

Trinity Weekly News

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February 11 & 12, 2024

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by
Lisa Mefrakis in memory of her father,
Curtis Hadler



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 2/11

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

Monday 2/12

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study (Acts)
11:00 a.m.—100th Anniversary Mtg
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm

Tuesday 2/13

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:30 p.m.—Board of Directors

Wednesday 2/14

Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Guild
12:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service
1:00 p.m.—Ind. Confess & Absolution
7:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service
8:00 p.m.—Ind. Confess & Absolution

Thursday 2/15

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
5:30 pm.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.
6:00 p.m.—Board of Evangelism

Friday 2/16

Pastors' day off

Sunday 2/18

Lent 1

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm
12:15 p.m.—Assembly of Voters
5:00 p.m.—Handbells
6:00 p.m.—JCC
6:00 p.m.—Choir Practice



MEMORY VERSE

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:32



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Choir practice will resume on Sunday, February 18 at 6 pm. In the church overflow area. Those interested in joining the choir should contact Chris Kespohl (573) 356-1161.



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.



Wednesday February 14:

12 & 7 pm—Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday February 21:

12 & 7 pm—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday February 28:

12 & 7 pm—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday March 6:

12 & 7 pm—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday March 13:

12 & 7 pm—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday March 20:

12 & 7 pm—Midweek Lenten Service

Maundy Thursday, March 28:

12 & 7 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, March 28:

12 & 7 pm—Good Friday Service

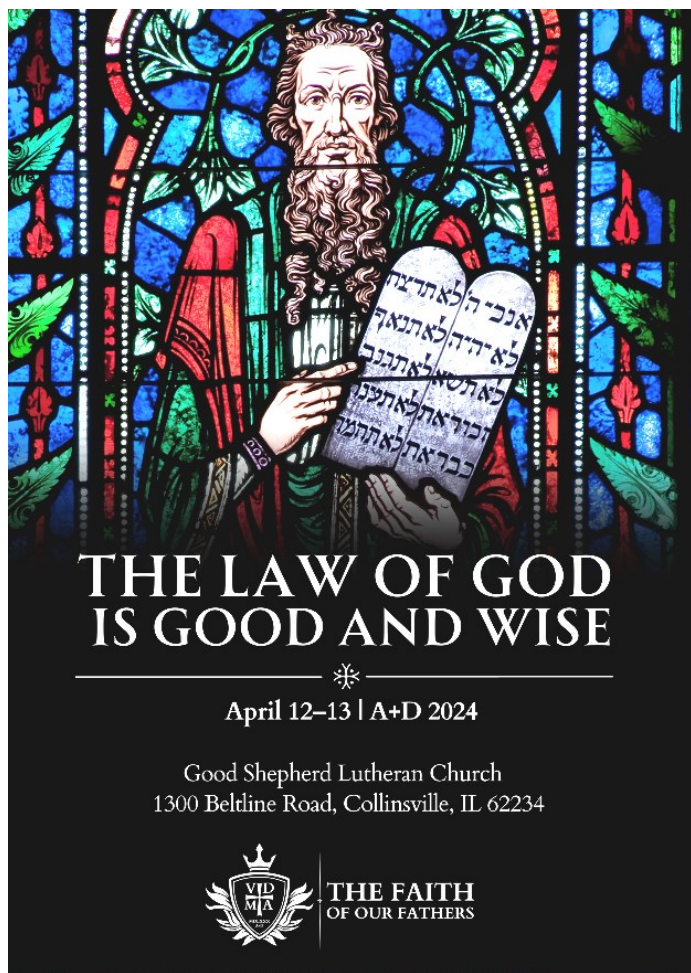
Easter Sunday, March 31

7 am—Sunrise Service

Breakfast following sunrise service

10:30 am—Easter Service

Monday 6 pm—Easter Service



THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

The Law of God is Good and Wise

A conference for Confessional
Lutherans (ages 12 and up)

The proper understanding of the Law of God is essential for a Christian. Unfortunately, there has been much disagreement in American Lutheranism concerning the role of the Law in the Church. Are Lutherans truly “weak on sanctification”? Should there be exhortation in preaching? Do real Lutherans believe in a third use of the Law? What is so bad about antinomianism? What does true Law and Gospel preaching look like?

These debates have troubled the Missouri Synod in recent years. Thankfully, we can look to the Scriptures and also remember how our forefathers in the faith dealt with similar challenges. Over two days, April 12-13, we will learn about and discuss the Law of God at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville, IL. We’ll look to our past, confront present challenges, and look toward the future confident in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and thankful for all the treasures with which He has blessed us.

This conference is for both laity and pastors. Come join us for good theology, fellowship, and maybe even a little fun.

Tickets:

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

To learn more about the conference visit
<https://yourgrandfatherschurch.org/>.

If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor McCalley by February 16 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.

If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor McCalley by February 16 because space is limited.



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**.

Mary Martha Guild

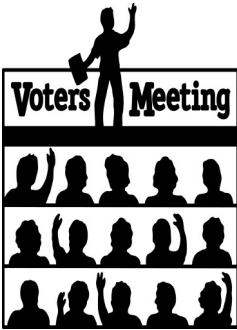
Mary Martha Guild meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. Come at 9 am for coffee! All ladies of Trinity are invited to attend. Come join us on **February 14!**

Stewardship & Scripture

February 11 – Transfiguration

Mark 9:6 – “For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.” Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity — for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

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



Assembly of Voters Meeting + Potluck Lunch

An Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 18, 2024**. A potluck meal will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 12:15 p.m. Please plan to join us for the meal and the meeting. You are requested to bring eight servings according to the list below. Everyone is welcome to attend the potluck and the meeting, even if you don't bring a dish to share—you can contribute to the freewill offering!

Last name beginning A-I: Salad or Side Dish

Last name beginning J-R: Dessert

Last name beginning S-Z: Main Dish

All boards and auxiliary organizations, please provide your 2023 annual report for inclusion in the agenda packet for this meeting. The report should summarize your activities for 2023. Email your report(s) to Heather in the church office (church@trinity-lcms.org) before the end of the day Wednesday, February 14. Thank you!

The agenda packet will be available in the church office by the end of the day on Friday, February 16 and at the meeting on February 18. The packet will include officer, board, and committee reports. Items requiring a vote include:

- Proposed revisions to our bylaws (physical and digital copies are available from the church office)
- Special election for two board positions
- Approval of committees and appointments

We look forward to seeing you February 18 and encourage your participation in the fellowship and business of our church.

Life Thoughts

February 11 – Transfiguration of Our Lord – We proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord (2 Corinthians 4:5) of body and sexuality. We proclaim not personal choice, but Jesus Christ as Lord of marriage and procreation. We proclaim not popular opinion, but Jesus Christ as Lord of hurts and healing. We proclaim not political debate, but Jesus Christ as Lord of life and death. Listen to Him who makes us beloved children of God (Mark 9:7).

✠ ————— ✠ CONGREGATION AT PRAYER ————— ✠
CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

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

February 13 – Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos (c)

February 15 – Philemon and Onesimus (c)

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

February 16 – Philipp Melancthon (birth), *Confessor (c)*

February 14 – Valentine, *Martyr (c)*

THEME OF THE WEEK

TRANSFIGURATION *The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God*

It was “*a hard thing*” that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken “*by a whirlwind into heaven*.” Although “*chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them*,” Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a “*double portion*” of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when “*the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God*” (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after “*he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai*,” Moses “*put a veil over his face*” (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and “*only through Christ is it taken away*” (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold “*the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*,” who is “*the image of God*” (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, “*listen to him*,” and fix your sights on “*Jesus only*” (Mark 9:7–8).

ASH WEDNESDAY *Return to the Lord Your God, for He has Reconciled You to Himself* On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our faces toward His cross and Passion in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by the way of repentance, and thus we return to the dying and rising of Holy Baptism. Christ Jesus, “*who knew no sin*,” became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin and in His resurrection we “*become the righteousness of God*” (2 Cor. 5:21). Since God has thus reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, “*now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Cor. 6:2). He has provided the sacrificial Lamb, and He has left “*a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering*” in the Holy Communion (Joel 2:14, 19). He summons us to return to Him with all our hearts, because He is “*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love*” (Joel 2:13). Return to Him in faith and confidence, and so pray to Him as your Father; give to the needy from a heart of love; and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3–4, 6, 17–18).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

TRANSFIGURATION (Mon. & Tues.) O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY (Weds. to Sat.) Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; 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

(Mon. - Tues.) *Morning* Psalm 99 *Evening* Psalm 48
(Wed. - Sat.) *Morning* Psalm 51 *Evening* Psalm 143

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday Genesis 18:1-19; Hebrews 10:19-39
Tuesday Genesis 18:20-33; Hebrews 11:1-19
Wednesday Genesis 21:1-21; Hebrews 11:20-40
Thursday Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 12:1-17
Friday Genesis 24:1-28; Hebrews 12:18-29
Saturday Genesis 24:29-49; Hebrews 13

HYMN OF THE WEEK

413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair
607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The First Sunday in Lent

<i>Old Testament</i>	Genesis 22:1-18	<i>Epistle</i>	James 1:12-18
	Psalm 25:1-10	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	St. Mark 1:9-15
<i>Introit</i>	Ps. 91:9-13; ant. vv. 15-16		

DAILY CATECHISM

Lesson of the Week: 7th **Commandment & Meaning**

Monday **Proverbs 20:10-11** | To what sort of stealing does the proverb refer? Does this sort of stealing occur today? How might a business owner be tempted to sin against the 7th Commandment? Who does the proverb indicate is able to understand this?

Tuesday **Luke 19:45-46** | For what reason does Jesus cleanse the temple? What does he say? In the temple, those who had to offer a sacrifice for sin were being taken advantage of by being charged extremely high prices for the sacrifices. Why would this anger Jesus? How does this break the 7th Commandment?

Wednesday **Luke 19:1-10** | What occupation did Zacchaeus hold? What temptations would exist for Zacchaeus as a tax collector? What sin did Zacchaeus commit? Why did Jesus seek him out? How did he respond?

Thursday **Proverbs 19:17** | What positive action does the proverb encourage? How does this illustrate the meaning of the commandment?

Friday **Philippians 2:3-11** | How does this passage encourage us to look at others? How does this change our view of our possessions? Who does the passage offer as an example of this?

Summary

With the Seventh Commandment the LORD protects His gift of property. We might think of the children of Israel, who while living in bondage in Egypt, did not remember having things of their own. But now, having been redeemed through Moses, the LORD was reestablishing His people, and they would, for the first time in their lives, have possessions to call their own. Of course, with sinful and selfish hearts by nature, the children of Israel would be prone

to sin against their neighbor either by stealing what the LORD had given to another, or by scheming to get another's possessions in a way that only appeared to be proper. But the people of God are called to love and serve their neighbors. And so the LORD desires that we would help our neighbor to improve and protect that which he owns. This is the Seventh Commandment, and our catechetical theme for the week. God bless your time in His Word.

Learn By Heart Verse: **Ephesians 4:28**

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.



Scholarship Opportunity

Interested in becoming a church worker (pastor, deaconess, DCE, teacher)?

Trinity Lutheran Church offers scholarships for students pursuing church work.



1. Eligibility
 - a. Scholarships may be awarded to students studying for an LCMS church vocation (pastor, teacher, DCE, deaconess, etc.)
 - b. Recipients must be attending an LCMS university or seminary.
 - c. Recipients must be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.
2. Application and Approval
 - a. Potential recipients must submit a written letter of application to the Board of Directors.
 - b. Scholarships may be renewed annually if the recipient requests continued support by submitting a written letter of application to the Board of Directors.
 - c. Applications for summer school scholarships will be considered.
 - d. Scholarships and their specific amounts must be approved by the Assembly of Voters.
3. Administration
 - a. Scholarship checks will be written to the institution (or its appropriate subunit) on behalf of the recipient. Checks will not be written directly to the recipient.
 - b. Scholarship funds will first be drawn from the budgeted line account item (account 534). If the budgeted account is depleted, funds may also be drawn from the dedicated LCEF scholarship fund (account 195).

Y GROUP U T H

I was pushed hard, so that I was
falling, but the Lord helped me.
The Lord is my strength and my
song; he has become my salvation.

Psalms 118:13-14

**SENIOR YOUTH ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND...**

Sunday School
each week
led by
Pastor McCalley
at 9:30 a.m.
in the Youth Room

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ORDERED
SUPER BOWL SUBS!**

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF
TLC YOUTH GROUP!**



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!





TLCLC-The Mission Down the Hall

Pajama Days

On February 1 and 2 the Learning Center had fun with “Pajama Days.” The children and staff wore their pajamas to school and the



curriculum was focused around light/dark/shadows/groundhogs, and all things cozy and warm. For a special treat, the children had hot cocoa and popcorn. We’d like to say a special thank you to the Board of Evangelism for loaning us their popcorn machine! The popping corn smelled wonderful and the kids had a great time watching it pop!!



Trash to Treasure



Periodically TLCLC has a need for items that you might have sitting at home that you would be happy to part with.

For the LCMS Early Childhood Conference on March 2, the presenter will be discussing STEAM education in preschool. As an example, the teachers will be building a squirrel-proof bird feeder that is stable and as tall as possible. For this lesson, we are needing to collect:

- ⇒ Empty boxes and carton of all shapes (no larger than a shoe box). Could include pringles cans, oatmeal boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc.
- ⇒ Cardboard tubes (TP, paper towel)

Any extras collected will be used in our classrooms for the teachers to bring this or similar STEAM lessons to our students.



For Easter, we would also like to collect cardboard egg cartons to make these Easter crosses. This is a TLCLC tradition and I still hang up the one my daughter Rachel made in PreK with Mrs. Enfield 24 years ago!

-Annette

Please place any of these items in the TLCLC box in the narthex.

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**

KFUO Lutheran Radio

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Hear stories about mental health, LCMS history, and the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Galatians 3-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Deuteronomy 5-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and enjoy Ash Wednesday Organ Recital and Worship Service on 2/14 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!



Issues, Etc.



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SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.