

November 2025



FOUR WORDS OF COUNSEL ...AND A PRAYER

As many historians have noted, Martin Luther's Reformation, though theological in nature, had significant political dimensions as well. In fact, 250 years later, James Madison, primary architect of the United States Constitution, credited Luther as the source of much of his thinking about the relationship between church

and state.

With Reformation, the political climate, cultural climate, November 5th election, and thanksgiving around the corner. I thought I would offer four elements of Luther's thought that still seem relevant today and then close with a prayer.

Church and State are separate, related, and equal ways by which God works to care for God's people.

The primary role of the church is to care for the spiritual and eternal dimensions of our life and, principally, our relationship to God. The primary responsibility of the state is to tend the physical and worldly dimensions of our lives, including especially our relationships with each other. When government interferes with spiritual matters or when the church tries to create a "religious state," things go awry quickly. At the same time, church and state can both support each other and hold each other accountable. Good government protects religious liberty and guards against church over-reach and abuse. Similarly, the church is called to pray for and support those in office as well as critique officials who do not deal fairly with all of God's people.

The primary role of the state is to exercise parental love.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Youth Leading Youth Event
Saturday, November 1

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 2

Meramec Bluffs Gathering
Wednesday, November 5

Gateway Brown Bag
Monday, November 10

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, November 16

Gateway180 Sort Donations
Friday, November 21

Prep & Serve Gateway180
Saturday, November 22

Decorate for Christmas
Trinity Book Group
Monday, November 24

Thanksgiving—Office Closed
Thursday-Friday, November 27-28

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the December Trinitell is November 15. Email articles or information to Nicole Maloy at

communications@tlc-stl.org
or mail to Trinity.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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“Love” may seem like an odd word to apply to government, but Luther believed strongly in “lex carita,” the law of love, as the principle by which God expects government to function. In this sense, the primary tasks of government – to promote peace and safety and ensure that basic needs are regularly met – are nearly identical to the role that parent’s play for their children. Luther believed, following numerous biblical passages, that the primary role of government was to ensure that everyone had enough to flourish, offering particular care and concern for the most vulnerable. For this reason, he was one of the first people to advocate for public schools to educate children and a common treasury to assist the poor. He believed strongly that this exercise of parental love was the primary reason God placed officials in positions of authority and would be the primary standard by which God would hold them accountable.

Our primary identity is baptismal, not ideological.

Luther was a pragmatist and so was open to a variety of ideas by which to advance the common good. No person – or, in our context, political party – has all the good ideas. What mattered most is the goal to make sure everyone had enough to flourish, not the means by which to accomplish this goal. For this reason, Luther believed Christians can, and often will, disagree with each other over a particular course of action. The call of the Christian during divided times, therefore, is to view those who disagree with us over policy as our Christian brothers and sisters, worthy of dignity and respect, even though we might disagree with them strongly on any particular course of action. This does not mean that particular policies, positions, or decisions don’t matter; they do. But whatever political differences we may hold should not threaten our deeper and more fundamental identity as Christians.

Luther placed his ultimate trust in God.

No matter how bad things got, Luther nevertheless trusted in God’s care and, for this reason, resisted calls for either despair or revolt. He was therefore deeply suspicious of those who spoke in apocalyptic terms or offered themselves as the only solution. But this wasn’t always easy.

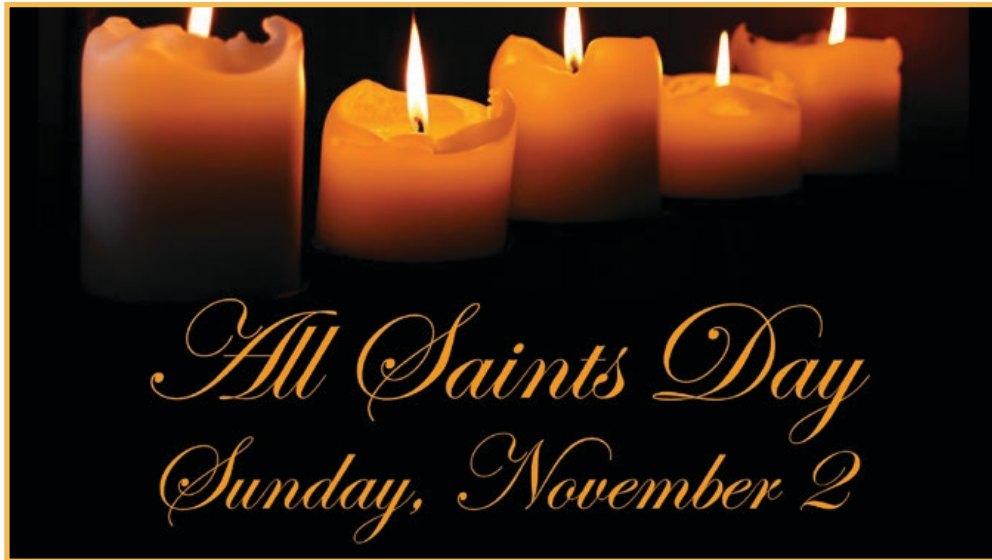
In fact, while gathered with friends, students, and family at dinner one evening, Luther voiced his discouragement with the results of his reformation and the general state of Germany. After listening to his complaints, Luther’s wife Katie left the table and came back wearing all black. When Luther inquired why, she replied, “Given how pessimistic and glum you are, Dr. Luther, I assumed that God must have died and so I am dressed for his funeral.”

Laughing at his wife’s humorous critique, Luther brightened and returned to the work of reforming the church. This is why we come to worship, even and especially with those with whom we may disagree: to remind each that the future is in God’s hands, that we are all God’s children, and that God will continue to work through all of us for the sake of the world.

With this in mind, as you gather at Thanksgiving tables: **Dear God, grant us eyes to see all people as your beloved children; ears to hear the cries of those who are neglected; strength to work tirelessly for the good of others; compassion for those with whom we disagree or differ; hearts that trust the future is in your hands; wisdom to sense your will; courage to follow it; and forgiveness when we fall short. This we pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Blessings this Thanksgiving and always. And... see you in Church!
Pastor Chris

WORSHIP WITH US



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Sunday, November 2 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Please join us on Sunday, November 2 for All Saints Sunday. We will recognize members of Trinity who began their baptismal journey since the last All Saints Sunday Day and we will recognize members of Trinity who completed their baptismal journey since the last All Saints Sunday. Individuals in the congregation who have lost loved ones will be invited to come forward, light a candle and name the names of those deceased.



Join Us **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Trinity Lutheran Church

One Worship Service **10:00 AM**

ONLINE
Trinity YouTube Channel

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
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“For by Grace you have been saved through Faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...”

There could hardly be a more “Lutheran” text than this one from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. (Chapter 2 Verse 8) We don’t save ourselves! Otherwise, we would have no need for Jesus! So we celebrate and emphasize the Grace of God.

“For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” (Ephesians 2 verse 10)

Wait, what? How does Paul talk about “good works” right after saying we aren’t saved by what we do? Both things Paul says are true at the same time:

God SAVES!

We DO GOOD THINGS in the world!

What we do doesn’t save us, but God has shaped us to do good as a way of life. I’d say the pattern goes like this:

Since God has loved us, we are sent to love others.

Since God has given us the gift of Grace, we are sent to live that Grace into the lives of others by how we live.

Since God forgives us, we pass on that forgiveness to those who have sinned against us.

I love this question and answer I heard a long time ago:

“How do you know your mission on earth is done?”

Put your hand on your chest. If you feel your heart beating, it isn’t!”

Therefore, these two statements are true at the same time:

“God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, Jesus”

“God so loves the world that He sends us!”

Thank you for your ministry of Good Works which God prepared for you to do as a way of life!

Pastor Roy Christell

ENDOWMENT UPDATE



The Trinity Endowment Fund was established to provide ongoing support to ministry and capital improvements outside of the normal operations of the church. This has provided a great source of support to Missions supported by Trinity in addition to our annual budget and to fund some special capital improvements for Trinity Church.

The fund was established in 2009 and received its first donation in 2009. The Fund made its first distribution in 2016 with \$1,000 gifts being made to Gateway 180, Walking Together and to Trinity Church for capital improvements. Since 2016 the Fund has made annual payments with payments to charities totaling \$113,000.

Lutheran School of Theology	20,000.00
Lutheran Senior Services Affordable Housing	11,500.00
Trinity Pre School	10,000.00
Lutheran Campus Ministries	11,000.00
Circle of Concern	5,500.00
Lutheran Disaster Response	9,000.00
ELCA World Hunger	7,500.00
Companion Synod	4,500.00
One of Our Own	3,600.00
All Among Us - Ferguson Womens Shelter	1,000.00
Lutheran Family and Children Services	2,000.00
Gateway 180	1,000.00
Walking Together	2,000.00
God's Helping Hands	2,400.00
Trinity Capital Improvements	22,000.00
	113,000.00

We are thankful to all of the donors to the Trinity Endowment Fund that have allowed us to grow the fund to this level and to allow this level of ongoing support to expand God's ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church over the past decade and well into the future.

We pray that you are inspired by the ministry happening through the Endowment Fund. If you have any questions, comments or would like to update your final wishes in your will to include this ministry, please feel free to contact any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members.

Eric Halter, Chair
 Eric Flattem
 Morris Larson
 Eric Petersen

OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: October 19, 2025

Present: Pastor Chris Naig, Jeff Haferkamp, Mike Hower, John Engle, Dan Fry, Maureen Hoppin, Gene Kerr, Elaine Larson, Mikki Lee, Jim Mueller

Call to Order: 11:25 AM

Opening Prayer: Pastor Chris

Approval of September Minutes: Approved unamanimously.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris

- Pastor Chris and Pastor Roy – Theological Convention (prior week in Kansas City)
- How buildings be used during week. Change from attractional mode of being church.
- Budget 2026 being worked on – January Meeting to be approved by congregation.
- Sewer line backed up from gym's restrooms – tree roots in piping.
- Carpet still to be replaced – Mohawk has not given us a date yet.
- Third quarter giving statements mailed out.
- Seed funding for 125th Anniversary
 - \$6,000 to \$7,000 loan from discretionary funds may be needed to prepay catering
 - Celebration will be a fundraiser
- 1st and 2nd Unanimously Approved

Treasurer's Report—Mike Hower

- Disposition of the unspent balance of ERTC (Government refund) still to determined.
- 2025 Giving projected to come in @ budget with estimated \$200,000 coming in last quarter based on prior year trends.
- Pre-School Fundraising exceeded amount that has so far been spent on playground equipment. More purchases expected.

New Business

- Columbarium proposed to serve out community – Propose to congregation prior to annual meeting.
- Funeral homes to suggest TLC columbarium
 - Schraeder
 - Newcomer
 - STL Crematory
- Total of \$300K costs included \$50K in landscaping (as a loan).
- \$30K for plants along for beautification. Two plans for this (2 bids).
- Additional \$30K for concrete foundation.
- Start landscaping in the spring.
- By Mid-November the columbarium should be here.
- Use one engraver to have uniformity.
- Vote for annual meeting – supported by church council.
- Christmas Caroling December 7, 2025 – nursing homes.

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OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES

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Next Meeting

- Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 11:15 am in the Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Detailed monthly financial reports are available upon request. Contact Mike Hower at how-hep@msn.com

STATUS OF ENVELOPE GIVING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Budget through 9/30/25	\$511,649
Actual Giving through 9/30/25	\$488,090
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$ 23,559)

JAVIER MENDOZA/ HOBO CANE CONCERT

Presented by the Trinity Concert Series, Javier Mendoza/Hobo Cane performed on Sunday, October 5, 2025, in support of Circle of Concern. Thanks to your generous donations, the concert raised \$741 to help those in need. We sincerely appreciate your support!



ADULT FORUM

NOVEMBER ADULT FORUM SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM IN ROOM 123

November 2: Why Christians need to understand Chanukah

Presenter: Pastor Rick Mueller. Pastor Mueller served at Trinity from November 1985 through May 1990 and retired after 33 years at Atonement Lutheran Church and School in Florissant.

Who rode into Jerusalem with crowds cheering and palm branches waving? Is Hosanna just a junior-grade Hallelujah? Why should Christians care about Chanukah? The answers may surprise you. Join us to find out.

November 9: American Christianity Part I; 1600-1750 AD

Presenter: Dr. Warren Crews. Warren Crews has a BA in Philosophy from Yale, a MA from the Episcopal Divinity School, and a PhD in Historical Theology from St. Louis University. A former Pastor at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, a professor at Eden Seminary, and administrator at a large Episcopal church in Arkansas, Dr. Crews brings a wealth of knowledge and has been a long time supporter of our Adult Forum, always giving exceptional, thought provoking sessions.

In Part One we will examine how the Reformation churches sought to expand their influence by sending missionaries to New World, and how the New World in turn influenced the shape of how those churches functioned under radically new circumstances.

November 16: American Christianity Part 2; 1750-1900 AD

Presenter: Dr. Warren Crews. Warren Crews has a BA in Philosophy from Yale, a MA from the Episcopal Divinity School, and a PhD in Historical Theology from St. Louis University. A former Pastor at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, a professor at Eden Seminary, and administrator at a large Episcopal church in Arkansas, Dr. Crews brings a wealth of knowledge and has been a long time supporter of our Adult Forum, always giving exceptional, thought provoking sessions.

In Part Two we will focus on how dealing with these new circumstances turned these European churches into their American counterparts with both similarities and differences.

November 23: Jesus' Message of Justice: The reign of God

Presenter: Dr. Mark Etling. Mark Etling has a Ph.D. in historical theology from Saint Louis University, where he is an adjunct assistant professor of theology. He also gives presentations for Oasis St. Louis, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois, and at various parish congregations in the St. Louis area. Mark and his wife Alicia live in the Lafayette Square neighborhood in St. Louis.

The central theme of Jesus preaching and ministry was the Reign of God - the restoration of God's rule on earth and in Israel. In the Reign, peace and justice would prevail, and the oppressive rule of the Romans would be overthrown. Jesus proclaimed a new era where God's justice would restore harmony, offering hope to the oppressed and signaling the end of injustice.

FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz
facility@tlc-stl.org

This month at Trinity we have been dealing with several issues.

The **Sanctuary lighting** controls have been not working since 9/26 and acquiring the replacement needed has been difficult. Hopefully this will get resolved in the near future but until then Pastor Chris is manually turning the lights on and off from the store room in the basement. Pastor Chris, Amy and Mike know how to manually turn on the lights.

Also, we had to replace a hot water heater for the preschool restrooms.

The missing Ballard light at the entrance will soon be replaced. We could not locate one that matched so we are moving one from the preschool garden area to the front and installing a slightly different unit in the garden.

Mike is in the process of negotiating replacement of soap and towel dispensers in the building that would allow us to reduce the different supplies unique to the current dispensers with a consistent style and type of supply for the entire building.

GOOD NEWS!!! After Fred Bussman's accident last month, he has returned to work at Trinity. Thank you all for your patience and prayers as he has recovered.

Mike Sharitz
Facilities Manager



YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

Paige Halter
yly@flc-stl.org



YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

Mark your calendars for November 1st, 2025 — we're hosting an exciting event you won't want to miss!

More to Come: Another event is currently in the works, so stay tuned for updates!

Paige Halter
Youth LEADIng youth Coordinator

Whom Shall I Fear?

Bring your friends!! YLY will host a nostalgic fall party November 1st from 4-6:30 pm

We'll paint pumpkins, enjoy fall treats, and study Psalm 27! Remember to bring your Bibles!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stacey Drake
kidsministry@tlc-stl.org

Our Christmas Program, **Jesus the Prince of Peace**, will be on December 14. All children ages 3- 5th grade are invited and encouraged to begin our *mandatory* rehearsals during Sunday School at 9:00 beginning **November 9** and continuing each Sunday leading up to our program.

Our middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to read a Bible verse and/or prayer during our program. Please email me if you're interested.

We look forward to a heartfelt performance as we celebrate our Prince of Peace!

Stacey Drake,
Children's Ministry Coordinator



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Christy Cole
Director@tlc-preschool.org

The next two months until Christmas will fly by! In Preschool, we're focusing on God's goodness and being thankful for all the blessings He's given to each of us.

October was full of fun and meaningful events. We kicked things off with our "Bandana Bash," where families enjoyed making crafts, playing games, pony rides as part of our petting zoo, and a pancake dinner from Chris Cakes. Our Grandparents were our special guests for a special morning of Chapel led by Pastor Chris, followed by donuts, and a special photo opportunity—thank you to Leslie Steinmeyer & Amy Jones for making it memorable!

Our students were also excited to have a "surprise" visit from the West County Fire Department. The firefighters came to be sure our students knew how to safely exit our school building safely. Of course, their visit occurred the same day as Grandparents' Day, but luckily our grandparents had not yet arrived! Our students were calm and did an excellent job navigating our first visit with the fire department!

Halloween brought even more excitement! A HUGE thank you to the Mission Team, Rob Harper, and Leslie Steinmeyer for funding and picking up the pumpkins for our very own "Trinity Preschool Pumpkin Patch," where each child was invited to "hunt" for the perfect pumpkin to decorate and take home. We ended the day with a costume parade for our families.

The Mission Team also generously provided signed Beginner's Bibles for our 3-year-olds and new students. Families will be invited to a special blessing ceremony with Pastor Chris. The children are always thrilled to receive their very own Bible to read at home!

We're continuing our Bible series, "*Living the Word*", hearing some wonderful example of the Old Testament...Elijah, Esther, and Daniel! This month's theme reminds us that God's love never changes, no matter what.

This month, our parents will have the opportunity to meet with our wonderful Trinity teachers for our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. It's always a privilege to share with our families what goes on here at Trinity Preschool!

As always, we are so thankful for your support and we ask for your prayers for the Preschool children and Staff!

In Him, Christy Cole, Preschool Director



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2025-2026
Enrollment Now OPEN



WE PROVIDE

- Christ-Centered Curriculum
- Play Based Approach to Learning
- Handwriting Without Tears Program
- Junior Kindergarten Program
- Child-Initiated Learning Experiences
- Age Appropriate Music Instruction
- Low Student to Teacher Ratio
- A Caring and Nurturing Atmosphere
- STEM-based Maker Space 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
www.tlc-preschool.org

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GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 10
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, November 10 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 or 314-605-4970. Thank you!

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.

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.

HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, November 17
9:15 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, November 21 to sort donations. We will meet at Trinity at 9:15 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 or 314-540-2690.



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

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

PREPARE AND SERVE DINNER FOR GATEWAY180

Saturday, November 22

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, November 22, 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 or 314-540-2690. Further details will be shared after sign-up.



NOVEMBER TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, November 24

11:30 am in Room 123

“The Names”

by Florence Knapp

In the wake of a catastrophic storm, Cora sets off with her nine-year-old daughter, Maia, to register her son’s birth. Her husband, Gordon, a local doctor, respected in the community but a terrifying and controlling presence at home, intends for her to name the infant after him. But when the registrar asks what she’d like to call the child, Cora hesitates... Spanning thirty-five years, what follows are three alternate and alternating versions of Cora’s and her young son’s lives, shaped by her choice of name. In richly layered prose, *The Names* explores the painful ripple effects of domestic abuse, the messy ties of family, and the possibilities of autonomy and healing.

All are welcome to read this book, bring a lunch and join our discussion.

Monday, December 8th will be our annual Christmas potluck lunch and movie. Everyone is invited to join us for this fun day. We hope you will come!

Monday, December 8 “The Penguin Lessons”

Questions? Contact Karen Johnson at mrsdrjx5@gmail.com.



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Life tastes **BETTER** with PASTA

shelf stable
boxed, canned, bag, sauce

Pasta Drive for Circle of Concern

please place pasta in the bins in the Atrium



THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- Uniforms for Lantern Hill
- Gateway180 Bag Assembly
- Somewhere in Time celebration
- Baby Supplies for Gateway180

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 if you'd like to help.

NOT A THRIVENT MEMBER? You can join for \$19.95 and become a member

Did you know that anyone can pay \$19.95 to become a Thrivent member? This membership cost allows you to apply for 1 Thrivent card per year, valued at \$250.

The [application](#) is simple and it's a good deal for those who want to apply to Thrivent cards for our Trinity mission projects.

Christie Tietjen is willing to walk interested people through the application process. Please contact Christie at Christie.Tietjen@experitec.com for further information.

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

SAVE THE DATE *Somewhere in Time*

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Childcare for 12 and under provided
in the Parish Hall/Little Gym
pizza, dessert & beverages will be served

Donations of Thrivent cards, Amazon gift cards
and Visa/MasterCard gift cards are needed to help
fund Silent Auction baskets. Please place cards in the
collection box on the coffee bar in the Atrium



Trinity's 125th Jubilee

5:00 pm

**Dress: Business
casual or period
costumes welcome**

Gateway180 Presents
Mission Possible
A JOURNEY HOME
*Open your Heart
for the
Homeless Gala*

CLICK HERE
Scan the QR Code or Visit:
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/111>

November 7th, 2025
Boeing Hall
Saint Louis Science Center



Holiday Pictures Fundraiser!

The very popular, Felise Photography is coming to Trinity to help you check your Christmas Card off your to do list!

**Bring the whole family in before school
for your 5 minute family photo session!**

**When: Tues. Nov. 18th and Wed. Nov. 19th.
8-9am before school!**

NO COST TO SIGN UP!
All you pay for is your photos!
Print and digital options range from \$5 - \$35
10% of the sales benefit Trinity!

Deadline
November 10
or until all
spots are filled

Sign up link



**Click
or Scan**



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 experience. 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



Help Decorate
Trinity for
Christmas

Monday, November 24
9 am - Noon

HELP DECORATE TRINITY FOR CHRISTMAS

Join us on Monday, November 24 at 9:00 AM to help decorate Trinity for Christmas. For more information, or to sign up to help, please contact Amy Jones at office@tlc-stl.org or 636-227-5432. Thank you!



Save the Date
Christmas
Caroling

Sunday, December 7

THANK YOU

- Thank you to **Mike Hower**, Trinity Treasurer, for generously training our bookkeeper, **Andrew LeFurge**. We are so grateful for your time, patience, and expertise!
- Thank you to **Phil Steinmeyer** for grilling delicious brats for our Reformation potluck. Your help made the celebration extra special!



1-MINUTE “PICK ME UPS”

November 2, 2025: 1 Kings 19:1-18; God Speaks to Elijah

The way God cares for Elijah speaks to our own moments of loss and grief, guiding us to how we can care for others in our midst.

November 9, 2025: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24; Amos: Justice Rolls Down

God is relentless in the call to justice, just as God never relents in showering us with grace and mercy when we fall short of this call.

November 16, 2025: Isaiah 9:1-7; Isaiah: A Child Is Born

Hearing a “Christmas” passage outside of the season helps us see that God’s promise to enter our world and act is not relegated to the past or the future alone. God promises to come and act in our lives, here and now.

November 23, 2025: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14; Jeremiah’s Letter to Exiles

In the face of hopelessness, God bids us to live joyfully. This is impossible to do on our own strength. Thanks be to God whose promise frees us for such a life.

November 30, 2025: Daniel 3:1,8-30; Daniel: The Fiery Furnace

Our God is a God who uses conviction—and even stubbornness—for good.



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.

Poinsettias

6-inch red
4-6 blooms
\$15.00



6-inch red
5-8 blooms
\$16.00

Order by December 14

Poinsettias will be displayed on the Lord's Table on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025, at the 4 pm and 7 pm services. Please pick up your flowers after the worship service you attend. (Note: the church office is closed on Christmas Day through January 5th).

Questions? Please contact Amy Jones at office@tlc-stl.org or 636-227-5432.

Order Deadline: Sunday, December 14

Please complete the form below.

Make checks payable to "Trinity" with "Poinsettias" on the memo line.

_____ Poinsettia with 4-6 blooms (\$15.00)

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Dedication to be printed in Christmas Eve worship bulletin (in honor / memory / celebration of):

Ordered by: _____

Phone or email: _____

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Connor Jones 11/1
Adelynn Flatterm 11/4
Susan Seckel 11/4
Addison Bossi 11/5
Riley Bossi 11/5
Rohan Bossi 11/5
Erika Mortensen 11/6
Lillian Seeber 11/9
Chuck Hall 11/10

Jennifer Larsen 11/10
Bob LePoire 11/10
Mike Hope 11/11
Jon Trettel 11/19
Lou Ann Ditchfield 11/20
Mikki Lee 11/20
Amelia Evans 11/22
Genevieve Flatterm 11/22
Willa Allen 11/23

Don Franke 11/26
Izza Naig 11/26
Jim Cornelison 11/27
Rob Harper 11/27
Patsy Sobey 11/29
Sandy Lindenberg 11/30
Amanda Miller 11/30
Daniel Miller 11/30

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Greg Huschka & Jessica Tietjen 11/1/2014
Kenneth & Kathleen LeMay 11/3/2001
Bruce & Phyllis Baker 11/16/2002

Matt & Kelly Goebel 11/25/2003
Micheal & Rhonda Patrick 11/27/1993

Not seeing your birthday or anniversary? Please let the church office know so that we may update our records, 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 OCTOBER 2025

Please pray for...

Elizabeth Ankeny (Monica Naig's mom), Pam Dellamano (friend of Sandy Lindenberg), David Meranda (brother-in-law of Tiffany Meranda), Family of Penny Parker (friend of Arlene Spector and Family), Mike Long, Tammy Surfuf Cayer (Sharon Hild's Godchild), Dorothy Norland, Ruth Rangel - Godspeed, Tom Ditchfield, Sue Feeny, Maureen Hoppin, Fred Bussman, Nancy Piney (friend of Carey Paquette), Terry (Dorothy Norland's niece), Annie (great niece of Susan Seckel), Jill Leary (friend of Christy Cole and Amy Jones), Sandy Johnson, Garry Melton (son of Kent and Audrey Melton), Olivia Maupin (granddaughter of Larry and Christie Tietjen), Jim Stewart, Tomi Nevin (sister of Patsy Sobey), Catherine Tietjen, Kina Jordan (niece of Patsy Sobey), Ezry Garza (toddler friend of Amy Jones), Loretta Lofgren, Mike Calcagno, Richard, Sharon Mertz, Bob, Christie Tietjen, Greg Hild, Richard Leimgruber, Ruth Hughes

For the family and friends of ...

- Paula Parkin who completed her baptismal journey on Sunday October 5, 2025.
- Steve Sanders, son of Carol Kohlmeier, who passed away on Monday October 6, 2025.
- Doris Ogier Harrington, mother of Paul Ogier, who completed her baptismal journey on September 21, 2025.

Those serving our country...Seth Allison (grandson of Audrey and Kent Melton)

To make a prayer request...

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

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