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Trinity Torch



Dear friends in Christ,

March 15th was the day we last had unrestricted attendance in worship at Trinity. We all began learning a new vocabulary and social procedures, including COVID-19, keeping six feet apart, handwashing or hand sanitizer use, etc. Since then we have learned much about the virus and have been able to return to in-person worship at a reduced occupancy.

First, I want to thank the staff and volunteers at Trinity for making it possible for me to continue a ministry presence, albeit online.

Without Nathan Winterroth and Ethan Grady, we would not have been able to provide online worship through FaceBook and YouTube. To update our online worship production and provide for a continuous livestream for our worship services, we must upgrade our system.

The upgrade will place cameras in appropriate position and give us a dedicated webspace where our live worship, Bible studies, etc., may be viewed. To complete this we have created a Live Streaming Fund. Thanks so much for those who have contributed already, we appreciate your help.

Second, I want to thank Mr. Grady. Mr. Grady has continued adult education and youth activities, Trinity Lutheran School religious education – all online and through zoom. His ministry included coming up with a highly creative VBS solution. Many congregations cancelled their VBS for 2020 – but he had VBS “in a box” so families would have everything they needed for a full VBS program at home. Thank you, Mr. Grady!

Finally, please make sure you or a family member is receiving our weekly church emails and updates via our Constant Contact platform. This will give specific information on worship and Holy Communion distribution. To join our email list, simply call the church secretary at 708-839-1200.

Together, with our faith firmly rooted in Christ, our Savior, we will get through this. Thank you for your patience and support during this time of pandemic and pray for its end.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob

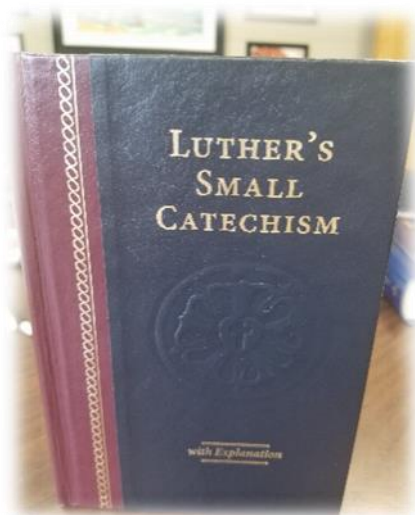
The Apostles' Creed

Why does the Creed begin with the words "I believe"?

The English word *creed* comes from the Latin word *credo* - "I believe." A creed is a statement of faith, a statement of what I believe. To say "I believe" is to say what God has done *for me*. "I am convinced that God has made *me*, redeemed *me*, and sanctified *me*."

The Creed is Trinitarian. What does the word Trinity mean?

It means three in one. Christians have used the word *Trinity* to maintain the Bible's witness that the Father, Son, and Spirit are three distinct persons and yet are one God. This is the greatest mystery of the Christian faith. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." -Matthew 28:19



Summer Worship Schedule



**Sunday Worship times remain the same at
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**However, our Saturday worship moves to Monday
evenings during the months of June, July and August.
Please join us for worship on
Monday evenings starting June 1 at 6:30 p.m.**

Vacation Bible School

Due to social distancing, 2020 brought a new style of VBS! We prepared a VBS kit for children and families to enjoy in their home.

Each kit included a student activity sheet, craft, snack, music, game, and video suggestion.

We had nearly 70 kits picked up by church and community members.

We did not allow social distancing to keep us from spreading His message!

Board of Family Life

The Board of Family Life is looking forward to resuming their events as soon as possible.

Plans are being made for an outdoor fun night, Candy Bar Bingo, and a Movie Night.



Look for more information in upcoming announcements.

Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule July 2020

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 - Sunday Night devotion at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

Tuesday Evening - Bible Study with Pastor Bob at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

Wednesday Evening - Cultivating Groups Bible Study with DCE Rob Grady at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom Meetings)

Wednesday Evening - Wednesday Night Devotion with Pastor Bob at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

Saturday Evening - Saturday Night Devotion with Pastor Bob at 6:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

Live Simply...Buy Generic

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

This is the **fourth** in a series of articles which extend the concepts of our 2019 Annual Stewardship Emphasis, “Live Simply.” Each article includes a “30-Day Challenge” for you to consider. These challenges may, 1. Make your life simpler, and/or 2. Save you money, and/or 3. Practice good stewardship of the environment.

The 30 -Day Challenge for July is, **for 30 days, buy no name-brand products.**

Probably you already buy some “generic” or “store-brand” products. This is a challenge to extend that choice to *all* products (or at least, nearly all). Why?

Well, what makes a “name-brand product?” Advertising! Who pays for TV ads, billboards, ads in print media? You do! (if you buy the product)

True story: my wife’s grandfather had a favorite beer brewed locally in Eau Claire, Wisconsin: Walter’s Beer. One day (this was back in the ‘80’s, I think, when Jewel had their “generic” products packaged in black and white... remember?) I was looking at “generic” beer, and there, in small print, it said, “bottled by Walter’s Beer, Eau Claire, WI.” Same beer, lower price! “Name brand” usually means “costs more” but may or may not mean “tastes better.” Hence, you will save money by buying store brand products, often without sacrificing quality. Some examples:

Signature (Jewel store-brand) pop, 12 cans: \$3.99	Pepsi: \$5.99
Signature canola oil: \$2.49	Crisco canola oil: \$4.49
Signature sugar: \$1.99	Crystal sugar: \$2.49

(Note: this is not a promo for Jewel! I just happened to be there while writing this!)

Everyone is “picky” about certain things. My wife will only use Heinz ketchup. I swear that generic “chocolate sandwich cookies” do NOT taste the same as Oreos! Still, could you, for 30 days, buy only (or *almost* only) non-brand-name products? You might even discover that some store-brand items are as good as your previous choices.

Two exceptions: Obviously, some products only come in “name brands,” or at least at your store. That’s OK! Don’t run all over looking for generic products! Secondly, this is intended to apply to regular everyday purchases like food, cleaning supplies, hardware, etc. If you’re making a major purchase (e.g. a furnace), do your research for the best long-term value for your needs.

Want to be a part of this 30-Day Challenge? Fill out the form below and put it in the bright pink box in the church narthex. And enjoy that generic beer!

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Yes, I will be part of the 30-Day Challenge for March, “Reduce or eliminate single-use plastics.”

Name: _____

E-mail: _____



What in the world is a Baby Bank, and how does it help us to *Love Our Neighbors as Ourselves?*

by Lori Trinche.

Often in my own loneliness I turn to the Psalms for comfort. “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” -Psalm 34:18.

Over the past number of years, I have served as a Caring Network (formerly CareNet of DuPage) volunteer and have had many chances to share the love of Christ with those in deep need who have also found comfort and strength from this verse and so many others shared along the way.

Most recently, serving has come in the form of volunteering monthly (and how twice monthly) at the Calvary Lutheran Church Baby Bank in Wood Dale, IL – a ministry of Caring Network opened on behalf of its local *Avenue for Women* clinic. Clients that have found life-saving alternative choices to abortion through this compassionate ministry. Calvary is a sister LCMS congregation, located at the heart of an area closely impacted by abortion, less than ½ mile from the Caring Network Avenue for Women’s clinic and less than 1 mile from Avenue Women’s Center which provides abortion services to women, often the only choice than women think they have even if it is not a choice that they want to choose.

I have been blessed serving side by side with many volunteers from Trinity eager also to share love and hope and comfort. Most recently I have been joined by Bev and Steve Gehrt and Poppi and Bob Sass. These days, we wear masks and serve outside to keep everyone protected unless it is just too hot.

Sometimes those seeking abortion as their only option get the clinic names confused and end up at the pregnancy center clinic instead of the abortion clinic, choosing life for their babies after seeing an ultrasound and hearing of the many services that are available to provide hope and help.

Pictured at Right: Top Beverly & Steve Gehrt, Bottom Bob Sass, Pastor Heller, Poppi Sass

Amid our global pandemic, consider the following 2020 statistics:

US DEATH TOLL 2020 (as of June 21, 2020) (source Illinois Family Institute):

COVID-19: 119,719

ABORTION: 408,040

Sadly, Illinois has become a favored location for abortion with liberal laws and abortion advocates offering abortion grants (paid services, lodging and transportation) to scared moms wanting to quickly deal with “problem” pregnancies where they might lack support or alternative choices. There are few maternity homes in our area and limited access to safe and nurturing housing for unwed moms with no other means of support. It would seem very much like the modern-day equivalent of the story of David and Goliath.

Planned Parenthood, the world’s largest abortion provider, has recently opened another clinic in Waukegan, IL offering easy access to those crossing the border from Wisconsin. They already have two large clinics in Flossmoor and Aurora. In the midst of the pandemic when non-essential businesses closed, abortion centers remained open and now Tele abortion services are becoming even more commonplace – offering women a supervised “do it yourself” option in the privacy of their own home using discreetly delivered drugs that cause miscarriage and may cause dangerous unforeseen health complications to the mother, as well as, resulting in the death of a child that is precious to God.



What can we as a church and each as individual members of the Body of Christ do to combat these things that break God's heart?

- 1) Pray (we have a prayer chain for the Calvary Wood Dale Baby Bank and the proposed maternity home that we pray will open soon) – let me know if you would like to be part of this.
- 2) Help with needed supplies or supply organization. Most needed at present are baby lotion and baby shampoo, size 5 and size 6 diapers and, Enfamil formula (gentle or regular), newborn to aged 3-month clothing for girls and boys (new or gently used). We also need volunteers to sort the clothing donated by size, gender and season and some short-term help with storage for off -season clothing items)
- 3) Volunteer to serve – two volunteers are needed twice monthly at the Baby Bank at Calvary Wood Dale on the first Saturday of each month (opening hours 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.) and third Thursday of each month (opening hours 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- 4) Offer financial support for pregnancy centers like Caring Network and maternity homes like Elizabeth's House.

We have just celebrated Father's Day. So many children do not have the love and leadership of an earthly father. They need our compassion. The women who carry life in their wombs, need our compassion, especially if they are in need and facing difficult choices. Think of the story of the Good Samaritan as a guide and you will have a real-life opportunity to love your neighbor.

The Baby Bank shares the love of Christ in so many tangible ways. From the moment of a positive pregnancy test to the time their baby is out of diapers, women have a place to "shop" free of cost for diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, formula and baby food, clothing, and other donated items to help them with some of the costs associated with having a little one to care for. We also pray with and for clients who are open to the Gospel message, sometimes sharing Bibles, devotionals and children's materials that teach them about Jesus and his great love for them and their children.

I am thankful for the many Trinity members that have donated supplies and or handmade items for the women and babies. Please reach out to me at ltrinche@yahoo.com if you have questions about getting involved in this ministry. May God richly bless you - your love and sacrificial support is treasured and appreciated.

"We have women/girls in our area in desperate need. Praise God He has opened doors to allow us to help. We have real opportunities to help real women in very tangible ways. The grateful smile of a mother, who, in some cases through our help, may be experiencing what love is for the first time in her life, should move us to active love through support. And the children... There's no price you can put on the laughter of a child."
- Crista Childers





Northern Illinois District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

May 28, 2020

Rev. Robert Geaschel
Trinity Lutheran Church
11500 German Church Rd
Burr Ridge, IL 60527-6491

Dear Pastor Geaschel and Trinity congregation,

Thank YOU for how you continue to serve Christ, church and community in ways you could not have imagined last February. Your intensity and creativity show how you are guided by our Ascended Lord. **“For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen YOU, because our Gospel came to YOU not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.” 1Thessalonians 1:4**

Your team here, at what I lovingly refer to as *Ministry Center*, over the past months have been partnering with pastors, principals, congregational chairs, administrators, youth directors, retired workers and many more providing options, programs and connections for the challenges everyone is facing. We welcome 7 new seminary graduates this April who will serve congregations in the Northern Illinois District.

Not long ago, many of us had never produced a live broadcast or did not know what a Zoom meeting was. Thanks to ingenuity and working together our congregations are now reaching more individuals with Jesus and his work. Thank YOU for your willingness to pursue new ways to share the Gospel faithfully.

Special thanks for your continued investment in your District. Thanks to the generosity of your members, your congregation has been able to faithfully share your gifts to expand Christ’s ministry.

Here are a couple of the many comments I recently received and shared with our team members.

“Getting to see fellow pastors and the District staff through Zoom meetings during this pandemic has really been a boost to my spirit at times when I really needed it.”

“Thank you to for keeping us informed and together as a District.”

Enclosed you will find the summary of your congregation’s gifts. Please review it and let us know if there are any discrepancies. I pray rich blessings for YOU, your family and your congregation and community.

“With YOU, my eyes are on Jesus” Hebrews 12:2-3

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, President
LCMS Northern Illinois District

Thank you dear Pastor & Trinity Congregation! You are a special congregation doing our Lord's work!!!

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**LCMS Northern Illinois District
Congregation Statement
From February 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020**

Trinity Lutheran Church
11500 German Church Rd
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Cong. ID# 32202

Congregation Remittances

Date	Amount	Description
3/9/2020	\$2,000.00	Voice of Hope Behind the Walls
3/9/2020	\$704.00	NID Life Task Force 21141901
4/15/2020	\$4,500.00	Unrestricted

Period Total
\$ 7,204.00

Year to Date Total
\$ 7,204.00

Shared Ministry Summary

Commitments:

Unrestricted	\$ 0.00
Restricted	\$ 0.00

YTD Remittances Toward Commitments:

Unrestricted	\$ 4,500.00
Restricted	\$ 0.00

Under (Over) Commitment:

Unrestricted	\$ 4,500.00
Restricted	\$ 0.00

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

As you may know, earlier this year a steering committee was formed to explore the possibility of opening a maternity home in the Northern Illinois District, specifically in the Joliet area. A couple who owned a house in that area desired to see it used as maternity home and had previously worked with another organization to do just that. When that organization was no longer able to operate the ministry, they turned to us.

The steering committee looked into several models for maternity homes and decided that the best option was to work with Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries in Sanford, Florida. They have a very successful model and also had the desire to expand their ministry to other districts. You can visit their website for more information at [Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries | Sanford, Florida](#). We met with the director of RLOM, Sheryl DeWitt and her husband, Rev. Ed DeWitt, along with the owners of the house. After meeting, it was decided to move forward.

Then COVID-19 hit. Things came to a standstill. There were some negotiations between RLOM and the owners regarding the usage and ownership of the house, but the process moved slowly.

Then, in a recent phone call between the owners and RLOM, the owners informed RLOM that they were going to go in a different direction. The house would no longer be available for us to use as a maternity home operated by RLOM.

On Wednesday, June 10, the steering committee met with Rev. and Sheryl DeWitt in a Zoom meeting. In that meeting both parties affirmed their commitment to see a maternity home opened in the the NID. Even though the house in Joliet was no longer an option, the Joliet area itself remains a viable option. On the other hand we recognized that we are no longer tied to the Joliet area and can pursue possibilities in other areas of the district. The meeting ended with two objectives being identified. First was to come up with a plan for fundraising now that a house might need to be purchased. The other area was to explore options for the house itself, perhaps an unused parsonage or other home that is owned by an interested party, or the outright purchase of a home that meets the right criteria. All options are on the table.

We are excited to see how God will provide. We know his heart is for life. He is the God of the living, not the God of the dead. We pray that he will hear our prayers and answer us in ways beyond anything we could ask for or imagine. If you have questions about the work we are doing, leads on financial help or possible homes, or if you would just like to be kept informed about what's going on, please let me know. We appreciate your prayers for this endeavor. Lord willing, this will lead to the saving of many lives and the salvation of many more.

Please feel free to share this email update with any interested parties and invite them to respond to me with any questions. Your servant in Christ, Rev. Bill Ryden, Hope Lutheran Church, Shorewood, IL

The following is from LCC—Lutheran Church Charities

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Needs Help Finding a Maternity Home for Their Ministry in Chicagoland

6/23/2020

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, is expanding its MATERNITY HOME ministry into Chicagoland!

“We have a dream of operating a maternity home in every District,” explained Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director of Redeeming Life. *“The enthusiasm and vision of our brothers and sisters in the Northern Illinois District make the Chicago area ideal for expansion. We look forward to partnering with the many churches and individuals who long to provide the residential and program services that many single, pregnant women need. Our mission is to save the lives of babies and their mothers by providing an alternative for women who see abortion as their only choice because of homelessness, abuse, or abandonment.”*

Through this Christ-centered, loving ministry you can offer hope, grace and love to women who are hopeless, rejected, and unloved.

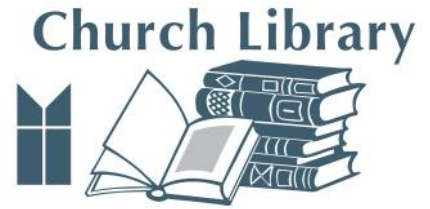
How can you help?

We are looking for a home! The ideal maternity home would have five or six bedrooms, three to four bathrooms, a large family room, and a roomy kitchen. With faith, family and education as the foundation for all we do, the home would be situated adjacent to an LCMS congregation that desires to serve as the “church family” for our residents. Also, easy access to public transportation and a community college would best serve the needs of our mothers.



For more information about how you might bless this vital ministry and the mothers and babies we serve, visit the Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries website at rlom.org or call 407-790-9745, ext.6.

Church Library News



You never need to be socially distant from books!

While you may be physically distant, Trinity Church Library is **still open**. Feel free to stop in and check out books throughout the summer when you come for worship.

- Please wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before handling the books.
- If you would like books pulled and bagged for you in advance, let me know. I am happy to do that for you. Please give me 48 hours notice in advance.
- I am also happy to meet anyone who would like to drive-by and pick-up pre-bagged books to borrow without you entering the building. Please contact me to assist.

"How do I know what books are in the library?", you may ask... I am so glad you did!!

Trinity's library is now available digitally!! To view what books we carry in the library, you can access our full catalog at:

www.librarything.com/catalog/TLBRCHURCHLIBRARY

Are you participating in **CPH Reads**? <https://read.cph.org/>

CPH Reads is a reading program that encourages kids, teens, and adults to read Christ-centered books. Although many reading programs are meant for children, **CPH Reads is designed for everyone, from tiny little ones to grandparents**. There are reading lists for every age group, allowing the whole family to compete together to see who can read and learn the most. Make CPH Reads a family event this year and create time to read together daily. From now until August 7, 2020, you can read any book and log your reading to earn points. Although the best prize of all is reading God's Word and growing in Christ, the CPH Reads program has a handful of prizes that readers can win. For eligibility, individuals must log their books to earn points. The deadline to log points is Friday, August 7. Compete with readers across the country for the grand prize, or read for leisure and a chance to win a Bible, children's book, or the new Illuminated Hymnal coloring book. As always, read to focus on the ultimate prize of knowing your Savior and all the gifts that He provides.

Congratulations Confirmands!!

But this brings up very important questions...

When does catechesis end? When does a Christian stop being a catechumen? At their Confirmation?



Christians are disciples of Jesus – catechumens – for life, not just for a few years. Confirmation was just the beginning of a lifetime of continued learning. It lays the bare foundation.

Our confirmands have studied Luther's Small Catechism. Oh, but the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord are so much more than the Small Catechism.

Have you read them?

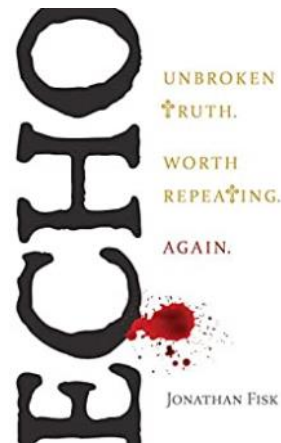
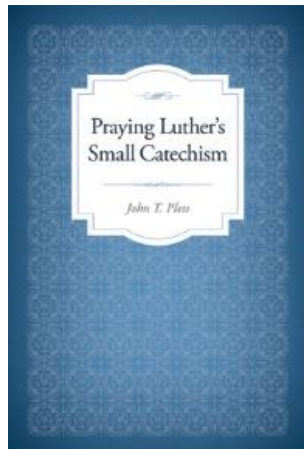
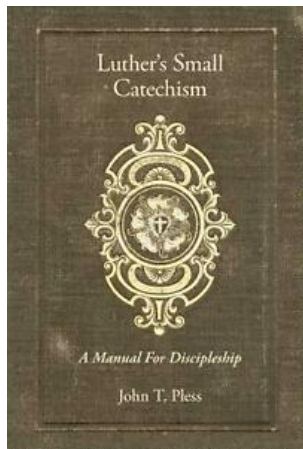
The Book of Concord exists because of the faith and conviction of laypeople, *who risked their very lives* in order to have these Confessions produced, published, and distributed. This is not a book for pastors, church professionals, and academics. In fact, the people most directly responsible for the Lutheran Confessions were laymen, not pastors and theologians. They asserted that these Confessions were their own, and so we continue this today.

THE BOOK OF CONCORD is available in our Library, available for Kindle, and available to read free online at

<http://bookofconcord.org>

Starting with the Small Catechism...

If you have been confirmed, but have not read the Small Catechism lately, **LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: A MANUAL FOR DISCIPLESHIP** and **PRAYING LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM** both by John T. Pless are wonderful devotional resources and are available in our Library. **WHY AM I JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN? INSTRUCTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYERS ON LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM** by Matthew C. Harrison is also extremely edifying! **ECHO: UNBROKEN TRUTH. WORTH REPEATING. AGAIN.** by Jonathan M. Fisk is great for recent confirmands on up.



These books are all available in our library, but they are also all available to purchase for your Kindle.

If you would like to start reading through the Lutheran Confessions, but are unsure where to start beyond the Small Catechism, the best starting point is the Large Catechism (a series of re-edited sermons by Martin Luther covering the same chief parts of the Small Catechism), followed by the Smalcald Articles (written by Martin Luther when he was gravely ill and thought he was on death's doorstep, a statement of things on which Lutherans cannot compromise), and Augsburg Confession (the foundational document by whose presentation the Lutheran church was "born".)

For your continued learning, don't forget there are online courses available.

2 excellent resources:

<https://cphfaithcourses.com/>

With 26 separate studies available, the topics cover a wide range, some are free, they include videos, some have accompanying books, and these can be taken by yourself or in a small group. Check out this wonderful resource if you haven't yet!

<https://www.1517.org/academy-courses-index>

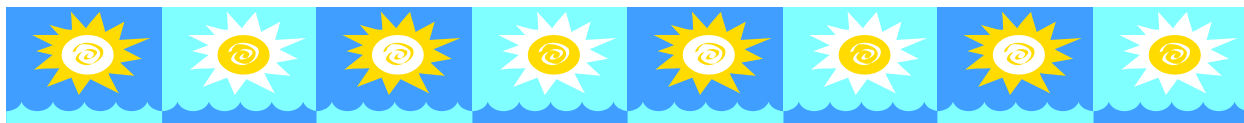
1517 Academy creates high-quality theological resources by collaborating with the best minds in Reformation theology. All courses are free.

Please feel free to speak with your library representative should you have questions regarding any of these resources. God bless you as you grow in your love and knowledge of Him.

Your library representative,
Crista Childers

"God Himself is not ashamed to teach these things daily. He knows nothing better to teach... Are we not the finest of all fellows to imagine that if we once read or heard the catechism, we know it all and have no further need to read or learn? **Can we finish learning in one hour what God Himself cannot finish teaching?**" – Martin Luther from the Longer Preface to the Large Catechism

SUMMER BLESSING'S FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH!



TRINITY YOUTH NEWS!

The Youth Group has begun meeting together and practicing social distancing. We are continuing to collect items for our clothing pod. Items that are being collected include all clothing, belts, shoes, purses, bedding, towels, and other soft cloth items. We are going to make three drop-offs to Savers (July 10, 15, 29 and August 5). If you wish to bring a donation by, you can contact Rob Grady at 708-990-5020. All proceeds from this fund-raising event will help offset our major trips throughout the year including our mission trip to West Virginia in July 2021.



Our July event will be a one-day mission trip. We are going to assist a Trinity member with some outdoor work in the morning and then return to Trinity to clean up around the school. The plan for the youth is to spend the night on July 17 and then work on July 18. We are inviting Trinity members join us on Saturday as we clean up the school. If you would like to join us, please contact Rob Grady at 708-990-5020 or at rgrady@tlbr.org

Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers from our annual plant sale. Even though we were unable to get the Bedford Park account, we still made a \$3,000 profit.



Board of Evangelism

Devotional Reading

Malachi 3:6-12

Title: Changeless

We face many transitions in life and realize how rapidly our world changes. The book *Future Shock* details the enormous changes taking place both in number and in speed of change. We feel as though we are riding a merry-go-round that goes faster and faster until everything around us is blurry. What can we count on? What solid object can we grasp? Change can be positive or negative, but in either case we need to adjust to it.

In Malachi God says to Israel, "I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed" (Malachi 3:6). He implies that Israel has turned from God and gone back on her covenant responsibilities. She has changed in her relationship to God. But God reaffirms His love. He does not go back on His covenant promises. He pleads, Return to Me, and I will return to you" (Malachi 3:7b).

In this changing world we often stand guilty of changing our loyalties from God to the enticements of the worldly progress. But God, who sent His Son to fulfill His covenant promise by dying on the cross for our sins, declares to us, "I the Lord do not change." He provides solid ground for us as we come to Him in repentance. Indeed, we have "a changeless Christ for a changing world." We can see God's hand in change and turn to Him for strength until He calls us home eternally.

Prayer: *Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O thou changest not, abide with me. Amen*

WILLOW SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
VILLAGE OF WILLOW SPRINGS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JOHN M. CARPINO
Mayor

JAMES D. RITZ
Chief of Police

April 21, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church
11503 German Church Rd
Burr Ridge, IL 60480

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the men and women of the Willow Springs Police Department, we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation for your generous donation to our department's personnel. As we face an array of challenges that we have never seen before with the COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to focus on our mission of serving our community while keeping our officers, first responders, and most importantly our community safe.

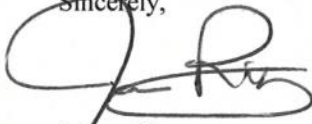
We have received many kind donations, such as yours, of either food, hand sanitizer, protective gloves, or much needed personal protective equipment (PPE). Law enforcement agencies across the country are in serious short supply and still struggling to obtain this vital protective equipment. During times of crisis, such as the national emergency we are currently facing, many, many people come together and provide support for each other during difficult times. And this, you have shown by your gracious donation which brings encouragement and inspiration for all of us to rise and work through the coronavirus pandemic.

Our department's success involves working with our community partners and promoting our goals in safely confronting coronavirus quality of life issues. As a team, we will do our best to protect our personnel and our community to assist in limiting the spread of the virus in our community.

As a department, we are truly thankful for your kind donation and support. Please contact our agency if we can be of assistance during these challenging times.

Stay safe, stay healthy, maintain social distancing, and take all necessary precautions.

Sincerely,



James Ritz
Chief of Police

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Voice of Hope Behind the Wall

Deaconess Lori Wilbert
Northern Illinois District
2301 S. Wolf Road
Hillside, Illinois 60162

March 10, 2020

Dear Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation of \$2,000.00 for prison ministry!!

Up-date: weekly classes & rounds to cell-houses:

The House of Healing /Critical Thinking Skills class is going strong. Each week I find it a privilege to observe my students work hard at creating a community within the prison. Our little group is mighty and each individual continues to grow in their love of God & neighbor. ***God's grace is most evident at Stateville and in the lives of the men that live behind the wall.***

The journey of ministering to the incarcerated remains rich; I am grateful to those of you who have stayed faithful and traveled these many years with me. I continue to feel called to this place each week. While there are often obstacles to work out between staff and inmates within a prison setting, I remain grateful for the staff support needed to do the work. I continue to grow along with those I serve in Stateville, they have much to teach us!

I also work with volunteers, providing help to navigate the bureaucracy & develop rapport with inmates. Teaching others to do this work is an important extension of my ministry and I look for the opportunities to pass on my experience to those who will listen.

The hospice patients in the Stateville infirmary remains a priority. There are two designated cells for inmates in advanced stages of serious and chronic illness and this has provided me an opportunity to be a voice of comfort to those nearing the end of life. ***There are many other critically ill inmates living permanently in the infirmary that I visit as well.***

Thank you!

Peace+

Lori

*Many heartfelt
thanks!!
Lori*



"He has showed you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

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6/10/2020

Thank you!

Trinity Lutheran Church, Burr Ridge
11500 German Church Rd.
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Dear Friends of LOVE at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$1,000.00 received on 6/10/2020.

Your contributions to Love INC continue to have great impact on the lives of people in our community. Because of your support, more than 4000 lives were touched in 2019 through various ministries. Whether through referrals to community services or financial assistance to avoid eviction, providing toys at Christmas or gym shoes for back to school, through Love INC, families experienced love and compassion -- and relief -- during stressful times.

2020 brings new opportunities to impact the lives of our neighbors, bringing *lasting* change and self-sufficiency where today there is need. Love INC and local churches will pilot a new ministry called Moving Forward Together aimed at nourishing the 'whole person' -- spiritually, emotionally, physically, and relationally -- through classes that affirm each person's God-given potential and teach skills that can be immediately applied to become more self-sufficient. Additionally, a year-long one-on-one mentoring tract will help families eliminate debt and live the life God meant for them.

So thank you for your contribution today and God Bless You.

Anne Marie Schuster, Executive Director

Your Gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
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Please retain this letter for your records.

Working in partnership with member churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.



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**SUMMER OFFICE
HOURS**

Church Office Hours

Tues—Thurs 8am-3pm

School Office Hours

Tues—Thurs 8:30am-12pm

In an emergency, contact

Pastor Bob

(708)846-4170/call or text

Pastor Emeritus Albrecht

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July Birthdays

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|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Embry Rediehs | 13 Christian Merkouris | 23 David Gartman |
| Jacob Zoller | Kristin Orrick | Cheryl LaFlame |
| 2 Lisa Cohen | Devinne Young | Declan Sojka |
| Jill Deck | Mark Zoller | 24 Christine LaPorte |
| Bessie Kuske | 14 Nicholas Rossi | Keeley Mahoney |
| Carolyn Wott | Nathan Winterroth | Brian Polacek |
| 3 Shelley Metz | 15 Michael Barrett | John Socha Jr. |
| 4 Mary Gannon | Mary Kania | 25 Rosalyn Bond |
| Emily Knutte | 16 Youyin Hung | 26 Zachary Rothfahn |
| Terry Pauly | Christian Lucas | 27 Bud Villarreal |
| 5 Scott Gasparas | David Sakoulos | 28 Allen Gasparas |
| Allyson Jimenez | 17 Lawton Knappen- | Jason Owen |
| Sydney Kibbon | burger | Irma Stroede |
| Elaine Rall | Kyle LaFlame | Alex Vasquez |
| 6 Mark Kling | Emily Miller | 29 John Abernathy |
| 8 Aiden Hodor | Lukas Pallisard | Tyler Cindel |
| Alyssa Keltz | Jennifer Sunnquist | Carolynn Day |
| John Kneller | 19 Rick Joiner | Joseph Kluge |
| Cyrus Young | Peter Sakoulos | Jessica Rodzen |
| 9 Sheena Magnesen | 20 David Gasparas | Melanie Vasu-Nuñez |
| Anthony Tiedt | Ernest Howard | 30 Lauren Brazel |
| 10 Aaron Ball | Ruth Kutz | Beverly Gehrt |
| Shayla Davis | 21 Erik Joiner | Mason Kocek |
| Jonathan Kania | Lukas Knutte | Dan Lehenbauer |
| Lillian Whited | Bradley Reinhart | 31 Adalynn DeWitt |
| 11 Orville St. Clair | Katelyn Sojka | |
| 12 Jay Bulthuis | 22 Rosemary Edwards | |
| Tony Hruska Sr. | Judith Kurzeja | |
| 13 Jack Breuer | Matt Ulrich | |
| Jean Harris | 23 Chris Azzarello | |



Caring Network



THANK YOU to everyone who has donated clothes and other items. We give personal thanks to Andy Dewitt, Sharon Wendte, Pastor Bob and Michelle, Sandy, Spring, the Haleks, and Teena. Please see more information on the baby bank on pages 6 & 7.

Please pray for baby Elizabeth. She is not doing well right now and is refusing to eat.



New Member Committee

Trinity's New Member Committee is looking for help.

Are you able to lend one hour a month?

Please prayerfully consider joining.

Contact Sue Voelz at 312-256-3530 for more information.





2020

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 For more information, go to our website: www.tlbr.org

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

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	6 6:30pm Celebration Service HC	7 6:30pm Bible Study	1 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA (TFH)	2 6:30pm Devotion 6:30pm Praise Team (Ch)	3	4 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Devotion
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