

March 2026



“WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IT?”

It’s a common question asked by Christians, particularly during times of moral deliberation. It’s also a faithful one, as it stems from reverence and respect for the authority of Scripture. But answering it is not always as straightforward as we might wish. By and large, you will find

two dominant ways of eliciting how Scripture addresses questions and challenges of the day.

The first is to trust the enduring truth of Scripture and therefore look for answers. This approach is expressed succinctly by a bumper sticker you may have seen: **“The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it.”** The conviction behind this sentiment is that Scripture addresses whatever challenge or problem before us through specific and concrete moral injunctions.

The second approach, recognizing that the historical and cultural differences between the biblical authors and us makes finding specific answers challenging, looks instead for biblical “principles” that can be applied to present day situations. The conviction is that, though times may change, human nature remains the same, and the Bible’s continued relevance rests in its underlying principles.

On one level these two approaches are quite different. On another level, however, they are united in the belief that the Bible should tell us what to do. That is, whether searching for answers or discerning principles, the primary thrust of these approaches is to apply Scripture to present day circumstances.

In the Lutheran tradition more broadly, I have followed a third option: as God’s living and active Word, Scripture is less interested in telling us what to do as it is in telling us who we are. Scripture is neither a collection of answers nor principles. Rather, **Scripture is a collection of stories about God and the people of God that, as we read it, shapes us as individuals and as a community.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meramec Bluffs Gathering
Wednesday, March 4

Midweek Lenten Soup Supper
Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25
5:30 PM in Room 123

Lenten Worship Services
Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25
6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

MOMCO Meeting
Friday, March 6 & 27

Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 8

Gateway Brown Bag assembly
Monday, March 9

Gateway180 Sort Donations
Friday, March 20

Trinity Book Club
Monday, March 23

Gateway180 Prep & Serve Dinner
Saturday, March 28

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the April Trinitell is March 15. Email articles or information to Nicole Maloy at communications@tlc-stl.org or mail to Trinity.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Martin Luther gave voice to this approach when he described the church as “a creature of the God’s Word” (*creatura verbi divini*), meaning that the church was established, nurtured, and maintained not by any earthly authority or religious traditions, but through the proclamation of the Gospel.

In 1930s Germany, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran pastor, theologian, and member of the Confessing Church that resisted Adolf Hitler’s regime, made this dynamic, community-creating element of Scripture the center of his preaching and teaching.

Bonhoeffer was deeply suspicious of any attempt to apply Scripture to present day challenges because he felt that when we approach the Bible seeking answers to contemporary questions, we unwittingly transform Scripture from a present-tense, living and active Word of God into a static, past-tense collection of information.

This does not mean that the Bible has nothing to say to our present challenges. Rather, Bonhoeffer believed that instead of bringing our questions to Scripture to see if it has anything relevant to say, we are called to listen as attentively as possible to Scripture in our present circumstances and see how it forms us into a community and guides our actions in the world.

This trust in Scripture’s ability to shape us into a community that together discerns God’s will for us today shapes nearly everything we do at Trinity.

It’s why, for instance, we moved to a “narrative lectionary;” that is, a pattern of Sunday readings that leads us through full sections of the Old Testament and the Gospels in narrative order.

- It’s why Preschool and our Sunday School is rooted in Bible stories and songs. It’s why we offer the “Living the Message” class and other opportunities for Bible study.
- It’s why every unit in Confirmation begins with a Bible study.
- It’s why we offer Tuesday “biblical conversations”.
- It’s why we host Sunday adult forums.
- It’s why.... Do you see what I mean?

Nearly everything we do Trinity is designed to offer us opportunities to listen to God’s Word and be formed into a community of that Word.

But this trust in Scripture’s ability to shape us into a community that together discerns God’s will for today also takes time. It doesn’t offer immediate answers or principles but instead counts on the Holy Spirit to transform hearts over the long run.

Which means that, when seeking guidance related to present day challenges, we need to be patient, to listen to and respect divergent opinions, and to trust God’s Spirit to lead us forward, sometimes clearly and sometimes haltingly, but always trusting God’s Word to do what it says: **remind us that we are the children of God, called together as a community to witness God’s love in Jesus in word and deed.** As we can do this, the rest will take care of itself.

See you in Church!
Pastor Chris

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

7 QUESTIONS

A Lenten Journey of Faith & Reflection

What if seven simple questions could transform your Lent?

Join us for a powerful mid-week worship series where we explore questions that cut to the heart of faith, calling, and community. Each week, we'll gather to reflect, pray, and grow together as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

Each Week, We'll Explore:

1. There is something special about...
2. I accidentally fell into...
3. My favorite advice is...
4. In my calling/vocation...
5. I pray for...
6. I love that...
7. I'm Lutheran because...

Why Join Us?

As Lutherans, we believe that faith is a journey - not a destination. These contemplative questions, inspired by Jesus' own teaching style, invite us to wrestle with our faith, examine our hearts, and draw closer to God's grace. No right answers required - just open hearts and willing spirits!

WHEN & WHERE

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

February 25 through March 25, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

Come as you are. Leave transformed.

Bring a friend! All are welcome.

Questions? Contact the church office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JOIN US FOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM IN ROOM 123



Everyone is invited to join us in Room 123 at 5:30 pm for soup and fellowship before the Midweek Lenten Worship service.

February 25

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

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



What are some of your most familiar and favorite Bible stories or verses?
How would you put into words your sense of God's presence in your life?
What are some of the questions you have about God or the Bible or your faith?
What would you say are some of the best things when you think about Trinity Church and your part in the congregation?

These are just some of the things to think about and have in mind when preparing to give witness and testimony to the **HOPE** you have in Jesus Christ.

"In your hearts honor Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)

Opportunities for conversations arise as we listen to people in our neighborhoods, at the soccer field, around the table when out for coffee, even in our families, with best friends or those we have recently met. As we listen carefully, as we ask questions that clarify our conversations, as we give people the space to express themselves fully, there will come the moment when they ask, "And what do you believe?" "What is the reason you have hope?" "How is it you seem to be so forgiving?" "How do you get through grief or disappointment?" When they inquire, that is our opportunity to testify. That is our opportunity to speak about the foundation and strength which God gives to us. That is when we can speak of Jesus, of His death and resurrection, of His great Grace and forgiveness, of the ways in which God has been "at work" in your life.

If you'd like to talk about this, let me know. I will listen first. I also have some ideas as well. I also have a testimony to share!

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.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2026

Present: Pastor Chris Naig, Dave Luethy, Mike Hower, Elaine Larson, John Engle, Eric Halter, Maureen Hoppin, Sasi Jeyarajan, Gene Kerr, Mikki Lee, Jim Mueller

Call to Order: 11:15AM

Opening Prayer: Pastor Chris

Minutes from January Meeting: Approved.

President's Report—Dave Luethy, Vice-President

- 125-Year Celebration Recap
 - It was a successful evening and a meaningful milestone marked by the congregational community. Approx \$33,000 was raised for the Mission Committee who will allocate those dollars during the next two years. The Council will match those funds with an added \$20,000 (to the Endowment Fund) as agreed at the January meeting.
 - The Council expressed appreciation for all those who contributed time, effort and money to that evening.
- Cemetery Landscaping Project
 - Fred Meyland-Smith and Pastor Chris have written letters that will be sent to the congregation asking for contributions for the landscaping projects. A similar letter will go to the greater Trinity community including those who have purchased plots or have a beloved member of the family resting there. This letter also explains the recent updates to the cemetery, including the columbarium and ossuary, and invites all to join in supporting the new enhancements with gifts of any size.
- Issues and Objectives for 2026
 - Dave focused our attention on the Facility Update from Mike Sharitz. This is a condensed overview of current facility needs, future needs and potential costs exposures. It serves as a framework for the continuing challenges. Mike will attend the Council meeting in March to explain much of this document to us.
- Sewer lateral repair
 - A sewer repair was reported and discussed. The issue has been addressed and the cost of the repair is under \$5500 dollars.
- Capital Planning
 - Mike will attend the meeting in March so further discussion can continue to address the needs of the facility.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris

- Staff-Council retreat
 - Pastor reported on the recent Staff-Council retreat and the focus on the overarching theme for the year 2026 to be Evangelism.

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FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

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- Lenten Services guest speakers
 - This theme will be the focus of the Lenten services. The questionnaire we receive at the retreat asking seven questions that lead to our “faith story” are the framework for the guests’ talks. Five Trinity members were asked to share their stories.
 - Soup suppers are sponsored by different groups. The Missions Committee will host the March 4 soup supper and the Council will host the March 11 date. Amy will send out the reminders and sign up sheets.
- February MLK Bridge Walk
 - Approx 14 Trinity members participated in the two hour event on Presidents Day. Members carpooled to the bridge and joined over 98 other faith congregations from the region in celebrating all the works of the faithful in bringing justice to those in need. Bishop Donna Simon joined us.
- Additional: In the meantime Rebecca Henderson has taken over the position of Youth Leading Youth and requested an extra \$500 per month to increase the activities for boys. Rebecca will attend the Council meeting in May to discuss these adjustments.
 - The Council expressed support for Rebecca and the youth ministry. Members noted that investing in youth is a high priority for the congregation’s future.
 - Thank yous were said for all the work Paige Halter did in the last year for Youth leading youth.
- Ed Kindley passed away on February 19. A couple Baptisms are scheduled. Several new families worshipped today.

Treasurer’s Report

- General fund information was furnished by Andrew LeFurge, the bookkeeper. Mike will return in March with more information.

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Next Council Meeting

- Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 11:15 AM in the Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 PM.

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

STATUS OF ENVELOPE GIVING THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026

Budget through 1/31/26	\$33,577
Actual Giving through 1/31/26	\$24,193
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$9,384)

ADULT FORUM

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

March 1: American Christianity Part III; 1900-2000 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.

March 8: American Christianity Part IV; 2000 AD to today

Presenter: Dr. Warren Crews.

March 15: From STL to the Tsars fall

Presenter: Daniel Schlafly (Oasis). David R. Francis shaped St. Louis history—mayor, Missouri governor, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and mastermind behind the 1904 World's Fair and Olympics. As ambassador to Russia, he witnessed two revolutions firsthand. His household manager, Philip Jordan, vividly chronicled their journey. Back home, Francis left lasting legacies: Francis Park and Washington University's Francis Field. A statesman, visionary, and global eyewitness—his story helped put St. Louis on the world stage.

Daniel earned degrees at Georgetown, Columbia, and an MBA at Saint Louis University in 1998. Daniel joined the faculty of Saint Louis University in 1964, where he taught in various roles until his retirement in 2021. Throughout his academic career, Daniel taught undergraduate and graduate courses, with a focus on the history of Russia, Eastern Europe, and the origins of the modern world. In retirement, he continues to share his love of history by presenting a variety of classes through OASIS.

March 22: Jesus' Message of Justice: The Reign of God

Presenter: Dr. Mark Etling. 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.

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.

March 29: Palm Sunday - Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem / One Story, Four Sermons Trying to Be Heard Presenter: Dr. Fred Niedner. How each of the gospels tells the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem differently and in a way that fits its own particular themes and message.

Dr. Fred Niedner taught biblical studies and Hebrew at Valparaiso University (1973–2014), while also serving in chapel roles, local congregations, and LSTC's D.Min. program. Raised in Wyoming and Nebraska, he holds degrees from Concordia Seminary and a Th.D. from Christ Seminary—SemineX. Now a Senior Research Professor, he remains active in liturgical and diaconal work and contributes to preaching publications.

FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz
facility@tlc-stl.org

Recently, it was discovered that the sewer lateral running from the gym building was partially blocked by a tree root. At first, the blockage appeared minor and we believed it could be cleared periodically. However, it began causing backups almost weekly.

The blockage was located 14 feet deep, just outside the pastor's office, which made repairs more complicated. We had two options: dig down 14 feet and replace the damaged pipe at a cost of over \$9,000, or install a sleeve inside the existing pipe at a cost of just over \$5,000. We were not certain which option would be possible until the pipe was reexamined. Fortunately, after further inspection, the sleeve option was viable and has now been installed. We are hopeful this solution will eliminate the frequent drain cleanings we have experienced over the past few years.

Now that the columbarium guidelines and pricing have been approved at the annual meeting, updates to the columbarium brochure and website will be made. Thank you to Sandi Thorpe and Nicole Maloy for taking on these updates.

If you have noticed periodic leaks in the gym, our roofing company has been onsite and applied patching to the affected areas.

Mike Sharitz
Facilities Coordinator



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stacey Drake
kidsministry@tlc-stl.org

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 28

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Conference Room

Calling all Second Grade Children and Parents! Pastor Chris and Stacey Drake will lead a First Communion workshop for those children who understand and would like to take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This workshop will be held Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 AM. The children will make their First Communion during the Palm Sunday Worship Service on March 29 at 10:00 AM.

It is suggested that the children participating in this class be in the 2nd grade or older. We ask that at least one parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or godparent attend the workshop with the student.

Please contact Stacey Drake, kidsministry@tlc-stl.org if you have questions or are interested in having your child(ren) in this workshop.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Drake at kidsministry@tlc-stl.org.

Stacey Drake,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26, 2026
9 AM - NOON**

Registration is now open for Campers
and Volunteers.



2026 **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**
Trinity VBS **\$50 per camper**
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE **June 22-26**
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD **2026**
9 am - Noon
Register by June 1, 2026

Camper Registration 

Volunteer Registration 

YOUTH LEADER

Rebecca Henderson
yly@tlc-stl.org

PICTURES OF THE LAST EVENT



YLY is going
BOWLING

**Saturday
March 28
4:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Bowlero Chesterfield
176 Four Seasons Shopping Center
Chesterfield, MO 63017**

RSVP to Rebecca Henderson, yly@tlc-stl.org



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Christy Cole
Director@tlc-preschool.org



As the school year unfolds, it is amazing to observe the changes in our preschoolers as they grow and learn. They are hearing about God's love each day and learning to show His love to others.

During the month of March, our students will be introduced to many of the parables Jesus shared and the miracles he performed through our Living the Word Bible Curriculum, all leading up to

Holy Week. We also will be looking forward to our Parent/Teacher Conferences which will be held on March 13th.

We had our Valentine/Friendship Parties last month that were days filled with love and fun for our students (and teachers!). Each class exchanged Valentines with their classmates, made their own "mailbox" and had a day of making Friendship Bracelets, Valentine Hats and eating ice cream topped with sprinkles!

Our Preschool Trivia Night & Silent Auction was a huge success! Thank you to our church family and church staff who joined us and supported our annual preschool fundraiser. Special thanks to Leslie Steinmeyer for preparing our flyers and setting up our payment system for our event.

Thank you to the Mission Team for sharing a portion of their funding for the donuts for our "Chapel & Donuts with Dad" Event. We were excited to welcome our dads and special guests to preschool for a morning of Chapel, donuts in the classroom and a sweet photo to mark the occasion. Special thanks to Pastor Chris for leading our Chapel and to Amy Jones and Leslie Steinmeyer for capturing and printing some great photos of our dads and their child(ren).

We are continuing our Preschool Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year. Please share the value of our Preschool with your family, friends and neighbors who may be looking for a quality Christian program for their preschoolers. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending Trinity Preschool, please have them visit our website at www.tlc-preschool.org for more information.

As always, we ask for your prayers for our Trinity Staff as we continue to share God's love with the students at preschool.

In Him,
Christy Cole, Director, Trinity Preschool



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
www.tlc-preschool.org

Scan for Enrollment Page



SOMEWHERE IN TIME PICTURES



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

Easter Flowers

 Easter Lilies \$17	 Tulips \$16	 Hyacinth \$16	 Gerbera Daisies \$16
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Order by March 15

Easter Flowers will be displayed on the Lord's Table on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. Please pick up your flowers after the 10:00 am worship service or by noon on the following Wednesday. *(Note: the church office is closed on the Monday after Easter).* Leftover flowers will be planted on Trinity's grounds after Easter. Questions? Please contact Amy Jones at office@tlc-stl.org or 636-227-5432.

Order Deadline: March 15

Please complete the form below.
Make checks payable to "Trinity" with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Easter Lilies (\$17.00) Tulips (\$16.00)
 Hyacinth (\$16.00) Gerbera Daisies (\$16.00)

**colors based on availability; subject to change*

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

Ordered by: _____

Phone or email: _____

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



Canned Food DRIVE

Items we're collecting:

- Canned Pasta
- Canned Soup
- Canned Tuna & other fish
- Canned vegetables & fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Boxed Meals

Community food drive to benefit
Circle of Concern, a
local hunger relief organization



Circle Of Concern
Food Pantry

Feeding Families is Just the Beginning

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, March 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, March 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 or 314-605-4970. Thank you!



THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- Cleaning supplies for Gateway180
- Preschool Garden
- 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 if you'd like to help.

HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, March 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, March 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 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.

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, March 23
11:30 am in Room 123

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

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.



PREPARE AND SERVE DINNER FOR GATEWAY180

Saturday, March 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, March 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 or 314-540-2690. Further details will be shared after sign-up.



1-MINUTE “PICK ME UPS”

March 1, 2026: John 13:1-17, Jesus Washes Feet (Lent 2)

We can rely on the persistent love of God when we fall short and not let our shortcomings stand in the way of rising anew to serve one another.

March 8, 2026: John 18:12-27, Peter’s Denial (Lent 3)

Discipleship is complicated and we will fall short. But God’s love does not waver even as our own commitment to God falters and fails.

March 15, 2026: John 18:28-40, My Kingdom Is Not of This World (But Still Very Much For It) (Lent 4)

Jesus disappoints us by declaring that his kingdom is not from this world. But it is a kingdom in the world and for the world, and that is truly good news.

March 22, 2026: John 19:1–16a, We Have No King But the Emperor (A Sentence That Has Not Aged Well) Lent 5

We cannot ignore the political implications of Jesus’s death while living authentically as his disciples.

March 29, 2026: John 19:16b–22, Palm Sunday, What Is Written Is Written (Also Known As: Pilate’s One Good Day)

The cross, and what it says about us and God, is crucial to understanding why we have a reason to give thanks and praise.

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 assembled soup kits for Evertrue. The Evertrue Affordable Housing residents will truly appreciate your generosity and care.
- Thank you to our outgoing council members, Larry Tietjen and Stanley Nadar. We are grateful for your faithful service over the past four years. And welcome to our new council members, Dave Luethy and Sasi Jeyarajan — we look forward to your leadership.
- Thank you to the congregation for your patience and understanding as we worked through the recent sewer issue.
- Thank you to Andrew LeFurge, Trinity's bookkeeper, for restoring Trinity's original offering box and fitting it with a stand for display.
- A special thank you to our custodian, Fred, for consistently going above and beyond in service to our church. We are blessed by his dedication and care of Trinity.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Faith Halter 3/2
Arlene Spector 3/2
Sandi Thorp 3/2
Dale Henselmeier 3/6
Zachary Blakeley 3/7
Alexis Henderson 3/8
Blake Larson 3/9
Everly Monzyk 3/9
Todd Anstine 3/10
Rebecca Henderson 3/10
Kaitlyn Maloy 3/10

Ashley Williams 3/10
Ashley Parrish 3/14
Monica Naig 3/16
Kaari Smith 3/17
Audrey Melton 3/18
Jack Thomas 3/18
Mark Wachter 3/20
Grady Brenton 3/21
Leslie Steinmeyer 3/21
Cort Roseman 3/23
Glenn Schnarr 3/24

Ervin Anderson 3/26
Rick Glazebrook 3/27
Nick Herrmann 3/27
Quinn Riley 3/27
Robert Rourke 3/27
Wyatt Tietjen 3/27
Debbie Evans 3/28
Abrianna Nadar 3/30
Laura Schnarr 3/30

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Keith & Kari Frank 3/5/2005

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 FEBRUARY 2026

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

Please pray for...

Kent Melton, Kim Boschert (preschool teacher), Judy Sieve, Diane (Judy Sieve's sister), Steve Hagemann (Judy Sieve's cousin), Babs and George Holtzman, 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), 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), Tammy Surfus Cayer (Sharon Hild's godchild), 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, Christie Tietjen, Greg Hild, Richard Leimgruber

For the family and friends of.....

- Edward Kindley, who completed his baptismal journey on February 19, 2026
- Rebekah Massmann (dear friend of Rebecca Henderson) who completed her baptismal journey January 25, 2026

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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