



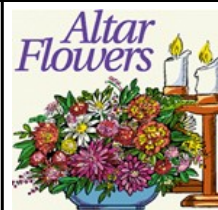
Trinity Lutheran Church and School
 To save the lost and to strengthen the saved ~ Matthew 28:18-20
Church Announcements For The Week of December 31, 2017



First Sunday After Christmas
 8:30 a.m. Divine service will follow page #219 Matins
 Opening #937; Sermon #389; Closing #387
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service



Martin Luther's Morning Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen



The poinsettias are placed on God's altar by The Altar Guild, thanking and praising God for the gift of his son, Jesus.



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.

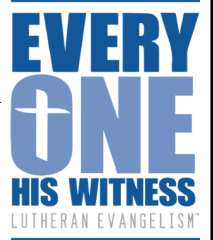
Gluten Free Communion Wafers Available Upon Request ~ Please request from Pastor Bob at least 10 minutes before the service.

Church News



Honduras Mission Trip. Join us as we travel once again to Honduras June 19-27, 2018. We are planning on building a new school in a village close to San Pedro Sula. The cost for the mission trip this year is \$1,300. A golf outing is planned for June 6 at Orchard Valley, and a January information meeting is expected - keep watching for an announcement. For more information, please see Pastor Bob Geaschel or Mr. Tom Bruns.

NEW Sunday evening six week study with Pastor Bob Geaschel. **Discover Relational, Contextual Witnessing with E1HW (Every One His Witness).** Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors who have not heard the Good News. After this six week study, you will be more effective witnesses of Jesus in your everyday life! **Sunday evenings on March 11, 18, 25 and April 8, 15 and 22.** Each session will start with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the study at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the church library. The class is limited to 30 so please sign up today. For more information, see Pastor Bob or see the brochure in the narthex, at the display.



The church secretary, Nancy Hanson, will be on vacation January 3 – 18, 2018.



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!

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.



The church/school office will be closed
January 1, 2018



IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!!

Please remember that there is no parking on Steepside Drive by the church. If you park there you will be ticketed and towed. Please park in the school parking lot if our church parking lot is full.



Mark your calendar for the Trinity Dinner-Dance and Auction -**Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018!** Please consider buying gift cards to donate to our "Gift Card Pull". Any amount would be appreciated - \$5, \$10, \$25 - categories could include: coffee, restaurants, gas, grocery stores..... You can easily order gift cards through the school TRIP program! Donations can be left in the school office. Questions? Please see Mrs. Hansen or Mrs. Michaelsen.
THANK YOU!!!!!



The new flower calendar for 2018 is now up and ready for people to sign up. Sign up early to get your favorite date. The cost is \$40 which pays for two bouquets of flowers. Thank you for helping us beautify the altar. ~ The Altar Guild.

Church News

BIBLE STUDIES

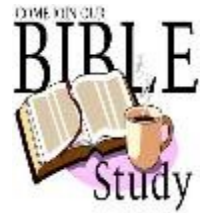
All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.

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.

Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, “The Miracles of Mercy”

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



Sunday Evening

“Fit for Life” our Adult Confirmation Class will meet from 6:30 - 8p.m. in the church library.

Tuesday Evening

We are studying “Incredible Heroes of the Faith” 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.

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. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775).

Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets at the Gustafson’s and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937).

Youth News

Winter Retreat to Camp Luther on **January 2-5**. The cost will remain at \$150 and monies can be used from your account. The sign up sheets are up in the Youth Room and in the Seventh Grade Confirmation room. Friends are welcome to attend. Parents are needed to drive the 6 hours to the camp.



Pizza sales will be during the month of January.

They can be picked up on Friday, February 2, from noon till 1 p.m. And from 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Ice Skating at Millennium Park ~ Saturday, January 13 we will head downtown for ice skating. Included in the trip will be a stop at Geno’s East Pizzeria. Meet at the school at 8:00 a.m. to catch the train out of Hinsdale station. Returning to the school around 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 includes: train ticket, ice skate rental and lunch. Bring extra money for snacks at the ice rink. Friends are invited but need a medical release form. Parents are needed to transport to and from the train station. Parents can also come with for the day.



School News



Please use the “**Trinity Lutheran and Blueberry Hill Voucher**” found in the church narthex or at school. When you plan your next meal out, go to the Darien Blueberry Hill Café. This is an easy way to help the school raise money. 10% of your bill will be donated to Trinity Lutheran School.



In the past, we have collected Coke product codes to enter here in the office to earn money for our school. Now, Coke has changed to a new program. You can enter the codes yourself at home or bring them into the office to have someone else enter them.

Step 1: Go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>

Step 2: Choose Donate to School

Step 3: Enter Trinity Lutheran School, Burr Ridge

Step 4: Sign up/sign in

Step 5: Enter codes (Codes can be scanned directly using a mobile device.)

This is an easy way everyone can earn money for our school!

Church News

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.



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!



Community News

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Concordia University Chicago, 7400 August Street, River Forest on January 24 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and January 25 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Rev. Wrede is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages — elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Wrede at 314-505-7221 or wredew@cls.edu.



Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Soup Kitchen, 2108 W. 21st Street, Chicago

We thank you for your continued support of this ministry through your prayers, gifts of time and talents. We are always in need of Styrofoam cups, paper products such as plates, silverware, Napkins, paper towels and toilet paper. **If you would like to help serve food, the next opportunity is January 9th . Meet at the church office at 11 a.m.**

NID LWML Young Women's Winter Retreat ~ Jan. 19-20 at Walcamp Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center, 32653 E. Five Points Road, Kingston, IL. Join us at Walcamp for an overnight Women's Retreat to refresh, renew and rejoice in the Lord after the rush of the Holidays has ended. We can arrive at 3 p.m. on Friday Jan. 19th and will start with a light supper at 6 p.m. Ending on Saturday, Jan. 20th at 3 p.m. Bring a sleeping bag/bedding and toiletries. Cost is \$30, make check payable to NID LWML, RSVP by Jan. 13th by email and sending a check to Sherrie Smith, 7418 Figura Drive, Justice. Email: bsmith0708@sbcglobal.net



March for Life Chicago~ Join area Lutherans and thousands of pro-life advocates at the March for Life Chicago on **January 14, 2018**, to witness to the sanctity of human life and hear inspirational speakers affirming the value of life and underscoring the importance of continuing to speak out for life. Meet on Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams Street, Chicago, at 1:55 p.m. under the LOVE AFFIRMS LIFE banner, or Ride a bus leaving from Trinity Lutheran Church, 1001 Kimberly Way, Lisle, leaving at 1 p.m. Suggested bus ride donation is \$10 (to cover cost for the round-trip bus ride). Call Kris Blackwell at 630-234-1491 to reserve your seat. Space is

St. John Lutheran Church at 7214 South Cass Avenue in Darien will host an extensive Model show and Swap Meet on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plane, train, and automobile model hobbyists will find exhibits and merchandise galore. There will be at least two operating model railroad layouts and over 60 vendor tables selling plastic model kits and model railroad-related items. The family-friendly event will also offer food and raffle prizes. Admission is \$5 for adults (18 years and older) and \$2 for youth (12 to 17 years old) . Children under 12 and Scouts in uniform are FREE! Proceeds will benefit the St. John Lutheran Church Youth Mission/Outing/Conference Fund.





Those Serving This Weekend. . . .

Sunday Preacher.....**Pastor Robert Geaschel**
 Saturday Preacher.....**Pastor Robert Geaschel**
 Organist.....**Howard Eggert**
 Contemporary Worship Leader.....**Kiko Negron**
 Saturday Reader.....**David Lyall**
 Guitarist.....**Jason Lyons**

Altar Guild ~ Volunteers

Usher Group 3: 8:30 a.m. ~ Steve Voelz, Alan VanDahm, Keith Wendte

Usher Group 1: 11:00 a.m. ~ Richard Thorburn, Jr., Gerald Tiedt,

Gene Weisbecker, Frank Mika Jr., Bill Harris

Communion Assistants: Saturday ~ 6:30 p.m. : Pastor Luther Albrecht

8:30 a.m. : Matins

Acolytes: Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.: Mia Borchardt and Marris Carli

11:00 a.m.: Abigail Hruska and Cecilia Murphy

Greeters: Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.: Jason and Becky Hansen

11:00 a.m.: Jeanne Arturi and Lisa Haak

Sunday December 31

8:30 a.m. Divine Service

11:00 a.m. Cont. Worship

Monday New Years Day January 1

Church Office Closed

Tuesday January 2

7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (G)

Wednesday January 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (CL)

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir (N)

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (CH)

Thursday January 4

1:00 p.m. Ladies BC (OP)

7:30 p.m. Praise Band (CH)

Friday January 5

Saturday January 6

8:30 a.m. Trustees

6:30 p.m. Celebration Service HC



A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Website



**We Invite You To View Our
Website WEEKLY : www.TLBR.org**

**For All Your Trinity Informational Needs! Announcements & Sermons,
Weekly Events & Highlights,
Announcements, Our Ministries Bible Studies, and More!**

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708-839-1200 /church ☩ 708-839-1444 /school ☩ www.TLBR.org ☩**

Prayers

Our Members who are homebound....

Don Tomes, Aileen Mastney

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

Joyce Miegel, Joyce Rabas, Lorraine Buczko,

Jeanette Wielebinicki, Laurie Verba



Our Members who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays the week of December 31



Dale Borchardt, Sharmila Appavu, Sandra Baumruck,

Darlene Cioleck, Melanie Carli, Kevin Murray,

Erik Sunnquist, Josie Stremski

Our Members who are celebrating wedding anniversaries the week of December 31

Ed Bowlin and Lynn Ferree-Bowlin; Mark and Debra Zoller



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. Timothy Luther Albrecht ~ Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

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 Bessie Kuske*

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

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

Connor Mersch ~ US Army, Fort Drum, New York

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



“Our failures won’t undermine the Lord’s reign. Others’ successes can’t overthrow it. This world will go on as long as God wills and will then give way to new creation. In Jesus we are guaranteed inclusion in it, as well as having the privilege of participating in His activity—not to assert superiority but to save our opponents from the devil’s deceptions and our neighbors from final destruction. Let’s exercise our majesty enthusiastically!”



Week of December 24

Advent 3~ am 88/pm 25

Sunday : 9 am ~ 88

4:30 p.m. ~ 154/110 HC

6:30 p.m. ~ 160/122 HC

10:00 p.m. ~ 122

Dec 25 ~ 65/53 HC



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

Weekly Prayers



CANCER PATIENTS:

Sheryl Ill ~ Req. by Sandi Bulthuis, **Dan Stastny**,

Joey O'Shea ~ Brother-in-law of Karla O'Shea, **Roberta Kleyweg**

Marjorie Duhatschek ~ Judy Jung's mom, **Bob Bordak**,

Bill Harris, **Peter Trinche** ~ Req. by Lori Trinche, **John Calkins** ~ Lori Trinche

Wilson Gregory ~ 4 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, Jovce Meigel,

Scott Browne, Don Tomes ~ Prayers for healing.

The Week of December 31



George Keltz family ~ Prayers for comfort after the passing of George

Pastor Mike Borcherdig ~ Prayers for his family after his sudden passing

Ruthie Geaschel ~ Prayers for healing ~ Pastor Bob's Aunt



December 24

M. Terry Villarvel ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Pastor Bob

George Keltz ~ Prayers for comfort

Shirley Swanson ~ Prayers for healing after a fall

Killian Klotz ~ Prayers for healing ~ Req. by Gail Klotz

December 17

Evelyn Hurley ~ Prayers for healing following surgery ~ Req. by Keltz and Cook Families

Elaine Hoyt ~ Prayers for continued healing and strength ~ Req. by Helen Voelz

Joann Murphy ~ Prayers for comfort and healing ~ Req. by Charlotte Murphy, her mother-in-law

George Keltz ~ Prayers for comfort and healing

Burt Beyer ~ Prayers for healing

December 10

Don Baumruck ~ Prayers for healing ~ Req. by Sandy

Sherry LaFlame ~ Prayers of thanks that she is home recovering ~ Req. by Greg and Cathy LaFlame

Roberta Kleyweg ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Susan Kleyweg

Family of Jeri Machino ~ Prayers of comfort after Jeri's passing ~ Req. by Melinda Borchardt

Jenifer ~ Prayers for good health ~ Req. by Barbara

Armando Cantele ~ Prayers for healing ~ Req. by Nicole Cantele

Liem Nguyen ~ Prayers for healing after surgery ~ Req. by Jeanne Arturi

Scott Browne ~ Prayers for strength

Richard and Alysa Kocek ~ Blessings on their marriage

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:

Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11



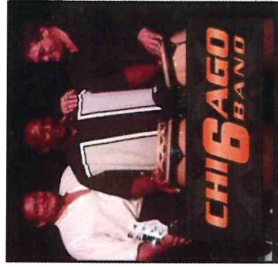
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Save the Date!



“Rockin’ the Foundation”
Dinner Auction at Capri Banquets
Saturday, February 10, 2018



Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Benefitting Trinity Lutheran
Church and School

Capri Banquets
6240 Joliet Rd.

Countryside, IL 60525

Appetizers: Bruschetta, Fried Calamari
Buffet: Salad, Rigatoni, Chicken Vesuvio, Grilled Salmon,
Sliced Pork Tenderloin, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Dessert
Cash Bar with complimentary Beer and Wine

Tickets: \$75 per person

Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000—includes table of 8 with
prime seating, 2 bottles of wine at table,
and name recognition in program

Gold Sponsor: \$3,000—table of 8 with prime seating
and name recognition in program

Silver Sponsor: \$1,000—Name recognition in program
and autographed photo of Chicago 6

Red & White Sponsor: \$500—Name recognition
in program

For more information, to reserve a table,
or to sponsor the event, call:
Rob Grady at the church office.

708-839-1200 ext. 6 or

email at rgrady@tlbr.org