



Trinity Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church
Springfield, Missouri
October 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



Wednesday Night, October 28TH

TRINITY'S FALL CARNIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

5:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

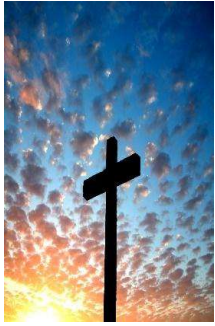


5:00 p.m. Hot Dogs/Chili & Activities (gym)
6:00 p.m. Costume Parade (gym)
6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat (parking Lot, weather permitting)

**** WE NEED TRUNKS, USE SIGNUP LINK BELOW OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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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)***

<u>Officers</u> President: Mickey Moore Vice Pres: Daniel Straw Secretary: Amy Scheer Treasurer: Amy Collins Asst. Treas: Larry Zahn	<u>Mission & Ministry Council</u> Ev. & Mission: Jess Luna Christian Care: Joni & Dave Sommerer Fellowship: Melinda Brown Stewardship: Vacant Endowment: Ann Marie Baker Trustee: Jeff Winter Personnel: Jason Jones Parish Ed.: Heather Newman Elders: Kevin Scheer Family Ministry: Valerie Brockman Age-Based Ministry: Paul Hambrick	<u>Your Board of Elders</u> Zone 1 (A/Bo) Johnny Dicks Zone 2 (Br/C) Zeke Young Zone 3 (DE) Cary Watson Zone 4 (FG) Mark Jones Zone 5 (HIJ) Brock Buerck Zone 6 (KL) Josh Sexton Zone 7 (M) Gordon Lane Zone 8 (NOP) Clate Baker Zone 9 (QR) Greg Johnson Zone 10 (S/Se) David Mitchell Zone 11 (Sh/T) Kevin Scheer Zone 12 (UVWXYZ) Ed Larson	<u>Your Board of Parish Education</u> Chair: Matt Lundien Member/ABS: Dakotah Gumm Member: Patrice Winter Sunday School: Linda Young Midweek School: Heather Newman VBS: Claire Hagerman
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Our Trinity Family Stewardship – September 27, 2026

Attendance:	8:15 a.m.	163	Previous week:	178
	11:00 a.m.	203		146

Tithes and Offerings:

Undesignated (General) Offerings			\$ 7,321.38
<u>Designated Gifts</u>			
Debt Reduction	\$ 210.00	Portals of Prayer	\$ 34.00
Mark Schultz Scholarship	\$ 100.00	Evangelism	\$ 35.00
Midweek Meal	\$ 240.06	World Missions	\$ 125.00
		Total	\$ 744.06
		Total Gifts	\$ 8,065.44

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – SEPTEMBER 27

Preschool	11	Junior High	12
Elementary	32	Adults	93

FROM PASTOR HAGERMAN

Dear Trinity Family,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I wanted to take this opportunity to update all of you on the decision that our Congregational Assembly made at a special meeting on September 20 regarding an early communion program at Trinity. After much discussion over the last year or so, which included two formal discussion forums held at Trinity, the congregation voted to implement the early communion program with about 84% of the voters in favor. This was not the unanimous consensus that we are used to having at most Congregational Assemblies, but it was still an overwhelming majority, and thus we have a clear mandate from the congregation to proceed with the program.

I would like to assure all those who voted against early communion, along with those who might have voted no had they been at the meeting, that our Board of Elders and I are committed to making sure that this program is implemented in a fair and sensitive manner, with all due consideration given to the concerns that some people have expressed. Most importantly, we will not admit anyone to the Lord's Supper who has not demonstrated a basic and proper understanding of what the Sacrament is, what it does for us, and how one is to prepare to receive it rightly. We believe that children younger than 13 or 14 are capable of doing this, but they will need to be properly examined before they can receive the Lord's Supper at Trinity.

We also are committed to avoiding situations where a child is interested in receiving the Sacrament, goes through the classes, but then still is unable to articulate the basic doctrine of the Lord's Supper to the point where he or she is demonstrably not ready to commune. This means that we will only allow children to participate in the program if their parents believe that they are ready to receive the Sacrament, and if their families regularly (almost weekly) attend Divine Services, Sunday School, and Midweek School. If Trinity families are interested in having their children receive early communion, then they must show that they take the Sacrament seriously by their commitment to the basic life of the church. We want anyone who receives the Lord's Supper at Trinity to receive it rightly, and these commitments

show that they desire to receive it for the right reasons, rather than as a badge of honor or indication of greater spiritual prowess.

Regarding the timeline of the implementation of the program, at this point we are committed to allowing our current 8th grade confirmands to finish their confirmation process before we allow anyone else to receive early communion. They will be admitted to the Lord's Supper at confirmation as has been done for all of our previous youth, and then at that point we will begin instruction for younger children who wish to commune early. This means that nothing significant will happen with early communion until right after Easter. If you have children aged 10 and older who wish to participate, then this would be the time to prepare them for it spiritually. Encourage them to pay attention and participate in Divine Services, Sunday School, and Midweek School. Encourage them to actively participate in family devotions as well. Make sure that they are taking this seriously, because it is serious! But it is also a great blessing that God has given us: the body and blood of His Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We want our children to be able to partake of this gift if they are capable of receiving it rightly, and this is why we have decided to admit them to the Sacrament if they are examined and found to be ready for it.

If you have any more questions about early communion and its implementation, feel free to contact me or your Elder. Also don't forget that we have sent out several documents to the congregation about this issue over the past year; the answers to your questions may very well be found in one of those documents. God's blessings to all of us as we receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Word and Sacrament together!

In Christ,
Pastor Hagerman

FROM VICAR SHALTANIS

This past week, I attended the Symposium at Concordia Seminary St. Louis along with Pastor Hagerman. While the theme of the Symposium changes every year, there is a tradition of having one lecture dedicated to an exegetical or linguistic topic, given by a professor who holds a chair for New Testament Theology at the Seminary. I have had the pleasure of attending this lecture for the past three years, and have seen how the lectures develop and build upon each other in that time. I found the lecture given this year to be particularly riveting and engaging, as it took a simple, yet still difficult idea, and explained it in a very understandable way. In this article, I want to summarize the main points and explain why they are important for us to know both as Lutherans who may encounter Christians who disagree with us, and also as Christians who should understand what the Gospels say about Jesus.

The title of the lecture was "The Colossus of Nazareth, Part 2: Jesus and Levitical Impurity in the Gospel of Mark", given by Dr. David Lewis at Concordia Seminary. It continues the thesis put forward last year, which introduced Jesus as "The Colossus of Nazareth". While there was too much information to cover completely, I think it would be worthwhile to recap some of the main points and why they matter.

Describing Jesus as "The Colossus of Nazareth" is a way to show His overwhelming power and authority in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus, even though He hails from a small, insignificant town, is shown to possess immense authority. He shows His authority over the elements of nature, He shows it over cosmic powers like angels and demons, and finally, He shows His authority over the Torah, the Word of God itself. This last point is the most significant and controversial. Any Christian who believes that Jesus is God should have no problem admitting His power over nature and other physical and spiritual forces.

There are denominations, such as Seventh-Day Adventists, however, who will deny that Jesus has authority over the Torah. After all, the Old Testament is the Word of God, so how can Jesus be above His own Word? Reading Scripture, however, we find that the question of “how?” is not very relevant. What is relevant is looking at what Jesus said and did, and by doing so, we can see that Jesus is truly Lord of all: the world, death, and even the Torah.

This presentation was very helpful in showing cases in the Gospel of Mark where Jesus demonstrated His authority over the Torah through His association with people who were unclean and ritually impure. There are several instances where Jesus cleanses and saves people from both ritual and moral impurity, and ultimately disregards the procedure and violates the code set up by the Levitical law. The three most important instances are Jesus’ cleansing of a leper in Mark 1:40-45, Jesus’ healing of a woman with a discharge of blood in Mark 5:25-34, and Jesus’ resurrection of Jairus’ daughter in Mark 5:35-43. These three examples of healing miracles correspond directly (in ascending order no less) to the three types of uncleanness found in Numbers 5. Numbers 5:1-4 says *“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead. You shall put out both male and female, putting them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell.’” And the people of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the Lord said to Moses, so the people of Israel did.”*

Jesus interacted with someone from each of these categories, healing them, but also purifying them. The Greek word used in the healing of the leper is “Katharidzo” (καθαρίζω) which means to “cleanse” or “make clean”. This is significant because in the Old Testament Levitical Law, even after a leper is healed from his disease, he is still unclean until he has been pronounced clean by the Priest (Leviticus 14:1-9). In these miracles, Jesus is not concerned with observing the distance between Himself and the “unclean” people whom He is dealing with. He is not concerned with the fact that He Himself, according to the Torah, would be deemed “unclean” just by touching sick people and dead bodies (Numbers 19:11). This is seen again when Jesus heals the woman with a discharge of blood, who, just by touching His garments, would have rendered Him unclean (perhaps a contributing reason to her fear from His reaction). Her impurity would have been a step above the impurity of the leper, but even this would be a step below the impurity of touching a dead body, which Jesus does later on in the chapter.

Yet, in all of these circumstances, there is no reference made to their uncleanness transferring to Jesus. This is not only because Jesus is Lord even above the Torah, but it is also because Jesus is God. He has the Holy Spirit, and He cannot be contaminated. He does not only heal people, but He makes them clean. Jesus, with His authority over the elements of the world, and even death itself, is the standard for purity. He cleanses, saves, and delivers from ritual and moral impurity. Jesus demonstrates that He is authority over the Torah, and that thereby He fulfills the Torah. When we read the Gospels, we should do so having this view, that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scriptures, that He is the “Colossus” above everything else, and is the savior who makes us clean that we must cling to.

This is helpful for us to keep in mind as we read the Gospels, but it may also be beneficial when interacting with other Protestants who are not Lutheran. If they are to view Jesus as being bound to the Torah because it is the Word of God, then that shows that not only is their view of Jesus misoriented, but their fundamental interpretation of Scripture is flawed. As Lutherans, we hold Scripture to the highest standard and cannot understate its importance. When we read Scripture as it is presented to us, for example, reading it as seeing Jesus as having authority over the Old Testament Law, we are being responsible with our interpretation and our theology. We can use this to help others accurately understand Scripture as well, and thereby come to a greater understanding of the Person of Jesus and the Word of God.

God’s Blessings,
Vicar Shaltanis

FROM DCE DUFFY

Trinity Family,

Our ministry year is off to a great start, and I thank each of you for your prayers and participation in the Lord's work at Trinity through our education programs. It takes a great commitment of time, talents, energy, and effort from many volunteers to run our educational ministries effectively. Something I would like to improve on in our educational ministries this year is in communicating (with parents and all adults in the congregation) what the children are studying in their classes and Bible studies. When adults are more aware of what is specifically being taught in midweek and Sunday school, they will better be able to disciple the children at Trinity.

The church's role in discipleship is to partner with parents as they carry out their role as the primary faith educator. I like to think of the parents as the manager of their children's faith life. Parents then commission the church, supportive adults, and other organizations and resources to assist in bringing their children up in the faith. With this model in mind, it is vital that parents are aware and attentive to the topics being discussed and studied in their classes at church. The 'manager' of a child's upbringing in the faith should not be aware of this simply for the sake of knowing, but in order to reinforce their learning. We know that if a person hears information multiple times and in different settings, they are more likely to internalize this information. It is important for children to have faith conversations in their home and at church so they associate these concepts with both. To best supplement what the children are learning, here are a few things you can do:

Prepare the night before: Parents will receive a text message previewing the Sunday School topic for the day. One idea is to read the Bible story in your devotions and discuss some takeaways from the reading.

Sunday drive home: One of the best places you can review the Bible lesson from the day is in the car ride on the way home, discussing what everyone learned in their Bible class and from the sermon.

Go through take home materials: The children usually have a sheet or craft or something they produced in class. These are great discussion starters and ways to review what was discussed in their class.

Connect to daily life: Scripture has truth to speak into our everyday lives. Discussing concepts that the children learn in classes in light of a situation at home or in your family can be an impactful way to reinforce learning.

I am excited about being intentional with making discipleship for our children a healthy partnership between home and church. I encourage you to use some of these strategies to have faith conversations and to enhance the learning being done in classes. Below are the Sunday School lessons for your children, follow along for the month of October!

Twin Troubles—Esau and Jacob	Genesis 25:19–34; 27:1–45	Oct. 4
A Family Grows—Jacob’s Family	Genesis 29:1–30	Oct. 11
A Dreamer Rises—God Works Good for Joseph	Genesis 39:20–23; 41:9–49	Oct. 18
A Family Reunites—God Helps Joseph Forgive	Genesis 42:1–28; 43:11–30; 45:1–15	Oct. 25

Blessings on your discipleship journey!
DCE Daniel Duffy

September Council Meeting Summary

Church Council met on September 14, discussing the following:

Current budgetary needs that exceed the amount council can approve, which will need to be brought to the congregation. These will address property repairs for an HVAC unit, a water heater, and resolution of removal of galvanized pipes to maintain our current property insurer. Will anticipate a request to add this to the agenda of the Special Congregational meeting.

Clarification of a proposal for adaptive sensory tools and/or spaces for members that may have need of intermittent neuroregulation, with a goal of greater participation in activities of Divine Service and fellowship / educational opportunities on campus.

Pastor has requested a lay member to attend the Doxology educational program with him in October. Mickey Moore has expressed interest.

Budget proposal review will begin next month.

September Special Congregational Meeting

President Mickey Moore called a special meeting of the congregation, with the agenda available for members on September 10. During the meeting on Sunday September 20, the primary discussion centered around the proposal brought forth from the Board of Elders to establish an Early Communion Program. Two previous forums for information and Q&A were offered. After discussion of the proposed action, with congregants bringing forth concerns as well as benefits, a paper ballot vote yielded 46 yeas and 9 in opposition. The congregation will be notified of the plan of implementation of this program.

After an approval from the attendees to add an item to the meeting agenda, a motion was entered to approve additional funds to be made available to cover expenses of repairs to an HVAC unit, a water heater, and galvanized pipe removal. After discussion, this motion passed. The next congregational meeting is planned for November 22, 2026.

These summaries respectfully submitted,

Amy Scheer

TLC Council Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Small Groups Ministry

Small groups are an opportunity to connect with other members to grow both spiritually and relationally

1

Build relationships

2

Care for one another

3

Grow spiritually

**Sign-up to get connected
Or Start your own group**

- Scan the code to sign-up and find out more!
- Paper copies available in the Narthex

Scan with your phone



MONTHLY HOME DISCIPLESHIP HELPS

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

When Life Feels Too Full

Have you noticed how overwhelming it can be to make decisions, nail down a schedule, or even finish the essential tasks that support good rest and health every day? Not to mention adding in the things God tells us we should be doing every day (praying, reading the Bible and meditating on it). Thinking about adding something new is exhausting and can cause decision fatigue. I have had many conversations recently with parents who feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of raising well-rounded, faith-filled children.

Sometimes, “the easy version still counts”. I recently heard this concept applied to starting a new health routine, and I think it absolutely applies to our faith lives as well. The things that seem small and even insignificant, can add up to create life-long changes. You don’t need to transform your life. But God calls us to serve and seek Him daily. God also promises to be with us, to help us, and to forgive us when we don’t try or even fail. Just pick one thing that’s almost annoyingly easy and start there today. Sometimes I let the fear of doing something wrong, keep me from starting. For example, committing to a two-year Bible reading plan can sound so daunting, but I could commit to read or listen to my Bible for 5 minutes a day, 5 days this week.

Everyone I know has reasons to feel overwhelmed, too busy, or exhausted. From health complications, to busy schedules, to raising children in general, life is always full. Let’s thank God for these good gifts.

Little Habits

Keep Faith Visible

- Keep your Bible, devotion book, or hymnal where you’ll actually use it

Try habit stacking!

Connect a faith-formation habit to something you already do.

- Thank God for your baptism while you wash your face
- Add a prayer for a family member after the meal prayer
- Listen to Christian music, the Bible, a podcast, or a sermon while in the car or cleaning

Write specific, small amounts of time into your daily schedule

- 2 min. of prayer while drinking your morning coffee
- 5 min. audio daily devotion from LHM while getting dressed

Adult Bible Study (ABS)

SUNDAY

Time	Topic	Leader	Location
9:45 AM	Bible Reading Journey	Pastor Biermann	Gym
9:45 AM	Adult Confirmation	Pastor Hagerman	Church Office
9:45 AM	Hosea	Bob Quebbeman	Woker Room
9:45 AM	The Stuff They Didn't Teach (Book of Mark) – no class Oct. 11	Zeke Young	Room 2
9:45 AM	Senior High Youth	Josh Sexton	Youth Room, West Wing

MONDAY

9:15 AM	Faith Foundations Women's Bible Study – Songs of Scripture	Pastor Hagerman	Family Center
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WEDNESDAY

10:30 AM	Study on the Formula of Concord	Vicar Shaltanis	Gym
6:30 PM	Practical Parenting in the Faith	Hannah Knehans & Heather Biermann	Heilman Room (Blue Room)
6:30 PM	Small Group-Augsburg Confession	Jacob Kuschel	Gym
6:30 PM	The Spirituality of the Cross	Paul Hambrick	Family Center Foyer

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Adam Breshears & Matthew Knehans	Room 2, Family Center
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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. This group now meets in the gym.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Practical Parenting in the Faith - Wednesday Night Adult Class

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM (6:00-6:45 During Advent & Lent)

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

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

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

Seeking...

Sunday Drivers for the Church Van

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

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





TRINITY

Lutheran Church

**OCTOBER IS PASTOR
APPRECIATION MONTH**



**THANK YOU PASTOR HAGERMAN FOR
YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

**ALSO, THANK YOU TO HANNAH KNEHANS,
DANIEL DUFFY, CALEB STAEHR, VICAR
SHALTANIS, AMY SCHEER, ANGELA BRUTON,
JEN GABATHULER, AND TARA BOTT**

The TWiA Quarterly Meeting is scheduled October 13th



6:00 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Church Liturgy presentation by Caleb Staehr

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to join.

This will be followed by a short business meeting. Free will offering this evening will benefit SLHS.

Please RSVP to Linda Oughton at oughtonlinda@yahoo.com which allows us to prepare appropriate amounts of food.

Dorcus Circle meeting will move to October 20, at which time we will be completing Samaritans Purse shoeboxes.

Please join us for great fellowship and food!

Trinity Women in Action (TWiA)

****Thank you so much Trinity Congregation, for the Mite Offerings, which totaled \$27.00.*

Romans 13:15- "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing." The LWML Mite collections will go towards: Healing Your Heart-Faith-Based Child Counseling, Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI, 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, October 11, 2026.

All women of Trinity are welcome to join these circles and quilting at anytime throughout the year.

Dorcas Circle – No regular meeting, meet at 6:00 p.m. for Quarterly Meeting on Oct. 13

Deborah Circle – October 15 at 4:00 p.m., Family Center Foyer

Quilting – October 19 at 1:00 p.m., Woker Room



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

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO STANDARD SCHEDULING OCCUR IN ADVENT AND LENT

Midweek Dinner Menu:

Oct. 7	Sweet & Sour Meatballs, rice, veggies, egg rolls
Oct. 14	Chicken Alfredo pasta, broccoli, bread, fruit, salad
Oct. 21	TBD
Oct. 28	Trunk or Treat – Hot dogs, chili, chips, fruit

Sunday Night Adult Bible Study

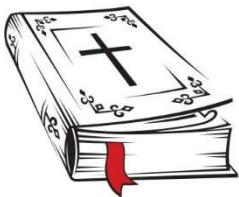
Meeting on
September 13 & 27
October 11 & 25
November 8 & 22


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

October 11 & 25 will be in Trinity's Gym

New Young Adult Small Group Opportunity

Are you 18-30 years old? Wanting to connect with Jesus and other Christians? Join us for food and fellowship Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm starting October 4. A study on Acts will follow dinner. Each week we will answer: What do we learn about God? What do we learn about people? How can we apply this to our lives? Reach out to Andrew and Ashley Butzlaff ([417-576-8706](tel:417-576-8706)) for address and information. Hope you can join us!





Stewardship Moment

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I) The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Every- thing that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom. It's all in the way that you use it!



MEN'S NIGHT OUT



TUESDAY OCTOBER 13





Trinity tots pumpkin painting

Come paint and decorate pumpkins!

When: October 17

Where: Trinity gym

Time: 10am



WE THANK GOD
FOR OUR
Grandparents
SEP. 13, 2026



TRINITY'S FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY COMMITTEE



A DAY ON THE LAKE

Father-Son Retreat
3rd - 8th Grade Boys
and Dads
September 4-5, 2026



Upcoming Age-Based Events

TRINITY TOTS (0-4 y/o)

Pumpkin Decorating

When: October 17

Where: Trinity gym

RSVP: Please rsvp to Piper for the correct number of pumpkins! (417)-306-4092

Christmas Party

When: December 12

Where: TBA

MIGHTY MISSIONARIES (G 3-5)

December 19 - Christmas Caroling

Join us right after Christmas program practice for a quick lunch and an afternoon of Christmas caroling.

M&M Group has several opportunities to gather throughout the year for fellowship events on top of M&M Camp and VBS in the summer months.

JR. HIGH YOUTH

November 6-8 - Heits Point Retreat

Be sure to get signed up to participate in this retreat filled with learning God's truths and enjoying His beautiful creation with your church family.

December - Christmas Party

February - Overnight Lock-in

Be on the lookout for more events as they are scheduled. JH typically meets once per month for a fellowship event.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

October 4- Flag Football Game Luther Cup

The Luther Cup is on the line once again as we compete against Redeemer's youth. Everyone is welcome to come support and enjoy a meal!

October 9 - Republic Football Game and post-game bonfire. Sr. High students will be going to a republic football game to support fellow youth as they take on Webb City.

November 15 - Friendsgiving meal

Parents come and join in for a great time of fellowship

SENIOR SAFARI (55 +)

October 14 - Senior Safari Lunch

Senior Safari meet on the second Wednesday of each month for lunch in the Trinity gym. Shows at Sight and Sound in Branson and the Springfield Symphony are also common for this group!

If you are not receiving communication about events for any of these groups and would like to, please reach out

trinity-springfield.org • dduffy@trinitylutheranspfd.org • 417-866-5878



A huge Thank You to Becky Sexton, Joni Sommerer (Christian Care), and all the families who helped put gift bags together for the residents at Magnolia Square where Grace St. Pierre lives. Grace is so appreciative to everyone who has visited her and helped her in every way. She is thankful for her Trinity family and the love that was spread to the other residents through their kindness.

Also, thank you to Caleb Staehr for coordinating the Perry County Choral to sing at Magnolia Square. The residents loved the music.

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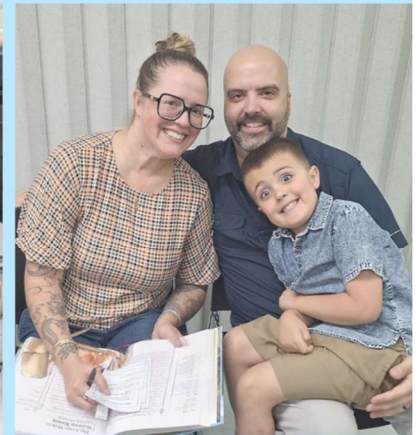
event - Sept. 27

Food
Fun
Fellowship
3rd-5th graders



Using Your Story Bible at Home

Family Discipleship Event - Sep. 27



Trinity's Family Life Ministry Committee

“Wednesday, October 28th



TRINITY'S FALL CARNIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

5:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

5:00 p.m. Hot Dogs/Chili & Activities – Gym

6:00 p.m. Costume Parade – Gym

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

**We Need
Trunks!**

Use SignUp Genius link
below Or Call Church Office

Prizes Awarded
For Best Trunks!



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

Signup Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0549A4AA2BA4FB6-66073050-trunk#/>



SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Athletics at SLS

Blessings to you from your friends at Springfield Lutheran School! The Springfield Lutheran School Athletics Program has been off to a busy and successful start! This year, the SLS Cross Country Team is coached by Jason Gabathuler. Cross Country has participated in multiple meets across the region and has done an incredible job, even in this record breaking heat!

The SLS Lady Saints volleyball teams are coached by Stephanie and Katelyn Richter. Both the A and B teams have done so well and have had a lot of fun.

More than anything, we are incredibly proud of our SLS coaches and athletes for the ways that they conduct themselves. Our students and coaches demonstrate Christ-like sportsmanship, team spirit, and joy in the Lord. We love watching them live out God's plan for their lives!

SAVE THE DATE

*Saturday Night
FOR THE SAINTS*
NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Save the Date - Saturday Night for the Saints

Mark your calendars now to attend Saturday Night for the Saints on **Saturday, November 7th**. This is a fundraiser to support the SLS endowment fund and includes drinks, dinner, and fun. Drinks and appetizers begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale soon!

To help support this event through planning or giving, contact rsc@rlcmail.org.

Hymn of the Month

Take My Life
and Let it Be

LSB 784

Upcoming Events

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| ● Middle School Dance | Sept. 25 |
| ● Picture Retake Day | Oct. 8 |
| ● End of 1 st Quarter | Oct. 18 |



FAITH



RELATIONSHIPS



EXCELLENCE

Saturday Night **FOR THE SAINTS**

**BENEFITING
SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
LEGACY ENDOWMENT**

DINNER ▪ GAMES ▪ AUCTION ▪ DRINKS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

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

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

5:30 PM | SPONSORED HAPPY HOUR

CORNHOLE GAMES

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

7:00 PM | CATERED DINNER BY BAMBINOS

7:45 PM | SHORT PROGRAM

**SPONSORSHIP TABLES AVAILABLE
\$75.00 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS**

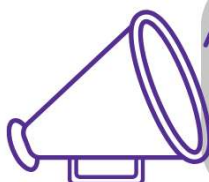
**SCAN TO RESERVE
YOUR SEAT & BUY
TICKETS!**



**[https://givebutter.com
/SLS-SAINTS](https://givebutter.com/SLS-SAINTS)**



Saturday Night FOR THE SAINTS



November 7, 2026

**Ozark Event Center
842 W. Guin Rd. Nixa, MO**

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

2026 Event Sponsor



Rooted in Christ Sponsor (\$1,500)

Sponsorship includes:

- 1 table (Seating for 8 Guests)
- Featured event signage and recognition in printed program.
- Logo/Name on banner displayed in SLS gym for 2026/2027 school year.
- Recognition in school newsletter and social media.



Saints Sponsor (\$750)

Sponsorship includes:

- Provides a table for SLS staff and their guests, plus \$150 toward classroom supplies.
- Featured sign on table.
- Recognition in printed program.



Cheer Sponsor (\$600)

Sponsorship includes:

- 1 table (Seating for 8 Guests)
- Reserved Table Sign.



Mission Sponsor (\$100)

Business Sponsorship includes:

- Business Logo in printed program.
- Logo on event signage at the event.
- Recognition in school newsletter and social media.

Individual
tickets
available
\$75.00 each

SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR
SEAT & BUY TICKETS!



<https://givebutter.com/SLS-SAINTS>

SEPTEMBER UPDATES



SPRINGFIELD
LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

Exciting Things Are Happening at SLHS!

As we move through the first quarter of the school year, we are grateful to see our students continuing to learn, grow, and thrive! Our Cross Country athletes have been working hard and representing the Lutheran Lightning in competition, and we recently enjoyed our first school dance of the year—a wonderful opportunity for students to spend time together and build community outside the classroom.

New Partnership with Concordia University,

Nebraska: We are excited to announce that SLHS is now working with Concordia University, Nebraska to provide dual credit opportunities, allowing students to begin earning college credit as SLHS students. This new partnership expands the academic opportunities available to our students and helps prepare them for success beyond high school.

Discover SLHS — October 15 at SLHS: Know a student or family who might be interested in SLHS? Please invite them to RSVP for our upcoming Discover SLHS Night on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 PM! Prospective students and families are invited to join us for a free dinner, learn more about SLHS, meet members of our school community, and talk with current SLHS families about their experience. It will be a relaxed opportunity to ask questions, make connections, and discover what makes SLHS special. Scan the QR code below to register!

Thank you for continuing to pray for, encourage, and support SLHS and our students. We are grateful for all that God is doing in our school community and look forward to all that is ahead!

Thunder Thrift Info



Discover SLHS Event



Ways to Support SLHS

SLHS Amazon Wish List:

Visit <https://a.co/9Jm6Yh9> to easily purchase items and have them shipped directly to SLHS.

Tuition Assistance Matching Campaign Update:

Because of your incredible generosity and support, we not only reached our \$20,000 matching goal, but exceeded it! We have received \$20,900, unlocking the full \$20,000 matching gift and providing even more support for SLHS families. A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated!

Thunder Thrift:

- **Hours:** Wednesday–Saturday, 9 AM–1 PM
- **Location:** 300 E. Sunshine St. (park & enter in back of building)

We've been so grateful for the wonderful response since Thunder Thrift officially opened its doors! **Want to help?** Shop, donate gently used items, volunteer, or purchase needed supplies from our Thunder Thrift Amazon Wish List.

For donation and volunteer information or to shop our Amazon Wish List, scan the QR code or visit: springfieldlutheranhs.org/thunderthrift

Thank you for your support!

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

SEPTEMBER

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MONTHLY NEWS

FOOTBALL TAILGATE

The LSC loves having fun on campus together! We hosted a tailgate with food and fun for MSU's first home football game!! We also held a tailgate at the LSC for family weekend!



CONVOY OF HOPE

We volunteered at Convoy of Hope this month to serve our community! We packed toiletry bags for those in need.

SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS

A cherished event by LSC members Is going to see the Springfield Cardinals together! We had a blast! There was a great turnout !



LAKE DAY

We visited Praise and Worship In Branson and spent the rest of the day on the lake! This Is always a great time for LSC members to really bond. We've loved seeing the new faces turn Into friends!!



BREAKING BREAD

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH
THE LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER

18 October 2026 | 5:30pm - 8pm

DINNER | STUDENT STORIES | RAFFLE | DESSERT AUCTION
\$20 Adults | \$10 Children

Scan here for tickets



Tickets must be purchased in
advance by October 11th

Kids are welcome!

Children ages 2+ who are potty
trained are invited to enjoy pizza,
drinks, and activities with our
babysitters in a separate space for \$10
per child.

Children age 3 and under may stay
with their parents at no additional
cost.

Director@thelsc.org | 417-866-5543

SEE YOU THERE! EVERY BITE COUNTS

Redeemer Lutheran Church
2852 S. Dayton Ave, Springfield, MO

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the
fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42

Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO

CONFIRMATION RETREAT



NOV. 6-8, 2026

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



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

Open to Grades 6-8

REGISTER TODAY

Contact Adam and Maddy Breshears
adamandmaddysfamily@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR
BASKETBALL
AT
TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH



FAITH.
FRIENDSHIP.
FUN.

**NO
EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED!**



STARTING
OCTOBER 4TH



STARTING AT
3:00 PM

6TH GRADE AND OLDER

*All are welcome!
Come play, have fun,
and be part of our
church family!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT



AHREN LOVE
417-299-2822



love2draft@gmail.com

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:

Ramon DeArmas, friend of Bob & Lisa Schroeder
Derald Eggerman, brother of Don Eggerman
Michelle Hicks, friend of Pam Osterloh
Carolyn Johnson, aunt of Carmen Boyd
Jenee Kernan, friend of Carl & Linda Oughton
Lawrence Kitchen, grandfather of Mandy Patton
Elaine Kruger, sister of Fran Wald
Melissa Larimore, daughter of Sheila Ankrom

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
Harry Polacoff

Kathy Polacoff
Dr. Grace St. Pierre
Albert Shook
Dave Sommerer

Friends/Family of Trinity Members:

Eli Applegate, grandson Ben & Deb Schroeder
Elise Drennan, great-niece of Debbie Shell
Jeril Heine, brother of Amy Johnson
Cheryl Kinkeade, sister of Linda Oughton
Verla Williams, aunt of Candace Gaede

For Our Nation and For Members of Our Armed Forces

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

Chris Adams
Phillip Hackley
Benjamin Schmidt
Robert Stillings, Jr.

Nick Costello, nephew of Mark & Karen Friert
Frank Edling, son of Alfred Edling
William Jones, brother of Lauryn Peters
Kevin Myers, brother-in-law of Kathy Polacoff
Austin Peregory, nephew of Mark & Karen Friert

Week of October 4-11, 2026

Today	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Scrip sales, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Youth & Adult Classes 3:00 p.m. Basketball, gym 4:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth @ Redeemer, Luther Cup
Monday	9:15 a.m. Faith Foundations Women's Bible Study, gym 1:00 p.m. Church Office Opens 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting Caleb Staehr's day off
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Pickleball, gym
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Noon SLHS Chapel (everyone is welcome to attend) Midweek Schedule 5:00 p.m. Dinner/Fellowship 5:45 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom, music room / Nursery 6:00 p.m. 7 th -8 th grade confirmation classes 6:00-6:25 p.m. Littles Music 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Studies 6:30 p.m. 1 st -6 th grade theology study
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Foyer 5:25 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 2 6:50 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Balcony
Friday	Church Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth attend Republic HS Football Game Pastor Hagerman, Vicar Shaltanis and Daniel Duffy's day off
Saturday	
Next Sunday October 11	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Divine Services 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Scrip Card Sales, gym 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Classes 12:30 p.m. Family Life Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m. Basketball, gym 5:30 p.m. Sunday Night ABS, gym