

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your Light we see light. Psalm 36:9

# Trinity Torch



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Advent is how Christians prepare for Christmas. The gift of Jesus is the greatest gift ever. The Christian church has a season of preparation called Advent. The best way to prepare your heart and home for Christmas is the practice of Advent. Using Advent wreaths, Advent calendars and Advent devotions at home will help your family keep the true meaning of Christmas. Also, join us for midweek Advent worship at Trinity this year.

Midweek Advent begin December 1st. The Advent Worship Series for 2021 is “**WAIT UPON THE LORD**”. The season of Advent is characterized by waiting—waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas.

In our worship series for Advent 2021, we look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us.

Week 1 • Wait Upon the Lord with Faith (Galatians 3:8).

Week 2 • Wait Upon the Lord with Hope (Psalm 130:5).

Week 3 • Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing (Isaiah 25:9).

Week 4 • Wait Upon the Lord with Gratitude (Psalm 9:1).

Mark your calendars now and prepare to join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. for Midweek Advent Worship. There are 4 midweek Advent services this year: December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

In Christ,

*Pastor Bob*

## Address Updates

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## Principal News

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

This past Friday, November 12, Trinity hosted our annual Gala at the Orland Chateau. Following a year in which we had few social events, our Gala was met with many questions and anticipation. We just did not know exactly what to expect.

The support shown through ticket sales and family donations was tremendous. The help from school families and congregation members was greatly appreciated. The mission to educate our students, with the love of Jesus, is evident as a priority of the families around us. I am so thankful to everyone for the donations and financial gifts that were given to Trinity.

Through your generosity, Trinity Lutheran Church & School raised about \$24,000 the evening of the event. About 150 people were in attendance, to win raffle prizes, dance, enjoy our band, socialize, and donate. I am humbled each and every year by the support that I see from our school and congregation.

God is good, all the time. I have Him to thank for the gift of Trinity and its supporters.

In His Service,  
Andy DeWitt



Are you interested in joining Trinity's Board of Education? We are looking for church members to join our team. Please contact Principal Andy DeWitt. 708-839-1444 x3 or [adewitt@mytlsonline.com](mailto:adewitt@mytlsonline.com)

Mrs. DeWitt is looking for the following items to be donated:

Large wooden spools (cable spools)  
Sawed log pieces (wood cookies)  
Ride-on toys (used)  
Wicker baskets (used)  
Wooden planks  
Buttons



Please do not go out and buy these items. Used items can be treasures in disguise!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER - The Seventh Petition

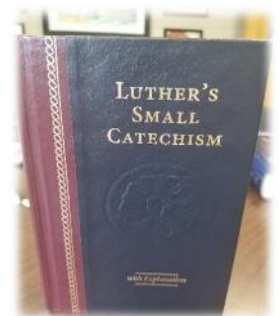
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

### Not in the Bible

This conclusion of the Lord's Prayer is not found in the Bible. When did the church start adding it to the prayer? We first find this Doxology, or conclusion added to the prayer, around AD 90 in a church document known as the Didache and is still used by many churches, including our own, to this day.



# ADVENT WORSHIP

The first Sunday in Advent is November 28th. The Advent Worship Series for 2021 is "WAIT UPON THE LORD". The season of Advent is characterized by waiting—waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas. In this worship series for Advent, we look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us.



Week 1 • Wait Upon the Lord with Faith (Galatians 3:8):  
Abraham and Sarah waited with faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, and we wait with faith for the birth of God's Son, Jesus, trusting that he will come at Christmas to save all people.

Week 2 • Wait Upon the Lord with Hope (Psalm 130:5):  
The prophet Isaiah declared the coming of the Lord, which gave the people of Israel hope for the future.  
We wait with hope for the future because we know what the future holds—a Savior.

Week 3 • Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing (Isaiah 25:9):  
Elizabeth rejoiced as she waited for the coming of her son, John the Baptist. And Mary rejoiced as she waited for the birth of her son, Jesus.  
In the same manner we rejoice as we wait for the coming of the Son of God.

Week 4 • Wait Upon the Lord with Gratitude (Psalm 9:1):  
Zechariah's waiting days for John the Baptist's birth were filled with great gratitude for the Lord's promise about to be fulfilled. In these remaining waiting days before our Savior's birth, we are ever more grateful for the arrival of the Promised One.



Please join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. for Midweek Advent Worship.

There are 4 midweek Advent services on December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

**Wednesday, Midweek Advent services ~ December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.**

**Contemporary Candlelight Christmas Worship with Holy Communion**

**Friday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

**with Holy Communion and 10:00 p.m. (No Communion)**

**Traditional Christmas Day with Holy Communion, Saturday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.**



### **High Honor Roll**

3rd Grade - Amber Hrajnoha,  
Kameron Nelson, Nalani Patel,  
Isaiah Rackow, Logan Romero, Ava Thomas

4th Grade - Laureen Ballout, Isaiah Elizondo,  
Kajus Kalasnikovas, Ryan Martin,  
Alyssia Tran

7th Grade - Christian Nelson

8th Grade - Josslynn Farrare, Gaby Vasquez

### **Honor Roll**

3rd Grade - Lukus Davis-Sepulveda, Ethan Kuraitis,  
Jax Nerud

4th Grade - Marisa Hedger, Owen Tuchowski

5th Grade - Isabella Farrare,  
David Hendrickson, Alan Le, Michael Rackow

7th Grade - Hayden Blalock, Lilliana Cyphers-  
Sepulveda, Radosav Dubak, Lily Kawass,  
Quinn Murray, Ben Rackow

8th Grade - Hope Bassali, Allyson Meissner

**High Honor Roll All A's** (in all subjects)

**Honor Roll All A's and B's and 1 C** (in all subjects) No D's, F's, or I's in any subject

# Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule

## December 2021

If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext. 4. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.



**Sunday Morning** - Sunday morning “Fit for Life” class begins at 9:45 a.m. in the church library. “Christian”, a study by Andy Stanley, will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the school library.

Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room.

Sunday School for Three-Year-Old through Grade 8 will meet in the church basement from 9:45 -10:45 a.m.

**Tuesday Evening** - Pastor Bob will continue to lead his Tuesday evening study. The study will begin at 7:00 p.m. in person or online. We will be studying the book of Acts.

**Wednesday Morning** - Men’s Bible Class will meet weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Tom Bruns, we will continue our study of the book “Irresistible” by Andy Stanley.

**Wednesday Morning TLC** - We will continue our study on Timothy, Titus, and Philemon on December 8 and 22. We usually meet the second and fourth Wednesday and any fifth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the church library. Beginning in January, we will study Ruth and Ester.

**Wednesday Afternoon TLC** - TLC Bible Study Group will meet on November 1 and 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the School Conference Room. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775). We have begun a study entitled “The Jesus You Never Knew” by David Jeremiah.

**Thursday Evening** - A new study based on the television show “The Chosen” began on September 23. You can still join us at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. The video each week is about 45 minutes long. We will have discussion to follow. The plan is to conclude by 8:00 p.m. Our December dates are the 2nd and 16th.

**Friday Evening** - Join Cliff and Judy Gustafson as they study “Prayer”. Contact the Gustafsons at 815-372-9937 for more information and the meeting dates in December.

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caring Network Gala

Trinity members attended the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala for Caring Network in support of their expansion goal to save even more lives. Their plan, under new Executive Director, Rev. Kirt Wiggins, is to open twenty-five new clinics to serve women in crisis pregnancies in the next five years – he reminded us that there is no such thing as a disposable person – every life matters to God. This year’s event featured Mike Huckabee who asked the audience of 1,200 – if you had an opportunity to save a life – would you? Over \$800,000 was collected in support of life and to make this expansion a reality. Thanks be to God!



## Redeeming Life maternity home

Maternity home update – a heartfelt thanks to our members that generously donated gently used household items, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, and even a wine basket for the rummage and craft sale, which benefits Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries. Over \$5,500 has been raised from these pop-up events, with more events planned. Over \$243,000 of the \$350,000 goal has been met to date. Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Please continue to keep the home in your prayers and consider how you might help support the maternity home with your time, talent, and treasures as we approach the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and as we look to celebrate Sanctity of Life month in January. A new location in East Dundee, closer to the host congregation, is currently under consideration for the alternative site for the home.

## Chicago March for Life and Special Event for LCMS Members

Deaconess Tiffany Manor, Director of LCMS Life Ministries, recently visited our Northern IL District office, bringing greetings and news that Synod President Matthew Harrison would be a featured speaker at the Chicago March for Life on January 8, 2022. Synod will be sponsoring displays for Redeeming Life maternity home and the NID Life Task Force at the Chicago March Conference event. **A special LCMS gathering is planned on January 8, 2022, with President Harrison and members from across the district from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Hilton, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL. Save the date and stay tuned for more information – information about the conference and march as well as registration information can be found at <https://marchforlifechicago.org/>.**

# SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION



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NEWS FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD'S MISSIONARY NETWORK CARE TEAM

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## MISSIONARY ORIENTATION

*We are excited to introduce you to our new class of missionaries. These individuals began their service in July with missionary orientation.*

The missionaries were here at the LCMS International Center July 19–23. During orientation, missionaries have sessions on a variety of topics to help them prepare for their pre-deployment time. The sessions include writing a newsletter, giving presentations, fundraising and network building.

They spent time developing their presentations and practicing

them, so that they are more at ease speaking in front of an audience. They also wrote their first newsletter and received editing advice from our communications team.

Furthermore, they got to spend time with the employees in the Office of International Mission, Human Resources and Concordia Plan Services.

## — NEW MISSIONARIES —



**The Rev. Philip and Deaconess Rachel Joseph** will be serving in Uruguay. Philip will plant churches and work with local pastors. Rachel will support mercy ministries in the Uruguayan Lutheran Church. Philip is from Maryland, and Rachel is from Indiana. They both previously served with the LCMS as GEO missionaries.



**The Rev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller** will be serving in Italy. Tyler will be the sole LCMS pastor in Italy and will provide spiritual care for a number of Italians who discovered Lutheranism online. Tyler will also mentor four Italians who are studying to become pastors. Tyler is from Missouri and previously served the LCMS as a GEO missionary. Yanela is from the Dominican Republic and has a degree in education.

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**The Rev. Dr. Cory and Jennifer Rajek** will be serving in Latvia. Cory will teach at the Luther Academy in Riga. He will also serve as a missionary pastor and lead Riga's English-language service. Jennifer has a degree in business administration. Cory and Jennifer are both from Wisconsin.



**Ruth and the Rev. Gustavo Maita** will be serving in Puerto Rico. Ruth will be a teacher and outreach assistant at mercy centers in Puerto Rico. Gustavo is pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Ruth previously served as a GEO missionary in Puerto Rico. Ruth is from Ontario, Canada, and Gustavo is from Venezuela.



**Hayden Rensner** will be serving in the Czech Republic. She will tutor students from the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia. During the summer

months, she will also help coordinate summer volunteer opportunities throughout the Eurasia region. Hayden will be serving as a GEO missionary and is from Illinois.



**The Rev. Dr. Tom Park** will be serving in Taiwan. As a theological educator, he will teach theology to laypeople as well as to those studying to become pastors, deaconesses and other church workers. He also is helping to start a new Lutheran seminary on the island. Tom was born in Seoul, South Korea.



**The Rev. Nathaniel and Emma Jensen** will be serving in Germany. Nathaniel will be the pastor at Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church, which serves U.S. military members stationed in the area as well as other English speakers. Nathaniel will also work with the Synod's partner church in Germany and as a mentor to seminary students throughout the region. Emma has a degree in parish music, which she will put to good use at the church. Nathaniel is from Missouri, and Emma is from Michigan.

## MISSIONARY PRE-DEPLOYMENT

*Do you know what happens during a missionary's pre-deployment to the field? Let's take a look at the process so you can begin to understand the work involved.*

A person who desires to be a missionary first contacts LCMS Missionary Recruitment by submitting the Missionary Service Inquiry Form. Staff members in LCMS Missionary Recruitment then assess the applicant's fit through various evaluations. They work with the regional staff to connect the applicant to mission opportunities in the field. The next step in the process is receiving a call or solemn appointment from the LCMS Board for International Mission.

Once the call or solemn appointment is accepted, the applicant becomes an employee and embarks on an adventure that starts with attending new missionary orientation. Missionaries leave orientation with a ready-to-go presentation and a start on their network building.

Missionaries work alongside LCMS Mission Advancement to establish a network of support. Behind each missionary stands a team of prayer partners, financial sponsors and ministry partners from every corner of the Synod. The network-supported model works like this: Each LCMS missionary works to build a personal network of financial supporters. They visit with individuals, congregations and groups to share the story of their work and encourage people to engage in that work with their prayers and financial gifts. Their message is: "Help send me to share Christ with the world."

Along with network-building activities, missionaries and their families are also in the process of downsizing, selling their homes and property, rehoming the family pet, getting the immunizations needed, applying for the appropriate visas, and so much more. There is much to do to prepare to move out of the country.

When the time is right, they go and share the love of Christ in their new home!



## December Baptismal Birthdays

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| 1 Bree Beyer<br>Kelly Collins<br>Angela Felton<br>Olivia Hawbaker<br>Wanda Kiefer<br>Cheryl Kohutynski<br>Brandon Kurtz<br>Scott Reinhart<br>Rick Thorburn | 6 Kimberly Radosevic<br>7 Kaden Juergens<br>8 Sherrie Ketcherside<br>9 Shawn Gartman<br>Christopher Huff              | 19 Grace Clark<br>Sabrina Garren<br>Eric Michaelson<br>Christine Prendiville |
| 2 Declan Sojka   | 10 Joyce Tomes  | 20 Danny Kumkoski<br>Mark Rosemont<br>Keira Wheeler                          |
| 3 Ryan Carr<br>Allison Kumke<br>David Sakoulos   | 11 Andrew DeWitt<br>12 Dorothy Anderson<br>13 David Bottger<br>13 Juniper Clark<br>Brian Orrick<br>Joanne Wielebnicki | 22 Sydney Kibbon<br>23 Ella Noetzel<br>Mack Rediehs                          |
| 5 Daryl Valentino  | 14 Joel Vickers   | 24 Linda Chize<br>James Grimes<br>Sarah Heth                                 |
| 6 George Diamond<br>Carol Leffelman  | 15 Lisa Haak<br>Kathy Howard  | 25 Amy Hutcheson<br>Joann Kopping<br>Michael Sneath                          |
|  | 17 Robert Geaschel<br>Aiden Hodor   | 28 Ethan Francis   |
|  | 18 William Krzemienski<br>Bryan Rozum<br>Paul Wunglueck   | 30 Sharon Zalewski<br>31 Dale Borchardt                                      |

## TRIP Program

The next gift card orders are due on **Monday, December 6 and December 13 by 9:00 a.m.** Cards are typically available during that same week. Michele will give you a text or phone call. Paper copy forms are available in the church narthex by the flower chart, on page 9 & 10, and online at mytls.org under the Parent Portal Tab. Drop off the order forms in the school office.



For questions, please call Michele Geaschel 708-839-1444 x2. Trip ordering is also available online ON THE Raise Right app, where there are hundreds more merchants and monetary increments.

**Start thinking of Christmas gifts and places you like to shop for the holidays. GIFT CARDS WILL BE SOLD EACH WEEK IN THE NARTHEX. IF YOU DON'T SEE CARDS YOU WOULD LIKE, WE CAN ORDER THEM.**

## Youth Group News

Things are falling back into place for our Winter Retreat at Great Wolf Lodge. We will leave at 11:00 a.m. on December 28th, and return around noon on December 30th. Cost for the trip is \$250 and money can be taken out of your account to cover the cost. Everything is included in the price with the exception of souvenirs and specialty food. We will ski at Cascade on December 29th. Lift ticket, lesson, skis, and helmets will be provided.

Our roller skating outing was moved to Saturday, December 4. Leave time from Trinity School will be 6:30 p.m. Return will be around 10:00 p.m. We will skate from 7:30– 9:30 p.m. The cost will be \$20 and includes your skate time, rental, and some money for the snack bar. Sign up in the Youth Room. Friends are welcome to attend. Drivers will be needed.



The trip downtown to see “Frozen: The Musical” will be Saturday, December 18 for the 7:30 p.m. performance. You can contact Mr. Grady to reserve your spot or to see if there are any tickets remaining. The cost will be \$25 per person. More information will be shared in the December newsletter.

# The Value of Good Habits

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

At the church where Jackie and I are members, we are currently in a small group studying “The Being Challenge” – the “being challenge” is to be more like Jesus.

There are certain behaviors in Jesus’ life that were habitual, like prayer, solitude with His father, and worshipping God at the Temple or at a synagogue.

Habits are important. According to a study, about 40% of the things we do each day aren’t decisions, they’re habits. Which in most ways is probably a good thing! Imagine if you had to decide every day, “Am I going to brush my teeth today? Am I going to dress for the weather? Am I going to kiss my spouse before I leave for work? Am I going to check the gas gauge when I get in the car?” We create habits for things like these, so we don’t have to make too many decisions every day.

Decisions are hard. Habits are easy.

Of course, bad habits are a problem. And I think we all know how hard it is to break a bad habit! It can take a month, or more, of strenuous effort to change a behavior we want to get rid of (for me, it was biting my nails - among others!).

Our small group study did not address our financial habits...but we should all think about that. Our human nature (and outside influences) often cause us to fall into harmful spending habits -- “retail therapy,” buying things we don’t need, failure to save for the future. A wiser, or more intentional, person develops good financial habits: saving, investing, reasonable frugality. Also, disciplined generosity.

Many, though not all, Christians give offerings and other charitable gifts. But relatively few are HABITUAL in their giving. Many giving records have \$5 one week, \$30 another, \$20 another, and nothing on other weeks...which means that the person is making a separate decision each time. This requires unnecessary effort. DECISIONS REQUIRE EFFORT – HABITS REQUIRE LITTLE EFFORT.

My suggestion? Choose the amount, or, better yet, the proportion, you want to give, and then stick to it. Make it a habit! Stop thinking about it! Better yet, use your online banking or the online giving option Trinity provides (at our website, [www.tlbr.org](http://www.tlbr.org)) to reinforce the decision you have made.

The habits we develop in life have an enormous impact on our health, happiness, productivity, and financial success. Work on developing good habits, including the habit of generosity!

**Update on the 2021 Stewardship Emphasis, “Live Courageously”:** As of Nov. 16, 86 individuals or households have returned their Faith Commitments, with offering estimates of more than \$402,000. These average over \$4,600 per year, or about \$88 per week. Thirty-three percent reflect an increase in giving over the previous year. We are very grateful to ALL the people of Trinity who honor God with their offerings and support the ministries of the congregation! If you have not turned yours in, you can still do so. Faith Commitment cards and envelopes are at the welcome stand in the narthex of the church.

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## District Office Staff Meet With Synod Representatives to Talk, Plan, and Celebrate Life Ministry Initiatives

On Monday, November 1, 2021, staff at the District office met with Synod representatives to talk, plan, and celebrate life ministry initiatives taking place in the LCMS Northern Illinois District (NID).

Deaconess Tiffany Manor, Director of LCMS Life Ministry, Emma Heinz, Deaconess Intern LCMS Life Ministry, Andrea Schmeling, Writer LCMS Life Ministry, Deaconess Lori Trinche, Deaconess NID Stewardship, Administration, and Human Care Liaison, and Rev. Dr. Allan Buss, NID President, all participated in a discussion about the positive events going on in the NID for life ministry – particularly beginning of life, since this is such a current topic of importance in the state of Illinois.

The Northern Illinois District is involved with many Life Ministry mercy projects, such as Breakfast with Baby, Swaddling Clothes, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, and other NID congregational efforts that share the Word of God and bear witness to Jesus Christ. We give thanks and praise to the Triune God for all that NID is doing to speak up for, care, and teach about the sanctity of human life.



Pictured left to right, President Buss, Deaconess Tiffany Manor, Deaconess Intern Emma Heinz, Andrea Schmeling, and Deaconess Lori Trinche



# TRIP ORDER FORM

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Order Total (Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran School" and attach to order)**

Waiver: In placing this order, I release TRIP and/or Trinity Lutheran of any responsibility for lost or stolen certificates and I acknowledge there are no refunds or exchanges of orders. Contact Michele in the office for any

Name:	_____ Held for my family account for dispersement.
Email:	_____ Another Trinity family:
Cell Phone: # (       )	_____ Applied to the
A text will be	Tuition Assistance Fund.

Delivery: All orders will be available for pickup between 8:00 - 3:30 in the school office the Friday following the order date, or sometime sooner. **Multi-family/friend orders can be grouped in a single pickup: Name:**

**Shop online for more merchants or amounts, or reload avail. gift cards @www.shopwithscrip.com Trinity**

**Member Code: C73LF95B7L57 Orders submitted Mon. morning @ 9 a.m. Order Due Dates: \*October 4 & 18\***

**\*November 1 & 18\* \*December 6 & 13\***

Automotive	%	QTY	Total
AutoZone	8.0%		\$25
Shell	1.5%		\$25
Shell	1.5%		\$50
Shell	1.5%		\$100
Speedway	4.0%		\$25
Speedway	4.0%		\$50
Speedway	4.0%		\$100

Clothing	%	QTY	Total
American Eagle Outf	10.0%		\$25
Banana Republic	14.0%		\$25
Children's Place	12.0%		\$25
Gap	14.0%		\$25
Marshalls	7.0%		\$25
Old Navy	14.0%		\$25
T.J. Maxx	7.0%		\$25
T.J. Maxx	7.0%		\$100

Department Stores	%	QTY	Total
Bloomingdale's	12.0%		\$25
Kohls	4.0%		\$25
Kohls	4.0%		\$100
Macy's	10.0%		\$25
Macy's	10.0%		\$100
Target	2.5%		\$25
Target	2.5%		\$50
Target	2.5%		\$100
Walmart	2.5%		\$25
Walmart	2.5%		\$50
Walmart	2.5%		\$100

Entertainment	%	QTY	Total
AMC Theaters	8.0%		\$25
Chuck E. Cheese	8.0%		\$10
Marcus Theatres	8.0%		\$25

Grocery	%	QTY	Total
CVS Pharmacy	6.0%		\$25
Jewel	4.0%		\$25
Jewel	4.0%		\$50
Jewel	4.0%		\$100
Mariano's (IL only)	4.0%		\$25
Meijer (not AK or HI)	3.0%		\$25
Meijer (not AK or HI)	3.0%		\$50
Meijer (not AK or HI)	3.0%		\$100
Pete's Fresh Market	4.0%		\$20
Sam's Club	2.5%		\$25
Sam's Club	2.5%		\$100
Walgreens	5.0%		\$25
Walgreens	5.0%		\$100

Home Improvement	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware	4.0%		\$25
Lowe's	4.0%		\$25
Menards	3.0%		\$25
Menards	3.0%		\$100
The Home Depot	4.0%		\$25
The Home Depot	4.0%		\$100

Pets	%	QTY	Total
Petsmart	5.0%		\$25

Restaurants	%	QTY	Total	Specialty	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's	8.0%		\$25	Amazon	2.3%		\$25
Arby's	8.0%		\$10	American Airlines	6.0%		\$100
Auntie Anne's	6.0%		\$25	Barnes & Noble	8.0%		\$25
Bonefish Grill	10.0%		\$50	Bass Pro Shops	10.0%		\$25
Buca di Beppo	8.0%		\$25	Bath & Body Works	12.0%		\$10
Buffalo Wild Wings	8.0%		\$25	Bed, Bath, & Beyond	7.0%		\$25
Buona Beef	8.0%		\$10	Bed, Bath, & Beyond	7.0%		\$100
California Pizza Kitch	8.0%		\$25	Best Buy	4.0%		\$25
Carrabba's	10.0%		\$25	Best Buy	4.0%		\$100
Cheesecake Factory	5.0%		\$25	Build - A - Bear	8.0%		\$25
Chili's/ Maggiano's	11.0%		\$25	buybuyBaby	7.0%		\$25
Chipotle	10.0%		\$10	Cabela's	10.0%		\$25
Chipotle	10.0%		\$25	Claire's	9.0%		\$10
Cinnabon	6.0%		\$25	Comfort Suites	3.5%		\$50
Cold Stone Creamer	8.0%		\$10	Container Store	9.0%		\$25
Cracker Barrel	8.0%		\$10	Dick's Sporting Good	8.0%		\$25
Cracker Barrel	8.0%		\$25	Discover Universal G	1.2%		\$50
Dunkin	3.0%		\$10	Disney	3.0%		\$25
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Maggiano's/Chili's	11.0%		\$25	H & M	7.0%		\$25
Moe's Southwest Gr	6.0%		\$25	Hallmark	4.0%		\$25
Noodles & Co.	8.0%		\$10	HomeGoods	7.0%		\$25
Olive Garden	9.0%		\$25	Hotels.com	6.0%		\$100
Outback Steakhouse	10.0%		\$25	iTunes	5.0%		\$15
P.F. Chang's	8.0%		\$25	iTunes	5.0%		\$25
Panda Express	8.0%		\$25	Joann	6.0%		\$25
Panera Bread	8.0%		\$10	Jos. A. Banks	10.0%		\$25
Panera Bread	8.0%		\$25	Michael's	4.0%		\$25
Potbelly	8.0%		\$10	Nike	12.0%		\$25
Rainforest Café	9.0%		\$25	Office Depot/Max	5.0%		\$25
Red Lobster	8.0%		\$25	Overstock.com	8.0%		\$25
Red Robin	8.0%		\$25	Pottery Barn	8.0%		\$25
Shaw's Crab House	12.0%		\$25	Staples	5.0%		\$25
Sonic	8.0%		\$10	Shutterfly	9.0%		\$25
Starbucks	7.0%		\$10	Sephora	5.0%		\$25
Starbucks	7.0%		\$25	Supercuts	8.0%		\$25
Subway Restaurants	4.5%		\$10	TopGolf	8.0%		\$50
Taco Bell	5.0%		\$10	Ulta Beauty	6.0%		\$25
Texas Roadhouse	8.0%		\$25	Vera Bradley	7.0%		\$50
TGI Friday's	9.0%		\$25	Visa	1.3%		\$50
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**March and Conference:**

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 Register with Y4Life for free conference and reduced rates on rooms!

**Location:**

Hilton Crystal City at Reagan National Airtpt.  
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 (703) 418-6800

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DCANAHF-Y4L-20220120/index.ihtml>

**Reservations:**

Contact Hilton at the link or number above for our Y4Life group rate! \$120 Per Night w/ Breakfast. Up to 4 people per room. Limited availability; reserve soon!

**Schedule:**

**Thursday**

7-9PM: Gathering – Introductions, Music, Devotions, Games, Sign-Making

**Friday**

9-10AM: Pre-March Devotion & Directions

10:30AM: Metro to March for Life

11AM-4PM: March for Life (Rally, March, and Testimonials)

7-9PM: Music, Devotion, Post-March Discussion, Life Conference Session

**Saturday**

9AM-12PM: Life Conference Sessions, Group Discussions, and more!

To register for the conference or for more information, contact Michelle Bauman by January 1:

[mbauman@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:mbauman@lutheransforlife.org) or (812)350-2732

[www.y4life.org](http://www.y4life.org)



## Lutheran Church Charities

LCC K-9 Ministries • Disaster Response • Crisis Response • Human Care  
Working with you to show the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ

November 01, 2021

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

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Lord said: *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."... "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'* Matthew 25:35-40.

Matthew 25 is the foundation of Lutheran Church Charities. Our Mission is to share the **Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ** in all that we do.

We carry out our mission by working directly with and through our churches and Christian Ministries. Whether it would be an elderly couple needing a car, a family needing furniture, food for our ethnic ministries, support for the soup kitchen at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago, disaster relief work, disaster response work in Haiti or other countries, LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, *Kare 9* Military Ministry, Hearts of Mercy & Compassion/Crosses for Losses, deaf ministry, parish nursing ministry, Bible studies to help people better know the Mind, Method, Manner and Ministry of Jesus – the list goes on and on – whatever the need is to touch hurting lives with the compassion of Christ! That's what we do, and because of your support and partnership, lives are touched by Jesus Christ!

I want to personally thank you for your faithful support of **\$620.00 to Lutheran Church Charities** and for your gift of **\$115.00 to the Lutheran Church Charities Kare 9 Military Ministry. Dollar Per Dollar**, EVERY dollar given goes directly to your chosen cause. Your support allows Lutheran Church Charities to continue to touch lives with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Yes, **Christ's Mercy and Compassion** are daily being put into action because of your faithful support! Our Prayer is:

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;  
by paths as yet untraveled, through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go;  
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Serving Together, Serving Christ, so we can serve others IN HIS NAME,

Tim Hetzner  
President / CEO



**The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs and the  
Kare 9 Military Ministry Dogs  
Thank You!**

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November 2, 2021

Rev. Robert Geaschel  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
11500 German Church Rd  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527-7143

Dear Pastor Geaschel,

Thank you for your continued support of Redeeming Life Maternity Home with the wonderful donation of \$3,285.00! Your desire to serve single pregnant women in distress who want to choose life for their babies is inspiring. It will be our joy and honor to share the love of Christ with these women on your behalf when the new Illinois maternity home opens.

The women we care for suffer deeply in physical and emotional ways and desperately need help. Your partnership is vital in making that possible. Thank you so much for your commitment, your love and your prayers.

With Joy & Gratitude,

Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director  
Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Inc.  
407-790-9745 x6 | [info@rlom.org](mailto:info@rlom.org)

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School Office Hours  
Monday–Friday 8am–3:30pm

In an emergency, contact  
Pastor Bob  
(708)846-4170/call or text  
Pastor Emeritus Albrecht  
(815) 293-0934 / home  
(815) 531-7590 / cell

**December Birthdays**

- |    |                    |    |                   |
|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Julio Salverredy   | 17 | Jonathon Rossi Jr |
| 2  | Joann Kopping      | 18 | Wayne Pahr        |
|    | Marilyn Rampage    |    | Holly Randolph    |
| 3  | Irene Borhardt     |    | Susan Villarreal  |
| 4  | Pamela Cook        | 19 | Kylie Autullo     |
|    | Joshua Koshiol     |    | Bradley Bohac     |
|    | Mark Tiedt         |    | Eric Michaelsen   |
|    | Sharon Zalewski    | 20 | Quinn Murray      |
| 5  | Tessa Francis      |    | Brooke Taylor     |
|    | Emma Schiller      | 21 | Carole Killalea   |
| 6  | Jerry Morgan       |    | Carrisa Korres    |
| 7  | Melanie Carli      |    | Joshua Rodriguez  |
|    | Arnie Mueller      | 22 | Brandon Louis     |
| 8  | Phil Abraham       | 23 | Marcia Behrens    |
|    | Lynn Ferree-Bowlin |    | Ella Noetzel      |
|    | Joshua Kania       | 24 | Lisa Lewendowski  |
| 9  | Eric Kluge         |    | Jeffrey McClain   |
|    | Julia Ward         | 25 | Ethan Grady       |
| 11 | Isaac Gil          | 26 | Brett Benes       |
|    | Kevin Murray       |    | Tyler Lambert     |
|    | Dawn Socha         |    | Carol Malina      |
|    | Kellan Tyree       |    | Sharon Marwitz    |
| 12 | Grace Clark        |    | Jackson Trtan     |
|    | Abby Collins       | 27 | Toby Huff         |
|    | Theodore Remes     | 28 | Robert Sass       |
|    | Ryan Salverredy    | 29 | Susie Carr        |
| 13 | Ryan Dierberg      |    | Donna Mersch      |
|    | Mark Murray        |    | Betty Pastori     |
|    | Helen Voelz        | 30 | Aaron Wendte      |
| 14 | Erika Aluzas       |    | Kristy Wunglueck  |
|    | Lisa Elizondo      |    | Brianna Zausa     |
|    | Anand Lyall        | 31 | Jan Baranek       |
| 15 | Isabella Torres    |    | Jeremiah Cermak   |
| 16 | Katie Lund         |    | Annette Simon     |
| 17 | Matthew Hruska     |    |                   |




  
 Trinity's annual **Children's Christmas Service** will be held  
 on Sunday, **December 12, at 1:30 p.m.** in the school gym.  
  
 We are excited to share the good news of Jesus' birth with  
 you as we present "Christmas is Jesus".  
  
 Make plans to join us!






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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Meeting areas:</b> <i>(shown in parenthesis)</i> Ch = Church CR = School Conf. 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	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Volunteers	<b>1 10:00am &amp; 7:00pm Advent Worship Midweek #1</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (CL) 4:30pm TLC (CR) 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL) 7:00pm AA (TFH)	<b>2 2pm Dismissal</b> 6:30pm Bible Class (CL)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30am Trustees 5:30pm Worship HC 6:30pm Youth Roller Skating (OP)
<b>5</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Fit For Life (CL) 9:45am SS 11:00am Contemp HC 1:00pm Baptism - Beck	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Board of Elders (CR)	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Bd of Youth (YR) 7:00pm Bible Study (CL & Facebook Live) 7:00pm Basketball (G)	<b>8 10:00am &amp; 7:00pm Advent Worship Midweek #2</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (CL) 10:30am TLC (CR) 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL) 7:00pm AA (TFH)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Movie Night (CL)	<b>11</b> 8:30am Trustees 5:30pm Worship HC
<b>12</b> 8:30am Worship HC 9:45am Fit For Life (CL) 9:45am SS 11:00am Cont. Worship 1:30pm Christmas Program (G) Open Youth Room (YR)	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G) 7:00pm Church Council (CR)	<b>14</b> 12:00pm <b>TORCH DEADLINE</b> 6:30pm Board of Ed (SL) 7:00pm Basketball (G)	<b>15 10:00am &amp; 7:00pm Advent Worship Midweek #3</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (CL) 4:30pm TLC (CR) 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL)	<b>16</b> 11:30am JOY Club (TFH) 6:30pm Bible Class (CL) 6:30pm Stewardship (CR)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30am Trustees 5:30pm Worship HC 6:00pm Youth Outing
<b>19</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Fit For Life (CL) 9:45am SS 11:00am Contemp. HC 6:30pm Youth Christmas Gathering (YR)	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G) 7:00pm Voters (CL)	<b>21 St. Thomas, Apostle</b> 11:30am Dismissal 7:00pm Bible Study (CL & Facebook Live) 7:00pm Basketball (G)	<b>22 10:00am &amp; 7:00pm Advent Worship Midweek #4</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (CL) 10:30am TLC (CR) 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL) 7:00pm Worship HC 7:00pm AA (TFH)	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 4:30pm Contemporary Candlelight HC 6:30pm Candlelight HC 10:00pm Candlelight Worship	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 10:00am HC 
<b>26 St. Stephen, Martyr</b> 10:00am Trad. Worship	<b>27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	<b>28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> 7:00pm Bible Study (CL & Facebook Live) 7:00pm Basketball (G)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus New Years Eve</b>	<b>Ushers:</b> 8:30 am – Group 10:45am – Group
Youth Winter Retreat			Christmas Break – No School			
Christmas Break – No School						