



Trinity Lutheran Church

Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly on Saturday & Sunday

Summer Sunday School
9:30am-Sundays thru 8/4

Sat. Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
Sun. Adult Bible Study 9:45am

A Prayer for our Enemies

Our tribulation on this earth includes dealing with those who live contrary to Your Word. Lead us to be witnesses of Your truth to those who have become our enemies by their threatening behavior, angry words, and stubborn resistance to the Gospel. Lead us to forgive them, pray for them, and love them, so they will be open to reconciliation through the blood of Jesus, Your Son. In His name. Amen.

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Sunday School

Summer Sunday School for Pre-K—8th grade ages will be held through August 4th. Thank you to all that volunteered to teach this summer. We are blessed through your service.

Little Lambs Open House

Open House will be held Friday, August 23rd. Pre-K 3 will be from 5:00-5:30pm. Pre-K 4 will be from 6:00-6:30pm.



Confirmation Classes Forming

Confirmation Classes will begin again this fall after Labor Day. Remember that Pastor Brown does not put a specific year or age on Confirmation. Rather, if you think your child is mature enough to take their place with the adults of the congregation, then they are welcome to join the Confirmation Class. Also, parents are welcome to sit in (Pastor Brown tries to get at least one adult to sit in).

There is no set time yet for class – typically class will be either Sunday Afternoon/Evening, however depending upon the schedules of the students in the class, another date/time can be chosen. This is why it's important to get your kids' names into Pastor Brown soon, so scheduling may be set up.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is in need of additional servers. Please contact Heather Meredith (call or text) 815-573-1056 with any questions or to volunteer. Thank you for considering serving at Trinity in this manner.

Heartfelt Thanks!

Brothers and Sisters of Trinity,

You did it again. Our prayers have been answered. I am cancer free and the doctor said the chances of it returning is very slim. Thanks for keeping me in your prayers and thoughts.



*God's blessings,
Mike Thomas*

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Titus – Even Cretans Need Pastors

So now we have come to the 3rd “Pastoral Epistle” - the book of Titus. This book is often overlooked because Paul's 2 letters to Timothy are longer and deal with most of the same topics and themes. However, there's a certain beauty to Titus because of it's setting. In Titus 1:5 we hear that Titus has been left in Crete to oversee the establishment and growth of the Church there.

Crete was something else. Even today calling someone a “Cretan” implies that they are someone dumb and duplicitous. Titus is not going to be dealing with the high and mighty, nor the ideal Roman citizen in the “good” area. Titus is going to have his hands full.

And yet, a few things stand out from the book. First off, even the Cretans get called into the Church. Even Cretans need pastors to preach to them. We are reminded that we ought not write off certain communities or “those people” - Jesus died for all, and He wishes all to be saved. With the book of Titus the rest of the Church gets reminded that ministry even to peoples we might not like is important.

With the specifics, the book of Titus reminds us that things will be different in different places. Paul's language here isn't as lofty or eloquent as it is in the letters to Timothy; Titus isn't in a lofty or eloquent place. Paul gives Titus a stronger focus on order – not being prone to fighting but also not brooking insubordination. Crete can get a bit rowdy; don't give into rowdiness either by engaging in it or diving into it.

I think this serves as a reminder that we can and ought to apply what the Scriptures teach to our own day and age. We ought to think what our own flaws and tendencies here are and how we ourselves might be tempted away from Christ Jesus, and we ought to be on guard against them.

Finally, Titus does give us a bit of our Small Catechism memory work – it's Titus 3:5-7 that shows us how “water” can do such great things in Baptism. If you don't have your Small Catechism still memorized, it would be worth your time to look that part up again.

All in all, Titus is a lovely, blunt little book that reminds us to be bold in Christ over and against our own culture and its flaws, for we are the baptized and redeemed children of God.

Pastor Brown



Christian Education Schedule/ Bible Study

Summer Sunday School will be held on Sundays through August 4th at 9:30am. Regular Sunday School will resume in September.

High School Bible Study will resume in September. High School aged students are welcome and encouraged to attend the adult studies this summer.

Sunday Adult Bible Study is held on Sundays at approximately 9:30am after the Sunday worship service. We are currently studying the *book of Matthew*.

Saturday Adult Bible Study is held on Saturdays at 4:00pm before the worship service. We are studying the *book of Hebrews*.

Facebook Live devotions are held online most weeks, Monday through Thursday at 8:00am.

Be in the Word!
It's a great place to be!
All are welcome.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Your music ministry will start back this fall on Wednesday, September 4th or 11th. The first week will be a season kick off party at Brookmont Bowl in Kankakee. Spouses are welcome to attend. We plan to meet there at 6:00pm. Details regarding the firm date, cost for lanes and shoe rental will be communicated via text/bulletin since the information was not available at the time of the newsletter deadline. I will also get in touch with all of the current handbell ringers and vocal choir members.

I know I keep saying this but there is always room for more people in the choirs. My hope is that there would be a few members of the congregation who would give it a try. You may try with no commitment - If you enjoy yourself and want to continue then you would be more than welcome.

Schedule beginning September 11th or 18th:

5:30pm - work with children vocally (parents you are welcome to bring your child for this)
6:00pm - Handbells
7:00pm - vocal choir

Hope you have and continue to enjoy your summer.

Paul

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office each **Wednesday by noon**. Thank you!



Monthly Newsletter Deadline

Articles, announcements and information for the September newsletter are due **Monday, August 19th by 9:00am**. Thank you!

Pastoral Care & Church Office Hours

Pastor Brown will be in the office on Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00-11:00am-ish. He will be happy to meet with you at other times as well, just call, text or email.

Pastor's Email: pastorbrown.trinity@comcast.net
Pastor's Cell phone (call or text): 815-953-9995
Pastor's Office phone: 815-426-2262 x102

Diane Hart will continue to be in the office as often as needed. Phone messages and email are checked multiple times daily.

Diane's Email: trinityher1@comcast.net
Diane's Office phone: 815-426-2262 x101
Diane's Cell phone (call or text): 708-307-2710

Missionaries

Please continue to pray for our missionaries Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump and their family as they continue to share God's love and spread His Word.



Courtyard Estates of Herscher Services

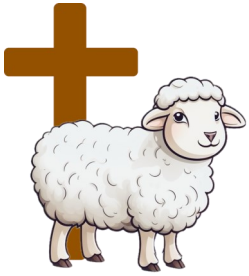


Worship services are planned at Courtyard Estates of Herscher on Mondays, August 12th & 26th at 2:00pm. Watch the bulletins for updates.

Prairieview Services

Pastor Brown will hold services at Prairieview/Faith Place Sunday, August 4th beginning at 2:00pm.

Little Lambs Preschool



August is here already, and with it comes the start of the school year for our HCUSD2 school district. We hope all the students at Trinity have a fun and smooth year with their new teachers and friends! To the many teachers in the congregation, may God likewise grant you a fun, smooth year. We pray you are blessed with ample school supplies, supportive administration, and enthusiastic learners!

While Little Lambs does not start until after Labor Day, we teachers will be busily setting up the classroom and getting ready for Open House on August 23rd. We have our incoming students join us in the school room to meet their classmates and play while the adults sit through the “boring” parts in the church. To keep things fun yet manageable, we like to limit the toys in the room to a selection that is exciting as well as easily cleaned up. There’s nothing a preschooler loves more than dumping toys!

These days, there is also a technological component. Open House begins with a photo slide show to let parents see what their children’s daily routine might look like, and it ends with a demonstration on how to use ClassDojo, our parent communication app. We want parents and other caretakers to feel comfortable and confident in both our school procedures and their ability to reach us with any questions! However, this is a LOT of information to take in, so we also send them home with a folder that contains the same information in paper form.

Then comes one of the harder parts of Open House: figuring out how best to store and organize the newly arrived school supplies. Each year we slightly modify and improve upon last year’s methods. Still, despite our planning and preparation, there is always a little chaos as we try to make everything fit. Sometimes we have to spend a day or two rearranging to make it all work, but we get there in the end!

Despite all the work it takes to make sure Open House runs smoothly and succinctly, we all love it. We get to meet our new students and greet the ones who are returning, and watch them do the same with their classmates. There are introductions, hugs, and squeals of delight when they realize we have some really COOL toys! It’s not always smooth sailing, of course. Sometimes we have students who are anxious about being separated from their parents, or who are overwhelmed by all the new faces. But this gives us our first opportunity to help them learn to work through those emotions, with the luxury of their parents being right down the hallway all the while. It’s a great way to build trust before the new year officially begins.

So when I ask you to say a prayer for us this month, I am not asking with trepidation. Rather, it is with the excitement of beginning anew, refreshed and energized, that I ask you to pray for another successful year of preschool. May the Lord bless us and our students with the joy that accompanies teaching and learning!

– Mrs. Brown

Raise Right Gift Card/Scrip Card Program—go to: raiseright.com Raising funds with *NO SELLING!*

Trinity’s Gift Card Program through Raise Right—This program is available year-round.

All orders will be placed on Mondays, allowing for delivery usually by Thursday of the same week (online orders will be submitted with the paper orders). While they are most popular for holiday and birthday gifts, people also purchase cards to use themselves at places they regularly shop. New customers please contact Diane Hart in the office for the enrollment code or with any questions.



RaiseRight™

Simply the right way to fundraise

Thank you for supporting Little Lambs simply by shopping!

Martha Circle & Trinity Sewing

Martha Circle will meet for breakfast Friday, August 2nd at 8:30am at the Herscher Restaurant. Guests are welcome.

Trinity Sewing Group will meet on Tuesday, August 6th and again later in the month. We currently have 151 quilts in the closet completed. We met on July 16th to tie quilts. We had eight attend and completed eleven quilts. As we have an ambitious goal of 200, we will meet twice again in August for those tying. The full group will meet on the 6th to bind, sew and tie quilts. Our group is in constant need of flat sheets for backs. We can use any size flat sheets but only king fitted. If you are downsizing and have large pieces of fabric, we can make backs out of that. Our congregation and members of the community have been very generous with donations. We appreciate it. Thank you, Brian, for setting up our tables in the Parish Hall so we were all together to tie on the 16th. The ladies enjoyed that very much.

Board of Education

Please contact Heather Thurston for the next meeting date and/or with any questions.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Hannah Circle

Heads up! Along with Martha Circle, we'll be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes during the month of September. Thrivent approved a grant for \$250 to purchase t-shirts, gloves, mittens, and socks. If you see good buys on any other items children might need or enjoy, please keep this upcoming project in mind!

Meetings and Bible Study will resume in September. Have a blessed summer!

August Card Care: Celia Brown

Herscher Council of Churches

On July 6th Trinity distributed 13 boxes of canned goods and 13 gift cards to needy families in County West. We appreciate the VBS donations, contributions from State Bank of Herscher, and a \$250 gift card from Thrivent which helped in our efforts. Thank you for your generosity!

Herscher Council of Churches, continued

Our quarterly meeting took place on July 23rd at the Herscher Christian Church.

Boxes from the Illinois Food Bank will be distributed on Tuesday, August 13th beginning at 10:00am in the Herscher Christian Church parking lot.

LWML

Looking ahead:

Zone 18 Board Meeting at St. Paul, Bourbonnais Saturday, August 31st at 9:00am.

Zone 18 Fall Workshop at St. Paul, Bourbonnais Saturday, October 5th at 8:30am. A light breakfast then a short meeting will be held before we pack our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.

NID LWML Convention will be held September 21st & 22nd at Trinity, Tinley Park. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

LWR School Bags

Trinity will be filling school bags with supplies for LWR. They must consist of only the items on their list. Thrivent



funds have purchased the school bags. Staples and Walmart are two of the places that have the most reasonable prices for items. If you are unable to shop, cash donations are appreciated. We find August is the best month to buy as the prices seem to rise again in September. Last year in August crayons were purchased for \$.50 but in September they were \$1.50.

Please contact Connie Tranos 815-735-9592 with any questions. If you find a good deal on supplies, give Connie a call.

We hope to have the Sunday School classes assist in filling the school bags as they did last year.

- 4 70 sheets notebooks wide or college ruled**
- 1 30-centimeter ruler/one side inches**
- 1 pencil sharpener**
- 1 pair blunt scissors**
- 5 ink pens (black or blue, no gel)**
- 5 pencils (not sharpened)**
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- 1 2-inch eraser**

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Inc. (RLOM)-Illinois Expansion

Deaconess Sarah Rusche was installed as Program Manager for the new IL maternity house during worship at Immanuel Dundee on May 19th. Dcs. Rusche celebrated the day with her husband, Pastor Jonathan Rusche, and her parents, who traveled from Memphis, TN. She will manage the program and employees for the home and coordinate volunteers who will serve the residents. She was blown away by the generosity of so many local supporters who have donated beautiful things to share with residents and their babies!

The East Dundee home needs improvements to the outdoor living space now that the interior is complete. The plan for a patio and walkway is in the works and they are looking for volunteers and supporters with vision and skills to make this a reality. Contact info@rlom.org for info.

Celebration Open House in East Dundee, IL: Hundreds of supporters joined together this May to celebrate the opening of the East Dundee maternity home. Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church of East Dundee, the celebration included an opportunity to meet founders Sheryl and Ed DeWitt, enjoy food and fellowship, and tour the new home. Attendees were shuttled from the church to the nearby house in the ministry's new 12 passenger van and enjoyed touring the home's living spaces and 5 bedrooms.

The Open House featured local fiber artists from Mosaic Yarn Studio, who wove a wall hanging for the maternity home's kitchen as guests looked on during the event. The artists welcomed input from attendees regarding which fiber colors and textures to incorporate around the cross that will be central to the design. The art piece will grace the new home and serve as a reminder of how God is weaving life stories here at Redeeming Life.

Look for a Baby Bottle Campaign in the near future. Thank you all members of Trinity for the prayers and monetary support given to women in crisis and their babies!!

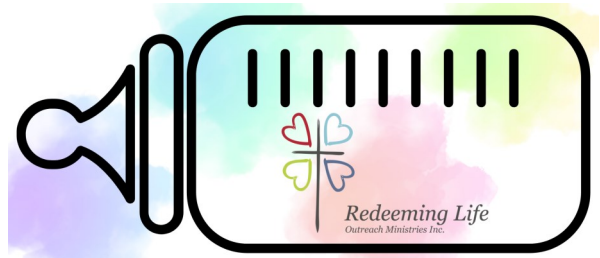
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schwark
Trinity's Advocate for RLOM

An update from RLOM received right before printing when requesting permission to use the baby bottle logo:

"We are thrilled for the upcoming baby bottle campaign and thank you and all at Trinity for your continued support! We

currently have TWO women in the IL home, both are due in December, both with baby girls!! One is employed full time already and the other resident is working on her GED and looking for part time work while she completes that diploma." *Julia Heinz*



Directory Updates

Please update the phone number for Gerald Kroesch to:
815-426-6936



Please update the address for Caleb & Samantha Dehning to:
312 W Oak St. Fairbury, IL 61739

CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS THE 20TH ANNUAL

Knight for Christ

AUGUST 24, 2024 • 4:00 P.M.

\$50 PER PERSON • RSVP REQUIRED

Please join us for our annual fundraiser at the Ford County Fairgrounds: 329 E. 3rd Street, Melvin. The Silent Auction begins promptly at 4:00pm. Dinner, consisting of strolling food stations, will be from 4:00-6:00pm followed by the live auction.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CHRISTLUTHERANBUCKLEY.COM OR LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CLHSKNIGHTFORCHRIST/

Member Birthdays



- 2 Dianne Baker, Kristi Moritz
- 3 Michael Thomas
- 4 Mason Kruse
- 5 Shari Collins
- 6 Lois Brenneisen, Alexandria Inouye,
Jayla Nitsche
- 7 Bristol Bisaillon, Jane Burke
- 11 Kendra Hill, Brian Malone Sr.,
Donna Sharper
- 12 Chloe Johnston
- 13 Amanda Clapp, Spencer Harrod,
Jane Schwark
- 14 Linda Bisailon
- 15 Dale Simmons
- 17 Beverly Dayhoff, Eric Gaus
- 20 Susan Bode
- 21 Bennett Ferris, Gerald Kruse, Grace Wagner
- 23 Rebecca Berger, Elliott Cox
- 25 Nancy Varboncoeur
- 28 Emma Fortado, Jack Wagner, Alicia Witheft
- 29 Monica Harrod
- 30 Randy Mahoney
- 31 Sharon Dummer, Michael Kersten,
Abigail Zirkle

Please notify Diane in the church office if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you!

A Birthday Prayer

I celebrate another year of Your blessings, Father, and another year to mark the miracle of life and Your constant protecting presence. I praise You for removing my sin through the water and Word of my Baptism. I remember today that You have given me the promise of life with You through the merits of Jesus, my Savior, who died and rose again. Today let me witness to these gifts through His name.

Amen.

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**Trinity Lutheran Church
June 30, 2024
Financial Summary**

General

Beg. Balance	\$13,429.50
Receipts	33,271.94
<u>Expense</u>	<u>24,026.27</u>
Ending Balance	\$22,675.17

Mission Fund

Beg. Balance	\$10,718.00
Receipts	1,160.00
<u>Expense</u>	<u>9,030.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 2,848.00

Little Lambs Preschool

Beg. Balance	\$ 9,172.98
Receipts	710.00
<u>Expense</u>	<u>3,060.01</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 6,822.97

Complete financial reports are reported at Quarterly Voters' Meetings held on the third Sundays of January, April, July and October.



Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your offering envelopes, have them issued, or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.

Sales Tax Exemption

Contact Diane in the office for a copy (electronic or paper). **This should be used for all purchases for Trinity.** There are additional forms/bar codes available for church purchases made at Home Depot and Menards. Please get a copy of the forms/bar code prior to making purchases. Thank you.

**Parish Hall Rental/
Property Check-Out List**

The Parish Hall may be rented to Trinity members for various functions. Please contact Diane in the office to schedule, remit rental fee, and obtain a copy of the guidelines. **Reminder, tables and chairs should be left clean and floors swept.** Also, any property borrowed (old tables, kitchen items, etc.) need to be signed out on the check-out sheet in the church office. Please note, per the Church Council, the white tables and chairs may not leave the church property. **Also, all items used are to be returned clean and stored appropriately.** Thank you!

Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.



It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.


The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

Serving Our Lord This Month—August 2024

Elder/Communion Assistant

August 03*	Chip Thurston
August 04*	Joe Hart
August 10*	Ken Taube
August 11*	John Varvel
August 17*	Chip Thurston
August 18*	Don LaChappell
August 24*	Jerry Brutlag
August 25*	Al Janssen
August 31*	Kevin Kruse
September 01*	Kim Weerts

*Denotes Holy Communion Served



USHERS
THIS MONTH

<u>Usher Captains</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
Gerald Kruse (Sat.)	Kevin Kruse
Dan Shute (Sun.)	Don LaChappell; Jeff Stutz



Altar Guild

Barb Kruse

Altar Flowers

Weekend or date:

August 03/04	Judy Sharper
August 10/11	Jerry & Nancy Snedecor on the occasion of their 25th anniversary
August 17/18	Norma Bell in memory of Gene
August 24/25	Chuck & Dianne Baker on the occasion of their 52nd anniversary
August 31/Sept. 01	Jackie Morrical in memory/honor of Bob's birthday and their 61st anniversary



Trinity— August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	2 Martha Circle @ Herscher Restaurant 8:30am	3 <i>Communion</i> Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
4 <i>Communion</i> Worship 8:30am Summer Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 9:30am Prairieview & Faith Place Services 2:00pm	5 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	6 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Quilt Tying/ Sewing Group 12:30-4:00pm	7 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	8 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	9	10 <i>Communion</i> Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
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18 <i>Communion</i> Worship 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am	19 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am September Newsletter Deadline 9:00am	20 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	21 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	22 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	23 Little Lambs Open House Pre-K 3 5-5:30pm Pre-K 4 6-6:30pm	24 NID Lay Leadership Summit @ Walther, Melrose Park, IL Knight for Christ Benefit Auction @ Ford County 4:00pm <i>Communion</i> Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
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**Deadlines for printing: Bulletin announcement deadline-Wednesdays 12:00pm
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