



the Trinity Trumpet

September 2024

The Parish Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church; Danville, Illinois

I like free! Many years ago, my youngest son, Aidan, and I were at Marketplace Mall in Champaign. We happened to be in the food court. A young woman was standing in front of one of the Asian restaurants with a tray in her hands. On that tray were chunks of teriyaki chicken impaled on toothpicks. Best of all, they were free for the taking.

I don't know how many passes Aidan and I shamelessly made by that tray loaded with teriyaki chicken, but it was more than one.

In the summertime, I like to get out to the parks and check the wood lines for black raspberries and blackberries. There is nothing better than to see that pop of color signaling that the berries are ripe. God has put them there, free for the taking. Some go in a plastic container; others find their way into my mouth.

I like free! But during the Democrat convention, on August 19 and 20, I didn't like free, not at all. Planned Parenthood had parked a mobile clinic near the United Center, the site of the convention. For two days they offered free medication abortions and free vasectomies. FREE!

At no cost, women could acquire the medications that would end the lives of their preborn children—not to mention endanger their own lives. At no cost to them, men could take the necessary steps ("snip, snip") to prevent them from fathering children.

How far have we fallen. We have become so opposed to life that we are willing to give away death for free. We have become so opposed to life that we will prevent it from happening at all costs, or at no cost at all.

God is the God of life. At the very beginning His, "**Let there be,**" filled an empty world with life—swarms of sea creatures, every winged bird, land animals according to their

kinds, and last, but not least, man--male and female made in God's image and likeness.

And to that life that He had spoken into existence, to that life that now filled the land and sky and sea God said, "**Be fruitful and multiply...**" His Word of blessing, His creative Word, replenished and continues to fill the world with life—sea creatures, birds, land animals, and man—males and females.

With sin came death. Death is a sin thing. Death is a devil thing—the devil who has been a murderer from the beginning. Death is not a God thing. Free abortions and free vasectomies incur a great cost to those who partake of them—the cost of human lives, of wounded consciences and tormented souls.

We must work with God to defend and nurture life. We must oppose those who peddle death or give it away for free.

To those who have forfeited the lives of their children, for those whose consciences are wounded and whose souls are tormented by their sin, Jesus has something to give them. Something that Jesus secured for them at great cost to Himself—His own life given for their lives and for the life of the world. Something that Jesus offers FREE to them.

St. Paul writes, "**The wages of sin is death, but the FREE GIFT of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**"

Jesus gives the free gift of eternal life to those whose deadly sins demand their own death. He gives it in the Scriptures where He speaks His words of eternal life. He gives it at the font where His Word causes plain water to become the lifegiving waters of Holy Baptism. He gives it in His Supper where Jesus, who is the Life, feeds us with the very body and blood that He gave and shed for our forgiveness. Free for the taking. Free for you. I like free!

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Whether it's celebrating the Lord's Supper at the Divine Service on Sunday, September 22, or congregating for the potluck meal at the church picnic that same day, the words of Acts 2 ring true:

And day by day attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.

IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY

<i>Class</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>
-Cafeteria Class	Cafeteria	Sundays, 8:30 a.m.	Gospel of Mark
-Thursday Morning Class	Cafeteria	Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.	Book of Romans

OFFICIAL ACTS FOR AUGUST

Funerals: Paula Stoup, 8/24 (graveside service, LCMS member, Paul Gritton's sister)
Calls: 32 (13 HC)

BULLETS FROM BOPE (Board of Parish Education)

- Offerings for the Benevolent Fund in August totaled \$10.00.
- In addition to reading your Bible at home, join us for one of our weekly Bible classes at Trinity. We are studying Paul's Epistle to the Romans on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. we are walking and talking our way through Mark's Gospel in the cafeteria class.
- Public school confirmation students and parents, don't forget that our first official class meeting is Sunday, September 8, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school office area.
- We actually have a Board of Parish Education and they are meeting! Chris Schroder is chairing the board. Other members include Sean Schroder, Mike Westfall, Judy Sanders, and Rita Yagow.
- Sunday, September 29, is a 5th Sunday, a TLS Sunday! A hot breakfast will be served. Bible class will be a Q & A with Pastor Tibben. The TLS and Trinity Sunday school children will sing during the service. Finally, a door offering for the Haack Fund will be received after the service. These are wonderful Sundays for our congregation and school. Please come and enjoy the morning with us.

SCHOOL MUSINGS

-Trinity Lutheran School was pleased to welcome 45 students to their first day of school on Friday, August 16!

-We also welcomed some new staff members. Ms. Kim Hawkins is serving as our part-time resource teacher and also overseeing the before and after care program at TLS. Mrs. Abby Carlton is the long-term sub for Mrs. Huff in the 6th-8th grade classroom.

-We are thankful for the volunteers who helped spread some new mulch on the playground making the children's play safer and more comfortable.

-Thank you to the Trinity members who attended the back-to-school breakfast and chapel on Wednesday, August 21. It is always a joy when the congregation and school come together for food and fellowship.

-As mentioned above, Sunday, September 29, is a 5th Sunday, a TLS Sunday. That's right, another opportunity to have breakfast and worship together! Please come.

-You have until September 5 to order mums! Check out the order forms on the TLS table in the parish hallway. Mums can be picked up on Wednesday, September 11.

COMING SOON! CHURCH PICNIC & PATRIOT DAY BREAKFAST

The Patriot Day Breakfast, Wednesday, September 11, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Drop by Trinity's cafeteria that day. Enjoy a cup of coffee while you talk with our breakfasting law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMTs and offer your thanks to them for their selfless service to us and our community.

The Annual Church Picnic, Sunday, September 22, 12:30 p.m. (or thereabouts)

After attending the Divine Service, celebrating the Lord's Supper, and eating and drinking at the Lord's Table, we will gather at the Maple Grove Lodge at Forest Glen County Preserve for the church picnic. The meal will be served around 12:30 p.m. You can stay into the afternoon for conversation and a cornhole tournament. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fried chicken, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Oh, bring your "glad and generous hearts" too!



TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of Trinity Lutheran Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ to our members, our community, our world, and to the next generation.

THE VALUES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE: Strong Biblical preaching and teaching; our Lutheran heritage; fellowship in faith and love toward one another; bringing Christ's mercy in Word and deed to the community; and our Lutheran day school.

TUNE INTO THE RADIO BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY on WITY, 980 AM or 99.5 FM and listen to The Lutheran Hour at 10:00 a.m. and Trinity's church service at 10:30 a.m. You may also listen to Trinity's service again at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

WORSHIP ANEW celebrates the new life all believers have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through weekly Scripture readings, favorite hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. View every program at www.WorshipAnew.org or tune in Sunday mornings on channel 49 WCIX Springfield at 7:30 a.m., channel 50 CW at 8:00 a.m., or channel 2 WTWO Terre Haute at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

PRAY FOR THESE TRINITY MEMBERS: David White; Doug White; Jamie White; Dawn Williams; Jamie Witt; Christopher Wright; Bill & Kim Wright; Mike Wright; Dan & Rita Yagow; Michelle Yount; Rusty Alvey & son, Russell; Marie Anders; Ruth Anders; Anjoelina Anderson; Eric Anderson; Debbie Appelbaum & son, Joseph; Timothy & Teresa Ard; Scott & Michelle Babb & children, Jacob & Jessica; Don & Sue Barr; Michael & Bernadette Barth & children, Abigail & Austin; Martha Barth; Doug Barthalow; Lauren Barthalow; Theresa Bartlett & children, Jessie & Sarah; Devon Bauer & children, Annie & Jack; Christopher Benson; Joseph Benson; Joseph Benson III; Nick Benson; Ronda Berry & children, Jackson & Nicole

BETHANY BARKS Did you know that August marked the 16th Anniversary of the Comfort Dog Ministry? The modest beginning in 2008, with just a few minimally trained dogs and a vision of a ministry, Lutheran Church Charities began what has grown to over 130 dogs in 28 states. New dogs in-training are being readied to fill needs in new LCMS churches and schools. Team Bethany is proud to be a small part of this wonderful ministry since 2017.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER:

Altar Guild: Susan Muehl and Abby Muehl

Sound Schedule:

September 1 - Laura Hutchison
September 8 - Dave Tobeck
September 15 - Teresa Parish
September 22 - Chris Kienast
September 29 - Bob Hubner

Usher Captains:

September 1 - Brian Parke (Mike Klepp)
September 8 - Adam Muehl/Alex Muehl
September 15 - Eric Westfall
September 22 - Jerry Jochim
September 29 - Dave Tobeck/Doug Hubner

Communion Assistants

September 1 - David Sanders & Mike Westfall
September 8 - Terry Mourer & John Thompson
September 15 - Brad Pollert & Mark Hamm
September 22 - Brian Parke & Sam Sanders
September 29 - Phil Muehl & Cliff Peak

THE DEADLINE for submissions for the October newsletter is Friday, September 20, 3:30 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS have ended for the church and school offices. The church office will be open from 8:00 am to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday. The school office will be open 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every day.

THANK YOU I would like to thank Pastor Tibben and the Trinity congregation for allowing me to serve God and Trinity as a church secretary. I have served with two wonderful ladies, Kathy Thoma and Diana Gernand. A special thank you to Maghen Wells and Fellowship for the lovely reception.
Sue Barr

LWML-EUNICE NEWS (information for ALL women in the congregation)

Eunice cordially invites all ladies of the congregation to join Eunice members for a luncheon on Thursday, September 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Drinks and table service will be provided. Members are reminded to bring a dish to share. Come and join us in fellowship as we enjoy a meal and plan upcoming events.

The Eunice fall rummage sale is fast approaching. The sale will be held October 4 and 5. We will accept donations of gently used items from September 30 to October 2. Anyone who wants to help is welcome. This event raises funds to help the church and provides the congregation and community members with needed items at a reasonable cost and enables us to pass on items we no longer need. It is a WIN/WIN. We truly appreciate past donations and look forward to filling the gym once again. Upcoming Sunday bulletins will give you more details on donations, times, and opportunities to help. Thank you!

Mites -

The September Prayer Calendar is included in this mailing. Mites are collected the first Sunday of each month at either entrance, then sent to LWML-Central Illinois District for distribution to the various mission grants, both for our District LWML as well as for National LWML. For more information, view these websites – www.lwml-cid.org or www.lwml.org

Please see the flier for the LWML Central Illinois District Danville Zone Rally included in this newsletter. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hallway if you would like to attend.

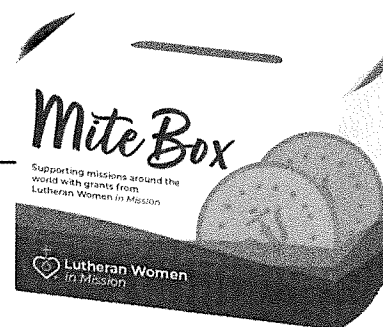
EVANGELISM Meet the new Evangelism committee: Chairman Laura Berry, Monica Budnovich, Cindy Heath, Chris Schroder, and Bill Umphenour. In their first meeting they discussed several ways to get Jesus to the people and the people to Jesus. The committee is looking forward to working with the congregation to spread the Gospel. More information will be coming soon.



SEPTEMBER

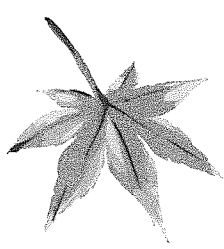
This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings.

Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!



1. For LWML Mission Grant #21.
2. For men who heed God's call to serve His people as pastors.
3. For Papua New Guinea, one of the 83 countries supported by an LWML grant.
4. For our will to follow God's will, as we grow in relationship with Him.
5. For ways to serve your neighbors with acts of kindness.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission LWML Recording Secretary.
7. For the countries of Panama and Peru.
8. For the LWML Montana and New Jersey Districts.
9. Pray this 10-second prayer. "Lord, I pray for my friend, _____. You love her and I love her. Be with her today. Amen."
10. For your family. Pray that they draw near to Jesus.
11. For the country of the Philippines.
12. For gratitude of the Savior's gift of salvation.
13. For the Lord to heal our world and for His return to put the world right.
14. For our countenance to show the love and grace of the Savior, Jesus Christ.
15. For the country of Myanmar (Burma).
16. For the LWML Nebraska North and Southern Illinois Districts.
17. For the opportunity to show kindness to enemies.
18. For the many around the world who do not yet know You, Lord.
19. For the country of Paraguay.
20. For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our churches, and Christian work throughout the world.
21. For LWML Mission Grant # 22.
22. For the sick and those without shelter.
23. For those hungry and in prison.
24. For those around the world who suffer persecution because of their faith.
25. For the ability to love like Jesus.
26. For the LWML Nebraska South District.
27. For new and future LWML Mission Grants.
28. For an increase in zeal for the Gospel.
29. For random acts of kindness as a way to show the love of God.
30. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
31. For the LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District.

LWML Central Illinois District



Danville Zone 2024 Fall Rally



September 10, 2024

8 am to 12:30 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church

215 Poplar Street, Loda

Seek the Lord-

Hosea 10:12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.



Registration and breakfast from 8-9
Registration fee payable at the door-\$10

Special guest speaker Reverend Martin Eden,
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Quincy, IL.
Bible study by Pastor Matt Schneider, Junior Counselor
Installation of Officers by Pastor Michael Ruhling,

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In-gathering for Hands of Christ Food Pantry
♡ Monetary donations only ♡
Registration deadline Sunday Sept. 1, 2024
Send number of attendees to
Sue Sawyer, 815-383-0151 - email suez474@aol.com

You're Invited!!

Trinity Lutheran Church Picnic



When: Sunday, September 22nd @ 12:30pm

Where: Maple Grove Lodge @ Forest Glen Preserve

What to expect: fried chicken potluck style meal, cornhole tournament to follow, other games, hiking, smores, and getting to know the church family

Please bring a lawn chair and a dessert or side dish to share! We look forward to seeing you!