

Trinity Lutheran Church

Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!

WORSHIP SERVICES

November 2023 - Newsletter

Saturday: Sunday:

5:00pm 8:30am

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly on Saturday & Sunday

Sunday School & High School Bible Study 9:30am-Sundays

Saturday Bible Study 4:00pm Sunday Bible Study 9:45am

A Prayer on All Saints Day

Heavenly Bridegroom, in Holy Baptism, You washed, cleansed, and sanctified us through Your precious blood to save us from our sin and make us saints of God. Thank You for the saints wo have gone before us in the one true faith. Help us persevere in the faith so that by Your grace we may be gathered with them into the eternal rest You have prepared for those who love You. In Your name we pray.

Amen.



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Church Council/ Voters' Meeting Election Results

Congratulations to our new officers elected at the October 15th Voters' Meeting. They will begin their 3 year term January 1, 2024.

Elders: Gerald Brutlag; Gavin Grace (1 to be determined)
Board of Education: Lynne Noffke

Special thanks to our outgoing officers for their faithful service.

Elders: Ryan Kruse; Brian Noffke;

Dale Simmons

Board of Education: Jessica Kruse

Fall Back



Daylight Savings Time ends November 5th. Set clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 4th. (Sunday November 5th 2:00am).

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Trinity's Thanksgiving Day Worship

Worship with Holy Communion will be held Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd, at 9:00am.

Trevor Stutz Deployed

Trevor will be out through February. If you would like to send him a card or note here is his address. Please keep Trevor in your prayers as he continues to serve our country!

Stutz, Trevor R. AT3 USS Carl Vinson CVN 70 Unit 100111 Box 331 FPO AP 96629

Altar Guild-Help Still Needed

Anyone interested in serving on the Altar Guild, please contact Heather Meredith 815-573-1056 or Donna Sharper 815-426-2454. Thank you!

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Romans

The Book of Romans (or Paul's Letter to the Romans) has long been given a place of preeminence in the Bible. With Romans we move firmly into the part of the New Testament called "The Epistles" - which are letters (pistle → postal) sent around the early church and then shared. Paul sent most of the ones that are kept, but there are also letters by John, Peter, James, and Jude.



Romans is the first Epistle in the Bible (though it wasn't the first one written) because it is a wondrously unique letter. All of the other Epistles are wonderfully personal writings – where the author writes to people he knows and has been separated from. This can make them sometimes difficult to understand – two people who know each other can simply allude to a shared experience. Romans is different. Written around 55 AD, Paul writes a letter to the Romans announcing his intention to visit. He hasn't been there, yet. There's no shared experience. Instead, Paul lays out an overview of what he believes and teaches about Christ Jesus and salvation to establish his credentials as an authentic preacher and apostle before he gets to Rome.

Why is that a big deal, you ask? This makes Romans the closest thing to a Catechism or a religious instruction book that we have. When I preach a sermon, I don't try to explain the entire Christian faith; I'm dealing with a topic, a theme. The other Epistles that are written address specific issues that have arisen in a place. Even the Gospels are giving the story of Jesus with varying specific details. Romans explains what the Gospel of Christ Jesus means as a whole.

As such, Romans provides some of the clearest teaching in the New Testament about what sin is, what salvation is, how one is justified and made right with God. And it does so in a thorough, comprehensive way – not simply dealing with any particular (and important) issues that might have popped up, but in a wonderful overview. This is why almost a quarter of our Epistle readings in Church come from this one book.

And finally, as a point of interest, in our Facebook Live devotions, we are going through the book of Romans. We started back on October 16th (which can be found scrolling down through old posts), and you can always just jump on in right in the middle with where we are now, if you wish. But Romans is a great book that explains and proclaims so much of the heart of the Christian Faith.

Pastor Brown

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 currently studying *The Small Catechism*.

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

Christmas program practice will begin in November, watch the bulletin for updates.
The Children's Christmas
Program will be held Sunday,
December 24th at 6:30pm with the candlelight service.





Choir Practice-Wednesdays

Children's Music 5:30pm Handbell Choir 6:00pm Vocal Choir 7:00pm

Directory updates

Violetta Donovan #128 100 Harvest View Lane Herscher, IL 60941

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 December newsletter are due Monday, November 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 (Harvest View) on Mondays, November 13th & 27th at 2:00pm. Watch the bulletins for updates.

Little Lambs Preschool

Little Lambs is blessed to be welcomed by several community organizations for field trips and other events. Every Halloween, State Bank of Herscher welcomes Little Lambs students for trick-ortreating. Whether or not we are able to go depends on the weather, since we walk. But when we can attend, it is great fun for the kids! Employees hand out candy, and they often dress in costumes and decorate their office spaces, adding to the festive atmosphere. Parents will join us, too, and use the beautifully decorated lobby for a photo opportunity. We are grateful to State Bank of Herscher and their generous employees for giving our students such a great experience.

Preschool

This year, the kids were given another neat experience- every student got to take home a pumpkin, courtesy of Cheryl Brutlag. Thank you for sharing your abundant harvest with us! You really put the TREAT in trick-or-treat!

Our main extracurricular project for November is the completion of our wreath fundraiser, which runs through noon on Friday, November 10th. Order forms are available in the parish hall, or you can reach out to your nearest Little Lamb. We will be using the proceeds to purchase toys and small educational items for the classroom. As we retire old items and implement new unit themes, it becomes necessary to update our supplies. Adding new items to our inventory also gives us the chance to try new ways of engaging students and helping them to build their skills.

As we move toward Thanksgiving, we hope that everyone feels as blessed as we do here at Little Lambs. We are part of a wonderful community and congregation, and we thank you all for your support!

Mrs. Brown

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

It is easy to raise funds for Trinity's Little Lambs Preschool simply by purchasing gift cards for your regular shopping, gas purchases, etc.! Gift cards are purchased through this program at face value, Raise Right returns various percentages of your purchase to Little Lambs. An additional plus is that there is no activation fee on Visa and other cards. Need a sweet treat gift? Fannie May gift cards earn 25% for Little Lambs! A current list of retailers/order form is available at raiseright.com or on the table in the parish hall or church office. You may order online or give paper orders with payment to Diane in the office. Thank you for your support! All proceeds benefit Trinity's Little Lambs Preschool. Remember, this program goes year-round! The online enrollment code for Trinity's Little Lambs is: 363ECBLF55795 Please make checks payable to: *Trinity's Little Lambs Preschool*. Questions/orders may be directed to Diane in the church office.



Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet for breakfast Friday, November 3rd at the Herscher Restaurant at 8:30am. After the meeting, members will return to church to fill goodie boxes for three college students and one service member. Guests are welcome. December we will have our Christmas Breakfast.

Board of Education

Contact Jessica Kruse for the next meeting date or with any questions.

Church Council

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

Hannah Circle

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30pm at the home of Lynne Noffke. Please read ahead chapter 5 in DAUGHTER OF THE REFORMATION.

November Card Care: Diane Hart

A new crop of Priester's Pecans are scheduled to arrive the beginning of November. The profits from this fundraiser will help to support our ministries and missions. *Hint: they make great gifts for Christmas!* If you want anything held for you ahead of time, please call Deb Weerts at 815-426-2641 or text her at 815-573-1532.

Following are the varieties and prices for one pound bags:

Roasted and Salted
Pecans \$15.00
Milk Chocolate
Pecans \$12.00
Milk Chocolate
Peanuts \$8.00
Honey Glazed
Pecans \$15.00

Pecans \$15.0 Pecan

Brittle \$11.00



We truly appreciate your past and present support!

Trinity's Sewing Group

Members will continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month to bind and tie quilts. Even if you do not sew, please come and join us. We can always find a project for you. We will have two sewing machines to work with at church. This winter we will not have to carry our own machines. Trinity is always in need of flannel sheets and regular sheets. We will accept donations of fabric anytime. Thank you everyone for your generous donations.

LWML

Trinity hosted Zone 18's Fall Rally at St Paul's Lutheran School in Bourbonnais. We continued the fine tradition of packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have done this servant activity for the past 15 years. Thanks for donating to this project, by either paying for postage to send the boxes, giving supplies to fill the boxes, or choosing the items that are placed in the box. Zone 18 is blessed by very generous people. 150 boxes were filled on Saturday. These boxes will go to Gibson City and then they will be sent to the Aurora Distribution Center where they will be checked for items that will cause problems at customs. Please pray that these boxes will bring joy wherever they are sent.

Save the Date: Northern IL District LWML is hosting a January retreat at Walcamp from the 19th to the 21st. (See the flyer on the bulletin strip in the Parish Hall.)

LWR

Thank you to Brian Noffke, for delivering 132 school kits and 176 quilts to the Ingathering in Thomasboro on October 28, 2023.

Dartball

Practices will be held on Mondays, November 6th, 20th and 27th. Trinity Herscher 1 will play Trinity Herscher 2 Monday, November 13th at 7:00pm at home.



Herscher Council of Churches

Herscher Christian Church will be distributing our Thanksgiving Food Baskets Tuesday, November 14th, from 10:00 to 11:00am in conjunction with their monthly food assistance through the Illinois Food Bank. Please note that this is five days earlier than usual. If you know of someone in need, have them contact Hardware Hank at 815-426-2113. State Bank of Herscher is partnering with us to collect canned fruits and vegetables in the lobby of both banks. We appreciate your donations!

Herscher United Methodist Church will host our annual Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 19th, at 7:00pm with refreshments to follow. Once again Marilyn Williamson is organizing a community choir. A free will offering will be collected for Council of Churches. This is our only fundraiser and we greatly appreciate your support!

Prairieview Fall Festival Day Two

Mark your calendars for the Quilt Auction/Silent Auction/Pork Chop Dinner/Bake Sale Saturday, November 4th at the Ashkum Coliseum, 117 E. Main St., Ashkum, IL. All proceeds benefit the residents of Prairieview.

Schedule for November 4th: 1:00pm Silent Auction Begins

3:00pm **Quilt Auction** Pork Chop Dinner 4:00pm 6:00pm Silent Auction Ends

7:00pm **Event Ends**

Volunteer Help Still Needed—Prairie Auxiliary Members

Prairieview has resumed activities after many long months of shut-downs. Trinity's long-time auxiliary members have stepped down and we are looking for volunteers that would like to serve in this manner. In the

past they planned and executed an activity once a month for the residents of Prairieview and assisted with the annual Fall Festival. Please contact Bonnie Matherly for information regarding serving on the auxiliary. Trinity will coordinate with Steve Baker of Prairieview for scheduling etc. Get INVOIVED

We extend our sincere thanks to Bonnie Matherly and Jane Burke for their

many years serving on the auxiliary as co-coordinators and to the countless volunteers that assisted. We know many residents of Prairieview have been blessed through your

service.

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

For a current update on the Illinois Expansion Project, please pick up a copy of The History of the Expansion Project, available on the table in the Parish Hall.



To read a beautiful testimony of God's love, follow this link to "A Rescue Story". https://www.rlom.org/post/a-rescue-story

Copies are also available on the table in the Parish Hall.

(If you would like an electronic copy of these articles from RLOM, please email Diane in the church office at trinityher I@comcast.net and one will be emailed back to you.)

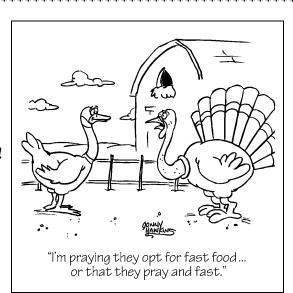
Contact Barbara Schwark, Trinity's RLOM Advocate with any questions.

Visit rlom.org/expansion for updates and information regarding the new home in Illinois.



Day message on gluttony."

KEEP **LAUGHING!!**



Member Birthdays



- Lydia Corneal, Misty Gaus, Ethel JordanChuck Baker, Michael Suess,
- Tiffany Zirkle
- 5 Bianca Berns
- 6 Jessica Hanson, Nicole Collins
- 8 Layla Mercer
- 9 Tonya Gross, Chris Knobloch
- 10 Braylee Hanson
- 11 Logan Harrod, Breanna Varvel
- 12 Stanley Schwark
- 13 Bernell Bohlmann, Sharon Shelby, Cindy Witheft
- 14 Dominic Hendrix
- 17 Carter Schwark, Luke Shute
- 19 Tiffany Emery, Cristin Kersten
- 20 David Malone, Kenneth Royal, Wanda Suess, Linda Winterroth
- Oliver Bruner, Breanna Ewald, Diane Hart Tammy Ramsey
- 23 Elizabeth Fortado, Jay Grace
- 24 David Hull, Nikky Shute
- 25 Quincie Taylor Zirkle, Kristin Winterroth
- 27 Marsha Kerschke, Kim Weerts
- 29 Sandra Anderson, Christopher Mau
- 30 Edith Schwark

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

A Birthday Prayer

Gracious Father,

How joyful is the day You called and set me forth to be a blessing to Your creation and to all of those around me. Lord, I'm not done yet. Forgive me of my failings and propel me now toward Your ongoing purposes for my life. Bless this day and every day, and me in it, until that day You call me to that eternal celebration of life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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Trinity Lutheran Church September 30, 2023 Financial Summary

General	l
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Beg. Balance	\$ 9,423.53
Receipts	27,864.18
Expense	31,358.23
Ending Balance	\$ 5,929.48

Mission Fund

Beg. Balance	\$ 6,906.50
Receipts	1,475.00
Expense	5,250.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,131,50

Little Lambs Preschool

Beg. Balance	\$ 5,289.88
Receipts	11,316.50
Expense	6,762.04
Ending Balance	\$ 9,844.34

Complete financial reports are given 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-Renewed

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.

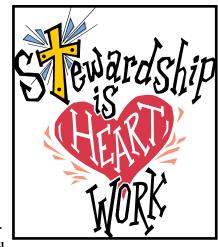
Parish Hall Rental/ Property Check-Out List

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—November, 2023

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined



with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

Serving Our Lord This Month—November 2023

Elder/Communion Assistant

November 04* Alan Janssen November 05* Brian Noffke

November 11* Joe Hart November 12* Available

November 18* Kevin Kruse
November 19* Dale Simmons

November 23* Kim Weerts

November 25* Chip Thurston November 26* Ken Taube

*Denotes Holy Communion is served



Usher Captains Usher Team

Gerald Brutlag (Sat.) Randy Kerschke

Brian Noffke (Sun.) Lynne Noffke; Dale Simmons;

Stan Schwark



Pam Matern & Brian Noffke

Altar Flowers

Weekend or date:

November 04/05 Mike & Frosty Thomas in thankfulness for God's blessings

November 11/12 Available

November 18/19 Joe & Diane Hart in celebration of their November family birthdays

November 23 To the glory of God with thankful hearts by the Circle of Friends group

November 25/26 Available

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Deadlines for printing: Bulletin announcement deadline-Wednesdays 12:00pm December Newsletter deadline-Monday, November 20 by 9:00am