AI. What follows is a list of some of those concerns.

1. **Dependence on AI can lead to the erosion of a human being's ability to think, reason, research, and produce his/her own intellectual content.** When a computer program is relied upon to do all of our thinking for us, that stunts our ability to think for ourselves. We lose the capacity to critically examine issues, relying instead on what the AI programs tell us. We no longer desire to draw our own conclusions based on all available information, but would rather that the computers take care of that for us. We seek speed and convenience instead of the hard work of research, thought, and creativity.

2. **For the church specifically, pastors and other professional church workers may be tempted to use AI to write sermons, Bible studies, devotions, etc.** When an AI program can produce such content that is indistinguishable from (and sometimes “better” than) what an actual human being writes, why wouldn’t church workers use it? It would certainly save them a lot of time and effort, which in theory could be better spent on tasks that require embodied presence (such as counseling, visitation, etc.). However, this usage of AI assumes that pastors are merely givers of information, which a computer program can also do. It fails to take into account that pastors are preaching to specific congregations, and thus their ministries are tailored to a particular group of people. AI programs do not have that type of understanding, and so any spiritual content they produce would be missing that human touch.
3. **AI programs only “know” what they have been “taught” by human users.** The biggest AI programs have access to massive amounts of information that no single human being could ever hope to master. Practically anything that is generally accessible on the Internet can be learned by these programs. However, AI still is programmed to privilege certain types of information, and it retains the biases of its human operators. In other words, AI is just as prone to selectively filtering information that confirms or contradicts what it has been trained to “know.” It can present as fact ideas that are actually debatable, but the political, social, or theological biases of its trainers have told it to discard alternative explanations or sources of information. The non-discerning human user of an AI program might be confused or deceived by its seemingly limitless knowledge into accepting as ironclad truth anything it says, no matter how true or false such statements are in reality.
4. **AI programs have become replacements for embodied human connection, and could even be regarded as gods by some.** This is probably the most concerning aspect of AI for me. Many people, who are already isolated from other human beings by overuse of television, the Internet, video games, and social media, are now turning to AI companions as “friends” and “counselors.” AI programs will tell you whatever you want to hear and will affirm you in everything you say or do. You don’t have to worry about upsetting or alienating an AI program, and you know that it won’t do anything to anger you either. In many ways, it is the “perfect” friend or romantic partner, because it is unencumbered by the messiness of humanity. My deep concern is that many people will begin to view AI programs as their true friends, and will retreat further and further away from actual human beings.

Additionally, AI’s wealth of information and creative abilities will cause people to view it as having godlike powers. People will turn more and more to AI to tell them the meaning and purpose of life, instead of to the Scriptures, the church, their pastor, or their Christian friends. The true God will be abandoned for programs that appear to possess unlimited knowledge and creativity. AI will serve as one more competitor for the loyalties of people’s hearts, and the church will need to work hard to show people that it can be no replacement for the true God who reveals Himself in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

These are just a few of the significant concerns that I and many other people, Christian or otherwise, have with the prominence that AI is gaining in our society and in our lives. And I haven’t even mentioned the possibility that the AI could become self-aware, turn against its creators, and wipe out all of humanity in a nuclear attack. I suppose I’ve watched *The Terminator* and *The Matrix* movies a few too many times. But even if that kind of thing never occurs, what we’re already seeing from AI is concerning enough. It has significant implications for how we live our lives, relate to one another, and relate to our Lord. It can certainly be used as a helpful tool in many situations, but it can also cause serious problems

if it is used in the wrong way. My prayer for us all is that if we do make use of AI, we do so in a way that is responsible, limited, and faithful to the teachings of Scripture.

May God bless us all as we celebrate our Holy Week and Easter services together! No matter what happens in this life, and no matter how this AI thing shakes out, Christ remains our Lord and Savior who has died and risen again for our salvation. And that truth will always be worth clinging to and celebration until the day He comes again in glory.

In Christ,
Pastor Hagerman

FROM VICAR OLOFF

Dear Family in Christ,

One question that comes up for every student in secondary education is, “What are your favorite classes?” It is probably the third most asked question right after, “Where are you from” and “What is your major?” Of course, the answer to the question about favorite classes has much to do with the individual answering. Perhaps the topic of the class is something that is really interesting to the individual. A guy who loves American history is probably going to find a class on the Lewis and Clark 1804 expedition westward interesting while an art student may find that class horrifically boring. The way a teacher presents a class also influences the answer. The guy who loves American history may find the same class tedious and unengaging because the teacher is flat and static. So oftentimes explanation is needed to figure out exactly why the individual loves or loathes a class.

The question about favorite classes at the seminary has been posed several times to me over the last two and a half years. I have a different answer each time. Here I am going to try and answer the question definitively; at least until next month.

There are four theological discipline groups: exegetical, systematic, practical, and historical. These four areas are all components to the pastoral ministry in one way or another. Exegetical theology is the reading and interpretation of the Bible. Systematic theology is the formulation of orderly accounts of Christian doctrine. Practical theology is the application of theological content by means of preaching, worship, education, counseling, etc. Historical theology examines how past events and challenges shape the church. As students go into the seminary they tend to find a spot that really interests them or that they are naturally adept. For example, some guys are really good at languages and are able to really enjoy sitting with the Greek or Hebrew doing translations and interpretations.

I figure I will give a quick synopsis of where I fall and what is a favorite class in each category. I will say I have not had a bad class at the seminary. All the required classes are well thought out to provide a rounded formation of the individual to be competent in pastoral or deaconess ministry. The elective courses really allow the individual to hone in on his expertise or interest.

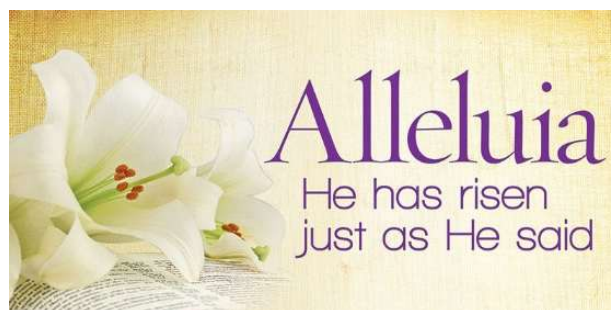
My favorite exegetical course to date has been a combination of two classes, the Torah and the Prophets. While I greatly enjoy the New Testament courses and Greek instruction because of the energy and enthusiasm of the professor, the Old Testament courses have been incredibly engaging and thought provoking. We read an incredible chunk of the Old Testament during the semester and the professors helped to show how various texts, not just Isaiah, point forward to the New Testament and Jesus. Additionally, scripture is often read in chunks or story blocks. This is not wrong as we can glean much from individual texts, but often reading an entire book at once allows us to see the author’s style or a big picture theme the author wants to reveal about Jesus.

Among the systematic courses, *Church and World* has been my favorite. This is mainly due to how this class combines systematic instruction from the previous classes and practical issues found in the church and the world. Why does the Roman Catholic church have a certain draw to many people? It stands as an unchanging immovable force like the ocean, unwavering on so many fronts like how it does worship and what it teaches. How should the church interact with political issues? A right understanding of the two kingdoms can help sort out the cloudiness. What language should the pastor use? Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection is for you. His body and blood and the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation is for you. While I do enjoy thinking systematically, the majority of pastoral life and much of my environmental interests land in this department, unfortunately my brain is not wired in such a philosophical way to fully engage.

The practical classes have been by far my favorite. This includes preaching, teaching, and how to conduct worship. This is the actual boots on the ground action. How does the pastor conduct worship in a way that delivers God's promises in Word and Sacrament to you? How does the pastor teach a Bible class uncovering Jesus for you? How does a pastor counsel an engaged couple or a grieving family? This is the very visible part of pastoral ministry. In this department, my favorite courses have been *Worship and the Word* and *Pastoral Care*. The first course explored why we worship the way we do. What makes Lutheran worship different from other denominations or other forms of worship? It begins with the understanding that in worship we are not giving anything to God. He is delivering His promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation for you through the preaching of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, and signing of songs and hymns. In daily life, the pastor, as God's deputy, brings God's Word and Sacrament to you through teaching, counseling, and conversation.

I am a fan of history. I love American western history particularly. I have found historical theology interesting. Many people sluff off church history as having little to inform us about how to interact with current events. While it is true Martin Luther did not have the exact same issues the church faces today, there are aspects he encountered that we can use to navigate our church and world. How should the church view families and the role of individuals within families? We can go back and look at Luther's reason for writing the Small and Large catechism. This is how the head of the household, the husband and father, is to teach the Christian faith to his family. Family is a central and integral role in faith growth and learning. Jesus lived, died, and rose for you.

As I consider my favorite classes at the seminary my thoughts go to my favorite season of the church year, Easter. We have, through the season of Lent, dwelled on what it means for Jesus to come as God's servant and be the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. We confess we are dust and to dust we will return. Death hangs over us. Every time we sin we are reminded how miserable of a creature we are. We think about our own sinful nature and how it really should be us that is condemned to die. Holy Week arrives and the meditations on what Christ has done and His innocent bitter suffering and death punch us in the gut. We leave Friday evening from the church mourning the sinful condition of the world, thinking about the consequences of sin in our lives, and being reminded that there was a perfectly innocent human being dead and sealed in a tomb because of the messed up state of it all.



Later, we return to the tomb, just as the women. Suddenly there is a great earthquake. The guards at the tomb tremble and fall like dead men. The women cannot believe their eyes, an angel of the Lord stands before them. This angel proclaims, “He is risen!” You can almost sense the women, as they depart, whispering first in quiet questioning hushed tones, “He is risen?” Then it builds; more confidence and realization, “He is risen.” Then great joy, realization, and exclamation, “ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!”

While I certainly have my favorite classes and professors at the seminary, my favorite thing across the board has been the teaching of proclamation. This is central to pastoral ministry and the Christian faith. The Word proclaimed to you not only explains but actually does something. The pastor speaking the words of Absolution is not just explaining that sins are forgiven. He is, by the stead and command of God, actually forgiving sins. Your sins are forgiven. This does go the other way also to withhold forgiveness, but that is a topic for another time.

Proclamation seeps into every aspect of theology. Why was the Bible written? To share the Gospel of Jesus for you. Why do we engage in doctrinal discussions? So we can rightly apply the Law and Gospel in your situation, for you. Why study how to administer the Lord’s Supper? In worship, the goods of God are delivered in Word and Sacrament for you. Why think about how the church was formed 500 years ago? The church fathers help us proclaim Christ for you in a variety of situations.

Jesus did not just come to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies or save the nation of Israel. He came as a light to all nations and the salvation to the ends of the earth. That includes you. He endured scourging, humiliation, and crucifixion for you. He died for you. He rose for you. That heavy feeling we carry on Friday evening is thrown off Sunday morning. Jesus is for you. His forgiveness, life, and salvation are for you. Now and for eternity. We do not need to question or meekly state that Jesus is risen. Whatever circumstance you find yourself in, be it death, loneliness, illness, grief, financial instability, or temptation the church is standing strong to proclaim that Jesus is for you. At Easter that message becomes tangible. The women have heard the words of Jesus and now they see Him risen. We look forward to the Last Day when our hearing becomes seeing as we stand before Jesus.

Alleluia, He is risen for you!

In the Name of Jesus, the risen Son of God,
Vicar Oloff

FROM DCE DUFFY

Trinity Family,

I came across some results from an LCMS survey conducted every three years at the National Youth Gathering. The 2025 results from 1,267 teenagers brought out a few noteworthy insights. A separate survey polled youth workers and young adult volunteers that will be relevant as well.

The survey asked about teens' spiritual beliefs, risky behaviors, cultural topics, busyness, social media, mental health, and important issues they believe the church should address. (you can read the full executive summary on youthsource.com.)

Compared to the 2022 survey, fewer teens reported engaging in “risky behaviors” (tobacco, vaping, alcohol, sexual activity, etc.), and this is consistent with what we’re told from national studies. While on the surface this may sound like a positive trend, it does point to a deeper concern, a growing lack of genuine connection to other people.

If you've spent much time on social media, you may have observed that interactions through the screen satisfies our need for connection on some level, but are never truly fulfilling. Viewing social media posts of friends, chatting through words on a screen, or engaging in conversation with an AI chatbot can meet this need in the moment, but it's all a diet Coke version of genuine connection. Beyond this watered down connection that technology is providing is another harmful trend in our society. Divisiveness. This is a word that has been thrown around a lot in recent years, especially related to differing political opinions.

The term divisive came up in the youth survey, as well as in responses from adult volunteers and youth workers. When asked what topics they would like the church to address, many respondents mentioned the desire for more conversations around loving thy neighbor rather than joining the "divisive" culture. Our kids are very aware of this shift and are calling for authentic connection. This is further emphasized with the other top concerns teens would like the church to address, which are mental health, relationships, and apologetics/outreach.

That same longing for real connection shows up right here at Trinity. In the CCF survey performed here at Trinity, members reported desiring church support with parenting skills, marital communication, disciplining children, and friendships, among others. I believe this is a call for our church to directly engage with current and relevant issues that shape our Christ-centered relationships.

I believe that the church should fight against this trend very intentionally. God made us to be in relationship with one another. He gave Adam a wife, Eve, because it was not good for him to be alone. He chose to rescue his people, over and over throughout the Old Testament and finally once and for all, through human offspring. When we gather together as the church, around God's word, His sacraments, and in fellowship with our neighbors we are better for it. Let us take every opportunity to gather and fight against a divisive, underconnected culture.

Many blessings,
Daniel Duffy, DCE



Adult Bible Study (ABS)

SUNDAY

Time	Topic	Leader	Location
9:45 AM	Bible Reading Journey	Pastor Biermann	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	1 John	Bob Quebbeman	Woker Room
9:45 AM	Adult Confirmation Class	Pastor Hagerman	Church Office
9:45 AM	The Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School -- Daniel	Zeke Young	Room 2
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

10:45 AM	Amos	Pastor Hagerman	Gym
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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. The location has changed to the Sanctuary.

1 John – "A loving and anxious sermon" written by a pastor who loved his people. This class is led by Dr. Bob Quebbeman in the Woker room, located in the Family Center.

Daniel -- The prophets of the Old Testament were specialists when it came to spotting and condemning sin. As God's bold emissaries, they were to call His people "on the carpet" for their wanton ways, seeking, if possible, their repentance and heartfelt allegiance. Follow along as these chosen ambassadors speak God's harsh judgment and His eternal promise in "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School about the Prophets." Facilitated by Zeke Young.

High School Bible Study – Sunday mornings 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!

Amos - The book of Amos was written during the time when God's people were divided into the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Amos prophesied to the northern kingdom of Israel, which was on the brink of being conquered by the bloodthirsty Assyrian Empire as punishment for its sins against the true God. Amos spoke God's Word to the Israelites, pleading with them to repent of their sins before it was too late. Join us on Wednesday mornings this spring as we read through this often neglected Old Testament book and hear what the prophet has to say about sin, repentance, social justice, and the grace of God toward His people.

Senior High Youth – Each Wednesday night the senior high youth meet in the youth room at 6:00 p.m. for a Bible study, fellowship and games. Led by Daniel Duffy, DCE



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – January, 2026

During our January council meeting, those present addressed unfinished business by spoken agreement and will implement the following:

- Form a special committee to investigate options for campus property insurance.
- Purchase a 12' X 12' bound carpet for the Woker Room to aid in sound quality.
- Consent for SLHS to number 10 parking spaces for student / staff usage at the South portion of the lot.
- Purchase name tags for called and support staff for individual use / wear.

Encourage congregational members that wish to support designated projects to select from among those currently active / approved. Note that while a need has been identified regarding potential updates to the balcony / choir loft, a project of this magnitude will require much consideration and planning, and thus we anticipate discussion regarding this during Strategic Planning in the upcoming year. As there are no currently drafted plans and no formal project approved at this time via our established organizational structure, we request that contributing designated funds toward this potential project suspend until this project can receive due consideration.

Submitted by Amy Scheer, Council Secretary



COMING SOON...

CHRIST
THE KING

WORSHIP SERVICE
ON VIDEO

POSTPONED SLIGHTLY,
BUT IT WILL BE READY SOON!

Walk in Jesus' footsteps during the events of the first Holy Week.
Smell the aroma of anointing perfume, taste Passover
food, see a real donkey, feel a crown of thorns, and more.
At each station, you will hear eyewitness accounts about Jesus,
and be part of the Passion experience.

All ages are invited to participate in this free, walk-through event.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Saturday, April 4, 2026
5:00–6:45 P.M.

Tours begin every 5 min. with
the last tour beginning at 6:15 P.M.

Snacks will be available.

This inspiring event will be followed by
Trinity's Easter Vigil Service at 7:00 P.M.



EASTER EGG HUNT

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

✦ FOLLOWING BREAKFAST, ALL
CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MEET IN
THE GYM TO BEGIN THE HUNT

Hop on over for a fun-filled morning of egg hunting, fellowship, and delicious food. All ages welcome to this festive celebration! Breakfast will be served from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
9:15 A.M.

BREAKFAST SERVED BY SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

JOIN US
EASTER MORNING

Easter Flower Sponsors

Judy Adams	In Memory of Bonn & Frances Bunyar; in Honor of my 3 beautiful daughters
Carmen Boyd	In Memory of George & Vaun Neas Boyd and Lon "Cotton" & Doris Neas Rader
Doug & Mary Brockman	In Memory of Becky Keehn
Amy Viets-Cooper	In Memory of Earl & Judith Viets
Andrew & Virginia Dickey	In Memory of Sam & Betty Dickey and Robert & Ruth Yohe
Carol Dunn	In Memory of Jack Dunn
Candace Gaede	In Memory of Gilbert Schmidt
Linda Groce	In Memory of Bill Groce
Hackley Family	In Memory of Julie Porter, Jody Allaman, and Anna Mary Pillow
Shirley Haskins	In Memory of James Haskins
Bob & Gerry Jennings	In Memory of both sets of parents
Greg & Pam Johnson	In Memory of Jack Eugene Mann, Jr.
Scott & Jess Luna	In Honor of Leon & Louis Luna
Bill & Katherine Marler	In Honor of our grandchildren: Austin, Boone, Reed & Lorelei
Betty Martin	In Memory of Mark Martin
Carl & Linda Oughton	In Memory of Milton & Connie Oughton and Ruth & Glen Walter
Theresa Rader	In Memory of William Nathan & William Jonathan
Larry & Juanita Roesslet	In Memory of Ralph & Helen Roesslet and Ina Mae Loftis
Michael & Harriet Vernava	In Memory of Loved Ones with the Lord
Carl & Terry Wright	In Memory of Carol & Bud Norris



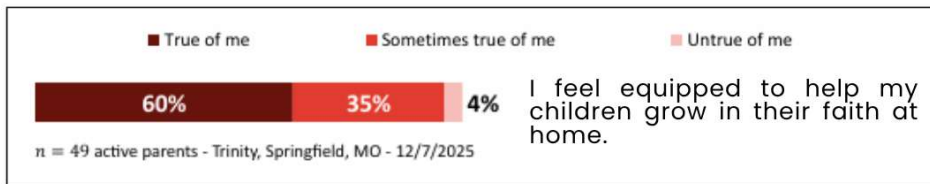
MONTHLY HOME DISCIPLESHIP HELPS

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



Family Discipleship is Thriving at Trinity

While reading the results of the Faith & Life Survey (conducted at Trinity in Nov. 2025) I was so encouraged to see that the majority of members feel equipped for family discipleship. I pray that we can continue to equip each of you to form daily habits that help everyone in your household grow in their faith.



A Big Ask

If you have been impacted by the **events** (like the Baptism of Our Lord celebration in January), **gifts** (Bibles, Father's Day key chains, Little Blessings gift bags, etc.), and **resources** (kids' bags, devotions, etc.) provided by Trinity's Family Life Committee and myself, would you consider sharing feedback with me?

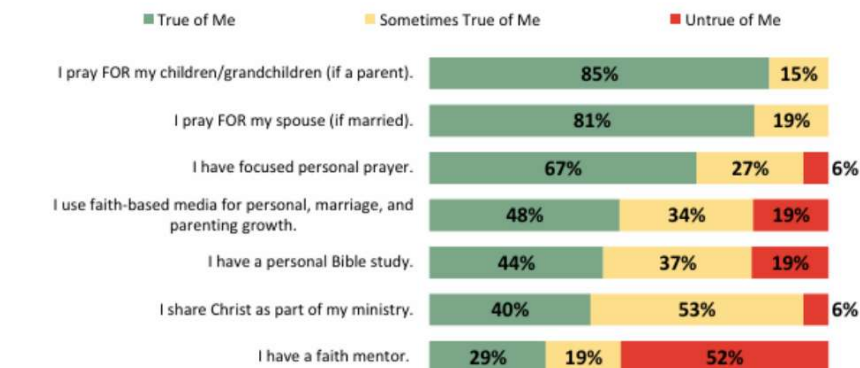
Would you also consider sharing your time to ensure these ministry areas continue for years to come?

Join me on Sunday April 26th at 12:30 in the gym to learn more!

What You're Doing Well

I want to celebrate the areas you, our members, are being intentional in your faith life. According to the Survey, 94% of Trinity members have a focused personal prayer life, and 81% spend time studying the Bible. Also very encouraging was that 100% of spouses and parents pray **for** each other! What a blessing! Let's continue those habits and build on our prayer **with** each other!

Faith at Home as an Individual





APRIL 19
12:30 - 3:00 PM



Let God's light shine by spring cleaning
our neighbor's yards.

Join Trinity in the MO District SHINE! Servant Event



Meet in the gym after late
service for lunch, prayer,
and assignments.

Bring yard tools and gloves

TO SIGNUP, FOR INFORMATION, OR
TO DONATE:

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WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

“Family” Devotions, Brief Presentations on God’s Design for Relationships, & Small Group Discussions for All Ages

APRIL 29TH - MARRIAGE
MAY 20TH - EXTENDED FAMILY
JUNE 24TH - CHURCH FAMILY
JULY 22ND - EVANGELISM

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

5:00 - Dinner by Laura M. or Jen C-J. (\$5/adult)
5:30 - Opening by Hannah or Daniel
6:00 - Small Groups led by Trinity Members
6:45 - Closing



Contact Daniel Duffy or
Hannah Knehans with
questions or to volunteer.

2026 Confirmation Class



Millie Carr, daughter of Andy and Nicole Carr, attends New Covenant Academy. She enjoys volleyball (both indoor and sand) music and fashion. In her free time, Millie enjoys playing volleyball and traveling with the family. She loves spending time with her family at the lake. Millie is thankful for the opportunity to strengthen her faith and continue learning about God through confirmation.

Penny Carr, daughter of Andy and Nicole Carr, attends New Covenant Academy. She enjoys reading, movies, music and fashion. In her free time she especially enjoys reading and traveling with her family. Penny is grateful for the opportunity to grow in her faith and learn more about her relationship with God through Confirmation. Fun fact about Penny: She and her family have planned an upcoming trip to Europe.





Kaelyn Marie Dicks, daughter of Johnny and Kristy Hicks, enjoys basketball, weightlifting and golf. She currently attends Cherokee Middle School and will attend Kickapoo High School in the fall. Kaelyn plans to be a teacher. She loves anything with Bacon on it!! Kaelyn listens to music 24/7. Thank goodness for her sister and parents, she has good taste!!

Finn Hambrick, son of Paul and Shelly Hambrick, is 13 years old and is home schooled. Finn will be starting baseball this spring for the Seymour Tigers middle school. He loves football and is a loyal Kansas City Chiefs fan. As a future career, he is considering going to Chiropractic school and would like to stay in Seymour.



Ryan Hambrick, son of Paul and Shelly Hambrick, is 15 years old and a freshman in high school. Ryan is homeschooled but is enrolled at Seymour High School where he participates in some extracurricular classes this year. He is currently in the marching, pep and concert band at Seymour as a percussionist. Ryan plans to learn how to play a drum set. He enjoys being outside and working with his hands. Ryan hopes to attend OTC career center while in high school and learn a trade.



Addi Newman, daughter of Frank and Heather Newman, is 13 yrs old and currently an 8th grader at Greenwood Laboratory School. Addi was baptized at Trinity as an infant. At school, she participates in scholar bowl, choir, and plays trumpet in band. Addi has 3 brothers: Grant, Weston and Greyson, and a sister-in-law, Mali. Addi enjoys reading, fashion and her French Bull Dog, Blaze Newman. Addi loves a good steak and a Birria taco or quesadilla. Least favorite activities include attending her siblings' sporting events. Addi enjoys traveling and aspires to one day become a dermatologist. She enjoys attending Kanakuk camps in the summer. Addi plans to attend high school at Central High School IB program.

Lewie Sexton is the son of Josh and Becky Sexton. Lewie is homeschooled and plans to continue this through high school. He enjoys working on Lego sets, traveling and going on vacations. Lewie enjoys being involved in the many church activities that Trinity offers. In his spare time, Lewie loves to be in the kitchen and to try new recipes.





Christian Stueve, son of Chris and Lisa Stueve, currently attends Pershing Middle School. His interests include classic and sports cars, agriculture, and architecture. Christian enjoys soccer and baseball. Christian loves a good steak and baja blast Mountain Dew is his favorite drink. His favorite band is Treaty Oak Revival and their song “Bad State of Mind.” He enjoys cats and elephants. Christian plans to attend Glendale High School and potential future occupations include a landscape architecture, a pipeline welder, or a custom cabinet maker/fine carpentry.

Olen Jensen Waters was born to Lee Michaelyn and Jacob Waters on July 12, 2002 in Springfield. He was baptized as an infant at Trinity. Olen is the grandson of Carmen Boyd, Trinity member. He has attended Springfield Lutheran since preschool and will graduate 8th grade this May. Olen has one sister, Willow, and 3 dogs (Milo, Harlow and Red) and two cats (Spooky Ann and Loki.) He currently likes to learn about rocks and minerals, enjoys swimming and going to the lake with his family in the summer. Olen played basketball for SLS. Olen plans to attend Glendale High School. He wants to attend college and become an engineer. He is currently employed by his Grandma doing yard work and other chores.



Trinity Women in Action (TWiA)



***Thank you so much Trinity Congregation, for the Mite Offerings, which totaled \$182.75. Romans 15:13- *“May the God of Hope fill you with Joy and Peace.”*

The LWML Mite collections will go towards: Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers-LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. 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, April 12.

A Huge THANKS to all the TWIA members and ladies of the congregation who brought baked items to the February BINGO night, youth fundraiser. This will help the efforts of our Trinity Youth!

Trinity Women In Action College 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 Forest Ave., Springfield, MO 65810.



Call Day this year is April 28, 2026. Assignments and calls will be announced and celebrated during two worship services in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus: **Assignment of Vicarages and Diaconess Internships** at 3 p.m. (CDT) and **Assignment of Calls** at 7 p.m. (CDT). You can join us in-person, via [livestream](#) or on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Worship Services

Assignment of Vicarages and Diaconess Internships – 3 p.m. CDT

(Learn who our next Vicar will be for 2026-27)

Assignment of Calls – 7 p.m. CDT

(Learn where Peyton Holland (former Vicar) will be assigned)

Trinity Campus Cleanup

Sunday, April 12

Please come and help us
beautify and maintain our
campus inside and out.



Lunch will be provided by the Stewardship Committee in the
gym following second service (12:30 p.m.)

Please bring a change of clothes, power tools, yard
equipment, gloves, etc.

Questions? Contact Jen Gabathuler @ 417-536-9644
Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Moment

A Better Way

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do? Let’s answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I’m glad you’re still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God’s promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I’d really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we’re ecstatic that you’re giving, and that you’re giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.



Why your Google review matters!

If Trinity has blessed you, your family, or your walk with Christ, please consider taking a moment to leave a Google review.



When you share a positive Google review about Trinity, you are helping more than you might realize.

It helps people find a church home

Many families search online before visiting a church for the first time. Your review helps seekers, new residents, and those returning to faith discover a welcoming Lutheran congregation grounded in Word and Sacrament.

It reflects our witness

A thoughtful review is a quiet form of outreach. It tells others what it feels like to worship here, the warmth of the community, the faithfulness of teaching, and the care shown to one another.

It builds trust before the first visit

Visiting a church can feel intimidating. Hearing from real members helps remove uncertainty and reassures people that they will be welcomed as they are.

It supports our ministry

Google reviews improve visibility so more people see our church when searching locally. That directly supports worship attendance, fellowship, and ministry opportunities.

It costs nothing but means a lot

A few honest sentences about your experience can make a meaningful difference in someone's faith journey.

You may never know who God reaches through your words.

Serving together in God's mission,

Jess Luna

(aka Burt Reynolds on Trinity's Google Review page- Mr. Luna is responsible for the name on our account).

**SUPPORT
OUR
YOUTH**

Buy Scrip Cards



For the next few months, Trinity's Scrip proceeds will go towards sending the youth of our congregation to Higher Things conference this summer.

Choose from grocery stores, big box stores, air lines, restaurants and more.

If you have questions, please see the Scrip team in the gym every Sunday morning from 9-10 a.m.

APRIL 8 2026

Senior Safari



JOIN US AT **11:30 A.M.** ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THIS MONTH IN THE GYM FOR A MEAL & FELLOWSHIP.

ANYONE 60 AND OVER IS WELCOME



Men's Night Out
Tuesday, April 14
6:00 p.m.

4216 S. Cox Rd.
Cox and Republic Rd location

Contact Ben Brown at ben.brown357@gmail.com
417-343-8428



Church Ladies Night Out

Monday, April 20

6:00 p.m.

Dublin's Pass

2915 E Battlefield Rd

Contact Jody Hackley: bertsgirl421@gmail.com or 417-429-8470

FAITH IN BUSINESS



As part of becoming more engaged in community events, I recently attended the Faith in Business event on March 10, 2026. The keynote speaker was Sarah Forhertz, who delivered a passionate and encouraging message about faith, leadership, and purpose in the workplace. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other like-minded business leaders in our

community who are striving to live out their faith through their work.

I wanted to share my experience with the congregation and encourage you to consider attending the next event.

The next Faith in Business Series will take place on April 21, 2026, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jeff Frederick, President of Drury University.

Springfield FBS - Dr. Jeff Frederick - April 21st

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

07:30 AM - 09:00 AM

**White River Conference Center -
Sportsman's Lodge**

600 West Sunshine Street, Springfield,
MO, USA

The event is free to attend, but registration is required in advance. Breakfast is provided and was excellent. It is a great opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, and networking with others in the Springfield business community.

Register here:

<https://ticketbud.com/events/85e868a2-18cb-11f1-ad48-42010a71700b>

I would love to see some familiar faces there next month.

Serving together in God's Mission,

Jess Luna

Evangelism and Missions



Would you spend
5 minutes
a day to support
your faith and
and the faith of
others at Trinity?

Calling All Discipleship *Champions!* & Those Who are Curious

- Learn practical tools for fostering simple, daily habits of faith-formation in your home.
- Get a detailed look at the ways Trinity supports our members (physical resources, milestones, events, etc.).
- Find ways to get involved in supporting Trinity's family ministry and home discipleship at a mini ministry fair.

Family Discipleship Forum

Whether you're curious, ready to learn more, or already passionate about family discipleship, we'd like to invite you to share a home-cooked meal and encouraging conversation.

We also hope you'll gain a clearer picture of Trinity's Family Ministry and the ways you can support it, even if you only have a few minutes a week.

April 26th - 12:30-2:30
Trinity's Gym

- Taco Buffet for all Participants
- Presentation by Hannah
- Mini Ministry Fair

Sign Up Here
or scan the
QR Code



Hannah Knehans, Director of Family Life Ministry (h1knehans@trinitylutheranspfid.org)
Valerie Brockman, Family Life Committee Chairwoman (vbc92982@live.com)

SR. HIGH YOUTH

LUTHER CUP

SOFTBALL

12

APRIL



12

APRIL

TRINITY VS REDEEMER

GAME AT 4:30 AND PICNIC TO FOLLOW

Location: Meador Park - field 2

Everyone is welcome to come cheer on our Sr. High and enjoy fellowship with others!

March UPDATE

March Happenings

SLS is blessed to have an active, vibrant athletic program. At SLS, it is important to us that students have the opportunity to explore their interests, try new things, and to learn Godly sportsmanship.

We have exciting news from the SLS Archery team. Seven of the students qualified for state in archery. We are so proud of them and know they will represent our school so well. Congratulations also to coaches Karen Schaller and Spencer Schafer!

The SLS Track season is underway! Track is coached by Jason Gabathuler, Jacqui Fanatia, and Daniel Duffy. The students are training hard for meets and we can't wait to see what God has in store for them.



Job Openings at SLS

Springfield Lutheran School will have several job openings for the 2026-2027 school year. Interested candidates should reach out to the school office at sls@rlcmail.org or (417) 883-5717

- Middle school math teacher (part-time, under 10 hours a week)
- Middle school electives teacher (part-time, under 20 hours a week)
- Administrative Assistant (full-time)



**WE ARE
HIRING**

Hymn of the Month

Come Thou Fount of
Every Blessing

LSB 686

Upcoming Events

- No School, Good Friday Apr. 3
- No School, Easter Monday Apr. 6
- Family Fun Night carnival Apr. 10

BINGO



Thank you to everyone who came and played BINGO and bought raffle tickets. The youth profitted \$2,495.07 to help pay for Higher Things.



NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASSING



Sisters IN Christ

Gardening & Seed Starting
led by Amy Scheer
March 21st, 2026



SPRING FLING



Lutherans for Life celebrated our very first annual Spring Fling at Woodland Manor nursing home. It was an amazing amount of fun for both the 25 residents and 18 hosts!!! We decorated eggs and played BINGO with prizes. We sang with enthusiasm and happiness and we had SNACKS!!!! There was joy for all as we shared the Celebration of our Savior's Resurrection. So, as those who have been



chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12 NASB Big thank you to Amethyst Rader for such a good idea. It may have been our first Spring Fling, but it won't be our last.



thank you

I want to say a huge thank you to my church families at Trinity and Redeemer for stepping in to take care of me and help out my family and I as we've navigated these past few horrendous weeks following Beto's death, and especially to everyone who has brought us food and offered their help, support, and prayers. I appreciate everything so much, and am so thankful for the blessing you have all been to me and my family! — Ashley Barrientos & Family

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!



MARCH

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MONTHLY NEWS

WORSHIP

March has been a slower month for the LSC. We visited Faith Lutheran Church in Springfield for midweek and held a worship service for Prayer & Praise with Vicar Oloff.



GO LEADERSHIP RETREAT

We sent four students and one alumni to Columbia this month for the Columbia retreat. They came back with helpful knowledge for the LSC and wisdom for themselves!

MARCH UPDATES



SPRINGFIELD
LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

Student Life

March was a full and rewarding month at Springfield Lutheran High School! Our inaugural archery season wrapped up, marking a meaningful first chapter filled with growth, learning, and accomplishment. Students also had the opportunity to sing at area Lenten services, sharing their gifts and worshipping alongside our church community.

We were blessed to lead chapel at Springfield Lutheran School (SLS) and serve by spreading mulch on their playground—continuing to build strong connections between our schools. Students also participated in an Expedition Learning experience at Full Circle Gardens through Ozarks Food Harvest, where they learned about food insecurity and helped harvest fresh produce to serve those in need.

We're also excited to share another milestone—SLHS has launched its first university partnership with Southwest Baptist University (SBU)! This partnership expands opportunities for our students through dual enrollment courses, immersive college experiences, academic competitions, and specialized certification programs like cybersecurity. It's a meaningful step forward as we continue to equip students for their future while keeping Christ at the center.

We praise God for a month filled with service, worship, and exciting new opportunities for our students!



Join Us for the 2026 SLHS Spring Gala

We'd love to have you join us for the second annual SLHS Spring Gala on **Thursday, April 16, from 6–9 PM!**

To sponsor the event or reserve your tickets, visit givebutter.com/SLHSGala2026

2026-27 Enrollment Now Open

Interested in enrollment? We can't wait to meet you! **Enrollment for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades is now open for the 2026-27 school year.**

Visit springfieldlutheranhs.org/apply for more information.

scan to purchase tickets or sponsor the
Spring Gala



scan to learn more about
SLHS Enrollment



Thank you for your support!



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



Honoring the Graduates

CLASS OF 2026
GRADUATION
BREAKFAST



Trinity Lutheran Church Gym
May 3, 2026 • 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Breakfast will be provided for graduates and their families with a program to follow.

Please RSVP to Daniel Duffy
dduffy@trinitylutheranspf.org 402-984-7686

Parents' Night Out

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
4:30 - 7:00 PM

Back by Popular Demand!
Due to the high interest in this free babysitting, we will have to cap the number of children who sign up. Make sure to get a spot for your children!

Trinity's youth and family ministries are excited to provide another opportunity for free childcare!

Consider using a couple of hours to strengthen your marriage this weekend.

Parents will have the night to go out on a date after dropping their children off with our high school and adult volunteers in Trinity's Youth Room.

Contact Daniel Duffy or Hannah Knehans with questions or to volunteer.



**SIGN UP FOR
FREE CHILDCARE**

Sisters IN Christ

Car Care led by Jody Hackley

Get hands-on experience learning the basics of changing a tire, checking the oil, and jumping the battery with jumper cables.

Saturday, May 16th

9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
Church Parking Lot
*(Event will be postponed
if weather is inclement)*

Babysitting provided

Devotion & Discussion,
Fellowship & Fun
for Women & Girls of all ages

RSVP with the QR code or link below:
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



Please bring a cash donation to help cover
costs (\$5.00 suggested).
Or use the QR Code or this link to donate online:
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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

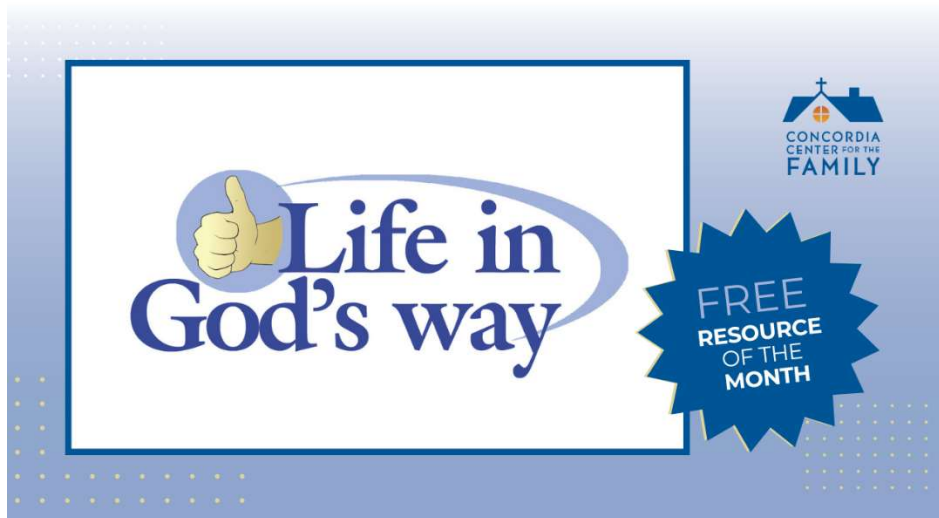
Life Quotes

April 5 “As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God’s strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness.” *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 12 “The cross that held Jesus’ body exposed all the sin, violence, and injustice of this world for what it is. At once, the cross revealed what kind of world we have and what kind of God we have: a world of gross unfairness but also a God of sacrificial love.” *Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 19 “Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before conception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 26 “Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Worldview

Your FREE RESOURCE from CCF this month is **Worldview**, the third booklet from our *Life in God's Way* series, written by CCF Executive Director, Todd Biermann. This booklet covers three of Dr. Biermann's key illustrations: 3 Questions to Anchor Life; The Triangle of Sacrificial, Unconditional and Incarnational Love; Thumbs Up Priorities. These are excellent tools to guide your life according to God's order and grace. They're perfect to spark and direct spiritual conversations in the home, church and out to the world. All ages will benefit from this simple, powerful resource.

[HERE it is so you can read it, download it, and share it at home and with a friend.](#)



If you'd like to share the whole series with others in your church, you can purchase it on the [CCF website HERE](#). The handouts and Power Points that go with each booklet can be used for presentations in a typical one-hour session. Also included with the series are three videos highlighting basic illustrations that appear frequently throughout the series.

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:

Brad Brandt, brother of Nancy Spencer
Ramon DeArmas, friend of Bob & Lisa Schroeder
Derald Eggerman, brother of Don Eggerman
Michelle Hicks, friend of Pam Osterloh
David Hoke, friend of Barbara Roehl
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
Traci Prater, friend of Rich & Lu Crabtree
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
Phyllis Hansen
Georgia Mikessell

Kay Quasius
Jerry Williams

For Those Facing Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Becker
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 Freiert
Frank Edling, son of Alfred Edling
William Jones, brother of Lauryn Peters

Week of March 29-April 5, 2026

Today	Palm Sunday 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. Early Communion Forum, gym 3:00 p.m. Basketball, gym
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 @ LSC
Wednesday	10:15 a.m. SLHS Chapel 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Class, gym 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
Thursday	Maundy Thursday 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Room 2 Noon Holy Thursday Service 5:25 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Service
Friday	Good Friday Noon Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service Daniel Duffy's day off
Saturday	Holy Saturday 5:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross, Family Center 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service
Next Sunday April 5	Easter The Resurrection of Our Lord 7:00 & 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, gym 9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

The Church office will be closed all day on Monday, April 6.