



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

Sunday School & High School Bible Study
9:30am-Sundays thru May 19th
Sat. Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
Sun. Adult Bible Study 9:45am

A Prayer for Mothers

*Creator of all things,
You have created mothers to serve important roles in Your creation. Be with all mothers, that they may faithfully do the work You have set before them in raising children. Help them, and all the households of Your church actively attend worship and meditate on Your Word. Guide them to lead lives of prayer and good works so that more may receive the good gifts of Christ for life.*

In Jesus' name.

Amen.



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May 2024 - Newsletter

Confirmation

Confirmation will be held Sunday, May 5th during the 8:30am worship service.



Confirmation Class of 2024

Victor William Brown

God Bless our Confirmand!

Tree Trimming/Clean-up

Needed: Strong arms & strong backs. We will be cleaning up/trimming the tree in the preschool play yard. Help would be appreciated to load/unload branches & limbs, raking etc. Please meet at church Saturday, May 11th at 9:00am. Contact the Council or Dan Shute with any questions.

Blood Drive



A blood drive will be held at Trinity Thursday, May 16th from 12:00-6:00pm. Contact Deb Chmielowiec at 815-954-1363 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

Vacation Bible School-June 3-7

We are excited for Vacation Bible School 2024! Join the celebration! 22 students have already registered!

Student and volunteer online registration is open! Go to: vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscherl

VBS donation board will be up soon.
Adult volunteers needed for VBS. Please reach out to Heather for info.

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



Coming in June...Save the date—June 9th for the church service in the park/picnic and SS fun day.

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Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/trinityherscher

1st and 2nd Thessalonians – Comfort for the Fight

I will admit that I have a strange fondness for 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, simply because of how the text reads. Thessalonika was a Greek military town – it bore the lineage of Alexander the Great and love of fighting and warfare. This means that these two books are replete with classic Greek warfare terminology – and as I first learned Classical Greek (and came from a proud Marine family), so many of the terms and ideas just resonate.



1st and 2nd Thessalonians are written not as highfaluting philosophy, or expansive, profound wisdom. They are hands on, dirty under your finger nails books about the realities of life in a sinful world, about being in what even today we call “the church militant”. In our lives, there will be hardship, there will be wearying work, there will even be danger (Paul is in jail as he writes) – but through all of it the Victory of God remains – and this is Paul's focus, our victory in Christ.

And so two things get spelled out plainly – how we who are forgiven by Christ and brought unto the Church ought to approach and handle the struggles of life, and then also that the final victory won't be seen until Christ's return. If you've ever seen the movie “The Longest Day” about D-Day – there's an officer who is dropped behind enemy lines to capture a bridge, and his orders are “hold until relieved.” That phrase “hold until relieved” gets repeated again and again. That's the theme – hold fast until the second coming.

2nd Thessalonians ends up clarifying this idea even more. When Christ comes, you will know it, you won't miss Him. It will be clear that He has returned – but things will get wild and woolly before then. Paul reminds us that we shouldn't be surprised at wickedness in the world; rather we should expect it. But even more so, we should look to Jesus, trust in Him, and await His coming.

Should you ever feel the fight of faith, should Christian living feel more and more like a slog, 1st and 2nd Thessalonians are fantastic to read. They will get you organized, back on track, and encourage you to hold fast to Christ even until He comes again and you are well and fully relieved.

Pastor Brown

LCEF Appeal

Pastor Brown got to meet last week with Joe Willman, who is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund representative for the Northern Illinois District. LCEF takes investments from congregations and members, and then with those investments they make loans to our congregations and church workers – working with them to see that expansions, improvements, and mortgages can be covered.

One of the things that came up in that conversation is that the LCEF has been very active in providing loans to Churches and Church workers in the past two years. This is a great thing, and if they want to continue to expand these opportunities, they can use more investment. Our congregation already entrusts a substantial part of our funds to LCEF, but if you wish to direct some of your own personal funds and see them help out LCMS congregations and church workers, you can contact LCEF and see what might be available. Information can be found at - <https://lcef.org/districts/northern-illinois/>

Christian Education Schedule/ Bible Study

Sunday School is held on Sundays at 9:30am. Meet in the front of the church for the opening.

High School Bible Study is held on Sundays at 9:30am in the church basement. All high school youth are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Sunday Adult Bible Study is held on Sundays at approximately 9:45am after the Sunday worship service and the Sunday School opening. We are currently studying the *book of Matthew*.

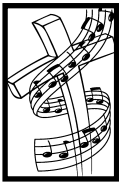
Saturday Adult Bible Study is held on Saturdays at 4:00pm before the worship service. We are studying some of the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.

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!

Sunday School

The children will sing a Mother's Day song during church Sunday, May 12th. The last day of regular Sunday School will be Sunday, May 19th.



Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays thru May 15

Children's Music 5:30pm
Vocal Choir 7:00pm

Thank You

I want to say thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers of when I had the surgery and at home recovering. I also want to thank Pastor Brown for coming up to University of Chicago for the prayer before I went in for surgery. The pathology report came back that the cancer didn't spread.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chip Thurston



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 June newsletter are due **Monday, May 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.

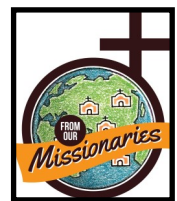
Pastor's Email: pastorbrown.trinity@comcast.net
Pastor's Cell phone (call or text): 815-953-9995
Pastor's Office phone: 815-426-2262 x102

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.

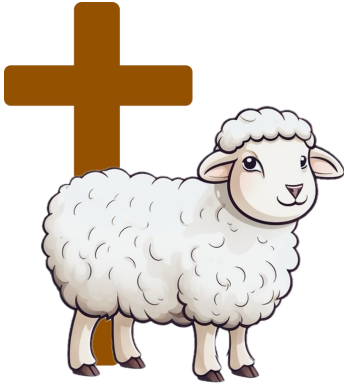


Courtyard Estates of Herscher Services



A worship service is planned at Courtyard Estates of Herscher on Mondays, May 13th & 27th at 2:00pm. Watch the bulletins for updates.

Little Lambs Preschool



Busy as April was, the first half of May is probably even busier here at Little Lambs. We are practicing our promotion and graduation songs and finishing our last projects of the year, including our Mother's Day plants. Miss Ann and her Pre-K 4 class rooted spider plant babies from our class plant, while the Pre-K 3 class will be potting larger (and rather less crushable) flowers. If you peek in the classroom and office after hours, you will see teachers busily framing photos, making lists and checking them twice, and asking where all the time has gone!

After promotion and graduation on May 9, we will have our end-of-year party on the 10th at Golden's Gymnastics. The kids will be instructed and supervised as they somersault, jump on trampolines, bounce in inflatable obstacle courses, and literally climb the walls! What could be more fun?

Then we all have to say our goodbyes. As our students head into summer vacation, please pray for them with us. Pray that they keep learning all summer long, spend quality time with their families, have lots of fun being curious and energetic kids, and return safely to school in the fall. And if you have a student at Little Lambs, by all means, send us pictures!

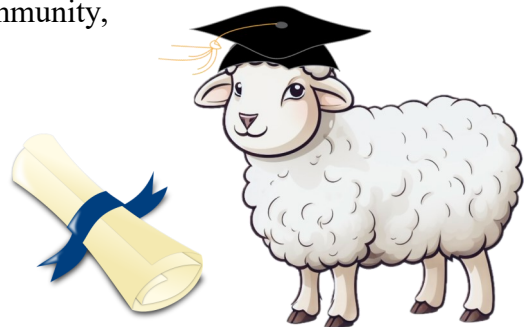
One of the things I love most about Herscher is that kids still get to be kids. I see them riding bikes, playing at parks, walking dogs, participating in sports as teammates and fans, and shooting hoops with friends at the church. This may seem like a matter of course, but I have lived in several places where that was not the case. We are beyond blessed as a community, and I am so thankful to be a part of it.

– Mrs. Brown

Enrollment Update

Pre-K 3: 6 enrolled

Pre-K 4: 16 enrolled, 7 on the waiting list



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.



RaiseRight™

Simply the right way to fundraise

New customers please contact Diane Hart in the office for the enrollment code or with any questions. Thank you for supporting Little Lambs simply by shopping!

Martha Circle & Trinity Sewing

Martha Circle will meet for breakfast Friday, May 3rd at the Herscher Restaurant at 8:30am. Guests are welcome.

POTLUCK: Trinity Sewing Group will have a potluck Tuesday, May 7th at 11:30am prior to quilting. Bring a dish to pass and stay for an afternoon of socializing and tying quilts. We need individuals to tie. LWR requires closer tying than before, it takes a little longer to tie a top. We are meeting from 12:30-4:00pm. If you stay an hour or come later, we would appreciate any help you can give us. We have close to one hundred finished and more in the process. Our binders love working with batting. We need sheets for backs. Full size and larger are the best.

Trinity Sewing will be celebrating Vinita Brutlag and Jerry Kroesch's 96th May birthdays.

Board of Education

The board will meet Sunday, May 5th at 10:30am. Contact Heather Thurston or with any questions.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Hannah Circle

We're meeting Tuesday, May 21st at Barbara Schwark's home at 6:30pm for an end of year potluck. Please bring a dish or dessert to share! Also, read ahead chapter 9 in DAUGHTER OF THE REFORMATION to discuss that night. Hope you can join us!

May Card Care: Deb Weerts

Herscher Council of Churches

Herscher Christian Church will be distributing food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank on Tuesday, May 14th beginning at 10:00am.

VBS Organizational Meeting

Watch the bulletins for a meeting date announcement. Thank you in advance to all our volunteers for VBS!

Trinity's Church Library

New Addition

The Day Christ Died
by Jim Bishop

Donated: Marilyn Ramsey

Historical Fiction:
based on the gospels
historical facts (Jewish and Roman culture)
fictional embellishments

Some Catholic views
since author is Roman Catholic.

Book is placed on "new book shelf"
on west wall in Parish Hall.

--Missing from library--

All the Women of the Bible
(informational book)

If you know where this book is,
please let us know.

submitted by *Edith Schwark*



Prairieview Lutheran Homes 35th Annual Golf Outing Friday, June 14th

Information and sign-up sheets are available in the Parish Hall for this outing.

Golfer/Sponsor registration form/payment is due to Prairieview by May 27, 2024. Questions? Contact 815-269-2970 or email: jlauritson@prairieviewlutheran.com



LWML

LWML Zone 18 hosted our Spring Rally Saturday April 20, 2024. Our Bible study was lead by Pastor Gregory Brown, he spoke on the comfort that God provides “God the source of all comfort” 2 Corinthians 3-4. Connie Tranos became Zone Sec./Treas. Jane Benjamin became Vice President and Ruth Ann Fulton became President.



Rev. Chris Singer shared how Lutheran Church Charities provides comfort around the globe in more ways than just comfort dogs. They are always looking for comfort dog handlers and there is a two year commitment before being called to duty handling a dog. Other ways to participate are by becoming a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) volunteer, sharing Hearts of Mercy and Compassion crosses, or learning Spiritual First Aid. This and more can be found on their website. <https://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org>

Sign up for the weekly newsletter that speak about the remembrance crosses or helping in Maui, Ukraine and Israel. They also have Bible Study by email or video.

LWML will host the Fall Rally in October for Operation Christmas Child box packing. Watch for more details. September 21, 2024 Northern IL District will be holding their biannual conference at Trinity, Tinley Park to vote on grants and other business. We need two volunteers from each Circle to attend and vote.

Respectfully Your Sister in Christ,

Jane Benjamin

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

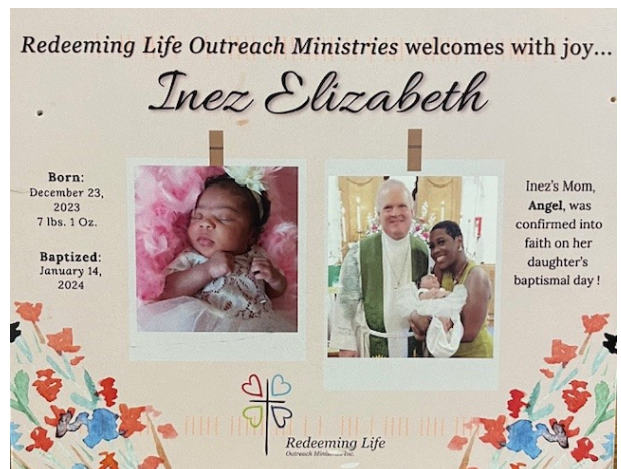
The Illinois Expansion home is completed! An NID Celebration Open House will be held Saturday, May 18th from 12:00-4:00pm and *all are welcome!* Food will be served continuously at Immanuel Lutheran Church of East Dundee and shuttle service will run guests to and from the maternity home to avoid parking issues at the home. We will be creating a special piece of art to grace the home during the event. All are welcome to stay for worship at Immanuel at 5:00pm.



To bring you up to speed on the home project:

- The interior of the home is finished! Furniture is in and things are ready to welcome residents. We praise God for all who made it possible!
- We are in the process of hiring a residential manager (aka house mom) and a director of program ministries.
- Deaconess Lori Trinche who served this ministry from the conception of the maternity home so faithfully here in the NID has resigned her call to follow God’s leading in her life. We praise God for her hard work and success, which has blessed this ministry immeasurably.
- We have exterior site work still remaining to gain our full certificate of occupancy, a result of all the earth moving that had to be done in the late stages of the project and unforeseen difficulties tying into city services. Once the site is regraded and filled, it can be seeded and ready for occupancy.

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



Member Birthdays



- 01 Dan Shute
- 03 Mike Bruner, Vinita Brutlag
- 04 Guy Huston, Arlene Kirchner
- 05 Cyndy Clapp
- 06 Grant Van Voorst
- 07 Chris Stutz
- 12 Dianne Doss, Steven Gross, Pam Matern
- 13 Drake Foltz, Tyler Henson,
Kelly Knobloch, Kurt Warmbir
- 14 Kaleb Berns, Kevin Kohl,
Ellianna Whitesell
- 16 Remi Ertl
- 17 Elaine Clapp, Gayle Kirchner
- 18 Bailey Shepard
- 19 Brian Janssen, Debbie Witheft
- 20 Nathan Jensen, Mason Moritz
- 21 Carrie Hale, Heather Thurston
- 22 Jacob Fansler, Owen Rink
- 23 Thomas Jensen
- 24 Gerald Kroesch
- 26 Jason Kohl
- 27 Cheryl Brutlag, James Hubly,
Kenneth Winebaugh
- 29 Reese Bisailon
- 30 Gavin Grace, Rachel Taube
- 31 Douglas Nowack, David Smith

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 March 31, 2024 Financial Summary

General

Beg. Balance	\$20,803.24
Receipts	28,254.09
<u>Expense</u>	<u>23,538.18</u>
Ending Balance	\$25,519.15

Mission Fund

Beg. Balance	\$ 5,045.00
Receipts	11,723.00
<u>Expense</u>	<u>9,260.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 7,508.00

Little Lambs Preschool

Beg. Balance	\$ 9,284.63
Receipts	5,265.54
<u>Expense</u>	<u>4,044.32</u>
Ending Balance	\$10,505.85

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. 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!

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
Newsletter Article – May 2024

More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.



We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

Serving Our Lord This Month—May 2024

Elder/Communion Assistant

May 04* Jerry Brutlag

May 05* Joe Hart

May 11* Chip Thurston

May 12* Kim Weerts

May 18* Jerry Brutlag

May 19* Ken Taube

May 25* Kevin Kruse

May 26* Al Janssen

USHERS

THIS MONTH



Usher Captains

Van Schwark (Sat.)

Bill Orr (Sun.)

Usher Team

Adam Crane; Kevin Peterson
Cameron Schwark

Al Janssen; Chip Thurston;
Deb Weerts; Kim Weerts



Sharon Dummer
&
Barb Kruse

Altar Flowers

Weekend or date:

May 04/05 Trinity Lutheran Church in honor of our confirmand

May 11/12 Don & Joanne LaChappell on the occasion of their 57th anniversary

May 18/19 Jerry & Nancy Snedecor on the occasion of Heather Thurston's birthday


May 25/26 Bill & Connie Tranos on the occasion of their 54th anniversary



Trinity— May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Confirmation Dinner/Questioning 6:00pm Children's Music 5:30pm Vocal Choir 7:00pm	2 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	3 Martha Circle at Herscher Restaurant 8:30am	4 Communion Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
5 Confirmation Day Communion Worship 8:30am Sunday School & High School Bible Study 9:30am Bible Study 9:45am Board of Education 10:30am	6 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	7 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Quilt Tying/ Sewing Group Potluck 11:30am Sewing 12:30-4:00pm	8 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Children's Music 5:30pm Vocal Choir 7:00pm	9 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Little Lambs Pre-K 3 Promotion 10:15am Little Lambs Pre-K 4 Graduation 6:00pm	10 Little Lambs end of year party @ Golden's Gym 9:30-11:00am	11 Tree trimming/clean-up in Preschool Yard 9:00am Communion Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
12 Mother's Day Communion Worship 8:30am Sunday School & High School Bible Study 9:30am Bible Study 9:45am	13 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Courtyard Estates Service 2:00pm	14 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Circuit Meeting @ Trinity 9:30am Council 7:00pm	15 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Children's Music 5:30pm Vocal Choir 7:00pm	16 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Blood Drive 12:00-6:00pm 	17	18 RLOM Open House, East Dundee, IL 12-4pm Communion Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
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VBS NEXT WEEK...
JUNE 3rd-7th—8:30-11:00AM
Church Service in the Park/Picnic June 9th



**Deadlines for printing: Bulletin announcement deadline-Wednesdays 12:00pm
 June Newsletter deadline-Monday, May 20th by 9:00am**