



# 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 6/16-8/4

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

### *A Prayer on Father's Day*

*Heavenly Father,*

*Thank You for Your perfect care of us. You know us, our weaknesses and needs, and You supply all we lack. Thank You for fathers who reflect Your compassion as they care for their families. Give all fathers wisdom and patience. Guide them into the choices that You know are best. Help them lead their families to know You through Your Word.*

*In Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*



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## June 2024 - Newsletter

Decorating/set-up for VBS will be Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30am. **All help is welcome!** Contact Sharon Shelby if you would like to help in advance.

**Attention High School Youth:** We are looking for volunteers to assist with games at VBS. **This is a great opportunity to earn service hours.** Please contact Heather Meredith or register online to volunteer.

### **Vacation Bible School-June 3-7**

Join the celebration! Go to: [vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril](http://vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril) to register online through May 31st.

*Paper registration forms are available from Heather Meredith and in church office if needed.*



This year, VBS daily offerings will be shared with the LCC Comfort Dog Ministry and the Kankakee Pregnancy Resource Center. Watch the offerings meter each day. **If we reach our goal, Pastor Brown will dye his beard!** Hmmm-what color????

Canned food for the July Herscher Council of Food Basket Ministry will also be collected at VBS. **Our goal is to top the 300 cans collected last year at VBS 2023!**

You may contact Heather Meredith, our 2024 VBS Director with any questions.  
Heather—Phone/text: 815-573-1056 Email: [hmj8706@yahoo.com](mailto:hmj8706@yahoo.com)

Doors will open for students each day at 8:15am. **Please use the north (kitchen) Parish Hall entrance.** Pick up will be at 11:00am.

Thank you in advance to all that have volunteered to help in any way with 2024 VBS. You are appreciated!!

### **Church Service in the Park/Picnic**

An outdoor worship service will be held on Sunday, June 9th at 10:30am at the park on the corner of 2nd & Park in Herscher. We plan to have the children sing a favorite song from VBS! The church picnic will follow. Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring a dish to share and your own table service & utensils.



The Board of Education will provide games! Please join us for worship, food, fun & fellowship!

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## 1 Timothy – A Pastor's Marching Orders



The next book of the New Testament is 1 Timothy, the first of what are called the “Pastoral Epistles”. The two letters to Timothy, along with the letter to Titus, aren't addressed to congregations but rather to two young pastors. Yet, in reality, these letters are for the whole church, because in them Paul sets out what pastors are supposed to be doing, and he also sets out the types of challenges that might arise in a congregation. Thus we learn even today what we here at Trinity ought to be doing and what we ought to avoid.

1 Timothy gets read fairly often. There is the famous “Chief of Sinners” passage (1:15-16). Chapter 2 begins with a lovely discourse on prayer. Chapter 3 gives the qualifications for a bishop and for a deacon.

However, for today, I'd like to focus on a theme that runs throughout the book. 1:18-19a reads, “This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience.” Timothy gets focused on two things, faith and a good conscience.

By “faith” here, Paul isn't talking just about how much Timothy believes, but rather what he believes. The faith. The teachings. The truth. Timothy, as a pastor, is going to have to focus on sound doctrine and teaching. He has to teach the Word of God in its fullness. Over and against all the false teachers, the truth of the Gospel of Jesus must be proclaimed.

This is for the sake of a “good conscience.” This is a phrase from the scripture that we have a hard time understanding today. Now, when we think of conscience, we think of Jiminy Cricket – we think of a voice telling you what's right and wrong. That's not what Paul is speaking to here. In the ancient world, your “conscience” was your awareness of how your relationship with another was. It was your knowledge (science) of how things were with (con) another person.

The only way we know that we have a good relationship, a clean conscience with God isn't on the basis of what we do, but rather the Word declaring what Jesus has done for us with His death and resurrection. So Timothy's job is to be focused on the faith, proclaiming what Jesus has done – so that he and his congregation know they are right with God and don't get twisted off into some erroneous path.

The same thing holds today for us. We are to be focused on Jesus and what He has done, so that we know that we are forgiven, so that we have and enjoy life in His name. So take a gander at the book this month, and see how everything is designed to keep us focused on Jesus.

*Pastor Brown*

## **Christian Education Schedule/ Bible Study**

**Summer Sunday School** will be held on Sundays June 16th—August 4th at 9:30am.

**High School Bible Study** will resume in September. High School aged students are, as always, welcome and encouraged to attend the adult studies.

**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 some of the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.

**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!**

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### **Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School for Pre-K—8th grade ages will be held from June 16th through August 4th. We plan on having fun lessons with different teachers each week. All ages will be combined. Anyone willing to volunteer to teach a Sunday, please contact Heather Meredith or any member of the Board of Education. (Heather Thurston, Laura Peters, & Lynne Noffke).

Regular season Sunday School will resume in September. 2023-24 Sunday School offerings of \$546.45 were sent to Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries.

### **Lost & Found**

Dianne Baker found a gold/marquis cut stone leaf-shaped clip-on earring under a pew on the pulpit side of the sanctuary Mother's Day weekend. Please contact her directly or call the church office to claim your earring. She would like to get it returned to the rightful owner.

Also, there are numerous items in the lost & found basket in the Parish Hall or on the coat rack waiting to be claimed. Thank you!

## **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 July newsletter are due **Thursday, June 20th 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](mailto:pastorbrown.trinity@comcast.net)  
Pastor's Cell phone (call or text): 815-953-9995  
Pastor's Office phone: 815-426-2262 x102

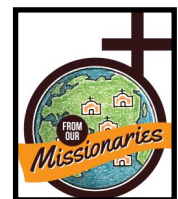
Diane Hart will continue to be in the office as often as needed. Phone messages and email are checked multiple times daily.

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

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## **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.

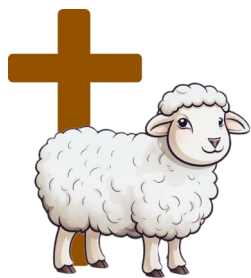


## **Courtyard Estates of Herscher Services**



A worship service is planned at Courtyard Estates of Herscher on Monday, June 10th at 2:00pm. Watch the bulletins for updates.

## Little Lambs Preschool



As you might expect, promotion and graduation went beautifully. The preschoolers' families had nothing but kind words for the teachers that day. However, we had a lot of help, and those folks are deserving of credit too! Many thanks go to Ruth Kruse and Debbie Witheft for their help managing the receptions afterwards. We are especially grateful for your help cleaning up the parish hall while we took down decorations and other items set out for the big day. Brian Noffke was also instrumental in the day's success. Not only did he set up and take down all the (often awkward and heavy) audio and visual equipment, but he also handled the risers and extra tables. Diane Hart played an important role on the evening of graduation, serving as a set of eyes and hands in the classroom. Lining up thirteen kids and putting caps on them before sending them out may not sound like much, but it is actually a surprisingly involved process. We cannot emphasize enough how grateful we were for all those extra hands!

When everything is going as planned, it is easy to forget how many people are quietly supporting this preschool, even outside of the school's operating season. The work that went in to improving and beautifying the preschool over last summer is still receiving compliments. We are frequently asked if there is anything we'd like to have fixed or updated over vacations. One week into summer vacation, we have already been approached with monetary and supply donations for the preschool! Even in the world of church schools, we are especially richly blessed by the members of our church and their extended communities. And we are just one mission of many this church supports! When you look at the tables and display board in the parish hall, you can see evidence of the many causes this congregation holds close to its heart.

Then there is the church itself. As I come and go for preschool matters, I frequently see other people meeting the church's needs. I see Altar Guild lovingly tending the altar space and making sure the sacristy is properly supplied and in good order. I see the parish hall and the church's other (numerous), smaller rooms being swept, mopped, and tidied. Supply and storage rooms are reorganized and restocked. Sometimes, when I am here at an odd hour, someone will pop in and say "I saw the light on and just wanted to check in." Then think about all the things people do that we don't notice! Offerings. Checking on someone who wasn't in church. Sitting and chatting for a bit, even when the world tries to move at high speed. Making supplies just... appear.

I see the Holy Spirit at work in our church every day I'm here. It's a wonderful feeling to go to work and know that whatever may be happening in the world, whatever differences people may have, God's love is being poured out in every direction here at Trinity. I hope it brings everyone reading this the same joy and peace it brings me.

— Mrs. Brown

## Raise Right Gift Card/Scrip Card Program—go to: [raiseright.com](http://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**<sup>™</sup>

Simply the right way to fundraise

**Thank you for supporting Little Lambs simply by shopping!**

## Martha Circle & Trinity Sewing

Martha Circle will not meet during the month of June.

Trinity Sewing Group will meet this month Tuesday, June 11th from 12:30-4:00pm. This is delayed one week due to our helpers working at Vacation Bible School. We held an enjoyable potluck in May celebrating birthdays for Jerry and Vinita. We also had a couple new members helping us tie quilts. Thanks to Mary and Ardis. We bound and sewed quite a few tops. Our tying volunteers completed seven tops. If anyone would like to come on an additional day to tie, please give Connie or Cindy a call. We can try to set up another day. As of today, we have 110 quilts in the closet with about twenty more in various stages.

We have used most of our flat sheets for backs. We need full or larger sheets with no stains or rips to use as a back. Thank you for your continued support with this project.

## Board of Education

The board will meet briefly Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30am and will be decorating for VBS that same day. All help is welcome! Contact Heather Thurston with any questions.

## Church Council

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

## Hannah Circle

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

*June Card Care: Jane Benjamin*

## Herscher Council of Churches

Herscher Christian Church will distribute boxes from the IL Food Bank on Tuesday, June 11th beginning at 10:00am.

## Happy Father's Day! June 16th

### Prairieview's 35th Annual Golf Outing Friday, June 14th



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

Contact Barbara Schwark, Trinity's RLOM Advocate with any questions.

Visit [rlom.org/expansion](http://rlom.org/expansion) for updates and information regarding the new home in Illinois.



## FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

*Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words.  
Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.*

### Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and I will raise them up at the last day." *John 6:40, NIV*

Answer: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life

## Member Birthdays



- 01 B.J. (William) Doss, Jeff Janssen,  
Tyler Schaumburg
- 02 Craig Bisaillon
- 03 Dave Becker, Ken Taube
- 04 Rodney Schwark
- 06 Earl Jensen
- 07 Clara Fisher
- 08 Alan Ramsey
- 09 Karl Kruse
- 12 Connie Tranos
- 13 Dawn Sopko
- 15 Amy Dehm, Denise St. Pierre
- 16 Luke Smith
- 17 Cassandra Royal
- 18 Kevin Hill
- 25 Aaron Cox, Carrie Kruse, Josie Royal,  
Barbara Sientop
- 28 Chelsey Butler, Keenan Hubly, Paula Kruse
- 29 Lori Marquis
- 30 Evelyn Bauer, Shelby Shepard

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

### ***A Birthday Prayer***

*God of time and space, on this day of celebration, we mark another year in the life of Your servant. Thank You for the blessings You have bestowed on this, Your beloved child, in the past year and for Your enduring presence in future days. As he/she laughs, plays, toils, and serves, bring daily reminders of the unfathomable gift won by Your Son. Make this special person and all believers blessings to those around them. In Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

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## Trinity Lutheran Church April 30, 2024 Financial Summary

### General

Beg. Balance	\$25,519.15
Receipts	20,228.03
<u>Expense</u>	<u>23,788.62</u>
Ending Balance	\$21,958.56

### Mission Fund

Beg. Balance	\$ 7,508.00
Receipts	1,285.00
<u>Expense</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 8,793.00

### Little Lambs Preschool

Beg. Balance	\$10,505.85
Receipts	5,418.94
<u>Expense</u>	<u>6,393.31</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 9,531.48

*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.

**Treasurer's Report**

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### **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!

# Serving Our Lord This Month—June 2024

## Elder/Communion Assistant

June 01*	Joe Hart
June 02*	Don LaChappell
June 08*	Chip Thurston
June 09	(Church service in the park/picnic- <i>no communion</i> )
June 15*	Jerry Brutlag
June 16*	Al Janssen
June 22*	Ken Taube
June 23*	Kim Weerts
June 29*	Kevin Kruse
June 30*	John Varvel

\*Denotes Holy Communion Served



# USHERS

<u>Usher Captains</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
Gerald Brutlag (Sat.)	Randy Kerschke
Brian Noffke (Sun.)	Lynne Noffke; Dale Simmons; Stan Schwark



## Altar Guild

Heather Meredith  
&  
Val Simmons


## Altar Flowers

Weekend or date:

June 01/02	Kim & Deb Weerts on the occasion of their 52nd anniversary
June 08/09	<i>Available</i> (Service in the Park Sunday, June 9)
June 15/16	<i>Available</i>
June 22/23	Tammy & Doug Gray
June 29/30	Keith & Penny Berger on the occasion of their 12th anniversary



# Trinity— June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> <i>Communion</i> Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
 <b>2</b>	<b>VBS June 3-7 8:30-11:00am</b>					<b>8</b> <i>Communion</i> Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
<i>Communion</i> Worship 8:30am Bible Study 9:45am Board of Ed brief meeting & VBS Decorating 10:30am	<b>3</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am VBS 8:30am	<b>4</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am VBS 8:30am	<b>5</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am VBS 8:30am	<b>6</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am VBS 8:30am	<b>7</b> VBS 8:30am	
<b>9</b> Worship in the Park 10:30am Church Picnic follows	<b>10</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Courtyard Estates Service 2:00pm	<b>11</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Quilt Tying/ Sewing Group 12:30-4:00pm Council 7:00pm	<b>12</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	<b>13</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	<b>14</b> Prairieview Golf Outing	<b>15</b> <i>Communion</i> Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
<b>16</b> <i>Father's Day Communion</i> Worship 8:30am Bible Study 9:45am	<b>17</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	<b>18</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	<b>19</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	<b>20</b> Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am <b>July Newsletter Deadline 9:00am</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Communion</i> Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
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