

# Trinity Torch



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As we continue to consider our stewardship theme of Living Generously, I am encouraged once again by both Joseph and Tabitha.

Recently I had someone, outside of our church family, contact me concerning a deep hurt that had been inflicted upon him by another person. It had happened a few months ago. It was completely unanticipated and unprofessional. Part of the difficulties included an immediate termination of a job. Thankfully, he was able to get another job immediately. But the pain and hurt caused by a former friend and co-worker would just not go away. It captivated his thoughts daily. How could he get past his anger and move on? Just like Joseph, he would need to forgive.

Joseph had every right, in our human way of thinking, to inflict pain and punishment upon his brothers. When he was 17, his brothers sold him to a travelling caravan that eventually brought him to Egypt. Now, far from family and friends, he is sold to an Egyptian government official. Joseph, along the way, was wrongly accused of assaulting the official's wife and was thrown into jail. Remember, all of this happened because his jealous brothers wanted to get rid of him. Eventually, Joseph interprets the Pharaoh's dream, is released from jail, and placed in a high position within the Kings court. When famine overcame the land and nearby countries, everyone looked to Joseph, who had prepared for the famine. Now, twenty-some years later, his brothers show up for help... and this is his opportunity to seek revenge – except he does not. Instead, Joseph trusts that God is at work in all things, and placing God first, Joseph forgives his brothers.

Living with pain and anger every day can have a devastating effect on one's health and spiritual life. Living with God first in our life allows us to consider what God has done for us. God has given us generous forgiveness in Christ! Like Tabitha who received generous forgiveness in Christ, we are called to serve others and treat other people with dignity and respect. Joseph reminds us that even deep hurt must be forgiven. Tabitha reminds us that when we serve in love, we offer the love of God.

I hope you are enjoying our generosity series. May God grant us the ability to live generously in Christ!

*Pastor Bob*

## Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule September 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 Morning

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

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 continue the study “LifeLight: Wilderness Wanderings” in the Church Basement at 7:00 p.m. This class is facilitated by Rob Grady. This is a study of the books Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

### Tuesday Evening

A study titled “Stories and Parables in the Gospel of Luke” meets each week in the Church Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Bob is the facilitator.

### Wednesday Morning

Men’s Bible Class will meet each week at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Tom Bruns we will continue the study of Francis Chan’s book “Forgotten God”. We will begin back up in January 2021.

### Wednesday Morning TLC

We will continue our study on Ephesians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians on October 7 and 21. We usually meet the second and fourth Wednesday and any fifth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the church library.

### Thursday Afternoon TLC

TLC Bible Study Group will meet on October 8 and 22 at 4:30 p.m. via Skype. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775). We are continuing a study on “Angels”.

THANK YOU, JACOB BULTHUIS, thanks for all the years you have dedicated to serving as an Elder at Trinity Burr Ridge. The Board of Elders will miss you dearly, but we are so thankful for the grace and mercy example that you gave to us as you cared for the people of our congregation. You have prayed for, written to, and visited members of our congregation in the name of Jesus! You are a great witness and example of selfless service – and for that we are truly blessed and grateful.

Only one other Elder has received the title Elder Emeritus – but we gladly and willingly bestow this honor upon you as well.

When you see Jake at church, please make sure to thank him for all that he has done for us (or perhaps send him a note in the mail!!!). On behalf of the congregation, we thank you Jake for being a man of God and serving for so many years.

-Pastor Bob Geaschel



# Church Library News

October is an exciting month for our church!

We have so much going on from celebrating **Reformation Day** on October 31<sup>st</sup> to all of the wonderful **Life Ministry** events this month. Our library has resources for you to dig deeper into all these and many other topics.

Remember, your church library is always here to assist you with tools and resources to aid in your Christian walk. However, in compliance with CDC guidelines, we are not allowing anyone to remove books on your own, at this time.

Please email the library and we will pull the books and arrange pick-up. [LIBRARY@TLBR.ORG](mailto:LIBRARY@TLBR.ORG)

“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](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/TLBRCHURCHLIBRARY)

First up, a nod to a book **Pastor Bob** has referred to in his **Tuesday Evening Bible Study**:

➤ **With My Own Eyes** by Bo Giertz is a third person narrative of the Gospels but told from a different perspective with each story. You will be drawn in as you see and experience each event through the character’s eyes. This book will help you better relate to the time, setting, and culture of Biblical History.

Next up, I hope you are praying daily for the **Maternity Home** expansion of **Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries**. Perhaps you are also registered for the **Caring Network Banquet** this month. Maybe you enjoy assisting mothers obtain the vital items such as bottles, clothing, blankets, and more at the **Baby Bank at Calvary Lutheran in Wood Dale**. Perhaps you are not yet involved in Life Ministries here at Trinity. This month we are highlighting 3 books in our library.

➤ **When The Crying Stops** by Kathleen Winkler is a powerful book that tells the stories of 15 women and the trauma they suffered upon having an abortion and their journeys of healing.

➤ **The Case for Life** by Scott Klusendorf: Too many Christians do not understand the essential truths of the pro-life position, making it difficult for them to articulate a biblical worldview on issues like abortion, cloning, and embryo research. The Case for Life provides intellectual grounding for the pro-life convictions that Christians hold.

➤ **Stand for Life** by John Ensor: While there are online guides and booklets on the topic, there are currently very few if any books that are specifically geared for use by young advocates for this cause. Stand for Life addresses tough questions in a format that is concise and straightforward.

Finally, as we prepare to celebrate **The Reformation** later this month, you may want to choose one of the following for your reading.

➤ **Authentic Christianity** by Gene Edward Veith Jr. and A. Trevor Sutton: Authentic Christianity is a collaboration between an academic of the Boomer generation and a young Millennial pastor. Coming from two very different places - different generations, different vocations, different entries into Lutheranism – they offer their unique perspectives on how Lutheran theology engages contemporary life.

➤ **The Reformation** by Cameron Mackenzie: The historical photos and facts bear witness to the earth-changing events and players in the "theological century" - including the famous Martin Luther and Henry VIII, but also encompassing the other fascinating and perhaps lesser-known personalities of the Reformation era.

➤ **The Genius of Luther’s Theology** by Robert Kolb: Readers will find here a helpful introduction to Luther's theology and its continuing importance for applying the good news of the gospel to the contemporary world.

➤ **Lift High The Cross** by Eugene Klug: As you become better acquainted with the remarkable events and people revealed in Luther's lifetime of writing, this overview of the reformers key sermons, theological pamphlets, and confessional documents demonstrates that the distinctive themes of the Reformation remain influential today.

➤ **A Theology to Live By** by Herman Preus: From creation, to the fall, to the life under the cross, Preus shows that the story of salvation is knit together as one garment, so that we rejoice in the fullness of that which we have received. The application to Christian living gives people an immediate resource for direction, one not dictated by arbitrary cultural notions of "practicality" but directed by the Word of God.

Please feel free to contact 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 [LIBRARY@TLBR.ORG](mailto:LIBRARY@TLBR.ORG)

*“So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this:  
“I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it?*

*For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf.*

*His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!”*

*~Martin Luther - Letters of Spiritual Counsel, trans. and ed. Theodore G. Tappert (Vancouver, British Columbia: Regent College, 2003), 86-87*

# Trinity Worship Reservations

Reservations may be made each week **Thursday Morning at 9:00 a.m. using our church app or the church app website. Links provided on our website at [www.tlbr.org](http://www.tlbr.org)**

How to make a reservation:

## FIRST:

Download the "Church Center App" onto your phone (from your phone app store - same place where you download games, etc.).

Select **Trinity Lutheran Church in Burr Ridge** and set up your profile.

If you do not have a "smart" phone, read and follow the next steps here: <https://trinityburr ridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>

## SECOND:

Click on and open the "Church Center App" on your phone (or go to website).

## THIRD:

Click on the "Home" button on the bottom row. Then click on the "Events" button on the bottom row.

## FOURTH:

NEW: Choose your seat or pew in your desired section of the sanctuary (seating sections described below).

## FIFTH:

Click on "Register" at the bottom right. You are reserving a single pew unless that pew is marked as a seat. A seat will always have a letter "A" or "B" in its designation. A seat is for one person, not a family. If your preferred section is full, try another. If you are a single person and all of the seats are full, reserve a pew if you can, and we will try to seat someone at the end of the pew as needed. **\*\*\*NEXT\*\*\* (AND VERY IMPORTANT) - change the zero to a one "1"**

## SIXTH:

Make sure to press "**Complete Reservation**" and you will receive an email confirming your reservation. If you are unable to register or complete registration, the pew/seat is full. Try another.

If you have followed the instructions above and still have trouble, you may reach out to our volunteer, Lori Trinche by phone or email. However... please know that she is a volunteer and works a full time job during the day.

If she does not answer the phone, please leave a message and be patient with her - allowing her time to respond after normal working hours - please do not call her multiple times during the day. Email is best.

Lori Trinche: 630-665-5238 or [ltrinche@yahoo.com](mailto:ltrinche@yahoo.com)

**THANK YOU Lori for your help!!!**

Reminder: The church office is closed on Friday and messages are received by the secretaries on Monday.

## Human Care Ministry

We continue collecting non-perishable items and dry goods of St. Matthews Soup Kitchen. Suggested items are can jars of Peanut Butter and Jellies, cans of Soup, noodle boxes, Mac n cheese boxes, canned vegetables, jars of spaghetti sauces, packaged cookies, paper towel and napkins, coffee cans for the ministry staff. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex.

During these challenging times, a phone call or note sent to anyone you know who are home-bound will make them smile.

Have a safe and healthy Fall!



Caring Network "Mini-Banquet" via Zoom

October 22nd 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library

Please RSVP to Lori Trinche at [ltrinche@yahoo.com](mailto:ltrinche@yahoo.com)

Maximum of 12 people

# 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 assistance: 708-839-1444

Name:	_____ Held for my family account for dispersement.
Email:	_____ Another Trinity family:
Cell Phone: # (     ) _____	_____ Applied to the
A text will be sent when the orders are ready.	Tuition Assistance Fund.
Delivery: All orders will be available for pickup between 8:00 - 3:30 in the school office the Friday followin the order date, or sometime sooner. <b>Multi-family/friend orders can be grouped in a single pickup: Name:</b>	

Shop online, browse for more merchants or dollar amounts, or reload available gift cards @[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

Trinity Member Code: C73LF95B7L57

2020 Order Due Dates: \*September 14\* \*October 12\* \*November 9\* \*December 7\* \*December 14\*

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 Outfitter	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
Lowes	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
Applebee's	8.0%		\$25
Arby's	8.0%		\$10
Bonefish Grill	10.0%		\$50
Buca di Beppo	8.0%		\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	8.0%		\$25
Buona Beef	8.0%		\$10
California Pizza Kitchen	8.0%		\$25
Carrabba's	10.0%		\$25
Cheesecake Factory	5.0%		\$25
Chili's/ Maggiano's	11.0%		\$25
Chipotle	10.0%		\$10
Chipotle	10.0%		\$25
Cold Stone Creamery	8.0%		\$10
Cracker Barrel	8.0%		\$10
Cracker Barrel	8.0%		\$25
Dunkin	3.0%		\$10
Dunkin	3.0%		\$25
IHOP	8.0%		\$10
Lou Malnati's	8.0%		\$10
Lettuce Entertain You	12.0%		\$25
Maggiano's/Chili's	11.0%		\$25
Noodles & Co.	8.0%		\$10
Olive Garden	9.0%		\$25
Outback Steakhouse	10.0%		\$25
P.F. Chang's	8.0%		\$25
Panera Bread	8.0%		\$10
Panera Bread	8.0%		\$25
Potbelly	8.0%		\$10
Rainforest Café	9.0%		\$25
Red Lobster	8.0%		\$25
Red Robin	8.0%		\$25
Shaw's Crab House	12.0%		\$25
Starbucks	7.0%		\$10
Starbucks	7.0%		\$25
Steak 'n Shake	8.0%		\$10
Subway Restaurants	6.0%		\$10
Taco Bell	5.0%		\$10
Texas Roadhouse	8.0%		\$25
TGI Friday's	9.0%		\$25
Wendy's	6.5%		\$10
Wildfire	12.0%		\$25

Specialty	%	QTY	Total
Amazon	2.3%		\$25
American Airlines	6.0%		\$100
Barnes & Noble	8.0%		\$25
Bass Pro Shops	10.0%		\$25
Bath & Body Works	12.0%		\$10
Bed, Bath, & Beyond	7.0%		\$25
Bed, Bath, & Beyond	7.0%		\$100
Best Buy	4.0%		\$25
Best Buy	4.0%		\$100
Binny's	3.0%		\$25
Brooks Brothers	16.0%		\$25
Build - A - Bear	8.0%		\$25
buybuyBaby	7.0%		\$25
Cabela's	10.0%		\$25
Claire's	9.0%		\$10
Comfort Suites	3.5%		\$50
Container Store	9.0%		\$25
Dick's Sporting Goods	8.0%		\$25
Discover Universal Gift	1.2%		\$50
Disney	3.0%		\$25
Disney	3.0%		\$100
Fannie May Candies	25.0%		\$10
GameStop	3.0%		\$25
Great Clips	8.0%		\$25
Hair Cuttery	8.0%		\$10
Hallmark	4.0%		\$25
HomeGoods	7.0%		\$25
Hotels.com	6.0%		\$100
iTunes	5.0%		\$15
iTunes	5.0%		\$25
Jos. A. Banks	10.0%		\$25
Michael's	4.0%		\$25
Nike	12.0%		\$25
Office Depot/Max	5.0%		\$25
Overstock.com	8.0%		\$25
Pottery Barn	8.0%		\$25
Staples	5.0%		\$25
Shutterfly	9.0%		\$25
Sephora	5.0%		\$25
Supercuts	8.0%		\$25
Ulta Beauty	4.0%		\$25
Vera Bradley	7.0%		\$50
Visa	1.3%		\$50
Visa	1.3%		\$100
Wayfair	6.0%		\$100
West Elm	8.0%		\$25
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August 27, 2020

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

شيكاجو في السلام كنيسة  
كنية السلام

Dear Trinity,

What a year this has been. I hope my letter finds your family coping well with the pandemic. It sure can be challenging for families. It is also challenging for ministry. But Salam has adapted and continues to reach out to Muslims in our community.

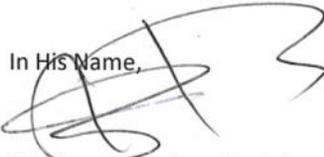
We did not allow Covid-19 to stop Salam from sharing the love of God with Middle Eastern and North African immigrants. We exchange scriptures and devotions in Arabic on WhatsApp daily and have been holding worship services and one-one Bible studies at St John, Schaumburg.

We continue to drive immigrants to clinics and provide medication to those in need. During the pandemic, twenty families have been helped with food and we provided furniture for three new homes.

I have produced videos to keep people up to date. Recently I was interviewed by Pastor Micah from St Peters, Arlington Heights for their Flatline series. (<https://www.fulllifeinchrist.org/flattenthecurve/>). I and others discussed racial divide and how we as Christians can help bring peace and harmony.

As you can see, Salam and I have been busy in spite of the pandemic and that is because of your generous donation. I am very thankful for your support. It encourages me and is a blessing to God's people.

In His Name,

  
Missionary Hesham Shehab  
Salam Arabic Fellowship  
E-mail [Hicham.chehab@gmail.co](mailto:Hicham.chehab@gmail.co),  
<http://salamarabicfellowship.blogspot.com>

Date of gift 1/23/2020 Amount: \$602.32 Check #1077

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## Northern Illinois District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### Introduction to Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Inc.

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I am writing this letter for the purpose of introducing to you *Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Inc.*, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and to offer you an opportunity to get involved.

Redeeming Life is expanding its maternity home ministry into Chicagoland! Hear what Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director of Redeeming Life, has to say about the expansion.

*“We have a dream of operating a maternity home in every District of our Synod. The enthusiasm and vision of our brothers and sisters in the LCMS Northern Illinois District make the Chicagoland area ideal for our first home outside of the Florida-Georgia District. We look forward to partnering with the many churches and individuals who long to provide the residential program services that so many single, pregnant women need. Our mission is to save the lives of babies and their mothers by providing a “life choice” for woman who see abortion as their only option because of homelessness, abuse, or abandonment.”*

I encourage your involvement in this Christ-centered, loving ministry. By partnering with Redeeming Life, you can help offer hope, grace, and love to women who are hopeless, rejected, and unloved.

**How can you help? First, Redeeming Life is looking for a church family in the NID with a heart to serve single pregnant women and their children.** This local church will welcome residents in friendship and fellowship and allow them to attend worship and Bible study regularly. Once the church home is selected, we will begin to identify a residential property nearby that will ultimately become the maternity home. The ideal maternity home would have five or six bedrooms, three to four bathrooms, a large family room, and a roomy kitchen. Having the home situated adjacent to an LCMS church will allow the congregation to serve the residents and their children more easily. Also, easy access to public transportation and a community college would best serve the needs of the mothers.

**Second**, I ask all of our NID congregations to include Redeeming Life in your congregations’ Sunday prayers throughout the month of October, and encourage your members to **pray daily** during October for the expansion, the ministry staff and volunteers, and the moms and babies who will call the maternity home their home. Attached is a simple prayer they can offer. If you wish to include the prayer as an insert for your members to take home, you can download it from Redeeming Life’s website at [RLOM.org/LCMS](http://RLOM.org/LCMS) or contact [info@rlom.org](mailto:info@rlom.org) and Sheryl will email it to you.

**Third**, I ask for you to consider all ways your congregation or school might support this important, life-saving ministry. Share this information with the leadership and laity who are passionate about LIFE matters. For more information about how you might bless this vital ministry and the mothers and babies we serve, visit our website at [rlom.org](http://rlom.org) or call Sheryl DeWitt 407-790-9745 ext. 6.

I thank you for taking the time to consider your involvement in Redeeming Life. If you choose to get involved, know that you are in good company. This is a ministry supported by pastors, laity, the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, LCMS Life Ministries, and Lutheran Church Charities.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss - President, LCMS Northern Illinois District - *With You, My Eyes are on Jesus* (Hebrews 12:2,3)

The LCMS Northern Illinois District is 200-plus congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, spanning the 24 counties in Illinois. Filled with living hope in Christ, Confessing, Praising, and Advancing His Kingdom through Word, Wellness, and Witness. Our website can be found at [www.nidlcms.org](http://www.nidlcms.org).

# “Live Generously”: But How, and Why?

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

Why are some people generous? And how did they get that way? Is there a “generosity gene,” sort of a basically generous personality? Or does something “make” them generous?

Over the years, some researchers have proposed that people are philanthropic because of external motivation; that is, things like peer pressure, the desire to be honored or respected, etc.

Some recent studies have found that generosity really comes from inside. People who are generous have a “drive” to do good, not only in terms of sharing materially, but in other “prosocial” (good for everyone) ways as well. They are likely to display other positive qualities, such as altruism, volunteerism, trust and humility. It also makes them happier, kinder and healthier. People who are generous live longer! Generosity is good for you!

And, generosity is contagious. A generous act, researchers found, can have a sort of ripple effect, inspiring generosity in someone three degrees removed from them. A generous person can influence dozens or even hundreds of people, even people they don’t know and have never met.

How does one become generous? Sometimes people say, “I wish I felt more generous, but I just don’t.” The thinking is that behaviors grow out of feelings. But often the exact opposite is true. “Prosocial” (there’s that word again) behavior leads to positive feelings. If you want to become a generous person, do generous things (even if you don’t feel like it). When generosity becomes a decision, a discipline, positive attitude comes out of it. The *joy* of generosity follows the *behavior* of generosity.

Ultimately, what makes a Christian generous is the realization that God was generous to us, even when we did not deserve it and could not earn it. When we see that God provides for us lavishly every day, and also forgives all our sins and gives us an eternal home, we are motivated to thank and praise Him, and share His love with others. That is, to “**Live Generously!**”



## News from the Principal

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior!

We made it! After a long, but successful, journey through e-learning and a long summer of questions and new protocols, we made it! We are back together again! Filling the classrooms, hallways, and playground at Trinity. Plus, we have 31 new smiling faces from preschool through 8th grade! That is awesome! The Lord continues to bless Trinity with wonderful families and wonderful teachers!

So many new things are happening around Trinity. From the beginning of the day procedures, to changing some calendar events, daily schedules, and all the way to dismissal procedures. A special thank you to all the teachers for being such a great team to work with guiding Trinity. Also, a special thanks to the students and parents for being patient and being with us on this journey. This school year is going to be a year to remember!

This year our school year theme is "Sent to Serve." We want to serve each other, and the communities around us, in various ways. We will be using our chapel time as an opportunity to serve. For the first quarter, we will help to load the shelves at the food pantry for San Pablo Lutheran Church in Aurora. Many of you are familiar with the food and gifts that we collect and deliver around Christmastime. San Pablo also has a food pantry. Currently we have collected 61 items. We are following our "sent to serve" theme by collecting non-perishable food items listed below!

We thank everyone in advance for their generosity with helping our Trinity students serve our communities.

### Items for San Pablo:

Beans (Dry- Bag)  
Rice (Bag)  
Cooking Oil  
Corn Flour  
Tomato Paste (Can)  
Tomato Sauce (Can)  
Cereals  
Oatmeal  
Instant Soup (Dry packaged)  
Granola Bars



BEANS



In His Service,

## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Michael and Naomi Ersland are excited to serve in Ghana with Lutheran Bible Translators. Michael has been a translation advisor for the Komba Old Testament Translation project since 2016.

Naomi grew up as a missionary kid in West Africa. Michael is a pastor's kid who grew up in mid-America. Both attended Concordia University Wisconsin. Impacted by ministry work from an early age, they continue to feel called to the mission field.

Michael and Naomi were married in December 2019.



## SCAM ALERT

Please know that Pastor Bob Geaschel will never request your help for a personal or family issue by sending you an email or phone text. Recently, pastors across the USA have had their identities used to convince their congregation members to send money or gift cards. This is a SCAM. If you ever have a doubt, please call Pastor Bob --- but rest assured, Pastor Bob has never asked congregation members for money or gift cards to help with a special need... NEVER. A recent message sent to a congregation member started in this way: *"Do you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am going into a meeting now, no calls so just reply my email."* This is a SCAM. Isn't it sad that we have this kind of activity going on? Again, if you ever have a question or concern about an email or text, please call the church office or Pastor Geaschel, but never respond to the request. Thank you.

## A Matter of Perspective in the midst of Covid-19

by Lori Trinche

I write to you as a recent Concordia University Chicago graduate (finally) and from my new season of waiting (patience) for my first call as a rostered church worker to see where God will send me to serve.

I see now more than ever our communities need the Church and the love of Christ to shine brightly as a beacon of hope at a time when many are facing anxiety, hopelessness, fear, loss, and loneliness.

Our church and school are blessed to be in a safe and affluent area and most of us are in a position that we can help bring that hope in some small way that collectively will add up to make a big difference in the lives of others – not out of the thought of saving ourselves – that is the free gift of Christ that died to take on the penalty of our sins, but out of the care and concern for our neighbor and as a reflection of the love our Savior extends to us.

As Pastor Jeff Leininger talks about in his book, *God's Callings for Life, God's Plan, Your Purpose*, God knits together the faces, places and spaces where he has placed us as Christians to be the mask of God to others in loving and serving them. God is hidden in our vocations as we practically live out what St. Paul writes about in Galatians 5: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

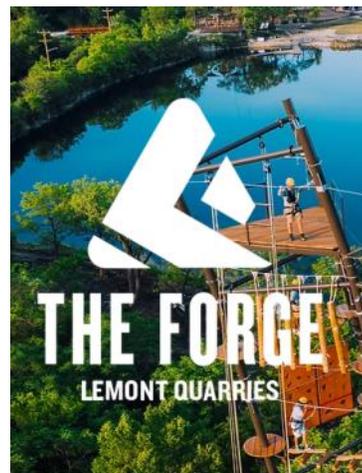
### Some simple ways that you can love and serve:

- Bring requested items for St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen for the Human Care Board drive.
- Bring items for the San Pablo Aurora Food Drive for the Trinity Lutheran School collection drive.
- Bring old or unusable clothing and soft goods for the youth group fundraiser Pod in the school parking lot.
- Send cards or notes of encouragement to our members who are sick or homebound. Call those members you have not seen recently to see how they are doing. Perhaps help someone in need to make on-line reservations for church.
- Support Trinity's Tabitha Fund.
- Volunteer to help moms in need shop at the Caring Network Baby Bank at Calvary Wood Dale on the first Saturday or third Thursday of each month, bring 0-3 months winter girls baby clothes or knit baby blankets for the new moms. Write notes of encouragement and keep them in your prayers. Please contact me for information at [ltrinche@yahoo.com](mailto:ltrinche@yahoo.com) or 630-665-5238.
- Volunteer to help pack or deliver food at the Immanuel Hillside Pop Up Food pantry which serves many of these ministries and many more along with several of our inner-city LCMS pastors and congregations and local food pantries through their cooperative relationships and community garden. Please contact me for information at [ltrinche@yahoo.com](mailto:ltrinche@yahoo.com) or 630-665-5238.

## Youth News

Open Youth Rooms for October will be on October 18 and 25 from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. All youth Grades 6-12 are invited. We will begin by meeting on the school side of Trinity. Weather permitting, we will stay outside as late as possible playing organized games and hanging out. We will have a time for a devotion, some announcements, and some snacks. All food will be individually wrapped. Face coverings will be required inside the building. Friends are invited to attend.

We will head to The Forge in Lemont to participate in an outdoor escape room type of outing. The plan right now is to go there on October 10. For more information, please visit the Youth Group page on Trinity's website at [tlbr.org](http://tlbr.org). If you are viewing online, you may click [HERE](#).



## Life Ministry News

### REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES - EXPANDING OUR REACH FOR CHRIST!

God is leading Redeeming Life (RLOM) to expand its maternity home ministry to Illinois. In order to help more at-risk women and babies, in early 2020, the Life Task Force and Maternity Home Steering Committee of the Northern Illinois District (NID) along with LCEF agreed to partner with Redeeming Life to open a maternity home (this project has locally been referred to as *Elizabeth's House*) in the Chicagoland area. The enthusiasm and vision of our brothers and sisters in the NID make this an ideal location for our first expansion home. In 2017, an analysis showed that Illinois had 90 abortion-providing facilities. Additionally, Illinois has some of the most aggressive abortion laws in the country! The need for a Lutheran maternity home program has never been greater. Our goal is to redeem the lives of single mothers and their unborn children by providing hope, love and a future as we share the Gospel of Christ.

## Northern Illinois District October Prayer Vigil!



Redeeming Life Maternity Home and the NID are partnering to open a maternity home in Chicago for single pregnant women in crisis.

**Please join us in daily prayer beginning October 1, 2020** for the expansion project, the ministry, staff, and volunteers, and the moms and babies who will be served there!

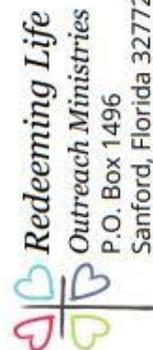
### DAILY PRAYER

*Dear Lord Jesus, you gave everything, even your life that I might live. I Pray that you might use me to touch the lives of the most vulnerable, especially the unborn and their mothers. I ask you to bless those who minister to them. Bless the efforts of Redeeming Life and the Northern Illinois District, its staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers as they prepare to open a maternity home in the Chicago area. Send your Spirit to build up and strengthen them, that their efforts are not in vain. Guide and direct them to the home that you have already chosen and provide all that is needed to serve those who will live there. AMEN*

**For more information about the NID expansion project:**

Visit [www.rlom.org/LCMS](http://www.rlom.org/LCMS) or

contact Sheryl DeWitt at 407-790-9745 x6



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The LCMS Northern Illinois District  
Life Task Force presents

# LIFE & LIBERTY

**Family, Faith, and Freedom**  
*Featuring Focus on the Family's*

**Tim Goeglein**

**October 26, 2020**

**9 a.m.\* to 1 p.m.**

**Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church**

**195 Nesler Rd - Elgin, IL 60124**

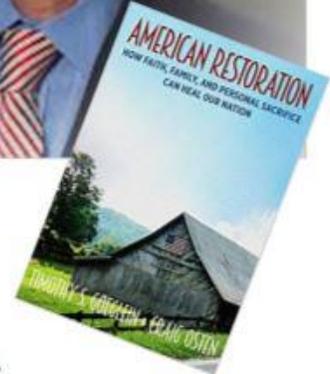
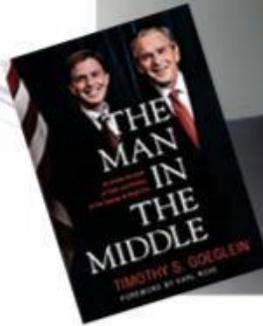
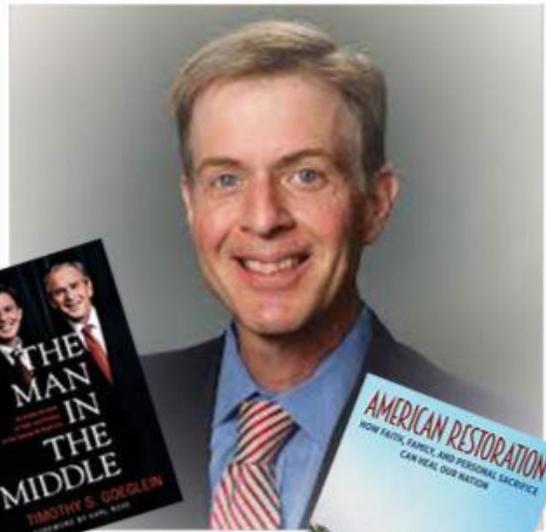
*livestream participation is available*

This event is **FREE** but  
**REGISTRATION IS  
REQUIRED**

*Doors open at 8:15 a.m. Please arrive early to allow for sufficient check in time. You will receive instructions concerning check-in and current COVID-19 prevention safety practices a few days prior to the event. No food will be served. Bottled water is available.*

**REGISTER VIA PHONE OR EMAIL** with Kris Blackwell at 630.234.1491, kbwrk123@gmail.com. Please include **NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, MAILING ADDRESS, CHURCH NAME & CHURCH CITY** and indicate whether you will attend **IN PERSON** or via **LIVESTREAM**.

*The Life Task Force is not currently financially supported through the LCMS NID budget and relies on donations to present life-issues programming. Monetary gifts are sincerely appreciated and may be made online at <https://nidlcms.org/mission-and-ministry/>. Please designate Life Task Force in the other fund category. Checks may be made to LCMS NID (please write Life Task Force in the memo) and mailed to 2301 S Wolf Rd, Hillside, IL 60162.*



*Tim Goeglein* is Vice President of External and Government Relations for Focus on the Family. Formerly, he served as a special assistant to President George W. Bush and as a deputy director of the White House Office of Public Liaison. He was the President's principal outreach contact for faith-based groups. Tim's extensive resumé includes serving as a senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation and as a communications director for U.S. Senator Dan Coats of Indiana and Gary Bauer at the Campaign for Working Families. Tim has authored a memoir, *The Man in the Middle: Faith and Politics in the George W. Bush Era*, and his latest book is titled *American Restoration*. He and his wife, Jenny, have two sons.



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HOURS**

**Church Office Hours**

Tues–Thurs 8am-3pm

**School Office Hours**

Tues–Thurs 8:30am-12pm

In an emergency, contact

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(708)846-4170/call or text

Pastor Emeritus Albrecht

(815) 293-0934 / home

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**October Birthdays**

- |                      |                   |                        |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Harper Formato     | Gerry Tiedt       |                        |
| William Kopping      | Jacob Wielebnicki |                        |
| Jeffrey Marwitz      |                   | 15 Grace Abraham       |
| Josie Stremski       |                   | Teena Bottger          |
| Christian Vasu Nunez |                   | Timothy Collins        |
| 2 Claudette Breuer   |                   | Joseph Kunst           |
| Adrienne Nathan      |                   | 16 Brian Bruns         |
| Sabrina Socha        |                   | Amy Lange              |
| 3 Janice Miller      |                   | Joseph Miller          |
| Debra Zoller         |                   | 17 Crista Childers     |
| 4 Eric Heth          |                   | Samantha Kopping       |
| Gary Marwitz         |                   | Brian Rediehs          |
| Nanci Saucier        |                   | Yvonne Socha           |
| 5 Kelly Collins      |                   | 18 Cynthia Sakoulos    |
| Gregory Diamond      |                   | 19 Luther Albrecht     |
| Lisa Martin          |                   | Rob Grady              |
| Jennifer Metrik      |                   | Lumir Malina           |
| Hannah Perron        |                   | Marvin Sass            |
| 6 Josephine Cook     |                   | Colin Zoller           |
| Dania Mahoney        |                   | 20 Allison Kumke       |
| 8 Jeanne Arturi      |                   | Maverick Peterson      |
| 9 Carol Leffelman    |                   | Christine Prendiville  |
| 10 Bethany Conoboy   |                   | 21 Jeffrey Breuer      |
| Kaden Juergens       |                   | Daniel Grist           |
| 11 Benjamin Fuller   |                   | Kathy Howard           |
| Jeffrey Howard       |                   | 21 Nancy Richter       |
| Tristan Janssen      |                   | Amanda Zimmermann      |
| Evan Williams        |                   | 22 Sandra Jaklic       |
| Beth Zabloudil       |                   | Yvonne Meyer           |
| 12 Michael Grimes    |                   | Olivia Ulrich          |
| Olivia Hawbaker      |                   | 24 Matthew Francis Jr. |
| Elizabeth Rediehs    |                   | Robert Marshall        |
| 13 Charlene Kurtz    |                   | 24 Gus Miller          |
| 14 Renata Kisielius  |                   | Joseph O'Shea          |
|                      |                   | 25 Sarah Kania         |
|                      |                   | Bob Pankow             |
|                      |                   | Erik Sunnquist         |
|                      |                   | 27 Jill Abraham        |
|                      |                   | Irma Hoffer            |
|                      |                   | Danny Kumkoski         |
|                      |                   | Charles Remes          |
|                      |                   | Annaliese Stillo       |
|                      |                   | Paul Wunglueck Jr.     |
|                      |                   | 28 Nicole Fleming      |
|                      |                   | Irene Kutz             |
|                      |                   | Leatrice Marwitz       |
|                      |                   | 29 Patrick Prendiville |
|                      |                   | Eugene Schmoller       |
|                      |                   | 30 Ryan Carr           |
|                      |                   | Mel Marwitz            |
|                      |                   | 31 Matthew Juergens    |
|                      |                   | Noelle Roubal          |
|                      |                   | Leslie St. Clair       |
|                      |                   | Brooke Zausa           |



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**HC** = Holy Communion    **BC** = Bible Class

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Meeting areas:</b> Ch = Church CL = Church Library N = Narthex TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall CK = TFH Kitchen YR = Youth Room	<b>Monday</b> CR = School Conference Room SL = School Library G = School Gym SK = School Kitchen OP = Off Premises	<b>Ushers:</b> 8:30 – Group 1 11:00 – Group 3	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Ruth Hess Dorothy Supeter Nancy Alex Matilda Koppera	<b>1 2pm Dismissal</b> 6:30pm Praise Band (Ch) 7:00pm Stewardship Calls (Office)	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Stewardship 4</b> 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Divine Service HC
<b>4 Stewardship 4</b> 8:30am HC 9:45am SS 11:00am Contemp HC 1:30pm Holy Communion	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Board of Ed (SL) 7:00pm Facebook Live Bible Study (CL)	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Bible Class (CL) 7:00pm TLC Grady (TFH)	<b>7</b> 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:30pm Public School Conf. (CL + Ch) 6:30pm Elders (Zoom)	<b>8</b> 4:30pm TLC (Skype) 6:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30am Trustees TBD Youth Group to The Forge 6:30pm Divine Service
<b>11</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am SS 11:00am Cont. Worship	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Facebook Live Devotion (CL)	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Bible Class (CL) 7:00pm TLC Grady (TFH)	<b>14</b> 6:30am Men's BS (CL) 4:30pm Public School Conf. (CL + Ch)	<b>15</b> <b>12:00pm TORCH DEADLINE</b> 6:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	<b>16 No School</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Divine Service HC
<b>18 St. Luke, Evangelist</b> 8:30am Worship HC 9:45am SS 11:00am Contemp HC 1:30pm Holy Communion 6:30pm Open Youth (YR)	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Facebook Live Devotion (CL)	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Bible Class (CL) 7:00pm TLC Grady (TFH)	<b>21</b> 6:30am Men's BS (CL) 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:30pm Public School Conf. (CL + Ch)	<b>22</b> 4:30pm TLC (Skype) 6:30pm Caring Network Banquet via Zoom (CL/Ch)	<b>23 St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Divine Service
<b>25 Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30am Worship HC 9:45am SS 10:45am Contemp. HC 6:30pm Open Youth (YR)	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Facebook Live Devotion (CL)	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Bible Class (CL) 7:00pm TLC Grady (TFH)	<b>28 St. Simon &amp; St. Jude, Apostles</b> 6:30am Men's BS (CL) 4:30pm Public School Conf. (CL + Ch)	<b>29</b> 6:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Reformation Day</b> 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Divine Service HC