

# Trinity Weekly News

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October 1 & 2, 2023

If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers in 2023 to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you may sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office.

Sponsors typically donate \$25 to the Altar Guild on their chosen week.

## This Week at Trinity:

### **Sunday 10/1**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.  
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship  
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.  
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice  
5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus  
6:00 p.m.—Choir Practice  
6:00 p.m.—JCC

### **Monday 10/2**

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study  
1:15 p.m.—GLAT  
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

### **Tuesday 10/3**

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball  
6:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry  
6:30 p.m.—Board Christian Ed.

### **Wednesday 10/4**

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel  
1:30 p.m.—Dying Well  
6:00 p.m.—Bd. of Early Childhood Ed.

### **Thursday 10/5**

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel  
11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir  
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball  
7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

### **Friday 10/6**

**Pastors' day off**

### **Sunday 10/8**

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6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship

About a year ago, several people approached me with a message: Pastor McElley, we did not have the opportunity to recognize Pastor Thieme's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and his 30<sup>th</sup> is next year already! We should and really need to get on it! Very shortly after that initial request, a committee was formed and the congregation instantly responded with joy and excitement to begin an incredible amount of planning and preparation. The celebration of thanksgiving on September 10 was so special and encouraging for our congregation—and that includes many who were not able to join in person—because of how many offered prayers, time, talents, financial gifts, ideas and inspiration to rejoice together in the Lord for His faithfulness to our church for the sake of Christ. To Him alone be glory forever. Amen!

So many assisted with so much, and the following is surely incomplete. In the <sup>greatest</sup> <sup>handwriting</sup> possible, special thanks is owed to:

Heather Asbeck for keeping track of more details, providing insights, and overseeing the printing and formatting of so many documents to communicate all the preparation and planning for this event; more than we can fully know or appreciate.

Chris Bailey for preparation of the commemorative bookmarks and their design

Jordan Bedsworth and Kylie Sterling for assisting with the gift table

Allen and Elke Belty for hosting Pastor Asbury and Rachel

Barbara Barrett, Laura Spise, and Patty Smith for secretly shopping in Israel for additional gifts.

Ron Barrett for handcrafting the frames, and framing the Anniversary of Certificate and the Pastor's Rose artwork.

Kevin Burns for capturing the celebration and special moments on camera

Pat Hansen, Warren Harms, Keith Davis, Jensen Duenkel, Kathy Ferguson, Dennis Hauwein, Richard Mangold and Karen Niederjohn for all the additional financial work required

Pat Hansen, Theresa Yeager, Carol Easterhaus, Jessica Murphy, Sylvia Glen, Marilyn Wise and Joan Mosher for preparing and addressing the invitations

Cynthia Hemsoth for quilting the podium decorations and gifting them to A. Thune

Linnea Lilja and Jennifer Townsend for handcrafting the centerpieces for the table settings

Samuel Luetkemeyer, member St. John's Lutheran Church, Schubert, MN for engraving and setting the dedicatory hymn and preparing it for publishing

Tom Myers for all the extra attention to yardwork and the facilities

Chris and Charlie Catt, John Fierking, Gary Kespohl, Greg Kespohl, Tom Myers, Larry and Myra McCoig, Ethan Nott, Ryan Nott, Warren and Karen Spence, James, Hillary and William Roberts for unloading the truck with all the rental equipment and setting up on Friday

Mary Alice Berndt, Betty Buchheit, Carol Clark, Kandy Kling, Linnea Lilja, Jennifer Townsend, Joanna McDowell, Dianne Murty, Carol Morrison, Jean Mosher, Karen Niederjohn, Hillary and William Roberts, Elaine Samuel, Pattie Smith for rolling napkins and silverware, preparing each place setting and decorating on Saturday morning; and Stan & Marilyn Wise for attending to additional needs for eating and fellowship hall supplies.

Rob and Melba Hall, Chris and Jessica Kespohl, Don and Jan Lang, Larry and Myra McCoig, Doug and Joanna McDowell, Tom Myers, Bill and Joyce Raines, Carey & Patty Smith, Warren and Karen Harms for assisting with clean up and loading.

Very appreciated persons for donating the new podium for church use, and contributing toward the costs of ensuring Ryan & Grace Groh and Josiah Thime could be with us.

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee: Debbie Antel, Chris Eott, Larry McCoig, Larry Samuel

A note of appreciation for the work of Trinity's Life Team:

Dearest \_\_\_\_, The Life Team at Trinity is a wonderful service for those of us "shut ins." The beautiful Fall card is delightful. I feel very blest at your every visit and each remembrance. Those on your team are engaged in a very thoughtful service to us that would other-wise feel left out due to circumstances beyond our control. Trinity has been such a blessing to me for the last twenty-nine years. Thanks to you and your team you are extending those years. May God continue to bless you and your work for us who are "shut ins." Sincerely \_\_\_\_.



*To the Ends of the Earth*

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**2:00 pm**

(Registration begins at 1:00 pm)

**\$3.00**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**120 W. Gano Chance Road**

**Centralia, MO**

**Presentation from mission team members who hosted  
VBS in Brochet Manitoba this summer with  
*Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots Inc.***

**Ingathering**

**warm scarves, hats, gloves or mittens and socks to be taken  
to Brochet next year (suggestion of a max. of 20 of each item per society)**

***You will be my witnesses....to the ends of the earth.***

***Acts. 1:8***

***Lutheran Women in Mission***

## Junior Confirmation Classes



Confirmation  
—Class—

JCC meets on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (573) 445-2112 or [church@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:church@trinity-lcms.org) or talk with one of the pastors.

## Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club has been re-scheduled for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the church basement.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (September through May) at 6pm in the church basement. Activities include a very short business meeting, bible study, and fellowship time with snacks. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## Gifted For More

Research suggests that today only half of U.S. adults (46%) say they know or understand their own gifts, skills, and abilities. Come discover your gifts and the gifts of your neighborhood by coming to the Missouri Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention on Saturday, October 21 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 NE Chipman Road in Lee's Summit.

Our guest speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® will be presenting "Gifted for More".

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) – Madagascar director, Daniel Andriajanaka will share an update on LHM ministry efforts in Madagascar.

All are welcome to attend Saturday evening or Sunday morning Worship Services at St. Matthew to hear a special message from our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Doors open at 9:00 am with the convention beginning at 9:30 am. Lunch will be included with the convention concluding at 2:30 pm. Please register by October 16 for our meal and seat count.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person (includes lunch).

Everyone is a gift, everyone has gifts, everyone is called, and everyone can grow.



Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one or know someone who is? Please consider joining our Grief Share group.

We will watch a video from GS each week & then have discussion (optional) after. The GS classes will be Thursday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & each Thursday until Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm-9pm.

To sign up, visit the GS website [www.griefshare.org/findagroup](http://www.griefshare.org/findagroup).

Any questions, please call/text Kevin Burns (Facilitator) at (573) 424-7514.

*Train up a child in  
the way he should go;  
even when he is old he  
will not depart from it.*

PROVERBS 22:6



### Life Thoughts

#### October 1 – Pentecost XVIII (Proper 21A)

– Remaining silent about the sanctity of life enslaves us to selfishness just like abortion does. But God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus free us from looking out only for ourselves. We get to speak His truth and show His love to every one of our neighbors—not out of “selfish ambition or conceit,” but in service to “the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).



Fellowship time has returned, with coffee and donuts from 9-9:30 am on Sunday mornings. **Join us in the Fellowship Hall!**

If you're interested in hosting, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

### Stewardship & Scripture

#### October 1 – Proper 21

**Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”** Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

Brought to you by LCMS Stewardship Ministry and Trinity's Board of Stewardship and Finance



#### Nut Sales—Order Now!

The Mary Martha Guild will be taking orders through October 16 We are

offering an assortment of plain and chocolate-covered nuts, pretzels, and gummies. The nuts and treats are great for baking, snacking, and also make wonderful gifts. Your order will be ready for pickup in November. An order form is included here in the *Trinity Weekly News*. Please place your orders and payments in the box located in the Narthex. The profits from our nut sales are used to sponsor various missions that Mary Martha chooses.



# Y GROUP U T H

Clothe yourselves, all of you,  
with humility toward  
one another,  
for God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble.

-1 Peter 5:5

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Saturday, October 14:  
Trivia Night

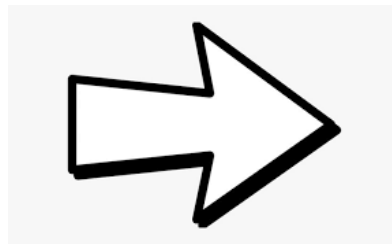
Sunday, October 29:  
Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 12:  
Service Project &  
Friendsgiving

Sunday, December 17:  
Cookie Decorating &  
Christmas Party

***Trivia Night is just  
TWO WEEKS AWAY!***

Check out all the details



and register with Pastor McCalley.



YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU TO OUR  
SECOND ANNUAL

# TRIVIA NIGHT

- ◆ STARTS AT 5PM
- ◆ TABLES INCLUDE SNACKS
- ◆ DINNER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- ◆ PRIZES FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

## Format

- ◆ 6 Rounds of 7 questions
- ◆ Final round with wager
- ◆ Mulligans \$4 per question

Recommended Team Size 4-6

Registration Cost \$20/Table

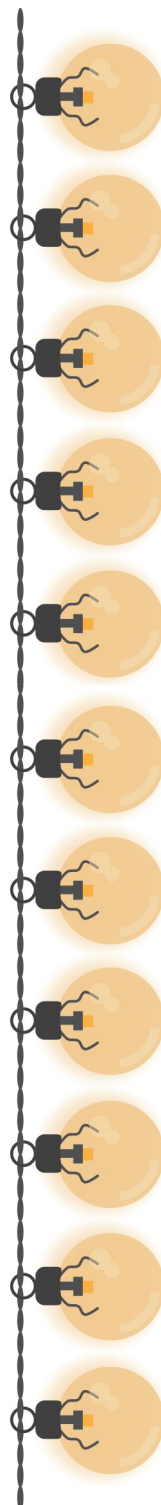
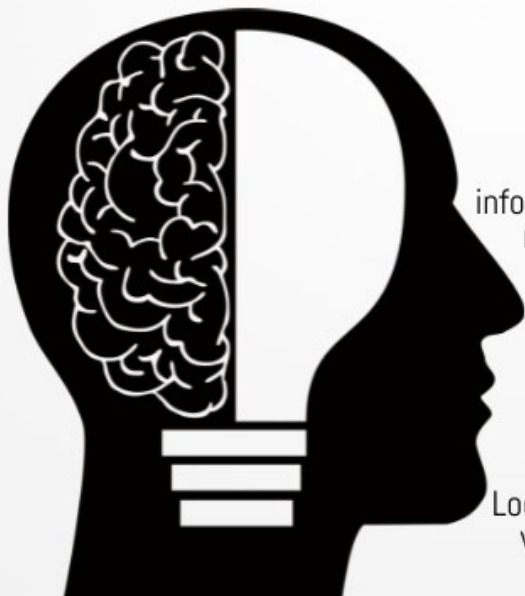


PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD  
ADOPTING A CHILD  
FOR CHRISTMAS  
AT COYOTE HILL

Please submit the following  
information, any and all questions, to  
[revmccalley@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:revmccalley@trinity-lcms.org)  
by October 12, 2023:

- \*Team Name
- \*Team Captain
- \*Name/Phone/Email
- \*Names of Team Members

Looking for a team? Reach out and  
we'll make sure you have one!





overflow area.

Choir practices have resumed! The men's chorus practices on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and the full choir joins in at 6 pm in the church

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome, no experience required. Rehearsals are held most Sundays at 5 pm. If interested, please call or text Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.



The Life Network banquet on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> was amazing! Great food and fellowship but most important an opportunity to be encouraged to stand for life and to help equip others to be the hands and feet of Christ in crisis pregnancies. The stories of clients were very touching and each was unique. A new director is in place and the speaker, Kelly Lester, a former Planned Parenthood worker, gave us a unique perspective from inside the abortion industry. The fundraising goal for the banquet was \$75,000 and God was moving in his people as the preliminary amount raised is \$144,000! This will allow My Life Clinic to rent a billboard on I-70 for one year, provide My Life Clinic magnets for every Mizzou dorm room, hire additional staff and continue clinic renovations. Many, many thanks to all who attended and to our congregation for sponsoring a table.

The Life Team invites the congregation to Lunch and Learning! This event will be held on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> after the late service at 12:15 p.m. Our speakers are Susan Klein and Sherry Lee from Missouri Right to Life. They will explain and discuss the initiative petitions which may be on the ballot in November of 2024. These petitions, if passed, will undo pro-life protections which have been put in place throughout the decades in Missouri to protect women and their unborn children. This is an urgent matter in pro-life Missouri; please come and be informed so that you can inform others. Please make plans to join us for lunch. The Life Team will be serving soup and dessert. No need to RSVP, just show up and enjoy a fine meal with fellow members. We are hoping many of you will be joining us. If you have questions, you may contact Phyllis White.

LFCS has an urgent need for diapers sizes 3 through 6 and also Pull Ups and wipes. Donations may be dropped off in the church cry room and a life team will deliver them. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Blessings, the Life Team



Thank you to everyone who came out to help clean the kitchen on Tuesday, September 26. Your help in keeping the area in good condition is appreciated by all



### Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha Guild will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each

month in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. Come at 9 am for coffee! All ladies of Trinity are invited to attend. Come join us on 10/11!

## Lectionary Preview Study

**Prepare for next week: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 8, 2023**

### **Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7**

1. Imagine having your national historical identity torn to shreds in song. No, this isn't a Taylor Swift reference about a nasty break up. These verses describe God's loving cultivation of the people of Israel; they are his vineyard. God toiled to prepare the people to be his own, but how did they respond, v. 5-6? [I'm not sure why a committee in St. Louis thought it wise to stop at v. 5, but v. 7 is the explanation of the allegory.]
2. What did God promise to do when he rescued the Israelites from Egypt, Exodus 15:17?
3. In Matthew 7:15-20, to what is Jesus warning believers to watch out for? In ancient Israel, what were some of the causes (i.e., specific sins of the people) that caused them to be unfruitful vines producing wild grapes? See Ezekiel 13:1-9 and Isaiah 44:24, 25. Can you think of others?

### **Psalm 80:7-19**

### **Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14**

4. What political and religious sect did Paul belong to prior to his conversion, v. 5?
5. How would you describe Paul's credentials?
6. Why did Paul boast in his Jewish identity?
7. Meditate for a moment on v. 8, "For his sake I have suffered the loss of *all things and count them as rubbish*, in order that I may gain Christ..." Why is Paul willing to dispense with all his earthly glory for the sake of obtaining Christ, according to v. 11?

### **Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33-46**

8. Generally speaking, how were the prophets received in ancient Israel? How did the people receive their message?
9. In this parable, who are: the tenants, the master, the son, the people producing fruits?
10. Next level of difficulty: what is the stone that crushes the tenants?

### **Hymns for Next Sunday**

902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

664 Fight the Good Fight

568 If Your Beloved Son, O God

# Radio & Podcast Resources

## The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org), on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM**

8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**

9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**

10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

## KFUO Lutheran Radio

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUORadio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Begin studying the book of Hebrews on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Joshua 12-15 and a special Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Lutheran beliefs surrounding saints in the Augsburg Confession (10/7 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app.



A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION... You can listen to the new audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn. Go to [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), enter your email address, and you'll receive a link to "I Trust When Dark My Road." This new audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.