

Trinity Weekly News

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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

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January 28 & 29, 2024

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Gary & Patty Kespohl in honor of their
56th wedding anniversary



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 1/28

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
12:00 p.m.—JCC
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice

Monday 1/29

6:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm

Tuesday 1/30

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.

Wednesday 1/31

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Thursday 2/1

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

Friday 2/2

Pastors' day off

Sunday 2/4

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
12:00 p.m.—JCC
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice
6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship

MEMORY VERSE

FOR THUS SAID THE LORD GOD,
THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL,

*"In returning and rest
you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust
shall be your strength."*

ISAIAH 30:15



Are you a Lutheran Witness subscriber? Would you like to be? Please let the church office know if you would like to start or renew a subscription. Cost is \$20.65/year (\$1.60/issue) for 11 issues. If interested, please contact the church office via email (church@trinity-lcms.org) or phone (573) 445-2112 **no later than January 31, 2024!**



Payment can be done via check or cash, using the Lutheran Witness envelope included with your contribution envelopes. If paying by check, please put 'Lutheran Witness' on the memo line. Thank you!



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

The GS classes will meet on Thursday evenings from February 22 thru May 23, from 7pm-9pm.

To sign up, visit the GS website www.griefshare.org/findagroup.

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

Guest Preacher



Missouri District President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan will be preaching and leading Bible Study on Sunday, January 28, 2024.



Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition)*. If you have an individual copy of *Concordia*, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the *Concordia* notes.

Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at **7:00 am each Thursday**.

Upcoming Conferences: Please speak with Pastor McCalley by February 16 if you are interested in either of these opportunities because space is limited.



2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music

July 9-12, 2024

Registration is now open for the 2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music on July 9-12, 2024, at Concordia University, Nebraska (CUNE) in Seward, Neb.

The Institute, which is being presented by LCMS Worship, returns under the theme, "Songs of Deliverance: Psalms in the Great Congregation."

With the Psalter as its focal point, this conference will feature fresh and perennial topics on music, leadership, preaching, pastoral care, art and spiritual growth in Lutheran worship.

Participants will be able to choose from a variety of instructive and interactive sessions addressing practical topics of interest to musicians, pastors, teachers, interested laypersons and many others. We'll also take up a challenge together: pray all 150 psalms.

Registration is open through April 19 at the early-bird rate of \$350 per adult. Regular registration is open from April 20 through May 17 at the adult attendee rate of \$400. Two-day, one-day, and full-time student registrant options are also available.



THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our Fathers—The Law of God is Good and Wise

A conference for Confessional Lutherans (ages 12 and up)

April 12-13, 2024

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Collinsville, IL

Tickets:

- Early Registration—Adult \$50 (before Ash Wednesday)
- Young Adult—\$15 (ages 12-17)
- Registration—Adult \$65



2024 Member Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2024 off the table in the narthex. There are new numbers for many of our mem-

bers, so **please toss any unused envelopes from 2023** to avoid accounting mishaps. **Thank you!**

If your address on the box is absent or incorrect, please contact the church office to update it. Thank you!

Narthex Expansion and Elevator Fundraising Committee Call for Members

During the Special Meeting of the Assembly of Voters on March 19, 2023, the congregation approved a Building Committee motion to improve our church facilities. Those improvements include expansion of the narthex, installation of a full-size elevator, relocation of the choir loft, replacement of the Fellowship Hall stairs, and improvements to the driveways. Now the time has come to appoint a committee dedicated to raising the funds to pay for those improvements.

My goal is to form a committee of seven church members, and I am pleased to announce that three individuals have already agreed to join the committee. Four more people are needed, including one or two to serve as chair or co-chairs. If you have a passion for our church community and are interested in being part of this vital endeavor, please reach out to me today at 660-247-3026.

The more members we have involved, the greater our chances of achieving our fundraising goal to finally improve some of our church facilities.

Larry McCoig, President



The Life Team of TLC thanks everyone who donated to LFL of MO's adoption fund in the freewill offering on Life Sunday, January 21st. If you were not in attendance, you can still donate. You can use the LFL envelope in your contribution envelope packet and make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church with LFL adoption fund in the memo line. We are blessed to have so much support from the congregation as is LFCS of Mid Missouri. TLC was honored with an award from LFCS in recognition of this generosity and care on Life Sunday after the 10:30 am service. You can see the award in the Narthex. Many thanks, the Life Team

Lutheran Singles Cruise



Set sail on a spiritual adventure with our four-day Lutheran Singles Cruise, departing from Galveston on August 1st. This journey is designed for connection and fellowship, offering daily devotions, Bible studies, and opportunities to meet like-minded singles. Embrace this chance to deepen your faith, make new friends, and enjoy the beauty of the sea. Don't miss out on this unique blend of spiritual growth and social fun – book your spot today! Learn more at www.wolfmueller.co/cruise

Who: Lutheran Singles between the ages of 21-41

Date: August 1-5, 2024 (Departs 4:00 pm Thursday, Arrives 7:00 am Monday)

Depart and Return: Galveston, TX

Ship: Mariner of the Seas

Y GROUP U T H

Great time and turnout this past Tuesday for
ice cream floats!

CONGRATS TO OUR WINNERS:

\$25 Chick Fil A GIFT CARD went to SOPHIA THOMPSON

&

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE went to SPENCER MCMILLAN

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS

Trinity Senior Youth are selling sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday!

Order forms are available on the Youth bulletin board, across from the church office. Place your order form in the provided envelope on the board. Please pay by cash or check when you pick up your sandwiches on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

All orders are due by noon on Friday, February 2nd.

Sandwich Options:

* Turkey

* Roast Beef

All sandwiches will include Salami, along with Swiss & American cheeses. Each sandwich will also come with potato chips.



Pricing:

Sandwiches are **\$6 each** or **6 for \$30**

CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

Feasts (F), Festivals (f), & Commemorations (c)

February 2 – Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord (F) | 1 Samuel 1:21-28; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18;
 Luke 2:22-40

THEME OF THE WEEK

Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “*a prophet*” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “*To him you shall listen,*” because the Word of the Lord is “*in his mouth*” (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “*a new teaching with authority*” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “*the synagogue*” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “*even the unclean spirits*” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “*from whom are all things and for whom we exist.*” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “*through whom are all things and through whom we exist*” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WEEKLY PSALMS

Morning Psalm 1 Evening Psalm 144

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday Daniel 6:1-14; Mark 6:14-29
Tuesday Daniel 6:15-28; Mark 7:24-37
Wednesday Daniel 7; Mark 9:14-29
Thursday Daniel 9:1-23; John 5:1-15
Friday Daniel 10:1-11:1; John 9:1-17
Saturday Daniel 12; John 9:18-41

HYMN OF THE WEEK

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 40:21-31	<i>Epistle</i>	1 Corinthians 9:16-27
	Psalm 147:1-11	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	St. Mark 12:29-39
<i>Introit</i>	Ps. 13:3-5, 5-7, ant. v. 6		

DAILY CATECHISM

Lesson of the Week: 5th Commandment & Meaning

- Monday* **Psalm 139:7-16** | Pay special attention to verse 13. What does this verse teach us about our lives? Who created us? Who made us? How should this passage teach us to value every life formed in the womb?
- Tuesday* **Jeremiah 1:4-5** | What does the LORD say to Jeremiah? Does this agree with yesterday's Psalm? What does this passage teach us about our lives, even our future?
- Wednesday* **Genesis 4:1-16** | How did Cain break the 5th Commandment? How had the sin already taken place in his heart before he killed his brother? Where does our hatred begin? How does God's protection of Cain teach us about life?
- Thursday* **Luke 1:39-45** | Where are Jesus and John the Baptist? How does John respond when he is in the presence of Jesus, His Savior? What does this passage teach us about life, even in the womb? About faith?
- Friday* **Genesis 37:18-36** | How do Joseph's brothers feel about him? What do they plan to do? How does Reuben try to protect him? Did Reuben do enough? How did the brothers sin against the Fifth Commandment?

Summary

God is the author of life (Acts 3:15). He gives and He takes away (Job 1:21). As we confess in the third article of the Nicene Creed, He is the Lord and giver of life. He desires not the death of anyone (Ezek 18:32). To that end, to protect the lives which He creates and gives, the LORD has given the Fifth Commandment. "You shall not murder," is God's revealed will that we are to protect and defend life in all its stages, from the very beginning, when it is conceived, to the very end, when death occurs. What the Lord gives is the Lord's to take away—not ours. And so, in the Fifth Commandment we learn to fear and love God so that we help and support our neighbor in every physical need.

Learn By Heart Verse: Psalm 139:16

"Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them."



Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club will meet on **Sunday, February 4th at 6 pm** in the church basement.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 1st 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.



The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers! Those who are interested should reach out to the church office via phone

(573.445.2112) or email church@trinity-lcms.org.

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4th 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.



Life Thoughts

January 28 – Epiphany IV – Gospel-motivated voices have the privilege – and the responsibility – to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgment and condemnation (Deuteronomy 18:20). The Scriptures and the Savior have graciously made clear – with “shalls” and “shall-nots” – His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones (1 Corinthians 8:12).

Stewardship & Scripture

January 28 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

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

TLCLC Registration for Summer 2024 and School Year 2024/25 Sessions



Registration for the Summer 2024 and the School Year 2024/25 Sessions has begun for all current TLCLC children, their siblings, and

Trinity Church members.

If you plan to send your child to the Learning Center in the summer and/or fall, you must register now!

The following forms are on a table in the narthex:

- **Summer 2024** *(For Tykes-2 yr old through Pre-K children-5 yr old)*
- **Summer 2024 Pre-K Graduates Half Summer**
(For Pre-K children who attend CPS summer school and need care in July/Aug)
- **Summer 2024 School-Age Summer Camps**
(For children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade)
- **School Year 2024/25**

We will begin open enrollment for families on the waiting list the week of February 12, so it's important that you

return your registration forms by February 9
to guarantee your spot.

Remember, Trinity Church members receive a **10% discount on tuition!!!**

Any questions, please contact the TLCLC Office at 573-445-1014 or by email at TLCLCkids@gmail.com

Thank you!



What happened to the TLCLC Playground tree?

As you may have heard, the TLCLC foundation has experienced settling problems. The TLC Trustees have been working on the problem. The structural engineer they hired pinned a lot of the blame for the settling on this tree and the recent drought conditions. They recommended its removal.

Bradford Pear trees have been labeled an invasive species by the Missouri Department of Conservation. They are notorious for splitting and dropping limbs. TLCLC has experienced two episodes of large sections of the tree crashing to the ground. This is a safety concern.

The Trustees brought in an arborist to evaluate the tree. We wanted to save it if possible because our students need the exposure to nature and enjoy playing in the shade of this tree in the sunny months. The arborist looked at thinning the branches and adding metal poles to help brace the limbs, but the growth pattern of this tree still would be subject to falling.

For all the above reasons, it was decided the tree should be removed.



Our students watched the process and brainstormed ways we could use the wood from the tree. We asked the tree service to save large chunks of the bigger sections to use as seating for an outdoor classroom. In addition, grant money will be used to renovate the TLCLC playground to add shade, address the consistent water issues, and improve the overall play experience for TLCLC, TLC, and neighborhood children.



The Mission Down the Hall

The Board of Early Childhood Education has set a goal of improving communication between TLCLC and the TLC congregation. To begin, we would like to share this article from the LCMS Missouri District Voice magazine in Sept. 2021. It discusses how Early Childhood programs are mission fields and TLCLC is featured!

—Annette Kiehne



Utilizing Resources



The Missouri District is blessed to have a wide variety of schools and early childhood programs. Some of these are larger programs affiliated with schools, however for many churches early childhood centers are just beginning or have under 100 students. Here are some facts about early childhood centers from Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center in Columbia and Our Savior Christian Academy PreK in Platte City and Smithville and how they keep a successful program.

A Mission Field— Did you know that many Lutheran early childhood programs and preschools have very few students who have Lutheran church homes? Trinity says that about 15% of their 91 students in the 2021-2022 school year are Lutheran. And Our Savior has just two of their forty students who are Lutheran. Our Savior's Principal Lori Albright notes that some students attend other denominations, but many families do not attend a church at all, "we are clearly a mission field!"

Community Impact— Many Lutheran early childhood centers have programs can vary from half to full day. They can include before and after care options, service ages from 2-5, and even include pre-kindergarten (or PreK). An interesting balance is trying to find the right combination of program offerings for a church's area. Being affiliated with schools in Platte City and Smithville, it works out well for Our Savior to offer a PreK for three and four year olds. Even with two campuses, the local communities have responded so well that there is a waitlist for classes and are starting to look into building expansion.

Trinity has seen their program grow and change over time. Their early childhood used to serve more part time students, but now most of their students attend full day hours taking advantage of early morning drop offs and late afternoon pick ups. Trinity also offers "Extra Days" that parents can opt into. These days are usually around the holidays or breaks and are open for kids aged 5-12, which can be helpful for parents.

Use Your Unique Resources—

Trinity is situated close to colleges, so works with education and occupational therapy students. This gives college students practical, hands-on experiences and contributes to Trinity's skilled workers. Schools

also frequently try and do outreach into the community. Our Savior hosted a St. Jude's "Trike-a-Thon" where staff, spouses, and volunteers created a "town" (complete with a Lutheran church, doctor's office, library and a grocery store with snacks.) The PreK kids then pedaled all around the "town" leaving donations at each spot. Last year's event brought in \$750!

We are blessed that parents trust us with their most precious gift from God and we work daily to share the Good News and earn their trust.

- Annette Kiehne, Director Trinity Columbia

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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, 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**

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study 2 Corinthians 10-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Lamentations 2-4 plus Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear from Higher Things pastors on their journeys into church work on our Set Apart to Serve series on The Coffee Hour (2/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!



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