



Trinity Lutheran Church and School

To save the lost and to strengthen the saved ~ Matthew 28:18-20

Church Announcements For The Week of October 1, 2017



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. service will follow page #184 Setting 3 HC
Opening #786; Sermon: #789; H/C: 782, 783; Closing: #785
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class in the Church Library



The flowers are placed on God's altar by Robert and JoAnna Carroll in memory of Frank Carroll



Altar Flowers

8:30 a.m. Service ~ Sanctuary Choir
Sing to God a Simple Song - John Leavitt

"Sing to God a Simple Song" - John Leavitt
Sing to God a simple song true and clear.
Lift your voice in joy and praise far and near.
Thank the Lord our God in heaven.
For the Lord does love us so, every day,
Showering blessings we receive every way,
Overflows the grace of mercy.
Shout o to God a loud Amen! Sound a joyful hymn again, Amen!
Sing we all Hallelujah, Amen!



Isabella Athena-Rose Torres, infant daughter of Timothy and Xandra Torres is being baptized today at the 11 a.m. service.



May God's blessings in Christ be with this family as they raise their child in the knowledge of Him.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY:



The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this congregation in the belief and confidence that in this Sacrament, Christ is truly present, giving us His body and blood, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine (**1 Corinthians 10:16, Mark 14:22-24**). As Christians (and specifically as Missouri Synod Lutherans), we believe that it is through Jesus Christ alone that we have the hope of eternal life. We believe that we are sinners in need of forgiveness and that in the Lord's Supper,

God gives that forgiveness, strengthens our faith, and strengthens our union with Him and each other (**Romans 3:23, Matthew 26:26-28**). As Christians, we also believe that as we come to the Lord's Supper, we are making a commitment to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit (**2 Timothy 2:19, Romans 8:6**).

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or confirmed, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor (**1 Corinthians 11:27-29**). At Trinity we practice Close Communion as adopted by our Synod in Convention.

ALCOHOL CONTENT IN WINE: The "red" wine in the chalice and in the outer rings of the communion cup tray contains alcohol. The "white" wine in the center of the tray is de-alcoholized wine (alcohol nearly 100% removed). You may use the red or white wine in the tray but please remember that the chalice has only "red" wine with normal alcohol content.

Q: Typical question asked by visitors: Can only LCMS members take communion at Trinity Burr Ridge?

A: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has never understood or applied the historic practice of close[d] Communion in such a way as to mean that only LCMS members are permitted to commune at LCMS altars. The official position of the Synod is that not only are members of other Lutheran churches with whom we are in altar and pulpit fellowship invited to commune with us, but also that in certain extraordinary cases of pastoral care and in emergencies members of churches not in fellowship with us may be given Communion. The Synod stated, for example, in 1986 "that pastors and congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continue to abide by the practice of close Communion, which includes the necessity of exercising responsible pastoral care in extraordinary situations and circumstances" (**1986 Res. 3-08 "To Maintain Practice of Close Communion"**). Please see www.lcms.org for more information.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers Available Upon Request ~ Please request from Pastor Bob at least 10 minutes before the service.

Church News

The Reformation ~ The sixteenth century was a cultural and historical earthquake, the aftershocks of which continue to be felt even now, 500 years late! **The book "The Reformation"** (250 pages in hardback, coffee table style book) provides a richly illustrated and engagingly written overview of this amazing time of change and renewal in the Christian church. The pre-order price is \$22.49 compared to \$29.99. This price is valid through October 16, 2017. Money must be collected by October 15. Make checks payable to Trinity. The sign-up sheet and a small example of the contents of the book are in the church narthex



Co-ed Basketball meets Tuesday nights in the school gym 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!



SPECIAL HEARTFELT THANKS to our dear (Aunt) Joyce Rotermund for donating music stand lights for our Handbell Choir!!! They are versatile, portable, and bright, and we started using them at our first rehearsal last month! Thanks, again, Aunt Joyce for your thoughtful and useful gift! We love them! From Howard Eggert and the Bell Choir.

COME AND JOIN THE BELL AND/OR SANCTUARY CHOIRS!!!

The Bell Choir plays in church, at the 8:30 a.m. services only, about once a month, and we have weekly rehearsals. The Bell Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings in the church narthex from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The ability to read music is not required, but helpful, and anyone high school age and beyond is most welcome to join us!



The Sanctuary Choir sings in church, at the 8:30 a.m. services only, and also has Wednesday evening rehearsals, in the church balcony, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. We sing in unison, 2-part and 4-part harmony formats, and all voice parts are needed and welcome! We sing anthems from the 16th Century right up to the present, and, WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN!



The Great Clean-Out Challenge! ~ As part of this year's Annual Stewardship Emphasis, "Defying Gravity," you are invited to participate in "The Great Clean-Out Challenge!" Simplify your life and experience "weightlessness" (a little, anyway!) by disposing of stuff that is cluttering up your life. Take a load to a resale shop. Get rid of unused electronics at the Willow Springs recycling location (due east of church where German Church road dead ends into Willow Springs Road. See the Village of Willow Springs website for what can and cannot be recycled here: <http://www.willowsprings-il.gov/electronics-recycling/>).

- We are providing drop-off containers for the following:
 - Glasses, which will be given to the Lion's Club
 - Recent magazines, which will be taken to Hines VA hospital for patients
 - American flags, to be disposed of respectfully
 - Household batteries



Containers for these will appear in the narthex next week. Remember also that you can (and should!) bring paper to recycle at the bin on the corner of the school parking lot. Proceeds from this benefit our school.

Useless stuff drags you down! "Defy Gravity" by cleaning it out!



JOY CLUB: Join us on **Thursday, October 19 at 11:30 a.m.** Please bring your favorite dish and a \$3.00 gift for Crazy Bunco. Contact Joyce Tomes at 630-257-2927 or Helen Voelz at 630-325-1063 if you have questions.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the **mite box** is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations. Please place change in your mite boxes and bring that change to church any time.



DVDs of our worship services are available in the church library. They are free to check out for one week. You may copy the library DVD at your home or work for no charge. Shut-Ins & College students can receive **free copies** by request through the **church office**. If you would like to purchase a copy of a DVD at \$3.00, please email a request to the church office.



A huge THANK YOU to all that helped at the TLC Community Clinic and donated items! Your time, talents and treasures were greatly appreciated.



Church News



Concordia Seminary
ST. LOUIS

You are invited to meet with Rev. Bill Wrede, Director of Admissions at Concordia Seminary, to discuss seminary education and the path to becoming a pastor or deaconess. Please contact Rev. Wrede at 314-505-7221 or wredew@csl.edu to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Concordia University Chicago, Koehneke Community Center, 7400 Augusta Street, 708-209-3470 12pm to 5pm or Oct 11 same location, 8 am to 7pm

Sunday school is back in session on Sundays in the lower level of the church. We are continuing with the curriculum in Answers in Genesis. We plan to sing in worship a few times this year, especially before Christmas and Palm Sunday. Bring your singing voices and smiles so we can show the congregation what we are learning. We will not meet on the Sundays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Easter. This is so you may have more time with your family. As always, I am looking for someone to teach our youth, if only as a substitute teacher, or to share a teaching position. Enthusiastic adults are always needed to spread God's Word. I am open to any suggestions to improve our Sunday school. It is important that our children have a strong foundation in God's Word and Sunday school can help them grow in faith and knowledge. Your servant in Christ, Karla O'Shea



500th Anniversary of the Reformation event will be held at **Trinity, Burr Ridge, Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.**
Special Reformation Music, Congregational Singing, Reformation Bible Readings, Reflections on quotes from Luther, and a Pot Luck Dinner will follow the event.
All members and the public are invited.

Found a ladies bracelet in the church basement after Ladies Aid on Monday, September 11.

Please call the church office and speak with Nancy to claim. 708-839-1200

Lost and Found

Listen to Worldwide KFUO.org, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUO.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Veterans are invited to attend Trinity's school chapel on November 8 at 8:30 a.m. This is in honor of Veteran's Day.

Our Second Annual **Holiday Market** will be held on Saturday, November 11. If you would like to purchase a table please contact Sheri Abernathy 708-987-8768 or Donna Mersch 630-243-1114. We had a great response last year and many of our vendors are returning. Vendors such as Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Lularoe, Avon as well as hand crafted items. A delicious lunch and a huge bake sale will be available. The event is free this year.



Youth News

YOUTH GROUP

Open Youth Room Schedule
Oct 1, 15 and Oct 29. 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Make sure you eat dinner before you come.

YOUTH GROUP

Feed My Starving Children ~ October 13 The service opportunity for the month of October is a trip to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. We currently have 25 spots reserved for this event. Our scheduled time to pack is 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. We will meet at the school at 6:00 p.m. We will have dinner together at a restaurant close to FMSC. The Youth Group will cover the cost of your dinner. It is customary that you make a donation to the organization while you are there. Our goal is that everyone contributes \$5. You can, also bring extra money to purchase items from their store which in return helps their ministry. We will arrive back at Trinity at 10:00 p.m. Parents are asked to help transport students and to help pack the meals. The sign up sheets are in the regular spots once again, friends are invited to attend. Please add them to the sign up sheet.



Church News

BIBLE STUDIES

All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.

Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. The Adult Study is held in the Church Library., they are using the Answers in Genesis curriculum.

Sunday School is held in the church lower level for Three-Year-Olds through Grade 8

Tuesday Evening

We are studying “Courageous Heroes of the Faith” this series highlights men and women in the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties. Meets in the school conference room at 7:00 p.m. This class is facilitated by Rob Grady.

Wednesday Morning

Men’s Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Roy Carr (630-323-3688) we will continue a study of Hebrews. Come when you can. Extra study guides available. Starts September 13.

Wednesday Morning TLC

TLC Bible Study Group will meet in the Church Library. This class is led by Rob Grady (708-839-1200 ext. 6). They are studying the book of “Romans”.

Thursday Afternoon

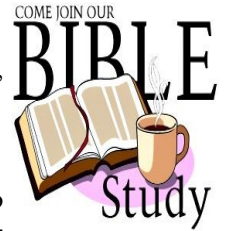
Ladies Bible Class meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Carr (630-323-3688).

Thursday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets the second and fourth Thursday. We are watching the DVD “A Man Named Martin – Part 3: The Movement”. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775).

Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets at the Gustafsons and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937). They meet the first and third Fridays of the month.



Are you tired of being a couch potato?

Looking for a way to work out at NO COST to you? Come out to volleyball in the Trinity Lutheran school gym! We meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. and play for approximately an hour and a half. You don't have to be good, just willing to have some fun and perhaps brush up on a few skills. Everyone 18 or older is invited. It's also a great way to help a friend become familiar with our school and church. If you can't come every Monday, just come when you can. We do not play on nights when there is a voter's meeting scheduled so check the church calendar on our website at: <http://www.tlbr.org/> to confirm scheduled dates. If you have questions, call Keith Wendte at 630-455-1775. See you there!



School News



The Trick or Treat costume swap shop is coming soon! Have your kids outgrown their old costumes? Looking for a quick and easy way to find new to you costumes for this year? Please join us on Wednesday, October 4th from 3:30 to 4:30 in the school gym where you can sort through costumes and see if one suits your fancy! The swap shop success is dependent upon donated costumes, so dig through those storage bins and closets! Beginning September 21st running through October 3rd, you can drop off any unwanted costumes and dress up outfits and accessories in the school lobby drop box. We will take the collection of costumes and those will be displayed at the swap shop on the 4th for anyone looking for a Halloween idea! Best of all, this event is FREE!

Trinity School is running their annual Magazine fundraiser. We are adding cookie dough to this fundraiser. All profits go to supporting our gym, recess and athletic program. We will get 40% of all sales raised in the next 2 weeks. Need more information? Ask a Trinity student of Lisa Haak.

**Help us
help our school**



The School TRIP program is back. The first gift card order will go in on Friday, September 29th and will be available the following Friday. Mark your calendar for the following 2017 dates: October 27th, November 9th, December 1st and 15th. Paper copy forms are available in the school lobby and in the church narthex by the flower chart. Drop off the order forms in the school office. For questions, please call Michelle Bouchard 708-945-5350.

Community News

New!

Blessed to be a Blessing ~ Women's Fellowship Breakfast ~ St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 South Cass Avenue, Darien. Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker is Sharla Fritz "Christ-Connected Women: Elizabeth and Mary" Sharla is a Christian author and speaker who weaves honesty and humor into life-changing Bible study focused on God's transforming grace. She helps women who feel they are pulled in a hundred different directions find soul rest by helping them connect to Christ. Register by calling 630-969-7987



Dr. Steven Wentz, Organist, in concert, Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, 215 Lincoln Street, Lombard, IL The public is cordially invited. No tickets will be sold for this event. A freewill offering will be received. A ten dollar donation is suggested.

New!

Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Soup Kitchen, 2108 W. 21st Street, Chicago St. Matthew is thankful for our volunteers that help work the soup kitchen. Recently, they were able to help a young family with four children which they met through the soup kitchen. This is a good example of feeding both body and soul through this ministry. If you would like to help serve food, the next opportunity is October 10. Meet at the church office at 11 a.m.



Fall Rummage Sale at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8659 S. Sayre Avenue, Burbank. Friday, October 6 at 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. ~ Saturday, October 7 at 9 a.m. until noon. Saturday is "Bag Day" ~ \$3.50 a bag. If you have any questions, please call 708-598-8070

A day of Lutheran Prayer Education will be held Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 5865 S. Archer Road, Summit. Program cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch. Program is free to all LCMS pastors, but they must register. For information, email symposium@zionlutheransummit.org or call 708-238-6737 or 708-921-9781.

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend this symposium. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 are welcome to join the Children's program.



SENIOR LUNCH N' MORE: Hope Lutheran Church at 6455 Joliet Rd. in Countryside is hosting a Senior Luncheon on Wed, Oct 11th. There will be an 11:15 Bible Study Opportunity and lunch served at 12 Noon. Come and enjoy FREE Lunch with Fellowship and Entertainment by The Legacy Girl Singers. Be delightfully entertained as they deliver their charming renditions of some real musical treasures from the 30's, 40's and 50's! A nutritious lunch will be provided by Salerno's Pizzeria and Sports Bar. Seating is limited! *Reservations are required! We cannot take anyone without a reservation. Please call *708-354-1323 by 12 Noon Tues. Oct 10th; and indicate that you are reserving a space at Hope Lutheran Church.

A free Reformation Hymn Festival will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter Street, Downers Grove, on Sunday, October 1 at 4 p.m. The Reformation Hymn Festival with Dr. Jim Marriott, Director of Musical Arts at Concordia Seminary, St Louis. Along with Immanuel Chancel Choir, local choirs, and instrumentalists, Dr. Marriott will lead those gathered in the singing of hymns masterfully arranged by him such as: "A Mighty Fortress", "In Christ Alone" and "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"



Flagg Creek Heritage Society presents "Hamilton's Women" Leslie Goddard will portray the stories of three different women from Alexander Hamilton's life. Even if you don't have tickets to "Hamilton" you are sure to enjoy this program! Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00pm. Pleasant Dale Park Recreation Center, 7425 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge. No fee - refreshments will be served

This powerful new documentary tells the story of Charles Mully, a modern-day hero in Kenya who responded to God's call, and rescued thousands of orphans in his midst. His story is an incredible picture of what God can do when we step out on faith, and will inspire thousands to live out their own faith more courageously.

Theaters are already beginning to sell out for this limited three-night engagement. You are encouraged to pre-purchase tickets online today for Oct. 3, 4, 5. Invite your friends and family. Bring your church group. Experience the miracle, and make a difference in the lives of orphans across the globe!

Be inspired in your faith, and advocate on behalf of orphans. See Mully, Oct. 3, 4, 5.



New!

Prayers

Our Members who are homebound...

Don Tomes, Aileen Mastney

Our Members who are in assisted living or nursing homes...

*Joyce Miegel, Joyce Rabas, Phyllis Johnson,
Lorraine Buczeko, Jeanette Wielebinicki, Laurie Verba*



Our Members who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays the week of October 1



*Laureen Beyer, Alice Buege, Christina Guerin, Ryan Miller,
Leyton Mueller, Jeffery Murphy, Steven Radtke, Donna Rekau,
Carrie St. Clair, Carol Stillo, Mackenzie Garren, Katelyn Sojka, Jane Jecmen,
Nancy Ulrich, Patricia Halek, Jennifer Sunnquist, Donna Mersch,
Susan Gustafson, Lukas Pallisard, William Ramos*

Our Members who are celebrating wedding anniversaries the week of October 1

*Gary and Laurie Kassen; John and Janice Barnacle
Michael and Pamela Sneath; Cliff and Judy Gustafson*



Our Members or Friends of Our Members In The Military....



Peter Davidovitch (South Korea) US Army Pilot, godson of Bill & Judy Jung

Thomas Logan ~nephew of Cathy LaFlame

Andrea Logan ~niece of Cathy LaFlame

Sarah Mears~ National Guard

Kris Randolph (Active Duty~Scott AFB) Air Force airman ~ son of Joan Randolph

Jeremy Marwitz (US) ~ Grandson of Lee Marwitz

Chaplain Mike Sneath (Virginia)

Lt. Col. Angie Marie Albrecht, MD (Kirtland, AFB, NM) Daughter-in-law of Pastor & Janet Albrecht

Michael Grimes (Ft. Carson, CO) member, son of Janet Grimes

*Chaplain Mike Moreno~ Pursuing a masters degree in order to serve with wounded warriors.
nephew of our member Bessie Kuske*

Adam Koshiol ~ ARNG-2006-2012, Air Force National Guard, son of Kim Valentino

Michael Michalek~ (Oxnard, CA) Reservist ~ son of Cindy Stutz

Serrica Michalek~ (Oxnard, CA) Reservist ~ daughter-in-law of Cindy Stutz

Devin Mosefy ~ (US Army, Ft. Carson ,CO) Deployed to Afghanistan

Connor Mersch ~ US Army, Fort Benning, GA

Riley Gentile ~ US Army Paratrooper in Texas, cousin of Sharleen VanDham



“To be weak, frail, vulnerable, and helpless does not reduce either your inherent worth or your ability to contribute meaningfully to the lives of those around you. In your weakness you can contribute great things. You can provide the opportunity to your loved ones to discover strength, compassion, and faith that they didn’t know they had. You can ease their fears about their own final days. You can pull families together that haven’t been together in a long time. You can simply be there so the ones you love can love you back.”



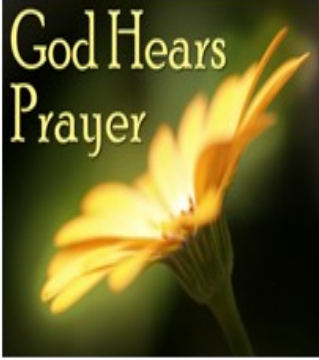
*Week of September 24
Weekend Worship
Attendance ~ 258
Communion ~ 106*



*Planning a Baptism or a Wedding at Trinity?
A Meeting with Pastor Geaschel is required before
every Baptism & Wedding. Please call the church
office to schedule your appointment with Pastor Bob.*

Prayers

God Hears Prayer



Weekly Prayers

CANCER PATIENTS: Ted Bulthuis ~ Brother of Jake Bulthuis,
Sheryl Ill ~ Req. by Sandi Bulthuis, Dan Stastny,
Joey O'Shea ~ Brother-in-law of Karla O'Shea,
Marjorie Duhatschek ~ Judy Jung's mom, Bob Bordak,
Bill Harris, Peter Trinche ~ Req. by Lori Trinche
Wilson Gregory ~ 3 years old ~ Req. Nancy Richter, grandson of Dennis Kelly,
Gay Roby and Beth Johnson ~ Req. by Jan Miller,
Joseph Ritson ~ Req. by Ava Franco, Elaine Rice ~ Req. by Susan Villarreal,
Margie Hammes ~ Req. Neil Hammes, Rich Kruse ~ Req. Carol Ball



Rachel & Hope Salverredy, Nanci Saucier, Joyce Meigel, Cindy Stutz, Scott Browne,
Don Tomes, Laurie Bever, Glen Fritschel ~ Prayers for healing.

The Week of October 1

Gerber Family ~ Prayers of comfort for the Gerber family after the loss of their son ~
Req. by Don and Sandy Baumruck
Holly Randolph ~ Prayers for healing after back surgery ~ Req. by Joan Randolph
Brenda Short ~ Prayers for comfort as she faces medical procedures ~ Req. by Nancy Montelbano
Mark Monahan ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Nancy Montelbano
Infant Lilly Lacina ~ Prayers for healing and strength ~ Teena Bottger
Anthony Stefinsky ~ Prayers for healing ~ Nephew of Mike and Lauren Vasquez
Infant Joshua John Wendte ~ Prayers of thanksgiving for a new grandchild for Keith and Sharon Wendte
Laurie Beyer ~ Prayers for strength and healing during her cancer treatments
George Keltz ~ Prayers for comfort and healing
Tom Harding ~ Prayers for healing
Yvonne Meyer ~ Prayers for healing
Arlene Zoscak ~ Prayers for healing
Joanne Stastny ~ Prayers for healing

September 24

Jack Ernst ~ Prayers for safety as the Air Force deploys him to South Korea,
Req. by Neil and Deb Hammes, their nephew
Roberta Kleyweg ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Susan Kleyweg, her sister-in-law
Bryant Whittaker ~ Prayers for healing and peace
Fred Eassa ~ Prayers for healing after surgery ~ Req. by Joanne Cardinallo
Cathy LaFlame ~ Prayers for a quick recovery after hand surgery ~ Req. by Greg LaFame
Kelly Link and new baby, Maxton Dale Link, born September 14,
Kelly's parents are William and Jean Krzemienski
Olga Gardas family in Puerto Rico because of the Hurricane Maria devastation
Mexico because of the earthquake devastation.
Newborn Samuel Shultz ~ Prayers for strength and healing (in NICU) ~ Grandson of Nancy Hanson

If you would like a prayer request continued, please email or call the church office. If you have a Private Prayer Request (NOT announced during the worship service) for our Prayer Circle Group please email or call the church office 708-839-1200 or csecretary@tlbr.org Thank you, Nancy



To Prepare For Next Week's Worship Service Read:
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46



USE THIS QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING AT TRINITY!!! When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smart phone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our church web page. To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access our electronic giving portal. Take your announcements home, create a profile and giving is easy!





WEEK 4

As part of our Stewardship Series, “Defying Gravity,” you will receive weekly ideas, suggestions, and challenges to RISE ABOVE the “culture of more.” You can do these by yourself, with a Significant Other or as a family!

DAY 1

BE COMMITTED – Have you turned in your Faith Commitment? If not, show your dedication to the Lord and His work by mailing it today.

DAY 2

THE LAST STAND - What one area of your home have you postponed cleaning out? Why is it the hardest?” What will it take to tackle it? Who could help? Do one small part today.

DAY 3

GENEROUS TO A STRANGER - Do something for a total stranger—the person behind you in the drive-thru, pay for someone else's coffee at the coffee shop, carry someone's groceries...be creative!

DAY 4

GENEROUS TO A NEIGHBOR - Think of a neighbor who'd enjoy a meal, a visit, or help with a household task (vacuum, pull some weeds, fix a window...). Tell them that Jesus loves them, so you do too.

DAY 5

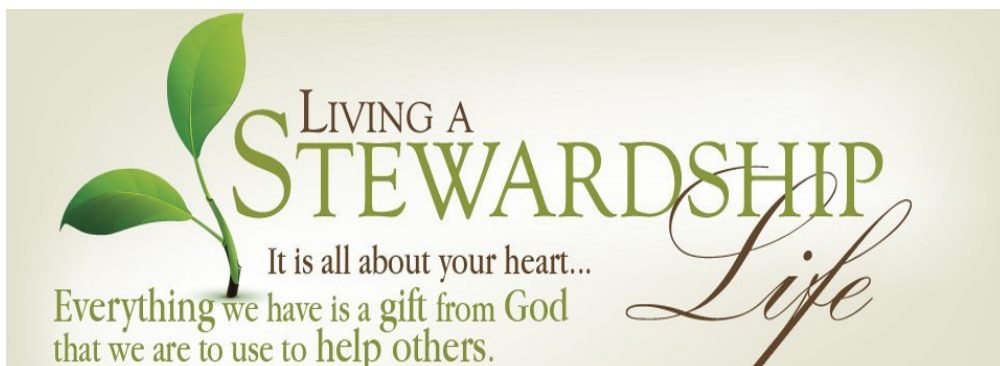
THE GREAT TIME CLEAN-OUT - Generosity requires not just money, but time. What can you “cleanout” of your schedule to give you time for someone else? - an hour-per-day less of TV, Facebook or video games, for example.

DAY 6

FAMILY PASSIONS - How much money has accumulated in your “ministry container(s)”? Send it to them!

DAY 7

CLEAN-OUT COMMITMENT - Look around your house. Is there less clutter? Can you reduce even more? Make a pledge to not refill the clean spaces with more stuff. Thank God for your abundant blessings?



Reformation Celebration on October 28, 2017 Don't Miss It!



By Rev. Dr. Jeff Leininger

Hundreds of children's voices singing praise to God; little kids interacting with 16th-century characters; parents and pastors learning and discussing timeless truths; trumpets blasting stirring hymns; falconry, armor and puppet shows on display; and 500 year-old documents to be viewed with awe and wonder...

All of the above and more will be part of the district-wide 500th Anniversary Reformation Celebration Day, on Saturday, **October 28, 2017**. Held on the campus of **Concordia University Chicago**, this true partnership with the Northern Illinois District will mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with fun, fellowship, education and praise.

For Lutheran Christians, this monumental year is more than a cultural or historic observance. It is a time to give thanks to God for His work in raising up an obscure German monk named Martin Luther, who brought the Church back to the Scriptures, back to the Gospel and back to Christ.

We cannot let this moment pass us by without exploration and celebration!

Schools, congregations, circuits, and families have already begun preparations for the day. The cost of the celebration is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, which includes "Lunch with Luther" and all activities. People will begin arriving at 9 a.m., the grand opening begins at 10 a.m., and closing festival worship is 2-3 p.m.

The day will be filled with activities for children, families, schools and church workers including adult seminars on our Reformation past and future, a "Wittenberg Walk" for the children, and fun-filled educational games for all.

Additionally, guests will have a chance to view the unique "Bach Bible"—J.S. Bach's personal Bible, which has his signature and hand-written notes in it. Thirty-five authentic 16th-century rare books will also be on display, including Erasmus' first Greek New Testament (1516), the first Lutheran Hymnal (1524), a first edition of the Augsburg Confession (1531), the famous "Luther Bible" (1534), the first Bible printed in Spanish (1569), the Book of Concord (1580), the Geneva Bible (1599), and many more.

Online registration is open now and space is limited, so register today: cuchicago.edu/reformation. Information is also available at CUC's website if you would like to participate in the festival children's choir.

We'll see you on Saturday, October 28, as we celebrate enduring faith, abiding grace and abounding love. All activities are at 7400 Augusta St. in River Forest, Illinois (use the parking structure on Bonnie Brae and limited street parking).



Family Fun Night

Friday, October 27th



Benefitting Trinity Lutheran School

Carnival fun and games for the whole family 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Family Fun Night is one of the biggest fundraisers for 2017-18! Please help us make it a success by making a Red (\$500+) or White (\$250-\$499) contribution to the event. Does your company match donations? Sponsorship recognition includes: name on a "Thank You" sign that will be displayed at church and school, bracelets and pizza!

TICKETS

\$10 Ticket for 15 games

Or \$25 for a bracelet/unlimited games

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PRE-ORDER TICKETS



\$25 Bracelets: Family Name _____
of bracelets _____ = \$ _____

\$10 Tickets: Family Name _____
of tickets _____ = \$ _____



PRE-ORDER PIZZA

Family Name: _____
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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod – Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship Newsletter Article

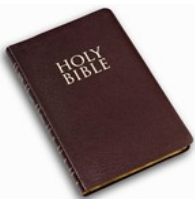
Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son’s blood, by the His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise, and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence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

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

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as (good stewards of His varied grace,) (1 Peter 4:10) we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God’s holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

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

May we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God’s providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. “For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matthew 13:12).



Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd. . .” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is!. Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

