



# the Trinity Trumpet

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The Parish Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church; Danville, Illinois

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Randy Travis once sang, "And I hear tell, the road to hell is paved with good intentions." I get what he's saying. Good intentions that remain only that, good intentions, aren't worth much.

Over the years, as I have officiated at the confirmations of young and old, the word "intend" in the Rite of Confirmation has caught my eye more and more.

For instance, on Sunday, May 5, as at every confirmation, the confirmands will be asked, "Do you *intend* to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?"

Again, they will be asked, "Do you *intend* to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?"

One last time they will be asked, "Do you *intend* to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?"

Of course the printed answer, the correct answer to those questions is, "I do, by the grace of God." If any youth or adult does NOT intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, then he or she shouldn't be confirmed! They shouldn't even be standing before God's altar and in front of the congregation fielding the question.

If any youth or adult does NOT intend to live according to the Word of God and remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and yet answers, "I do, by the grace of God," then he has just told his first lie and spoken his first denial as he begins his lifelong journey away from God and away from His Word.

If any youth or adult does NOT intend to continue steadfast in the Church and her confession of the faith, even unto death, then

he or she should just excuse themselves and politely exit the Church.

But most confirmands DO intend to hear God's Word and receive His Supper faithfully. Most confirmands DO intend to remain true to God and live according to His Word. Most confirmands DO intend to continue in the Church and her confession of the faith—even if they must die doing it.

That doesn't mean they necessarily will, but it does mean that they intend to. So how can the good intentions expressed in the Confirmation Rite be turned into lived realities.

No confirmand has the strength to make good on his good intentions—not all by himself. We sinners are too weak. The devil, the world, and our sinful flesh are too strong.

Jesus says, "Apart from me you can do nothing." Apart from Jesus, we end up like withered branches that are gathered and thrown on the burn pile we call hell.

That's why we pray for our confirmands. That's why they pray for themselves. That's why Jesus intercedes for them. So that they may be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Forgiven and fed, sanctified and strengthened by the Lord's Word and Supper they will make good on their good intentions. So can you! With Jesus and the help of His Spirit all of us who are confirmed will remain true to the Triune God in whose name we were baptized and walk in the newness of life to which we were raised at the font. We will continue steadfast in this Confession and Church right up to our last breath. Then the good intentions of our Confirmation, instead of paving the road to hell, will, by God's grace and help, pave the road to heaven.

## **A VOICE FROM THE PAST**

Sunday, May 12, is also Mother's Day. Hymnwriter, Martin Rinkhart, in his hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," gives us words fitting for that day. He writes:

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.*

Our mothers themselves are gifts of love given to us by God. Through them, God has given us countless other gifts of love and blest us on our way.

## **IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY**

<b><i>Class</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Date/Time</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>
-Cafeteria Class	Cafeteria	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	Stories from Acts
-Thursday Morning Class	Cafeteria	Thursday, 9:30 a.m.	Romans

## **OFFICIAL ACTS FOR APRIL**

Baptisms:	Hadley Dawn Stephens, 4/21
Transfers In:	Janet Gale, from Immanuel, Danville, IL, 4/11
Calls:	13 (8 HC)

## **BULLETS FROM BOPE (Board of Parish Education)**

- There were no offerings given for the unbudgeted mission projects in April.
- Thank you Sunday school and day school students for praising God with our congregation and proclaiming God's Word to our congregation through your singing at the service on Sunday, April 28.
- The monthly newsletter, the assigned readings for the cafeteria class, and the Scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday are all available on Trinity's website. Click on "News and Notes" to find the newsletter and click on "Connect" to find the upcoming Bible stories and Scripture readings.
- Moms and dads! Grandpas and grandmas! Just a gentle reminder that if your son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter is able to read, he or she is able to open the hymnal and participate in the service. We don't want to teach our children to be passive spectators at worship but active participants in hearing God's Holy Word and praising His Holy Name. Adults, you can set a good example by not leaving your hymnals closed either.

## **SCHOOL MUSINGS**

-Thank you students for singing on our final "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" of this school year. We appreciate you leading us in the praises of God and proclaiming His Word to us.

-Don't forget the Trinity Lutheran School Art Show and Spring Concert are scheduled for Tuesday, May 7. The art show begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the concert at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the gifts and abilities that God has given to our students.

-Don't forget to join our students and families for the TLS Closing Chapel and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 23. Chapel begins at 8:30 a.m., the Awards Ceremony follows at approximately 9:15 a.m. While you're at it, swing by for breakfast between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

-The Trinity Lutheran School Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. Come and rejoice with our three young graduates (Dawson Stack, Wyatt VanEtta, and Karsyn Montelongo) and their families as we give thanks for the completion of their education here at Trinity.

### **ALL THINGS CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is nearly upon us. This year's class consists of two fine young men and excellent confirmation students: Adam Aleksander Smigielski and Dawson Matthew Stack.

**Examination of the Confirmands** will be **Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. The congregation is welcome to join the families to witness the examination.

**Confirmation Sunday** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5, at the 9:30 a.m. service.** Be sure to come and witness the confirmations as Adam and Dawson affirm the blessings of their baptisms and confess their faith in the Triune God and His saving work. Then join them at the Lord's Table as they receive the first of what we pray will be many Communions throughout their lifetimes. Please pray for them, offer them words of encouragement, and take an interest in helping them remain faithful to the Lord Jesus.

### **ALL THINGS LUTHERAN CEMETERY**

**Cemetery Cleanup Day:** Members of Trinity and Immanuel will gather on Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 a.m. to spruce up the cemetery in anticipation of Memorial Day weekend. Bring your own tools so you can pitch in and help with the effort.

**Cemetery Door Offering:** A door offering following the Divine Service on Sunday, May 26, will be received to help fund the maintenance of the cemetery. The care of "God's Acre" is the responsibility of Trinity and Immanuel congregations. Please do your part to maintain it until the Day of Resurrection.

**Memorial Day Service:** The annual Memorial Day Service of Trinity and Immanuel congregations is scheduled for Monday, May 27, at Lutheran Cemetery beginning at 9:00 a.m. Let's begin Memorial Day by remembering our dead and fallen and by rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection of the body.

### **QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING**

Trinity's voters will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, in the cafeteria. We will hear reports and elect congregational officers as well as chairmen and members of various boards. Please be sure to stay to voice your opinions and cast your votes.

### **SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE**

We've already talked about confirmation, graduation, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. And yet, there's more to celebrate in May. Please note the following Sundays and festivals coming in May.

***The Ascension of our Lord, Sunday, May 12:*** We celebrate that 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended bodily into heaven to be Head over all things, the Lord of the Church, and to prepare a place for all who believe and trust in Him.

***Pentecost Day, Sunday, May 19:*** We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for His work in our hearts calling us and keeping us with Jesus in the one true faith and empowering us to live as the new creations in Christ that we are.

***Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 26:*** We confess again that the true God, the living God, the only God, OUR God, is the Triune God, the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

### **MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICE**

Because of the Examination of the Confirmands on Wednesday, May 1, we will NOT have a Divine Service that night. We will, however, have Divine Services on Wednesdays, May 15 and 29, at 6:30 p.m.

**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](http://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 & Andrea Munoz & children, Antonio, Malia, Nate, & Lilyana; Elaina Murphy & children, Cody & Baylee; Megan Murray; Janet Myers; Tom Myers; Catherine Nasser-Welsch & daughter, Katie; Jason Nelson; Layne Nesbitt; Sandy Nosler; Robert & Debra Okerlund; Ashley Orlea; Candace Orlea; Carrie Owens & daughter, Maysa; Jeff & Teresa Parish; Jennifer Parish; Brian & Karina Parke & son, Jacob; Michelle Pasley; Troy Pasley; Tyler Pasley; Michael Pastrokos; Guy & Julie Patterson; Jeremiah Patterson; Zack Patterson; Cliff & Carol Peak; Manny & Ximena Perez; Betsy Perkins; Merna Perrin; Robin Pilkington & son, Tristian; Tracie Pilkington; Ryan Poggendorf & son, Evan; Brad & Linda Pollert

### **BETHANY BARKS**

On a recent visit, the subject of Bethany's retirement was brought up. They were concerned because they thought she was retiring soon! **NOT TRUE!** Golden retrievers' life span is anywhere from 10-14 years. Bethany is 8 years old, in good health, and will continue in the Comfort Dog Ministry as long as she is able. The only challenge facing Team Bethany is maintaining a team. Most of her team (currently 16 people) have been on board from the beginning, far longer than most of them expected. Their dedication and love of the neighbor are extraordinary. New team members are always welcomed. See Mike Klepp if you are interested or attend the June 9th meeting.

### **SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN APRIL:**

Altar Guild: Dona Westfall and Crisi Walls

#### Sound Schedule:

May 5 - Laura Hutchison  
May 12 - Dave Tobeck  
May 19 - Teresa Parish  
May 26 - Chris Kienast

#### Usher Captains:

May 5 - Adam Muehl/Alex Muehl  
May 12 - Eric Westfall  
May 19 - Jerry Jochim  
May 26 - Dave Tobeck/Doug Hubner

#### Communion Assistants

May 5 - David Sanders & John Thompson  
May 12 - Mark Hamm & Cliff Peak  
May 19 - Brian Parke & Sam Sanders  
May 26 - Mark Gale & Phil Muehl

**THE DEADLINE** for submissions for the June newsletter is Friday, May 24, 3:30 p.m.

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

Eunice invites all ladies of the congregation to the dessert meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m. Please join us for lunch and Christian fellowship.

**Mites -**

The May 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 as well as for National. For more information, view these websites – [www.lwml-cid.org](http://www.lwml-cid.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

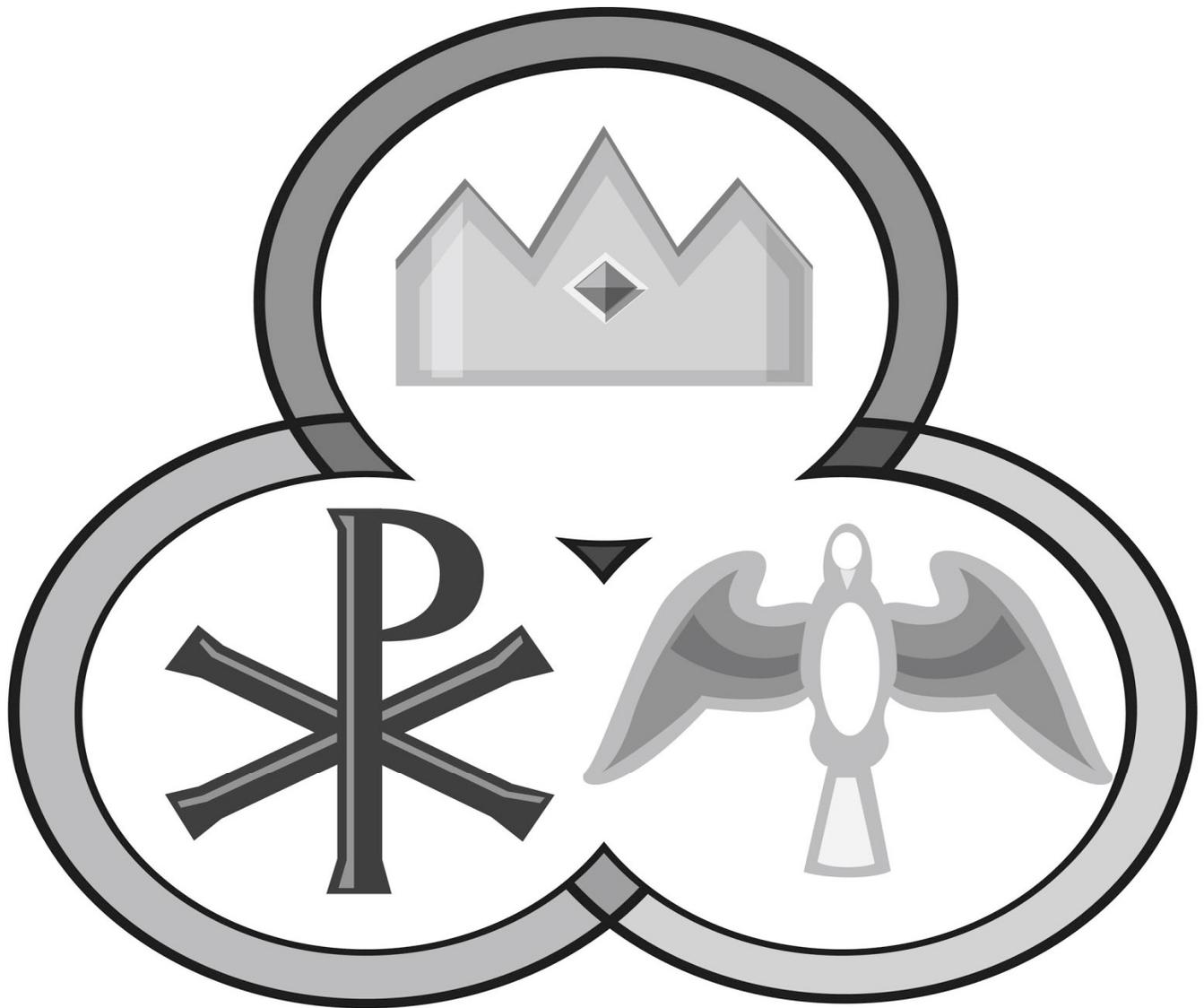
**SAVE THE DATE**

June 2, 2024

Service of Farewell & Godspeed for Dan Yagow's 43 years of service 9:30 a.m.

Dinner to follow 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to church office by May 26, 2024



**THREE IN ONE**

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

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### *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.

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*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 flowers. Bring some to a friend or neighbor.
2. For school teachers, school workers, and students.
3. For Ethiopia, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the LWML Ohio District.
5. For nurses and healthcare workers.
6. For the opportunity to be able to invite someone to lunch so you can get to know them better.
7. For the country of Guinea.
8. For godly mothers.
9. For the opportunity to help a young mom.
10. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Organizational Resources.
11. For LWML Mission Grant #11.
12. For God to strengthen ordained pastors everywhere.
13. For the country of Haiti.
14. For the many things you can be thankful for today.
15. For our national LCMS Council of District Presidents.
16. For the country of Hong Kong.
17. For the LWML English District.
18. For Mite Goals in all the districts.
19. For friends and strangers you meet today.
20. For the country of India.
21. For flower and vegetable gardens.
22. For firefighters.
23. For LWML Mission Grant #12.
24. For the country of Indonesia.
25. For the LWML SELC District.
26. For your neighbors and for ways to serve them.
27. For an opportunity to buy someone a cup of tea or coffee.
28. For the country of Israel.
29. For the armed forces who gave their lives and for their families left behind.
30. For the LWML Eastern District.
31. For the country of Latvia.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>8:30 TLS Chapel 2:00 Food for the Children @ Danville Gardens 6:30 Confirmation Examination</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Bible Class  5:15 Yoga</p>	<p>3</p> <p>TLS No School</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Easter 6</p> <p>8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE/Confirmation</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 Knitting &amp; Crocheting  6:00 TLS Art Show 6:30 Spring Concert</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 TLS Chapel</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 Bible Class 12:30 Eunice 5:15 Yoga 6:00 Elders</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Cemetery Work Day</p>
<p>12 Ascension Sunday</p> <p>8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Knitting &amp; Crocheting  5:00 TLS Open House 6:15 Adult Instruction</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 TLS Chapel  6:30 DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Bible Class 5:00 TLS Board 5:15 Yoga</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Voters Meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Knitting &amp; Crocheting  6:15 Adult Instruction</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 Word at the Villas  6:00 Council</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 TLS Closing Chapel &amp; Year End Awards  5:15 Yoga</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 TLS Graduation</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Holy Trinity</p> <p>8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day</p> <p>9:00 Service at Lutheran Cemetery</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 Knitting &amp; Crocheting  6:15 Adult Instruction</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Bible Class  5:15 Yoga</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30 Hale/Wells Wedding Rehearsal</p>	