

# Trinity Torch



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## September 2019

How our Christian Education programs work together at Trinity:

SEPTEMBER is the month that our Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Classes resume for all ages. But if you take a closer look, we have a purposeful, year-round education program at Trinity. Each program builds on and supports the others. VBS, Sunday School, Confirmation, Camp Luther, Youth Group, Small Group Bible Study, and Large Group Bible Study. Our education programs work together to create a network of learning in which Christian disciples are raised up and sent to serve God and others.

VBS students are given opportunities to explore their faith through music, games, and crafts, which there may not be time for during the shorter Sunday School class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL students experience God's great love for them in Jesus Christ through biblical literacy. While exploring the Old Testament, students learn why Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. This knowledge sets up elementary students for our confirmation program. BEFORE students enter confirmation, they should know Bible basics, God's actions in the Old Testament (Garden of Eden, Flood, Tower of Babel, etc.), key people of the Old Testament (Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, Jacob & Esau, Joseph, Moses, etc.), the History of Israel (including Joshua, the Judges, Kings, the Prophets, Exile and the Return, etc.), the life of JESUS, the stories of Jesus, the Parables, the Miracles, Holy Week, the Early Church and the Acts of the Apostles – all taught during our SUNDAY SCHOOL program.

CONFIRMATION classes prepare students to publicly affirm their faith. Students learn why faith matters and how to walk with Jesus throughout their lives, developing a more personal relationship with God. Wrestling with hard questions about faith and seeing how their faith plays out in their daily lives prepares students to personally confess their faith.

Every Christian Education program at Trinity works together to create a community of learning and serving within the congregation. The core teachings of the Bible are the same for preschoolers and for adults. But as we move through different ages and stages, we build on what we have learned and comprehend more of the Bible story each time we return to it.

I encourage every member at Trinity to be active in the Christian Education program at our church. I know that God will bless you as you grow in His Word. In Christ,

*Pastor Bob*

## Greetings from Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid



Save The Date!

We are excited about our upcoming events. We will have more to share after our meeting in September.

We will be hosting a seminar with a guest speaker on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., in the Church Library. Colleen Klimczak, Certified Professional Organizer, will speak on ... getting organized! She will include tips on cleaning out our closets and storage areas in preparation for our rummage sale. Her website is *Peace of Mind, Professional Organizing, LLC*. The Ladies Aid Rummage Sale will be October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Holiday Market will be on Saturday, November 16, in the school gym. **We are still looking for additional crafters. Please help us by spreading the word.** For additional information, please contact Nancy Bordak, Eileen Stonys, or Valarie McClain.

The next meeting of Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please join us. We extend a warm welcome to women of all ages to "Come serve the Lord with gladness!"

### Stewardship

"Ah, the Simple Life!"

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

When I sit on the deck of our cabin in Wisconsin, trouble seems to melt away, stress subsides, and distractions fade. We have no TV, no internet, and no robo-calls. We listen to the wind, the birds, and the crickets. I read, garden, or do a jigsaw puzzle. Sometimes I paint.

Sounds idyllic, doesn't it? Sometimes it feels that way. But of course, then we come back home...

In our lives, which often seem to be technology-driven, career-driven, to-do-list-driven, financially-driven, activity-driven, we sometimes crave a simpler way of life. Do you?

There are clear benefits to a simplified life, yet we rarely achieve that life. Maybe we don't know where to begin. Maybe we're suckers for the consumption-driven media. Maybe we "cave" to the expectations and demands of others. And we may discover that we are too busy, over-committed, too much in debt, tense, frazzled, or unhappy.

Our Fall Stewardship Emphasis is coming (beginning on September 28 & 29), and the focus will be on simplifying our lives, so that we can focus on the things that matter to us, the things that are important. So that, as St. Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:19, we can "take hold of the life that is truly life." So that we can focus our time, effort and resources on things God desires to see in our lives. Watch for more information later this month.





## Salam Christian Ministry Newsletter

Greeting to you in the name of our Lord and Jesus Christ!

This has been a busy summer for my family and Salam. We found time to get together and relax as a family. I am enjoying my new grand-baby and I am spoiling her.

Salam has continued to meet on Saturdays at Peace Lombard. We had a picnic to continue to build relationships and provide an opportunity for church members to bring their friends to hear about Jesus Christ. I also took a group on a retreat to Walcamp.

Amir Chehab has been helping me the last five months. The Salam board has decided to contract with him to help me part time. Some of the things he is working on is our website, writing grants, moving furniture, and providing help with social service needs to name a few. In order to be able to pay Amir we will need to raise an additional \$13,000.00 this year. Amir takes care of many of the day to day things freeing me up to share the Gospel.

I thank God for you every day. It is because of you I see His miracles happen in the lives of Middle Easterners. Be sure to read the article about the experiences of one of our Volunteers. Jonathon shares what it takes to help an asylum seeker. He is such an asset for me as I would normally do this and now because of his help I have more time for evangelizing.

Hesham Shehab



"Breaking Bread helps in breaking barriers" Hesham Shehab

After worship we serve dinner. This is a great way to build relationships and share Jesus in an informal way. If you, your church, or your small group would like to provide a meal let Hesham know. If you would like to donate toward the cost of a meal write Saturday dinner on the memo line of your check.



*Grandfather Hesham baptizes Granddaughter Sophia into the Christian faith in June*

### Where Hesham has been

**June 30** Preached at Hope Lutheran Church, Twin Lakes, WI

**July 7** Preached & Bible Study Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hillside, IL

**July 21** Preached at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Burbank, IL

### Where Hesham will be

**August 18** Display table at Fellowship of Faith Lutheran Church, McHenry, IL

**August 25** Preaching at St Paul Lutheran Church, Manito, IL

**September 29** Preaching at Zion Lutheran Church, Napoleon, OH

**October 6** Preaching at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

**October 9 - October 11** Presentation and Display table at Best Practices Heartland Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Carmel, IN

Missionary Hesham asked Jonathan, a volunteer with Salam to write about his 8-year experience with Salam:

I met Hesham Shehab in Fall 2010 at Christ Church of Oak Brook (CCOB). They hosted a mission weekend and being a new Christian I was intrigued by Hesham and Salam Ministry.

I had been thinking and praying for over a year for where I could serve God. What would be a good fit for me?

A year later at the 2011 Missions Weekend, Hesham and I spoke again. This time, the conversation lasted longer and he invited me to volunteer at Salam. He believed that God could use me to reach out to Muslims seeking Christ. He said I would be an asset as I would live among them as an example of a Jew who has been called to faith and baptized in Christ in the twenty-first Century. I attended worship at Salam and had many conversations with members.

I learned that it is not unusual for Muslim Christians and seekers to have a dream or vision. Often they are of a figure dressed in white, who is believed to be Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit or some other Christian saint. I learned that Hesham was first attracted to Christ because of the message "Love your enemy" in the Sermon the Mount. Many other Muslim Christians have also been drawn to Christ because of the message "Love your enemy."

"Love your enemy" has strengthened my obedience. It has enhanced the meaning of the second part of The Great Command that has become the center of my spiritual and moral life: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Hesham has mentored me, taught and engaged me in how to care for God's people. I am able to use my life experiences and skills to help with asylum paperwork, Green Cards and Employment Authorization Documents. I have been able to assist refugees in getting Medicaid, Medicare and healthcare. I view my role as an ombudsman as I organize, explain things and help with interactions of members of Salam with the US healthcare system.

Hesham has asked me to help a Pakistani man who was baptized the week before, fill out his asylum application. It was challenging as the deadline for filing was a month away and I was not familiar with this form.

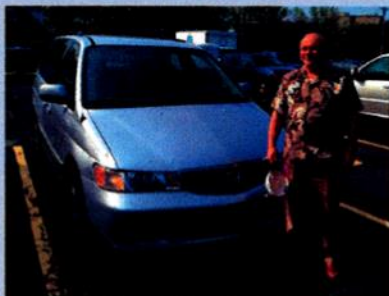
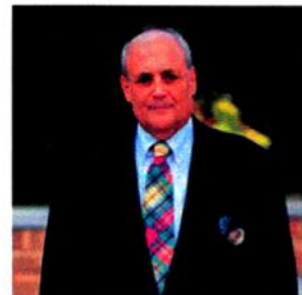
The man and I worked side by side and we were able to finished the twelve-page form within a week. Hesham has asked us to re-write the application because it was not clearly explained that if the Pakistani man returned to Pakistan his life would be in danger. We needed to give examples of how the Islamic extremists threatened his life and tell that if he returned as a baptized Christian he most likely would be harmed or killed. With the help of a person that spoke the native language of the man I was helping, we were able to get his frightening stories. The Pakistani shared that Pakistani Muslim extremists were keeping track of his Sunday church attendance. They made threats by calling his cellphone and continued to do so after he arrived in the US.

Praise God! In late 2015 he got an Employment Authorization Document. He was now allowed to work legally in the United States.

Two years after the Asylum Application was submitted an asylum hearing was held and in 2017 the application was approved. Now his wife and 2 young children could be declared derivative Asylees. They were able to enroll their children in school, where they did quite well. I am still helping the family get Green Cards for permanent legal US residence.

Volunteering with Salam has made believe that miracles are possible today... only because "Jesus is the same; yesterday, today, and forever. God is truly great and I thank Him in the name of Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit who guided this man and me in this process. I am forever thankful to Hesham and to God for using me in this way.

Jonathon Handler



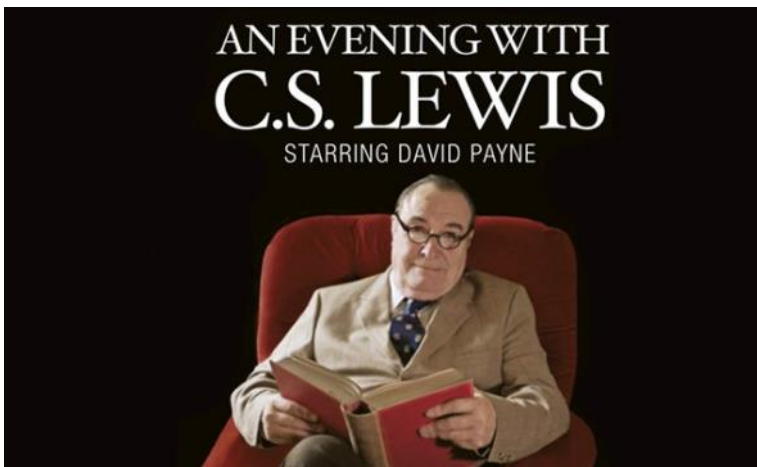
**Thanks to Lutheran Church Charities we were able to provide this van to a Syrian family of six.**

## Worship with us!

You are welcome to worship at Salam.

We meet on Saturdays at 12:30 pm

Peace Lutheran church 21w500 Butterfield Road, Lombard



**Sunday, November 2**

**Leave Trinity following the 11:00  
a.m. worship and return around  
4:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$30.00**

**Includes transportation, lunch on  
the bus, and your ticket**

**We only have 30 tickets**

**Sign up in the Church Narthex**



## Volleyball Tournament

The Volleyball Tournament is coming! The annual Trinity Volleyball Tournament is coming September 13-15. This is a great opportunity to get involved over at the school. Here are some choices:

1. Volunteer your time. Meet some new people and watch some great volleyball.
2. Donate to our concession stand. Bakery, Candy, and Hot Dogs are typically needed.
3. Got a business that needs advertising? Buy advertising space in our tournament book.
4. Just come and cheer.

Need more information? See Lisa Haak at school or e-mail her at [ljhaak@juno.com](mailto:ljhaak@juno.com).

Go Tigers!

ALUMNI – Come out for the annual Alumni game on Sunday, September 15th at noon!

## Sunday School

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 8, at 9:45 a.m. in the church basement. We will be introducing a new curriculum from Concordia Publishing House entitled "Enduring Faith".

Each week we will engage in an opening worship where we will sing, hear Bible readings, celebrate birthdays, and collect our offering. We will then go to our class level area where we will do our memory work and participate in the Bible story for that week.

Our Sunday School will conclude at 10:45 a.m. You are invited to join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Worship) or 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary Worship) and for Adult Bible Study in the church library or in the downstairs level of school

Enclosed is the registration form for the coming year. Please bring this with you the first week of Sunday School.

If you would like to assist in our Sunday School please contact Rob Grady at 708-839-1200 ext. 6.





# ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

11500 German Church Road  
*(Between Wolf and County Line Roads)*  
 Burr Ridge

**Friday, 10/25 - 9:00 - 3:00**

**Saturday, 10/26 - 9:00 - 12:00 (\$5/bag after 11:00)**

There's something for everyone. Household, kitchen & Christmas items; clothes, baby things; books, CD's; electronics; and much much more.

For more information, please see our website at: [www.tlbr.org](http://www.tlbr.org)



### Board of Evangelism

The **Board of Evangelism** will be hosting a Fellowship Light Luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. service on **September 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Church Library area.



The **Board of Evangelism** will begin a Group Forum on Witnessing Experiences. This will be held in the Church Library on the First Sunday of the month beginning **October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

We will have discussions on our personal experiences of witnessing to others. We look forward to spending time listening and learning new ways of witnessing to people. It will be a great way to help us be more equipped when the opportunity is present. This will be an open forum and look forward to hearing and learning from everyone. If you have any questions on this, please contact Pat Cermak at [patcermak@itgtrans.com](mailto:patcermak@itgtrans.com) or Pastor Bob.



“You have been told, O man and woman, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”

- Micah 6:8

### The Passage of Time

While cleaning and reorganizing my work files this past month I could not help but notice God's faithfulness throughout all of the paperwork I have kept that go back to the start of my "prison days." Has it really been 33 years in prison? 35 years in ministry? How can this be? The time has passed so quickly. What an understatement.

The journey of my ministry work at Stateville is as rich and diverse as the men and women and youth I worked with these many years. The work includes different class curriculums I developed for different security units at the facility, cell house notes regarding counseling with specific inmates and assignments from students who attended classes over the years. Assignments I cannot part with because they are personal and gut wrenching at times, full of the truth of the lives these individuals have lived. There are the names of staff who understood what we, the church, stood for and ensured that the ministry could happen within the walls of each prison I served. I have nothing but gratitude for the people who kept me working in this place through their support in the way of financial help, prayers, letters and cards of encouragement telling me to fight the good fight. Most of all, I am grateful to our God who has called me, sustains me and has given me my life's work. **It is a privilege to bring the light of God's love and the fullness of his grace into this place each week.** May this good work continue through God's faithfulness and grace along with the urgency that life demands as time passes so quickly. Thank you for enabling my mission work to succeed through the years!

**God calls us!** Where is he calling you today? Know that wherever that may be God will make a way through the obstacles, past the naysayers and through the maze of life ☺ He is faithful. I enjoy singing old hymns in my early morning devotional time. **Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling** brings everything into focus before I leave for the day!

**Hark the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?" Loud and long the master calls you; rich reward he offers free! Who will answer gladly saying, "Here am I. Send me, send me."**

### Up Date - Classes:

My Houses of Healing class took a break in July and will resume in August. This month I took more time in the cell houses with individuals and met new inmates along the way. A recent conversation with an inmate reminded me of why the message of the church is so powerful these days, we were speaking about the issues of the day, race relations, the struggles of the poor, the violence incited by hateful speech as well as guns. The conversation turned to Jesus, what would he do? I offered up the passage from Romans that all have sinned (Romans 3: 23-24). Perhaps the greatest justice of all is to see what WE have done and what Christ has done for us. Whether our weapon of choice is hateful words or guns. Sin is sin, God's grace is God's grace. No one is better than another and the fight for true justice is never ending. The church needs to be a beacon of hope in our country these days and role-model one of the greatest mandates to love that Jesus gave: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

Many thanks for keeping me in prison! Your donations ensure that this ministry will continue ☺ God's peace in all things +

Deaconess Lori Wilbert

***"On the day I called, you did answer me,  
my strength of soul you did increase."  
Psalm 138:3 (RSV)***

## DONATIONS

Your tax deductible donation will ensure that prison ministry and programs continue at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet.

Checks should be made out to:  
NID Prison Ministry/Lori Wilbert

Send to the following address:  
No. IL District Office • 2301 S Wolf Rd. • Hillside, IL 60162

If you have questions, call the district office at 708-449-3020. You may designate your donation for a particular item or to general expenses that will ensure this ministry continues into the future.





To: The Women of Trinity Lutheran Church:

Hope Lutheran Church LWML would like to invite you to our first LWML meeting of the year. We will begin the year with a breakfast and collecting items for Phil's Friends Kits. We will be sponsored by Thrivent.

When: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Time: 10:00 am

Where: 6455 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL.

Phone: 708 354-6176

Please call the church if you are able to attend so we can plan appropriately for the breakfast.

Attached is a list of things needed for the Phil's Friends Kits.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 708 458-0139

Thank you,  
Paulette Bennett (LWML President at Hope Lutheran Church)



## Care Package Needs

Adult items only please! All items need to be new and unused, because our friends with cancer have compromised immune systems. Email [info@philsfriends.org](mailto:info@philsfriends.org) or call 224-653-8315 for the greatest need.

- HATS**  
Knitted, crocheted, baseball, etc.
- LOTION**  
Fragrance-free; 5oz. or smaller
- FUZZY SOCKS**  
Womens only
- GIFT CARDS**  
Examples: Kohl's, Dollar Tree, Walmart Gift Card, Target, PC
- LIP BALM**  
Biotex  
\*\*Due to an abundance, please inquire if needed
- BIOTENE**  
6oz. or smaller
- TISSUE PACKS**  
Biotex  
\*\*Due to an abundance, please inquire if needed
- DECKS OF PLAYING CARDS**  
Examples: Grand National, Grand National
- PUZZLE BOOKS**  
Examples: Grand National
- SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE**  
(5 OZ OR LESS)
- JOURNALS**  
Size: 5x7 (not spiral bound)
- BLANKETS**  
Rolled throw blankets, crocheted, or fleece tied

See instructions on back.

# Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule

September 2019

Please check over the many Bible Classes and TLC Bible Groups available throughout the week. If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext.6. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.



## Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The Adult is held in the Church Library. This study will be the “Joyfully Lutheran” curriculum.

Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, “Community” will be our next study.

High School Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room.

Sunday School for Three-Year-Old through Grade 8 currently meets in the church basement.

## Tuesday Evening

Join us as we conclude the study “The ‘I AM’ Sayings of Jesus” 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 the study of Francis Chan’s book “Forgotten God”.

## Wednesday Morning TLC

We will begin our study on Ephesians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians on September 11 and 25. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday and any fifth Wednesday.

## 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 (September 12 and 26). The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775). We are beginning having a study on “Angels”.

## Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets in member homes and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937). We will begin on September 13.



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, starting September 9th 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. If you have questions, call Keith Wendte at 630-455-1775. See you there!

# LIFE & LIBERTY

**November 1, 2019**  
**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.*

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
1550 Modaff Rd., Naperville, IL 60194

**Love**  
**affirms**  
**Life**  
*NID Life Task Force*



**Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer**

*Questions? Call  
630.234.1491 or email  
kbwrk123@gmail.com*

## **Life & Liberty Guest Speaker:** **Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer**

Dr. Peter Scaer is a Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he has served since 2000. He specially focuses on the Gospel of Mark, highlighting the sacramental ministry of Jesus, and loves to show how the life and teachings of Jesus anticipates and forms the life of the Church.

Dr. Scaer completed his undergraduate studies in the Classics at the University of Indiana Bloomington, and from there went to Concordia, receiving his Masters of Divinity in 1992. After receiving a Masters of Arts from Notre Dame in 1995, where in 2001, he completed his doctoral dissertation on the Lukan Passion Narrative. He also served as the pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Indiana from 1996 through 2000.

Deeply involved in life issues, Dr. Scaer is president of Allen County Right to Life and a founding member of Shepherds United, an ecumenical Christian group formed to defend life, natural marriage, and religious liberty. He speaks out on the issues that affect both the Church and society, always placing the focus on Christ, who gives us life and defines for us what it means to be truly human.

**Cost is \$10 per person** (includes lunch). Complete registration form at bottom of this page and mail with check—payable to **LCMS NID** - to **Deaconess Kris Blackwell 2917 Brentwood Ct., Woodridge IL 60517**. Please write *Life and Liberty Task Force* on memo line.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



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Market Day is back!

They “will be stocking the shelves over the next few months with a selection of the original, high-quality delicious foods that Market Day was built on and we are getting it all started with one of your all-time favorites- **ChicNSteakes™!**

One Awesome Change.... all orders will now be delivered directly to home or office. Just place your order on-line and we will get them shipped directly to you. Your orders will arrive via Federal Express or UPS using an eco-friendly cooler (NO Styrofoam) with dry ice. Orders will ship within 1 to 2 days of being placed and will be packed to remain frozen for up to 8 hours after they arrive at your front door.”

Please log on to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). In the upper right side, click on “PICK SCHOOL & REGISTER”, choose “Trinity Lutheran School - Burr Ridge - IL”, and continue with your information. If you do not have a child in Trinity, please choose any grade level of PK through 8th grade. You can order certain bundles now through September 14th. All pre-orders arrive at your home the week of September 16th.

As always, thank you for your support!

## *Principal's Page*

**GALATIANS 5:22-23 “BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.”**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior!

Here we are at the beginning of another wonderful school year at Trinity! I am sure the Lord will continue to bless each and every student, teacher, and parent throughout the year.

Every school year, the staff likes to look in scripture to find the perfect verse for the upcoming school year. This year our theme is the Fruit of the Spirit. This comes from Galatians 5:22-23 in the Bible. There are nine “Fruits” that God has blessed us with. He wants us to focus on and think about each of them. Every week, we will pick one fruit to focus on. This past week, we focused on the fruit “Patience.” We strive to remember to have patience in all our relationships throughout our daily interactions.

I pray that everyone has an enjoyable and safe school year!

In His Service,

Mr. DeWitt



## Library Update

Our students are back in school. I'm sure it means they're shifting from "easy" summer thinking into more difficult thought patterns. So... may I challenge you to "study" also? A question: Do Muslims, Christians, Jews, and pious philosophers all believe in and worship the same God? This study "One True God" by Rev. Edward Engelbrecht, senior editor for Concordia Publishing House (LCMS), thoroughly investigates Martin Luther's comments that touch on this issue. He'll walk you through the history, interpretation, and translation of Luther's thoughts, and help you understand his view in contrast to other Christian thinkers and church bodies.

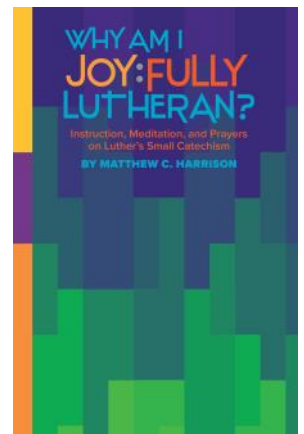
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) held its convention this summer. Attendees used "Why Am I Joy:Fully Lutheran?" for their Bible Study-devotions. Written by Rev. Matthew Harrison (President of LCMS), this treatment of the 6 Chief Parts of the Small Catechism is full of cause for joy. In concrete ways and absolute authority it lays out the Gospel of Christ's full forgiveness for you. It identifies what it means to be fully Lutheran... joyfully so.

During the summer, the library was fortunate to receive a gift of 3 books from the Bottgers. She is a fan of Steve Demaree who writes Detective-mystery fiction. We're featuring them this month.

"52 Steps to Murder" - Two homicide detectives who detest exercise in any form find themselves climbing 52 steps (OFTEN) to solve this crime... especially since someone is playing cat-and-mouse games with them.

"Murder Among Friends" - A young woman disappears from her home in North Carolina and another is found murdered in Kentucky. The common denominator is a photo and knife left at each location... but local police are not aware of this connection.

"A Bridge to Murder" - An upscale neighborhood, a ten foot wall, a security force, a moat and a bridge... and still there is a murder and a missing person. Who could possibly have committed this crime? Our duo will succeed!??? ENJOY!!!



Elaine Rall, Library Representative

Dear Pastor Geaschel,

By participating in our Coins for Caring Network baby bottle drive, Trinity Lutheran Church is having a great impact. The baby bottles distributed at your church raised **1,617.55** toward the work of Caring Network in our community by helping mothers choose life for their children. As a result of generous contributions like yours, we will be opening another center after the summer in Darien, therefore expanding our reach to women in need. Caring Network relies heavily on church support, and Trinity Lutheran is truly an example of Christ's love in action.



All Caring Network's services are offered to our clients free of charge and we receive NO government funding. Therefore, your support enables our counsellors to continue providing women in need with pregnancy tests, counseling, ultrasounds, and material goods such as diapers, as well as provide opportunities for emotional and spiritual healing after a previous abortion. Because of your support, lives are being saved and transformed every day and we are so grateful that you continue to partner with us in this way. Please place a notice in the church bulletin to thank all your wonderful parishioners! **Thank you!**

Blessings to you all,

**Tracy Kerr**  
Special Events Manager





## TRINITY YOUTH NEWS! GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR YOUTH AS THE HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL!

It seems like we were just ending the school year and talking about all of the events on the youth calendar, and now are headed back to school! The youth have had quite a busy summer traveling and serving. We pray for our youth who are headed back to middle school and high school. We know you will all do great things this year and make your Trinity family proud! God's Blessings to our Seniors who graduated and are headed off to different colleges and universities! We know you will all do great things!

The High School Youth headed to Minnesota for the National Youth Gathering. What a blessing for us to be with so many people to grow in our faith! They had a wonderful trip and are looking forward to plans for next year's mission trip! The Junior High Youth headed to this year's Mission Trip in Grand Rapids, Michigan where they served this community in various capacities for a Week of Hope. We thank God for each and every youth who attended and who took a week of their summer vacation to serve those less fortunate. You are all a blessing, and we pray that you have great memories of your week!

Our regular schedule for Open Youth Room will resume in September. Watch your Youth Newsletter, the Torch, Fast Direct, and the weekly Bulletin Announcements for dates and times. Remember, you can always bring a friend. The refrigerator is always packed with snacks!

A parent meeting was held in August, in the Church Library. We discussed our upcoming schedule for the year which included fundraising, retreats, events, and mission trips. It was an important meeting. If you were unable to attend, we ask that you contact Mr. Grady to get a recap of what was covered.

Plans are being made for our Annual Winter Retreat. You won't want to miss out on this event! More details on this fun weekend will be discussed in the fall at Open Youth Rooms.

Blessings on School Year 2019-2020!

The Board of Youth Ministry



### J.O.Y. Club

Join us on **Thursday, September 19** at **11:30 a.m.** Please bring your favorite dish.

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



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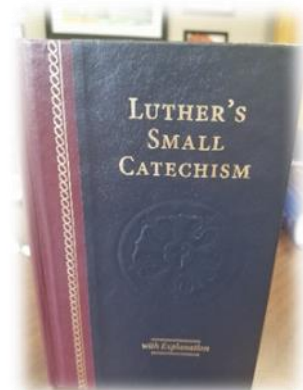
**September Birthdays**

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|---|---|
| 1 Denise Carrera<br>Joseph DeWitt<br>Zachary Schwoebel                | 15 Jane Jecmen<br>Jessica Lakics<br>Edward Prendiville<br>Patricia Rediehs<br>Keira Wheeler |
| 2 Stephan Freese  | 16 Anna Beyer<br>Annabelle Fuller<br>Gabriella Vasquez                                      |
| 3 Joanne Stastny<br>Terah Thomas                                      | 17 Susan Walters  |
| 4 Deb Hardtke   | 18 Brian Ernst<br>Bryan Taheri  |
| 6 Bryan Rozum<br>Elizabeth Zasadzinski                                | 19 Larry Behrens<br>Andy DeWitt   |
| 7 Mia Borchardt<br>Linda Chize<br>Susan Gustafson<br>Patrice Trzupsek | 19 Anthony Hruska Jr.   |
| 8 Leyton Mueller<br>Theodore Rodriguez                                | 20 Laurie Beyer<br>Nancy Montelbano   |
| 9 Jan Mueller<br>Carrie St. Clair<br>Nancy Ulrich                     | 21 Jamison Rediehs<br>Randy Swanson Jr.<br>Joshua Winterroth                                |
| 10 Valerie Halek<br>Grace Hughes<br>Pamela Sneath                     | 22 Adam Koshiol<br>Mallory Metrik   |
| 10 Dawn Zasadzinski   | 23 Mia Merkouris  |
| 11 Daniel Cermak<br>Robbie Gasparas<br>Jeffery Murphy                 | 24 Joan Martin<br>Kenneth Payne   |
| 12 Anthony<br>Pomadchin   | 24 Amanda Genutis<br>Sherry Kisielius   |
| 13 Jonathan Diamond   | 26 Danielle Radtke  |
| 14 Richard Kisielius<br>Maxton Link<br>Fred Salev                     | 27 Bob Carroll<br>Carol Stillo  |
| 15 Blake Formato  | 28 Dave Bohac   |
|   | 29 Mary Ann Schmidt   |



**The Fifth Commandment**

**You shall not murder.**



***What does this mean?***

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

**The Central Thought:**

God created us to care about other people and to help them in their time of need. As Christians, we are to look after our neighbors, so that they may enjoy the life God has given them. Consider the Good Samaritan in Luke 10: 25-37 and ask the question, what opportunities does God give me to help my neighbor?





**SEPTEMBER 2019**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30am HC 11:00am Contemp Worship	<b>2 Labor Day</b> <i>No School/Offices Closed</i>	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm Bible Study (CR)	<b>4</b> 4:45pm Public School Conf. (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm AA (TFH) 7:30pm Sanc. Choir (Ch)	<b>5</b> 6:30 Praise Band (C)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8am-1pm Polish School 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
<b>8</b> 8:30am Worship – <i>Acolyte Induction &amp; Recognition</i> 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp HC 6:30pm Open Youth Room (YR)	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Imig band practice (CL) 7:00pm Church Council (CR) 7:00pm Ladies Aid (TFH) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	<b>10</b> 11:15am St. Matthew Soup Kitchen (OP) 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm Bible Study (CR)	<b>11</b> 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:45pm Public School Conf. (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm AA (TFH) 7:30pm Sanc. Choir (Ch)	<b>12</b> 6:30 Praise Band (C) 6:45pm TLC Wendte (CR)	<b>13 Volleyball Tournament</b> 7:00pm TLC Gustafson (OP)	<b>14 Holy Cross Day Volleyball Tournament</b> 8:30am Trustees 10:00am LWML @ Hope Countryside 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
<b>15 Volleyball Tournament</b> 8:30am HC 9:45am Voters (CL) 9:45am SS 11:00am Contemp Worship	<b>16</b> 6:30pm School Board (SL) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm Bible Study (CR)	<b>18</b> 6:30am Mens BC (CL) 4:45pm Public School Conf. (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm AA (TFH) 7:30pm Sanc. Choir (Ch)	<b>19</b> 11:30am JOY Club (TFH) <b>12:00pm TORCH Deadline</b> 1:00pm Ladies BC (OP) 6:30 Praise Band (C)	<b>20</b>	<b>21 St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> 8am-1pm Polish School 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
<b>22</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am SS 11:00am Contemp HC 6:30pm Middle School Open Youth (YR)	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm Bible Study (CR)	<b>25</b> 6:30am Mens BC (CL) 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:45pm Public School Conf. (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm AA (TFH) 7:30pm Sanc. Choir (Ch)	<b>26</b> 1:00pm Ladies BC (OP) 6:30 Praise Band (C) 6:45pm TLC Wendte (CR)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8am-1pm Polish School 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
<b>29 St. Michael and All Angels</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp Worship- <i>Baptism DeWitt</i>	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	South Region Pastors Conference				
			<b>Meeting areas legend:</b> <b>CHURCH:</b> Ch = Church CL = Church Library (behind the fireplace) N = Narthex TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall CK = TFH Kitchen YR = Youth Room	<b>SCHOOL:</b> CR = School Conference Room SL = School Library G = School Gym SK = School Kitchen OP = Off Premises	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jan Baranek Spring Kneller Kim Valentino Mary Windzio	Ushers: 8:30am – Group 4 11am – Group 2

HC = Holy Communion; BC = Bible Class; SS = Sunday School

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