

**February 2026**



## GRACE UPON GRACE

After describing Jesus as God’s eternal word that takes on our flesh and brings life and light to all, John then says, “From his fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.” Did you hear that? Not just grace, but grace upon grace. Grace multiplied. More grace than you can imagine. **Grace upon grace.**

**Grace upon grace.** I can’t think of a better way to start this new year of grace (**upon grace!**) than being reminded of God’s love for and acceptance of us and all people in and through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ! In light of this incredible promise, I want to offer an invitation and a question.

First, the invitation. Believe this is true: That Jesus – his life, ministry, death, and resurrection – demonstrate that God loves us and accepts us completely and unconditionally. Or, better: believe this is true for you. Sometimes we can accept the idea of love, acceptance, and forgiveness in general, but still struggle believing it applies to us. We know our shortcomings, failings, and insecurities so well we may have difficulty trusting that God doesn’t see us this way or judge us this way, but rather sees us as beloved children. Always. No matter what.

One way to anchor yourself in this promise is to start and end your day the way we lead our kids in starting every Confirmation class. By making the sign of the cross on our foreheads and saying, “I am a child of God. I am loved. I am not alone.” *Try it.* That tangible reminder twice a day will help.

Another way to grow in your trust of God’s promises is to come to worship regularly so you can hear the good news of God’s love, acceptance, forgiveness, and grace in the singing, Scripture reading, and sermons!

Then, a question:

What will you do differently this year because “from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace”?

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Annual Congregational Meeting/Potluck**  
 February 1

**Meramec Bluffs Gathering**  
 Wednesday, February 4

**MOMCO Meeting**  
 Friday, February 6 & 20

**Gateway Brown Bag assembly**  
 Monday, February 9

**President’s Day Church Office Closed**  
 Monday, February 16

**Ash Wednesday**  
 Wednesday, February 18

**Mission Committee meeting**  
 Thursday, February 19

**Trinity Book Club**  
 Monday, February 23

**Lenten Soup Supper/Service**  
 Wednesday, February 25

**Gateway180 Prep & Serve Dinner**  
 Saturday, February 28

### Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the March Trinitell is February 15. Email articles or information to Nicole Maloy at [communications@tlc-stl.org](mailto:communications@tlc-stl.org) or mail to Trinity.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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What risks will you take, knowing that whether you succeed or fail, God loves you?

What standards will you set for how you let others treat you, believing that you are God's beloved child and worthy of all good things?

How will you treat others knowing that they, too, are God's beloved children and similarly deserve to be treated with dignity and respect?

How will you share God's grace with others – family and friends to be sure, but also with people who are different from us, perhaps disagree with us, or believe differently from us, yet are still God's children?

We will be reading the Gospel of John's story about Jesus – a story that might be subtitled, "this is what grace upon grace looks like" – from now through May.

So, as we journey together this new year, let Jesus' promise of love, acceptance, forgiveness, and grace fill your hearts, direct your lives, and embolden you to reach out to others with love.

See you in Church!  
Pastor Chris

## WORSHIP WITH US

*Join Us* **SUNDAY  
WORSHIP**

Trinity Lutheran Church

**One Worship Service** **ONLINE**  
Trinity YouTube Channel

**10:00 AM** **INSIDE**  
Sanctuary

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT 10:00 AM  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
AND ONLINE**

**Our 10:00 AM worship service is available in person and online via our Trinity YouTube Channel.** If you are unable to watch at 10:00 AM, you may view the services online at your convenience. To watch our worship services, please click [HERE](#).

# PASTOR EMERITUS REPORT

Roy Christell  
pastorroy@tlc-stl.org



These days **LISTENING** has become an art. What I've noticed is a lot of people only listen long enough to decide whether you think like them or not. The other day, as I was sitting with some others (most of whom were unknown to me), the conversation took an abrupt turn when one man listened for about a half a sentence. Then, interrupting the speaker, launched into a loud and determined argument against what he thought the other was saying. What followed was actually an argument not about the topic but about "that's not what I was about to say." It bordered somewhere between insanity and a comedy routine. But sadly, I've seen that happen more than once.

**LISTENING** is actually an art. It first demands allowing the other to speak completely. Then, clarifying questions can be asked which give the speaker an opportunity to say more or clarify various points. Once it's clear what was actually said was heard. Then the conversation can proceed.

When we have the opportunity to engage in a conversation about "faith" and "God" and "Jesus" and "Grace", the art of **LISTENING** is critical. Open ended questions, clarifying questions, non-judgmental responses, all are required. Patiently waiting and giving the other a long opportunity to express themselves is where the possibility for dialog begins.

Jesus promised to give us the words to speak. (Luke 21:15) Jesus promised to send the Spirit to guide our testimony. (Acts 1:8) In these days, it is even more important that we, who are of the Body of Christ, become skilled in the art of **LISTENING** before we speak.

Let me know if you'd like to talk about this! I promise to listen first!

Pastor Roy

## BIBLICAL CONVERSATION

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM  
in Room 123

Trinity offers a Biblical Conversation on Tuesday mornings. Led by Pastor Chris, this is a chance to share thoughts and dig deeper into the readings for the upcoming Sunday Worship Service. These Biblical Conversations are open to everyone! Please plan to join us for this weekly conversation.

## NURSERY/CHILD CARE

Sundays, 9:45 AM — 11:15 AM  
in Nursery Room

All of God's children, whatever their ages or needs, are welcome in worship! Families with young children are encouraged to sit in the front rows. Childcare for infants to 3 year-olds is available in the Nursery (upstairs near the gym) during worship in September - May. Please sign in.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

## Trinity Lutheran Church 2025 Nominating Committee Report

The five slates of 2026 Trinity Nominees are as follows:

**Council Officers and At-Large Members**  
**Nominating Committee**  
**Endowment Committee**  
**Mission Team**  
**Synod Assembly Delegates**

For the following slates, the proposed nominees on whom you will vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 1, 2026, are in **bold** type and underlined.

### **Slate 1—Council Officers and At-Large Council Members**

President Jeff Haferkamp will serve a one-year term.  
VP/President Elect **Dave Luethy** has agreed to stand for election to a two-year term.  
Secretary Elaine Larson will serve the second year of 1<sup>st</sup> two-year term.  
Treasurer Mike Hower has agreed to stand for election for a 1<sup>st</sup> two-year term.

### **At-large Council Members**

**John Engle** Agreed to stand for election to a 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year term  
Dan Fry will serve the second year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year term  
Eric Halter will serve the second year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year term  
**Maureen Hoppin** Agreed to stand for election to a 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year term  
**Sasi Jevaraian** Agreed to stand for election to a 1<sup>st</sup> two-year term  
Gene Kerr will serve the second year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year term  
Mikki Lee will serve the second year of a 1<sup>st</sup> two-year term  
Jim Mueller will serve the second year of a 1<sup>st</sup> two-year term

### **Slate 2—Nominating Committee**

Cindy Gesme will serve the third year of a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term  
Karen Henselmeier will serve the third year of a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term  
Nicole Maloy will serve the second year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term  
**Eric Petersen** Agreed to stand for election to a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term  
Miguel Pico will serve the second year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term  
**Barb Trettel** Agreed to stand for election to a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term

### **Slate 3—Endowment Fund Committee**

Eric Flattem will serve the third year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term  
Eric Halter will serve the third year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term  
Morris Larson will serve the third year of a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term  
Eric Petersen will serve the second year of a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term

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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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## **Slate 4 - Mission Team**

**Pam Franke** Agreed to stand for election to a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term  
**Peggy Miller** Agreed to stand for election to a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term  
Genie Mueller will serve the third year of a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term  
Deb Palmer will serve the second year of 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term  
Donna Rice will serve the second year of a 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term  
Christie Tietjen will serve the third year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term

## **Slate 5 - Synod Assembly Delegates**

**Dale & Karen Henselmeier** and **John & Deborah Palmer** have agreed to serve as Trinity's delegates to the Central States Synod Assembly in 2026.

**NOTE:** Congregation voting members may send additional nominations to the Nominating Committee or request at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, that nomination be presented directly to the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting, if such additional nominee(s) consents to the nomination. Such additional nominee(s) shall be included on the appropriate slate for the position so nominated. The Council shall forward such names so received to the Nominating Committee. No nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting for any of the slates will be accepted.

## **TRINITY'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, February 1, 2026  
11:00 AM in the Gym**

Please join us for Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 11:15 AM in the Gym. There will be a Potluck meal followed by the meeting. If your last name begins with:

- A - G: please bring a dessert (to serve 10)**
- H - M: please bring a potato or pasta side dish (to serve 10)**
- N - Z: please bring a vegetable side dish or salad (to serve 10)**

*We need volunteers to help out in the kitchen. If you are willing to help, please contact Amy Jones at [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org). Thank you!*



# JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Date:** January 11, 2026

**Present:** Pastor Chris Naig, Larry Tietjen, Jeff Haferkamp, Mike Hower, John Engle, Dan Fry, Eric Halter, Gene Kerr, Elaine Larson, Mikki Lee, Jim Mueller

**Call to Order:** 11:23AM

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Chris

**Minutes from December Meeting:** Approved unanimously.

## **President's Report—Larry Tietjen**

- 125-yr celebration is Saturday, Jan. 31st 5:00 PM in Trinity Gym
- Pastor Chris' review completed – Met with Executive Committee – Everyone loves Pastor Chris
- Annual meeting is coming up Feb. 1st 11:00 AM
- Columbarium and sidewalk complete

**Proposed Resolution:** *Be it resolved that the Trinity Church Counsel supports the recommendations of the Columbarium Task force to bring to the congregation the recommendation to expand the availability of niches to non-members based on:*

- **Aligning with our Vision:** *Upholding the vision of “You Matter to God, You Matter to Us.”*
- **Community Service:** *Offering a valuable service to the broader community.*
- **Consistency:** *In line with our tradition of opening our facilities to the community.*
- **Financial Support:** *Generating financial support for the continued sustainability and growth of the cemetery.*

*The guidelines and polices surrounding the expanding the availability of niches to nonmembers will be based upon the Proposed Policies for the Administration of the Cemetery, Columbarium and Scatter Garden as recommended by the Task Force and approved by the church Council. The Polices for Administration will be reviewed annually.*

## **Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris**

- Floor cleaner failed, looking to fix/replace
- Rebecca Henderson to replace Paige Halter as YLY Coordinator

## **Treasurer's Report—Mike Hower**

- Envelope positive vs budget for month, and equal to budget for the year
- Expenses slightly higher over budget for the month and year
- Review of 2026 Budget for Annual Meeting

## **Next Council Meeting**

- TBD

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 PM.**

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# JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

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*Detailed monthly financial reports are available upon request. Contact Mike Hower at [how-hep@msn.com](mailto:how-hep@msn.com).*

## STATUS OF ENVELOPE GIVING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

<b>Budget through 12/31/25</b>	\$676,000
<b>Actual Giving through 12/31/25</b>	\$707,481
<b>Surplus (Shortfall)</b>	\$24,481

## BETHANY WORRELL CONCERT

Presented by the Trinity Concert Series, Bethany Worrell performed on Sunday, January 11, 2026, in support of Lantern Hill. Thanks to your generous donations, the concert raised \$1,581. We sincerely appreciate your support!



# ADULT FORUM

## FEBRUARY ADULT FORUM SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM IN ROOM 123

**February 1: No Adult Forum —Annual Meeting/Potluck**

**February 8: Alzheimer - Healthy Living for your Brain and Body**

Presenter: Jeremy Koerber. Alzheimer's Association Programs Manager Jeremy Koerber is an experienced Fitness Professional with a demonstrated history of working in the health wellness and fitness industry. His experience includes Wellness Coaching, Fitness Training, Dietary Supplements, Prevention, and Athletics. Jeremy has been working with the Alzheimer organization for several years, bringing his experience in fitness to the organization to better convey actionable ways for the public to stay healthy for the later years. The Greater Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association: The Greater Missouri Chapter works tirelessly (in 86 counties in Missouri and 10 in Illinois) to support the over 120,000 people in the region currently living with Alzheimer's and their caretakers.

**February 15: No Adult Forum — Service Sunday**

Come package meals in the gym for Meals do Matter.

**February 22: What Will You Say? ... Walked... is the Word**

Presenter: Pastor Roy. A "non-believer" walked up to a Lutheran Christian.... No, it's not the beginning of a joke. What do you say when someone asks you, "What do you believe? And why do you believe it?" Do you just wing it after a few hems and haws? Are you prepared to give witness to the faith that is inside you? Pastor Roy will help everyone think about their Testimony and Witness from a Lutheran perspective.

# FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz  
facility@tlc-stl.org

Another holiday season has come and gone with the many repeated activities that happen each year; decorating and undecorating the church, preschool rugs cleaned and shampooed, sanctuary and some hallway floors scrubbed and waxed.

This month marked the completion of the columbarium. As of the first week of January all planned activities (except landscaping which will be a separate project) have been completed. Sidewalks have been poured and the ground has been graded with straw and seeded. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and ready for a great New Year.

Mike Sharitz  
Facilities Coordinator



## COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

The Columbarium Committee unanimously approved the appointment of **Fred Meyland-Smith** to lead the effort to enhance the **landscaping** of Trinity's cemetery. The project is comprehensive in scope to include beautifying the area immediately surrounding the newly created columbarium as well as enhancing the established cemetery grounds. Fred will select and coordinate the efforts of professional landscaping professionals with the final landscaping plan approval resting with the Columbarium Committee and then the Church Council. Expected project cost is \$40,000 - \$50,000. Coincident with this appointment is the initiation of a congregation-wide fund raising campaign to fully provide for this project with the expected completion by mid 2026.

Presale pricing remains through January 31, 2026. If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please contact the church office at 636-227-5432.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

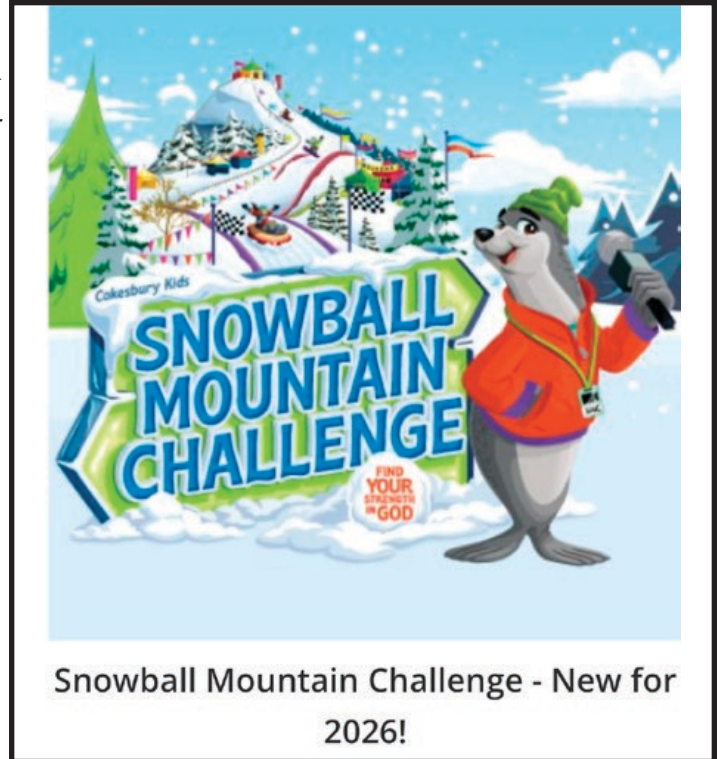
Stacey Drake  
kidsministry@tlc-stl.org

**Sunday School** will be held each Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00 for children ages 3- 5th grade. Children *ages 3- 2nd grade* will meet with Ms. Stacey in our Sunday School Room, Room 7. Children in *3rd-5th grade* will meet with Mr. Graeme in our upstairs music room in room 262 at the top of the stairs. All children will rotate between 30 minutes of our Bible story along with crafts and games and 30 minutes of music.

All children in 6th through 8th grade are encouraged to attend our weekly **Confirmation Class** taught by Pastor Chris on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Make sure to save the date for VBS. It will be held June 22-26, 2026. Registration will open in March. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Drake at [kidsministry@tlc-stl.org](mailto:kidsministry@tlc-stl.org).

Stacey Drake,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator



# YOUTH LEADER

Rebecca Henderson  
yly@tlc-stl.org



## WELCOME REBECCA!!!

I am thrilled to have the privilege to work with the youth of Trinity! We are blessed to have so many incredible young people in our congregation. For anyone who does not already know me, my name is Rebecca Henderson. My family and I have been members of Trinity since the spring of 2014. I am a licensed cosmetologist and a certified Missouri Master Gardener. When I am not spending time with my husband and our two teenage daughters, I am often walking or snuggling with our dog, Scotch. In my spare time I enjoy cooking, baking, reading and gardening. I am also in the Trinity choir and I help maintain the Trinity preschool garden.

My goal for YLY is to create a safe space where these young people will not only grow in their faith and their own personal relationships with God, but that they will grow as individuals as well. How awesome it is that God has blessed us all with different gifts to share! I can't wait to see what we will all learn from each other; and I am grateful for the opportunity.

Rebecca Henderson,  
Youth Leader

A promotional banner for a 'Pizza &amp; Games' event. The top half features a close-up of a pepperoni pizza with melted cheese. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for 'YLY TRINITY Youth LEADIng' and a black star icon. The text 'JOIN US!' is written in white on a black background. Below that, 'PIZZA &amp; GAMES' is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, 'SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 4-7 PM' is written in white on a black background. The bottom right corner shows wooden letter tiles spelling out 'GAMES'.

# TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Christy Cole  
Director@tlc-preschool.org



During February, our Trinity Preschoolers are introduced to some of the miracles that Jesus performed. Through these miracles of Jesus, the students learn about Jesus's love for them and the love we must have for our neighbors. We will talk about ways to show love by helping and serving others. These are important lessons which preschoolers can practice every day in their activities.

We will also celebrate Valentine/Friendship Day and each class will have a fun-filled day of Valentine exchanges, making Valentine crafts and eating ice cream (with lots of toppings!). In addition, we will celebrate Presidents' Day and learn a little bit more about the leaders of our country. February will prove to be a very busy month!

**Please join us for our Trinity Preschool Trivia Night & Silent Auction Fundraiser on Friday, February 20th** (adults only, please). We will have an evening of fun, all while raising funds for our wonderful preschool. You can register on our website: [www.tlc-preschool.org](http://www.tlc-preschool.org) – please make plans now to join us for this night of fun! In addition, if you would like to donate an item (tickets, vacation rental, etc.) or you would like to sponsor a round for your business (for \$100), please reach out to Christy Cole at [Director@tlc-preschool.org](mailto:Director@tlc-preschool.org).

Preparation for the 2026-2027 school year is well underway at Trinity Preschool. Initial registration has taken place but we continue to accept enrollment as space permits. If you or someone you know would like more information about Trinity Preschool, please invite them to visit our website: [www.tlc-preschool.org](http://www.tlc-preschool.org) for more information. Our program offers a quality, Christian preschool experience to area families and we would love to welcome your family and friends into our Trinity Preschool Family!

Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers and support of the preschool...we are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family!

In Him,  
Christy Cole, Trinity Preschool Director



# TRINITY PRESCHOOL

**Registration for the 2026-2027  
Registration Now Open**



## WE PROVIDE

- Classes for Ages 16 Months - 5 Years
- Christ-Centered Curriculum
- Play Based Approach to Learning
- Handwriting Without Tears Program
- Junior Kindergarten Program
- Child-Initiated Learning Experiences
- Age Appropriate Music Instruction Taught by a Dedicated Teacher
- Low Student to Teacher Ratio
- A Caring and Nurturing Atmosphere
- STEAM-based Program for all students

**For more information, contact us at**

Trinity Lutheran Preschool  
14088 Clayton Road, Chesterfield. MO 63017  
636-227-5720 or [Director@tlc-preschool.org](mailto:Director@tlc-preschool.org)  
[www.tlc-preschool.org](http://www.tlc-preschool.org)

Scan for Enrollment Page





Trinity Preschool Invites You To

# TRIVIA NIGHT



for a night of fun as we raise money for our preschool



Friday, February 20, 2026

Doors open at 5:45-Trivia begins at 6:30

Trinity Lutheran Church  
14088 Clayton Road  
Chesterfield, MO 63017



\$30 per person | Tables of 8  
Entry fee includes water,  
soda and popcorn

Silent Auction  
50/50

Games  
\$10 Mulligans

PROCEEDS BENEFIT

Questions? Please contact:  
Trivia Night: Anna Prosser  
annakathrynprosser@gmail.com

Order tickets  
online at  
[www.tlc-preschool.org](http://www.tlc-preschool.org)  
or use the QR Code



Silent Auction: Darla Childs  
darlachilds19@gmail.com





**for  
Trinity  
Preschool's  
Trivia Night  
on February 20**



## **TRIVIA NIGHT ROUND SPONSORS!**

As a Trivia Night Round Sponsor your business (and logo) will be shown on the large screen before the round that you are sponsoring.

In addition, your business will be included on the program that is handed out to each Trivia Table.

Cost of Round Sponsorship: \$100

*Thank you for supporting Trinity Preschool!*

Name of Company/Business \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a copy of your company's logo to:  
[annakathrynprosser@gmail.com](mailto:annakathrynprosser@gmail.com)

A check for \$100.00 (payable to Trinity Preschool) must accompany this form.

Forms may be handed in at the front desk (Amy Jones) or mailed to Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Thank you!**

**Best of Egypt: Walk in the Footsteps of Moses & the Holy Family with Trinity Lutheran and Rev. Chris Naig.**

**January 12 - 22, 2027**

**\$3,490 + Airfare**



**Included:** 10 nights in 5-star hotels (Double Occupancy); Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily; Entrance fees to all sites; All ground transportation in a private tour bus; Domestic flights in Egypt

**NOT included:** Gratuities for Guide, Driver, Hotels, Restaurants; Airfare; Personal expenses; travel insurance.

**Itinerary-**

- 12 JAN – Departure from USA
- 13 JAN – Arrival in Cairo
- 14 JAN – Pyramids of Giza & Grand Egyptian Museum
- 15 JAN – Coptic Cairo
- 16 JAN – Flight to Luxor & Start of Nile Cruise
- 17 JAN – West Bank of Luxor & Sail to Esna
- 18 JAN – Edfu & Kom Ombo Temples
- 19 JAN – Philae Temple & Nubian Village (Aswan)
- 20 JAN – Travel to St. Catherine (Sinai)
- 21 JAN – Mount Sinai & St. Catherine’s Monastery
- 22 JAN – Departure or Jordan Extension

**4-Day Jordan Program: Petra, Mount Nebo & Amman**

- Day 1: Arrival in Petra – Explore the Rose-Red City
- Day 2: Petra – Mount Nebo – Madaba – Amman
- Day 3: Amman City Tour
- Day 4: Departure

Hope you can join me in Egypt and Jordan for this great expericance. More details in the link below. Peace, Chris

<https://www.eliastours.com/tours/best-of-egypt-walk-in-the-footsteps-of-moses-the-holy-family-with-rev-chris-naig>

# BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

## MEALS DO MATTER



Sunday, February 15  
11:15 am in the Gym

We will be Assembling  
Soup Kits to Restock  
the Meals Do Matter  
Soup Kit Basket

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Thank you Trinity Preschool and church family  
for your generous donations of cereal for  
Circle of Concern!

We are looking for a volunteer who is willing to deliver  
the cereal boxes to Circle. If you are able to volunteer, please  
contact Leslie Steinmeyer at [digital@tlc-stl.org](mailto:digital@tlc-stl.org)



# BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

## GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, February 9  
8:30 AM  
Trinity Kitchen

Gateway180 is one of Trinity's 5 core missions. As part of our mission to support Gateway180, once a month we assemble sandwiches to support the homeless served by Gateway180.

Our next Gateway Brown Bag assembly is scheduled for Monday, February 9 at 8:30 am in the Trinity kitchen. If you would like to help out, you can click [HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer or you can contact Ken Hardebeck at [Lhardebeck@aol.com](mailto:Lhardebeck@aol.com) or 314-605-4970. Thank you!



## THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- Building Blocks for Lantern Hill
- Gateway180 Bag Assembly
- Soup Cans for Circle of Concern
- Preschool Spring Parties

Remember, if you are a Thrivent member, you have access to funds to use for your favorite service project or fundraiser! Contact Corlyn Salisbury, [salisbury04@gmail.com](mailto:salisbury04@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

## HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, February 20  
9:00 AM

Meet in Trinity Atrium

Thanks to valuable partners, Gateway180 receives donations of food, clothing, personal care items, etc. for their clients. Once the donations are received, they are sorted and organized. A dedicated group has developed a well-organized system for managing donations but needs some help.

We are looking for volunteers to join us at Gateway180 on Friday, February 20 to sort donations. We will meet at Trinity at 9:00 am to carpool to Gateway180. If there is enough interest, we may stop for lunch on our way back. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy Gaal at [kgaal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgaal@sbcglobal.net) or 314-540-2690.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PICKUP DONUTS

We are looking for volunteers to pick up pre-paid donuts from Schnucks on Sunday mornings. Contact Amy Jones at [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org).

# BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

## FEBRUARY TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, February 23  
11:30 am in Room 123

**“The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime  
and Dangerous Obsession”**  
by Noah Charney

Noah Charney’s 2007 debut mystery novel is about a series of seemingly unrelated art thefts in Rome, Paris, and London that are connected by a larger conspiracy involving forgeries, double-crosses, and art-historical puzzles. The plot follows art investigator Gabriel Coffin and art historian Geneviève Delacloche as they unravel a complex web of intrigue that includes stolen masterpieces, secret markets, and intellectual challenges, blending art history with a fast-paced thriller.

All are welcome to bring a lunch and join our discussion.

Reading ahead:

**Monday, March 23**  
**A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love,  
Obsession, and Shipwreck”**  
by Sophie Elmhirst

All are invited. Questions? Contact Karen Johnson at [mrsdrjx5@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdrjx5@gmail.com).



## PREPARE AND SERVE DINNER FOR GATEWAY180

Saturday, February 28

2:30 PM

Trinity Kitchen

Volunteers are needed to help with a dinner for Gateway180, a shelter supporting women, children, and families experiencing homelessness. They provide safe, nurturing emergency shelter and offer supportive housing programs that empower adults and families to become independent and permanently housed.

- The event takes place Saturday, February 28, and involves meal preparation at Trinity at 2:30 pm, followed by serving the meal at Gateway180.
- Meal prep: Starts at 2:30 pm, finished by 4:00 p.m.
- Serving at Gateway180: Depart Trinity at 4:00 pm, return around 7:00 pm. You can choose to only prepare or only serve—whatever fits your schedule.
- No experience needed; support will be provided

To volunteer or learn more, contact Kathy Gaal at [kgaal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgaal@sbcglobal.net) or 314-540-2690. Further details will be shared after sign-up.



# 1-MINUTE “PICK ME UPS”



**February 1, 2026: John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well**

Christ sees past the rumors and circumstances beyond our control, to see who we can be.

**February 8, 2026: John 4:46-54 [5:1-18], Healing Stories**

Belief doesn't always come in a single moment, but in a long journey of learning to trust.

**February 15, 2026: John 9:1-41, The Man Born Blind (Transfiguration)**

The Gospel challenges each of us to wrestle with the mystery of who Jesus is to us.

**February 22, 2026: John 11:1-44, Jesus Raises Lazarus (Lent 1)**

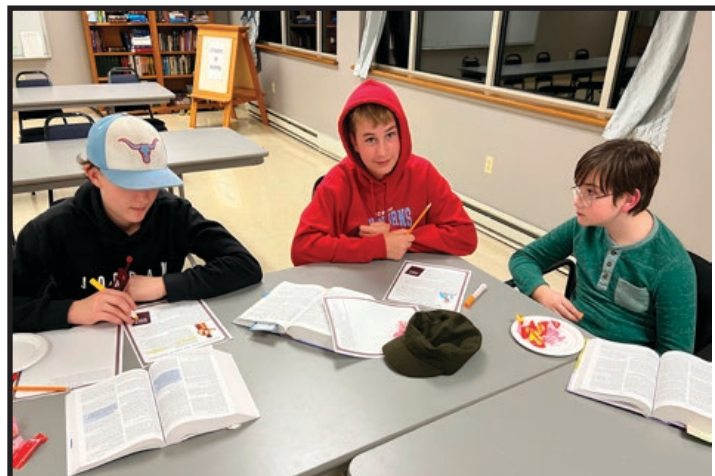
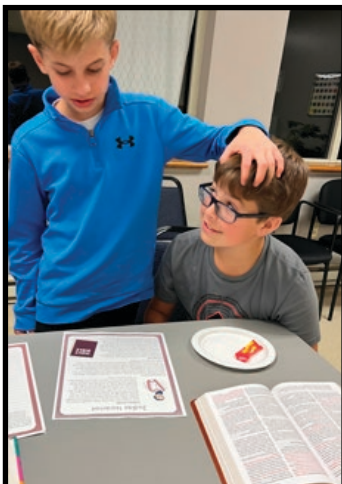
Our own resurrection is not only a thing to be expected after death but a life to be lived, here and now.

*These one-minute weekly video “pick me ups” are available on our [website](#). Click on the graphic and it will take you to the current week.*

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

## THANK YOU!

- Thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations: Cindy Gesme, Jeff Haferkamp, Lisa and Ken Hardebeck, Karen Johnson, Amy Jones, Ron Jones, Gene Kerr, Susan and Fred Meyland-Smith, Randy Ochs, Mike Sharitz, and Jon Trettel.
- Thank you to the Leaf Blower Gang - Jeff Haferkamp, Fred Meyland-Smith and Ron Jones for blowing all the leaves and sweet gumballs off the playground, garden space and parking lot!
- Thank you to the *Somewhere in Time* committee for putting together such a wonderful event. The time and effort you invested are truly appreciated!
- A big thank-you to everyone for your leadership, collaboration, and hard work in getting the Annual Report to all our members!



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Andre Johnson 2/1  
Richard Johnson 2/2  
Ron Jones 2/2  
Jim Wilhite, Jr. 2/2  
George Bruening 2/4  
Kelly Goebel 2/4  
Kim Stewart 2/4  
Catherine Hall 2/5  
Pierre Belleville 2/6  
Lindsey Dunn 2/6  
Mary Hepperly 2/7

Elaine Yokubat 2/7  
Alexander Menz 2/8  
Todd Maloy 2/9  
Sydney Staggs 2/12  
Vi Steinmeyer 2/13  
Terry Wolf 2/13  
Phyllis Baker 2/16  
Dan Blakeley 2/16  
Remi Miyazak 2/16  
Russell Eggebrecht 2/17  
Betty Forde 2/17

Shari Menz 2/19  
Mike Sharitz 2/19  
Jim Stewart 2/19  
Dana Wilhite 2/19  
Anthony Johnson 2/22  
Ed Kindley 2/22  
Barbara Goerss 2/24  
Stephanie Petersen 2/24  
Kevin Johnson 2/26  
Maxwell Smith 2/28  
Samuel Smith 2/28

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Melanie Brenton 2/19/2011

*Not seeing your birthday or anniversary? Please let the church office know so that we may update our records, [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org) or 636-227-5432.*

If your email address or cell phone number has changed, or if we don't have your information, please use the Church Directory button on our website to update your information. If you would like a copy of the Church Directory, please call the church office at **636-227-5432**.

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## PRAYERS FROM JANUARY 2026

**Thanksgiving and praise for...**Celebration for the marriage of Julie VandeDrink (new member) and Ed Simon on January 24, 2026

**Please pray for...**

Dottie Rasche (former member of Trinity), Beverly Jensen (mother of Teri Christell), Kat Rourke, Joyce Evans (mother-in-law of Deb Evans), Joe Clinton, Ed Calcaterra (friend of Earl and Sandy Lindenberg), Maurie Bell (family friend of the Palmers), Deborah Were (relative of John Palmer), Gary Mertz (brother of Sharon Mertz), On behalf of Maureen Hoppin, prayers for: Cariff Family, Buechler Family, Hoppin Family, Russell Family, Dennison Family, Morton Family, Fehlig Family, Johnson Family, Irwin Family, Garstang Family, Filla Family, Krey Family, Roberson Family, Ahrens Family, Orlando Family, Leigh Family, Robinson Family, Flanagan Family, Swavoda Family, Ford Family, Weeks Family, Smiths, Mashek Family and the Brandon Bolk Family; Jason Kurtz (Leslie Steinmeyer's cousin), Ruth Rangel, Carole Borchelt, Rhonda, Mike Long, Jim Stewart, Polly Sievert, Daniel Paquette (brother of Steve Paquette), Ruth Wiemann (Phyllis Baker's mom), Elizabeth Ankeny (Monica Naig's mom), Pam Dellamano (friend of Sandy Lindenberg), David Meranda (brother-in-law of Tiffany Meranda), Tammy Surfus Cayer (Sharon Hild's godchild), Dorothy Norland, Tom Ditchfield, Jill Leary (friend of Christy Cole and Amy Jones), Garry Melton (son of Kent and Audrey Melton), Olivia Maupin (granddaughter of Larry and Christie Tietjen), Tomi Nevin (sister of Patsy Sobey), Kina Jordan (niece of Patsy Sobey), Loretta Lofgren, Mike Calcagno, Richard, Sharon Mertz, Bob, Christie Tietjen, Greg Hild, Richard Leimgruber, Ruth Hughes

**For the family and friends of.....**

- Rebekah Massmann (dear friend of Rebecca Henderson) who completed her baptismal journey January 25, 2026
- Tom Cover (beloved brother of Ann Logan) who completed his baptismal journey January 18, 2026
- Bruce Horton (beloved husband of Mary Eva Horton) who completed his baptismal journey January 9, 2026

**Those serving our country...**Seth Allison

**To make a prayer request...**

- Call the church office-636-227-5432.
- Email [office@tlc-stl.org](mailto:office@tlc-stl.org).
- Prayers remain on the list for two weeks and may be renewed by request.

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