

Trinity Torch

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June 2018

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.... 2 Peter 3:18

June is the time of graduations and vacations, a summer break for students, and gardening for adults. The grass is green, flowers are blooming, and the thought of our past cold and snowy winter has all but vanished (until you read this) – and right now you are thankful, perhaps, that snow is no longer in the forecast!! Once again, through general observation, we realize that life is full of change.

Is it any surprise to think that our own lives also continue to change and develop? Does your job require continued education? Does your pursuit of a sport or hobby expect further progress and development through discipline and training? Why do we expect our faith to progress without the same discipline and personal effort?

Christian growth takes place through Word and Sacrament ministry. It is both personal and congregational. We are to have a personal interest in growing and should have daily time with God one on One. We also are to grow along with our brothers and sisters in Christ – as we worship together and join together in group Bible study and prayer time.

It was Saint Paul who encouraged the church at Ephesus with these words, “...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ,” – Ephesians 4:15

It was the writer to the Hebrews who said, “Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity,” – Hebrews 6:1

It was the Apostles who asked Jesus, “...Lord, increase our faith!” – Luke 17:5

It was the Christian church, just after the Ascension, who, “...devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” – Acts 2:42

Yes, even this summer, when many breaks occur, we can continue to grow in our faith. Download the free Bible app on your smartphone so you can read God’s Word on the go. Attend worship at a church while on vacation. Worship with us on Monday evenings, June-August at 6:30 p.m., if you are out of town on the weekends. Yes, this is new. This is something we are trying out this summer (No Saturday worship, it is switched to every Monday at 6:30 p.m.), so please consider Monday worship with us.

God bless each and everyone of you!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob



SUMMERTIME GREETINGS FROM THE LADIES AID!

Over eighteen ladies attended our May meeting, where we discussed our plans for a very busy fall and holiday season! Everyone had a great time!! We took our monthly collection for the Tabitha Fund which helps support those in need. We also voted to give a large donation to our upcoming Service Clinic for \$1,000 to help offset the cost of the large tent and to purchase items for the clinic store. Thanks to our hostesses Sherry & Cathy LaFlame and Christine Suddreth! The food was delicious and the pizza was an extra special treat!

A new refrigerator and freezer was purchased for our lower church hall and has been installed. The current models were given to the school for their use. Thank you to those who have supported our events over the past year to help us purchase these new appliances! Also, thank you to an anonymous donor who gave a generous donation towards the purchase of these appliances. And finally, thank you to Bethany Crispin for working with her company to get us a significant discount on the new refrigerator and freezer.

The Ladies Aid have started their summer break and will have their next meeting on September. Please join us as we plan for the upcoming Holiday Market on November 10, 2018 and Holiday Tea on December 10, 2018! These are our biggest events so we hope you can attend. If you are interested in becoming a vendor for our Holiday Market OR hostessing a table at the Holiday Tea, please contact Sheri Abernathy at 708-987-8768. Our lists are filling up and we would love for you to join us!

The Rummage Sale was a huge success. Thank you to Marilyn Todd for heading up this huge endeavor! Thank you also to all of the ladies who set up tables, set up rummage items, and helped box and clean up on Saturday. All left-over donations were given to Amvets.

Just a reminder.....our Ladies Aid Society is also responsible for holding funeral luncheons for those members who request a luncheon during this difficult time. If you would like to be added to our list of cooks or bakers for the luncheons, please contact Sheri Abernathy 708-987-8768 or Judy Gustafson at 815-372-9937 and let them know. We can always use help with set up for the luncheons. If you are interested in helping in this area please contact Sheri Abernathy or Donna Mersch 630-243-1114. Thank you in advance for helping out! Since the beginning of January, the Ladies Aid has served six luncheons. Again, we appreciate your support.

Project Compassion can always use extra hands in preparing a main dish, salad, or dessert for our members who are homebound or recovering from an illness or surgery. If you would like to be added to our list of cooks please contact Marilyn Todd. All you need to do is prepare your portion of the meal and bring it to church by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Marilyn will make sure the meal is delivered to the family.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall as we kick off our busy season!
Summer Blessings!

New Member

Welcome New Member Alan Bond.



Alan joined Trinity on March 4th.

He and his wife Catherine live in Burr Ridge. They moved from Shorewood, where Alan attended Messiah Lutheran church in Joliet.

Alan is a Mechanical Engineer and works near Midway Airport. He enjoys motorcycle racing, working around the house, and their vegetable garden.

The Bond family recently added baby Hunter, born March 15th. He joins their daughter, Rosie, who is 23 months old.

J.O.Y. Club

Join us on **Thursday, June 21 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Church basement.

Please bring your favorite dish and a \$3.00 gift for Crazy Bunco. Contact Joyce Tomes at 630-257-2927 or Donna Halla at 708-839-0551 if you have questions.





Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid Society

Third Annual Holiday Market

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018 - 11500 GERMAN CHURCH ROAD-BURR RIDGE, IL

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Vendor Contract

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
8' Area with Table	\$30
Electric Outlet	\$10

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Check Number # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Booth (What you will be selling):

- A donation of one of the crafts featured on your table would be appreciated for our Raffle Table.
- Make checks payable to Trinity Ladies Aid
- Questions? Contact Sheri Abernathy 708-987-8768
- Set up 7:30 a.m. Saturday, November 10, 2018
- Deadline October 15, 2018

For more information contact Sheri Abernathy 708-987-8768 or e-mail abernathysheri@gmail.com

Mail Check and Contract to:

Sheri Abernathy
Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid
15158 129th Street
Lemont, IL 60439

How God Uses Money in Our Lives (And How He Doesn't) (Part 1)

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship



Money is a huge part of our lives. We need it to pay our bills, provide food and shelter, educate our children (or pay off our own student debt!), buy us fun, prepare for retirement...pay taxes... No wonder Jesus spoke about it so often – more than any other single subject!

We might see money as an end in itself, or as a means to an end (security, happiness, love, power, etc.) God sees money as a tool for Him to work in our lives. He also recognizes, more than we do, that it is a temptation that can draw us away from Him. Here are some ways God uses, and doesn't use, money in our lives. (some credit for these ideas is due to Nelson Searcy of the Journey Church in New York.)

1. God uses money to strengthen our faith in Him. He leads us to see that money (and every other blessing) comes from Him, our loving and generous heavenly Father. He can also use *lack* or *loss* of money to demonstrate that we do not control our money, or even own it. We discover that we need to rely on Him, not our money, to “get by” – and then we see Him provide for us.

God does NOT use money to worry us. When we worry about our finances, it reveals that we have not turned over complete control to God. God wants us to know that He provides for all our earthly needs. When we come to believe this, we cease to worry.

2. God uses money to develop our trustworthiness. After telling “the parable of the shrewd manager” (Luke 16), Jesus concludes, “Whoever can be trusted with little, can be trusted with much...so if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?” (v. 10-11) To God, money is a “little” thing – but its use is one way of demonstrating our values and priorities, our trustworthiness.

God does NOT use money to corrupt us. Satan, however, does. Satan deceives us into thinking that money is a “big” thing, and tempts us toward greed, ego, deceit, worldliness, and other snares that are at enmity with God and His design for our lives.

3. God uses money to create relationships. In collecting a special offering in Greece for drought-stricken believers in Palestine, St. Paul wrote, “Your plenty will supply their need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.” Our generosity, when times are good for us, creates a bond with those in need. Possibly when things are not so good for us, they will return the favor. Sometimes, when our generosity is toward unbelievers, the relationship begun can lead them to see the love of God expressed in that generosity.

God does NOT intend money to create walls between people – rich vs poor, high class vs low class. Regardless of our level of material blessing, we are all one in Christ, we are brothers and sisters. As such, we care *about* each other and *for* each other.

Next month, Part 2!

Save the Date

Trinity Church & School's 8th Annual Golf Outing

Date: Friday, August 17th

Time: 2:00 P.M. Shotgun Start

Registration: Starts at 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$150 per Player—Includes lunch and Dinner

Place: Ruffled Feathers Golf Course

Scramble Format—On Course Games

Sign-up Link:

<http://bit.ly/trinitylutheran2018>



Principal's Page

PROVERBS 3:5-6 "TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT."

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

You know what they say about "all good things." That is a phrase I can use to describe this school year. This was a wonderful first year for me at Trinity! Everyone has made myself and my family feel very welcomed and valued.

I feel like Back-to-School night was just last week. I was welcoming all the new to me faces. Suddenly, here I sit at my desk in May. Having just returned from the 8th grade trip and preparing for their graduation.

I am sure that the year has flown by for Jazmin, Cody, Peter, and Paul as well. They will all move on to different activities and interests in high school. I hope that they are able to bring with them, the foundation that they have built at Trinity. They are all very strong and well-equipped Christian men and women. This chapter is closing for them, however, it brings many new opportunities to spread the Good News to more young men and women at their high schools.

I hope everyone can join us on May 31 at 6:30 p.m., in the church sanctuary, to send our graduates off with a wonderful graduation ceremony. We pray that our 8th graders will do great things, with their God-given talents, as they move on to the level and new chapter!

In His Service,

Mr. DeWitt

Principal



Congratulations to Peter Halpin!

He participated at the Lutheran State Track meet this past weekend. He improved his distance in the shot put, set a new school record, and earned 7th place. He threw the discus 123' 04" to set a new school record and earned 1st place. He is the Discus State Champion! Well done, Peter!

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

LUTHERAN EVANGELISM

Having completed the “Everyone His Witness” class, we celebrated by having a friendship weekend at Trinity on April 28 and 29th. Some pictures from Saturday evening worship show that a good time of fellowship and sharing was had by all! The class gave us an opportunity to get to know people in our own Trinity family that we may never have had the opportunity to spend time with. It was a true blessing!

As we reflect on next steps individually and as a church – one group member has the opportunity to witness to a new Muslim friend that God very unexpectedly placed in her path immediately following the end of the class sessions! Other members may be thinking about starting new small groups that will impact their neighborhoods or the community surrounding Trinity - or how to reach out to adult children that have stepped away from the church.



Don't forget to see Pastor Bob with ideas or ask about participating if you were interested or unable to attend the class.

Our time together is very much summed up in the devotional below:

Can one person make a real difference?

One competent, caring customer service rep can make your day by taking the time to listen to your problem and then resolving it, rather than just transferring your call to someone else. It doesn't take the entire hospital staff, just one insightful doctor who diagnoses and successfully treats your illness to get you back on your feet.

Spend a moment to reflect on how many times one individual has made a difference in your life. That may answer the question.

But no one makes a bigger difference in anyone's life than Jesus. He loves all people. He came to be the Savior of all. His perfect life is credited to the account of every sinner, no matter what their age, income level, nationality, or lifestyle.

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ not counting men's sins against them” (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Take a moment to thank God that the Spirit has called you by the Gospel and worked faith in the one true Savior in your heart. Pray that the Spirit will continue to call many more through the news of Christ crucified and help each of us to love and serve our neighbor as a reflection of the love first extended to us in Christ Jesus.

One person can indeed make all the difference. Reflect and act upon how you be the difference in someone's life today. To whom can you show the kindness and love of Christ through a smile, an encouraging word, or just by listening? With whom can you share the news of forgiveness for every sin and the Lord's care and help for every situation in life? (excerpted from The Difference of One (Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries))



Vacation Bible School Snacks

The snack ladies are getting ready for a week of fun and busy preparing to feed 200 children and helpers the week of Vacation Bible School. They are looking for donations for the week (please see list below). All we ask is that you check expiration dates on items before you purchase them. Vacation Bible School is held this year from June 11-15. Thank you in advance for your help! Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Grady 630-257-3696 or Rob Grady 708-839-1200. Thank you again!



Powdered Sugar Donuts (Hostess)

Red String Licorice

Swedish Fish

Graham Crackers

Teddy Grahams

Gummie Life Savers

Fruit by the Foot

Twinkies

Froot Loops

Snack Bag of Chips Ahoy Cookies

Dessert Size Styrofoam Plates

Napkins

8 oz. Styrofoam Cups

Spoons

Paper Towels

Windex

Baby Wipes

200 Large or 400 Mini

300 Each

4 Large Bags

8 Large Boxes

200 Pieces

200 Pieces

2 Boxes

200 Each

2 Boxes

200 Small Bags

750 Plates

600 Each

700 Each

200 Each

9 Rolls

1 Bottle

1 Large Package



Craft Donation List

Vacation Bible School plans are underway, and we are again collecting items to help offset the cost. Did you know that by using recyclable items and donations from our church and school that we have been able to do crafts for 150 children for five days and spent less than \$50.00 for the week??? That is only \$.06/day for every child to take home a craft each day of VBS week!!! We were able to do this with YOUR help!! Below is a list of items we are collecting this year. The list will be updated and changed as needed. Please place your donations in the metal bin in the Narthex. It is labeled "Vacation Bible School Crafts". Questions regarding donations??? Contact Sheri Abernathy (708) 987-8768. Beginning April 1, we will be looking for volunteers to prep items with simple painting or cutting at home and at your leisure. If you would like to be put on the list to help, please let Sheri Abernathy or Rob Grady know. Rob Grady will have some of the easy at home projects ready for pick up the month of May.

200 – 3/4" Brass Fasteners (Office Supply Section)

120 - Black Sharpie Medium Point Markers

Monetary donations are also appreciated to purchase items we do not receive or have to purchase. Please give your monetary donations to Rob Grady or Sheri Abernathy marked "Vacation Bible School Crafts" on the envelope. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Vacation Bible School



It's not too late! Sign-up today!

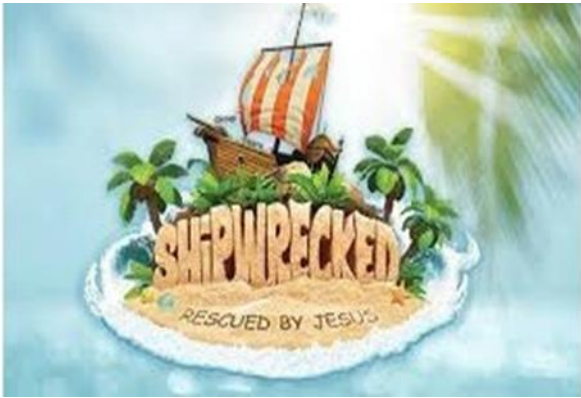
Please join us for VBS June 11-15, 9-11:45 a.m.
Registration form on next page or register online at
www.tlbr.org.

Coins for CareNet

Coins for CareNet drive will run until Father's Day. CareNet Pregnancy Services of Dupage provides spiritual, emotional, and material support to women dealing with unplanned pregnancies, enabling them to choose life for their babies. Our church supports the work of CareNet in our community by participating in Coins for CareNet.

Please pick up an empty baby bottle, or two, from the display in the narthex in front of the fireplace, fill it with loose change for moms in need and return it anytime on or before Father's Day.





VBS Registration Form

(One Per Child)

June 11-15

9:00-11:45 a.m.

Child's name: _____

Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Friend of _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



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For more Information: Contact Rob Grady 708-839-1200 x 6

Sunday School



May 20, we finished the second year of our Answers in Genesis curriculum. One more year to go. We will resume Sunday School on September 10.

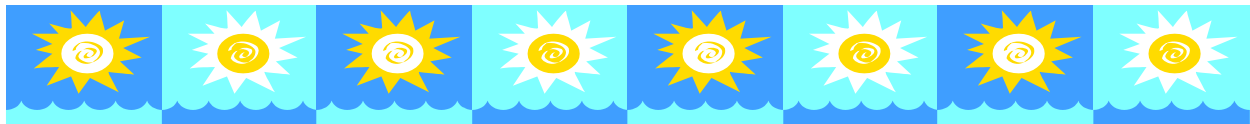
Please register for VBS so we know how to prepare. We always have a wonderful time. As always, I am looking for volunteers to teach. If you would like to pair up with someone that would be great!

Have a wonderful summer! I hope to see you at VBS.

Your servant in Christ,
Karla O'Shea



SUMMER BLESSING'S FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH!



TRINITY YOUTH NEWS!

Our PLANT SALE pick up was held on Saturday, May 12. A special thanks to each person who ordered from the sale. This is one of three fundraisers the youth has each year to pay for their trips. These trips include the National Youth Gathering, Youth Encounter Weekend, and the Mission Trip. Your support is greatly appreciated! This year's sale was another huge success!

Vacation Bible School is around the corner and will take place June 11-15. We meet every day that week from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. The theme is "Shipwrecked". Many of our youth help during this week. If youth are willing to serve, they need to sign up with Mr. Grady. We always appreciate the youth taking time from their busy summer to serve at Trinity! Parents are also invited to help during this week. We can use help any day you can offer!

Final touches are being put on the mission trips! Special thanks to all of the youth who have returned their forms to Mr. Grady. We have 23 participants for the High School trip July 7-14 and 7 participants for the Middle School trip. A special letter will go out in mid-June with all the needed forms, information, and supply list. These trips are different from each other, and therefore we will need to bring different items to each. We ask that you keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as they travel to Houston and Minneapolis to help serve those less fortunate. We thank God for their willingness to serve those less fortunate.

Remember...Youth Bible Class will resume in the fall. Bible class is held every week and begins at 9:45 a.m. We have great discussions!! Hope to see you in September!

In closing, we would like to congratulate our 8th Grade youth who graduated and will be heading to different area high schools in the fall. We wish them God's Blessings and look forward to them moving into the High School group in the fall. Congratulations to our high school seniors!! We wish each of you the best of luck in your future endeavors as you begin the next chapter of your lives in college! We know each of you will go on to do great things and we are proud of you!

Blessings on your summer!

The Board of Youth Ministry



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SUMMER HOURS

Church Office Hours
Tues–Thurs 8am-3pm
School Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 8:30am-12pm

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www.tlbr.org
www.mytls.org



June Birthdays

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Sandra Baumruck
Robert Kearney
John Kneller
Samuel Vazquez | 11 Brock Radtke
Mason Radtke | 21 Anna Helminiak
Samantha Huron
Bryan Knapp
Madison Radtke |
| 2 Christine Lantz
Bradley Payne | 12 Joshua Freese
Spring Kneller
Ashley Nieman | 22 Julie Ball
Terri Zausa |
| 3 Terry Baldwin
Maddox Juergens
Joseph Kibbon Jr.
Jake Sojka | 13 Nicole Gogolewski
Nina Sass
Dorothy Tiedt | 23 Thomas Collins
Vanessa Vickers
Donna Vorreyer |
| 4 Alexander Taheri | 14 Dylan Murphy
Christian Rodriguez
Keith Wendte | 24 Ryan Chiu |
| 5 Janice Cook
Mark Fischer
Dustin Fritschel
Jennifer Keltz
Jacqueline Laatz
Timothy Wolf | 15 Roy Carr
Stacy Cervenka
Kameron Kling | 25 Dawn Kibbon |
| 6 Caroline Marwitz | 16 Kristin Fischer
Todd Guzlas
Ruth Hess | 26 Dale Eggert
Matthew Reschke |
| 7 Morgan Manley | 17 Colin Lucas
Ethan McGonigal | 27 George Diamond
Patricia Halek
Matilda Koppera
Adolf Pohlis
Kelly Rediehs |
| 8 Robert Chize
Jon Laatz | 18 Christopher Halloway
Christian Valentino | 28 Mary Faith Gerhardt
Catherine LaFlame
Thomas N. Rediehs |
| 9 Melinda Borchardt
Marjorie Pantke
Ronald Supeter
Brianna Workman | 19 Dominic Saculla | 29 Lydell Grunwald
Kelly Link
Charles Murray |
| 11 Ryan Abernathy
Michael Benstent
Clifford Gustafson | 20 Carrisa Cook
Alexandra Knutte
Rose Lyons | 30 Robert Anderegg III
Mitchell Bowlin
Alexandra Rohner |
| | 21 Gregory Cosme | |

This decision will last a lifetime.



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Call to schedule a private tour of our campus! (708) 839-1444



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HC = Holy Communion; BC = Bible Class; BP = Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Meeting areas: <i>(shown in parenthesis)</i> Ch = Church CR = School Conference Room CL = Church Library TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall	G = School Gym SK = School Kitchen CK = TFH Kitchen SL = School Library N = Narthex YR = Youth Room OP = Off Premises	Altar Guild: Jan Baranek Spring Kneller Kim Valentino	Ushers: 8:30 – Group 2 11:00 – Group 4		1	2 8:30am Trustees 9:00am Set-up (CL & TFH)
3 8:30am Worship HC 9:30am Special Coffee Hour Recognition Arturi & Ball 11:00am Cont. Worship 12:00pm Arturi & Ball Luncheon	4 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	5 6:30pm Elders (CL) 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm TLC (CR)	6 Gym set up for VBS	7 7:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	8	9 8:30am Trustees
10 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC 11:00am HC Contemp 11:00am Parish Ed (CL)	11 St. Barnabas, Apostle 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	12 11:00am St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen (OP)	13 6:30pm Golf Meeting (CR)	14 7:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	15	16 8:30am Trustees
Vacation Bible School - June 11-15 – 9am-11:45am						
17 Father's Day 8:30am HC 9:45am BC 11:00am Cont. Worship 6:30pm Open Youth Room (YR)	18 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	19 7:00pm Basketball (G)	20	21 11:30am JOY Club (TFH) 4:30pm Stewardship (CR) 7:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	22	23 8:30am Trustees 11:30am Bond Baptism
24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC 11:00am HC Contemp	25 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	26 7:00pm Basketball (G)	27	28 7:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	30