

September 2026



Whenever I think about the purpose of Sunday morning, I think my Professor David Lose telling the story of Tom and Bonnie. They were new members in his first congregation, and when he visited them early on, they told him how they decided who went to church on the Sundays when only one of them could make it. “Whenever we can’t both go,” they said, “we do a quick two-minute drill on who had a harder week, or who’s got a harder one coming. Then we decide who needs church more.”

Who needs church more. Who needs church more to hear a word of forgiveness after a hard week? Who needs church more to be filled with hope for a hard week to come? Who needs church more?

What I love about that question is what it points to: Sunday isn’t one more thing on the list. It isn’t a box to check or a way to make God happy or something we do to be “good Christians.” It’s not something we do for God at all. It’s God’s gift to us.

Here’s why that gift matters so much right now.

First, God’s command to rest “*keep the Sabbath holy*” has never been more important. A study a few years back noted something striking: the sharp rise in depression and other mental health struggles across the country over the last several decades tracks closely with the slow, steady decline in church attendance. We need a place to rest, to recharge, to step out of the noise and busyness of life and reconnect with God and with each other. Sunday gives us that.

Second, the word “worship” comes from the Old English “worth-ship” to name something as worthy, valuable. Plenty of traditions treat worship as the place where we tell God how worthy God is. Lutherans tend to flip that around: Sunday worship is where we discover how worthy we are to God, as we’re named God’s beloved children all over again.

Third, worship is where our call gets renewed. Let’s be honest, in a world like ours, it’s hard to hold onto the truth that we’re God’s beloved children for more than about a week at a time! Worship forgives what went wrong last week, reminds us who we are, and sends us out with purpose and hope for what’s ahead.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meramec Bluffs Gathering

Wednesday, September 2

Adult Choir Resumes

Wednesday, September 2

Church Office Closed

September 7

Rally Day

Sunday, September 13

Gateway Brown Bag

Monday, September 14

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

Gateway180 Sort Donations

Friday, September 18

Church Council Meeting & God’s Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 20

Gateway180

Prepare/Serve Dinner

Saturday, September 26

Trinity Book Group

Monday, September 28

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the October Trinitell is September 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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That's why I love inviting you to church. Every time I see you on a Sunday, I know you're receiving God's gifts of worth, hope, faith, and purpose... and I know your week, and through you, the world around you, will be better for it.

So here are two questions worth sitting with as we head into September, Rally Sunday, God's Work Our Hands Sunday, and a new program year:

What's your favorite reason for coming to church?

I know plenty of things compete for a Sunday morning. Work piling up, kids who don't want to get ready, a hundred other pulls on your time. But I'd guess you rarely regret it once you're here.

And what do you love about being part of Trinity?

The music and preaching on Sunday mornings. The care you receive at every stage of life. The friendships, the learning, the ways this community reaches beyond its own walls into our neighborhoods and the world. When you think about all of that, what stands out to you?

My hope is simple: that you want to be at Trinity on Sundays (and plenty of other times too) because of how you feel God's love and call in this place. And my hope is that as this new program year begins, you'll find joy in helping it flourish, in whatever way fits where you are right now. What we're able to do together this year will be shaped by the heart we bring to it.

Thank you for being part of this place. I'll see you in church!

Pastor Chris

WORSHIP WITH US



Join Us **SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

Trinity Lutheran Church

One Worship Service **10:00 AM**

ONLINE
Trinity YouTube Channel

INSIDE
Sanctuary

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

Our 10:00 AM worship service is available in person and online via our Trinity YouTube Channel. If you are unable to watch at 10:00 AM, you may view the services online at your convenience. To watch our worship services, please click [HERE](#).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A YEAR OF CALLINGS

This month's vocations • September 2026

Our year begins where the year of work begins: with Labor Day, new school routines, and first months away at college. Each week we lift up one vocation in the prayers of the people, named in the season when that work is hardest. If one of these callings is yours, know that your congregation is praying for you by name this month. If you know someone who carries that calling, tell them your church prayed for them, or better yet invite them to come to church that Sunday.

Here's how we begin with September's callings:

Week of	Vocation	Why this week:
Sept. 6	All Who Labor & All Seeking Work	Labor Day weekend: honoring work itself, and the quiet strain of those between jobs.
Sept. 13	Teachers & School Staff	The first full weeks of school: new names, new routines, exhausted evenings.
Sept. 20	School Bus Drivers & Crossing Guards	New routes, restless riders, and darker mornings on the way.
Sept. 27	College Students & Their Parents	The first month away from home: empty bedrooms, care packages, and late night calls.

In worship, each week's prayer follows the same frame: "This week we lift up the calling of ____, whose work is especially demanding right now because ____."



Chester Sasi baptism

PASTOR EMERITUS REPORT

Roy Christell
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I just read this on one of my news feeds. *“The Democratic Republic of the Congo is now experiencing its deadliest Ebola outbreak on record. Thousands of people have died, more than any in history. The virus is spreading five times faster than previous outbreaks reaching 2,000 cases in roughly two months.”*

This is horrible news. Let us lift the people of the Congo in prayer that some kind of intervention can slow and stop this disease.

This story has got me to thinking. What if the Word of God spread as quickly as Ebola? What if **2,000** people heard the Good News of God’s love and grace in a new way in the next two months? What if **2,000** people were invited to celebrate that gift of God which comes through Jesus in the next two months? What if **2,000** realized that God’s love can set them free from their burden of guilt, that God’s promised presence could comfort them in their grief or strengthen them as they face a scary disease? What if **2,000** young people realized in the next two months that God’s love is more important than the peer pressure they are experiencing?

And do you know where it would start? This amazing spread of God’s Good News will start when we begin to speak! This outbreak of Grace will begin when we tell a neighbor, a friend, a child, a young person, even a stranger in the check out lane.

I pray that each one of us will lean in to the opportunities which present themselves to us every day. Let’s plant the seeds and let God produce the harvest of Good news and Grace!

Pastor Roy



Paul Pohlers
at Altar Re-dedication



College Student Send-Off

CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Theme: “Life Together” (inspired by Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Opening Worship

Pastor Donna Simon led opening worship, featuring an Indigenous land acknowledgement, a water-themed prayer, hymns, Scripture readings, Lectio Divina, and the Prayers of the People. The Synod Mission Statement and Welcome Statement were also presented..

Constitutional Amendments

Churchwide amendments approved at the July 31, 2026 Churchwide Assembly (98% approval) were reviewed alongside churchwide-recommended changes. Amendments were sorted into three groups: **Group 1** items passed by simple majority; **Group 2** required a two-thirds vote and further approval, and included a new Central Synod seal and language modified for greater inclusivity; and **Group 3** addressed Synod bylaws, also requiring a two-thirds vote.

Nominations and Personnel

Elections were held for Synod Council and Secretary, including lay and clergy representatives. Adam Wutka’s resignation as Director of Lay Ministry was noted, and ordination and PMA anniversaries were recognized.

Churchwide ELCA Connection

Adam DeHoek, Senior Director of Research and Evaluation for the ELCA, spoke on “Understanding Faith and Civic Life,” highlighting ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Mission Support, and the Church Property Resource Hub (**Todd Maloy** was noted as serving on Portico’s Board of Trustees). Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry addressed the assembly on being a “Connected Church,” and a new bishop for the Holy Land and Jordan was mentioned. DeHoek presented data showing 146 congregations in the synod and roughly 8,300 churchwide, noting declining congregation sizes overall — small congregations are common, though most members belong to larger ones.

Bishop’s Report

The Bishop reviewed what the synod does, promoted the synod newsletter, and showed videos including “Hearts Across the Heartland” (LGBTQIA+) and a Mission Support feature.

Budget and Finance

For 2025, adjusted (lowered) expectations were exceeded — a positive outcome. The 2026 revised budget reflected lower first-quarter giving. The 2027 proposed budget will send 48% of income to the ELCA, down from 50%. Compensation guidelines passed, including a Portico-related 2.6% pay increase for rostered ministers and an increase in pulpit supply from \$185 to \$190 plus travel.

Mission and Discernment

The Synod will offer five discernment events for Pastor, Deacon, and PMA candidates. Expanding PMA ministry and lay leadership remains a goal, and a new mission start in Maize, KS, was highlighted. Richard Hoyer was recognized for 75 years of ministry.

Resolutions

All four resolutions passed, addressing global and companion synod ministries, climate justice, and recognition of deceased and retired clergy. Two Companion Synod Sundays were established: a climate-focused Sunday in October and a Papua New Guinea-focused Sunday on February 7, 2027.

Respectfully submitted, Dale & Karen Henselmeier, John & Debra Palmer, & Pastor Chris

AUGUST COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: August 9, 2026

Present: Pastor Chris Naig, Jeff Haferkamp, Dave Luethy, Elaine Larson, Mike Hower, John Engle, Dan Fry, Maureen Hoppin, Sasi Jeyarajan, Gene Kerr, and Mikki Lee.

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Opening Prayer: Mike Hower

Approval of June Minutes: Approved

President's Report—Jeff Haferkamp

- **Program review:** The next Annual Key Program review will be at the September meeting when we will invite Preschool Director, Christy Cole, to discuss the Preschool. October will be Christie Tietjen discussing Missions.
- **Electricity and Energy Project:** The Madison Energy Group (MEG) proposal didn't work out but a proposal from Verdant (an Emerson company) has stepped forward with a proposal to install 12 new thermostats and 9 occupancy sensors throughout the building for better zone-level coverage and control. The cost being \$7,000 with estimated savings of \$3,000-\$4,000 a year against the current electrical spending of \$28,000. The motion was made and accepted to fund the thermostat-sensor project from the Council discretionary fund.
- **Solar and Battery Study:** Matthew Hansard from Uncommon Energy has given the Council options to invest in solar energy. One option is a Battery Option to offset the peak usage with Ameren rates scheduled to continue to rise. Another plan is Battery plus Solar, where multiple panels are installed on the roof with gross costs in the neighborhood of \$150,000, with expected net cost of \$105,000, and projected annual savings of \$12,000 and more as electric rates rise. To understand more and get firm estimates a study fee of \$5,000 is required. Discussion followed with a motion made to approve the \$5,000 for further study funded from Council Discretionary Fund. This was approved.
- **Strategic Plan Update:** Work continues and a planning meeting will be held this week at Christie & Larry Tietjen's Innsbrook home. Council will receive a more detailed update at the September meeting.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris

- **Chancel Renovation:** After 13 months of work by many hands the renewed chancel is being dedicated today. Special thanks given to Paul Pohlers for design.
- **Baptism:** Chester is being baptized today and another baptism later this month.
- **Annual Contract for Pastor Roy:** Council moved to approve Pastor Roy's annual salary and continued his call for another year.
- **Preschool:** Tours continue for parents and approximately 154 children are enrolled for the fall.
- **Grief Share Initiative:** Rick and Mikki Lee will benchmark sessions at Pathfinder in the fall, and plan to lead the ministry here at TLC expected to launch in January.
- **Software Consolidation:** Trinity staff working together to consolidate the different software packages for giving to simplify the system and cut costs.
- **Fall Cleanup Day:** August 29 volunteers are needed to prepare the building and grounds.

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AUGUST COUNCIL MINUTES

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Treasurer's Report—Mike Hower

- Mike Hower presented the June treasurer's report showing Trinity in good financial condition.
- The Endowment Fund is approaching \$595,000.

Music Program Update—Brian Parrish

- Brian Parrish shared with the Council the objective of Trinity's Music ministry framing it around the ELCA's four purposes of music in worship: building community, forming faith, proclaiming the Word, and serving God's mission. He recognized the many volunteers who make the music possible including Graeme Allen and Jonathan Owen.
- The Trinity Concert Series has raised almost \$80,000 for five core missions at Trinity.
- New this year: Trinity will join the consortium of 20 Lutheran churches and educational institutions to commission a new Advent cantata, "O Love Beyond All Telling," by composer David Von Kampen. Trinity's bell choir and choir will perform in December.
- Council will ask Brian to prepare a formal proposal for a request to update various equipment for the church's audio/video system with a limit of \$5,000.
 - This request was unanimously approved by email vote after the Council meeting.

New Business—

- In September, the Council will review and receive assignments for a membership roster review.
- Upcoming Adult Forum on AI.
- Columbarium Dedication coming.
- Strategic Plan Continues with 'cottage' meetings for congregational review.
- September Meeting: Christie Cole will present an update on the preschool program.

Next Meeting

- Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54 am.

STATUS OF ENVELOPE GIVING THROUGH JULY 31, 2026

Budget through 7/31/26	\$390,123
Actual Giving through 7/31/26	\$363,284
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$26,839)

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GIVING PAGE**



Detailed monthly financial reports are available upon request.

Contact Mike Hower at how-hep@msn.com

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM IN ROOM 123

September 6: No Adult Forum—Labor Day weekend

September 13: No Adult Forum—Rally Sunday

September 20: No Adult Forum—God's Work. Our Hands.

September 27: Robots, Reformation, and a Few of Pastor's Hunches

Presenter: Pastor Chris. AI is coming for a lot of jobs, turns out sermon-writing isn't one of them (yet, allegedly). Join Pastor Chris's son Aamon for a no-jargon AI 101. Then stick around as Pastor Chris unveils Trinity's new Three-Year Strategic Plan: one big vision of where we think the Holy Spirit is calling us, and mercifully fewer pages than early drafts. Robots not required to attend; existential dread about the future of work is, regrettably, optional but welcome.

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 & dinner daily • entrance fees to all sites • private tour bus • domestic flights in Egypt

Not included: Gratuities, airfare, personal expenses, travel insurance

OPTIONAL 4-DAY JORDAN EXTENSION

Petra • Mount Nebo • Madaba • Amman

"Hope you can join me in Egypt and Jordan for this great experience!"

— *Peace, Chris*

eliastours.com — [Best of Egypt tour details](#)



ITINERARY

12 JAN — Depart USA

13 JAN — Arrive Cairo

14 JAN — Giza Pyramids & Museum

15 JAN — Coptic Cairo

16 JAN — Fly to Luxor; Nile Cruise

17 JAN — Luxor West Bank; Esna

18 JAN — Edfu & Kom Ombo

19 JAN — Philae & Nubian Village

20 JAN — Travel to St. Catherine

21 JAN — Mount Sinai & Monastery

22 JAN — Depart / Jordan Ext.

FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz
facility@tlc-stl.org

Trinity Lutheran Church has seen some wonderful progress on our cemetery beautification project. Cleaning the brush and invasives from the borders of the cemetery began in April and has continued until recently. As pictured, the clearing is extensive and greater than initially anticipated. Planting the new landscaping will be done in late September with installation of the irrigation system immediately following. These improvements go a long way toward preserving the beauty and dignity of our cemetery for years to come and prepare us for the landscaping project. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, especially Ron Jones, Jeff Haferkamp, Fred Meyland-Smith and Dave Luethy. (*before and after pictures shown below*)

There's still more to do, and we'd love your help! Mark your calendars for our **Outdoor Cleanup Day** on **Saturday, August 29th**, from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Come lend a hand for an hour or stay the whole morning — every bit of help is appreciated. Lunch and snacks will be provided for all volunteers.

Sign up today at the reception desk or by calling the church office at 636-227-5432. We look forward to working together to care for our church grounds!

Mike Sharitz
Facilities Manager



before and after of
Stormwater Retention Basin

before and after of
West Edge

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stacey Drake
kidsministry@tlc-stl.org

RALLY DAY!!!

Sunday School resumes on September 13! We will have a fun kickstart to our Sunday School year for all children ages 3- 5th grade from 9:00-10:00. We will meet in Room 7 on Rally Day. After our 10:00 worship service our congregation is invited for our Rally Day celebration in the gym. A food truck, balloon twisting, slime bar and crafts will be provided! ALL are welcome!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8

Our Parent and Student Confirmation Orientation is Wednesday, September 16. Our first Confirmation class is Wednesday, September 23. Class meets each Wednesday night from 7:00-8:00 in room 123.

Stacey Drake,
Children's Ministry Coordinator



Rally Day

Sunday School Kick-Off September 13

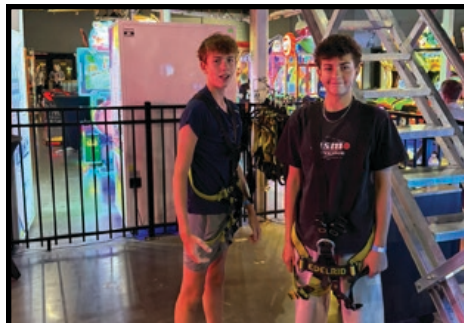
9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Worship
11:15 AM - FUN!!

Food truck, balloon arts & crafts

Everyone is invited!

YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

Rebecca Henderson
yly@tlc-stl.org



Youth Leading Youth has definitely not slowed down over the summer. We have welcomed 10 new young people to our events from May-August! It is always fun to share our adventures and God's word with new friends.

In August we tested our limits with an afternoon adventure at Amp Up. The youth completed a ropes course, battled in a competitive game of laser tag, and tried their luck at the arcade.

Another thing we have been doing at our events every month is learning about some of the teenagers in the Bible. It is amazing how many young people there are stories of in these books. I want the youth of Trinity to know they do not have to be adults to be instrumental in doing God's work in this world.

1 Timothy 4:12 *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

Feel free to reach out with any questions at YLY@tlc-stl.org. Thank you!

Rebecca Henderson, Youth LEADIng Youth Coordinator

A flyer for a pool party at The Lodge in Des Peres. The background is a blue, rippling water texture. In the top left corner is the YLY TRINITY Youth LEADIng Youth logo. The main text reads: "Pool Party at The Lodge in Des Peres", "Sunday, September 27", "12:00-2:00 pm", and "1050 Des Peres Road, Des Peres, MO 63131". Below this, it says: "We'll kick things off in a private party room with pizza, then hit the indoor pool for the rest of the time to swim, hang out, and just vibe with friends." and "Don't forget your beach towel! And a couple quick pool rules: swimsuits with buttons, zippers, or snaps can't go down the waterslide, and life jackets are the only flotation devices allowed." At the bottom right, it says: "RSVP to Rebecca Henderson, yly@tlc-stl.org".

 **Pool Party at The Lodge in Des Peres**
Sunday, September 27
12:00-2:00 pm
1050 Des Peres Road, Des Peres, MO 63131

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

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, September 14
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 Brown Bag lunches and prepare Sloppy Joes to support the homeless served by Gateway180.

Our next Gateway Brown Bag & Sloppy Joe session is scheduled for Monday, September 14 at 8:30 am in the Trinity kitchen. If you would like to help out, you can contact Ken Hardebeck at Lhardebeck@aol.com or 314-605-4970. Thank you!

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.

PREPARE AND SERVE DINNER FOR GATEWAY180

Saturday, September 26
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, September 26, 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.



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, September 18

8:30 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, September 18 to sort donations. We will meet at Trinity at 8:30 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.

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, September 28

“London Falling: A Mysterious Death in a Gilded City and a Family’s Search for Truth”
by Patrick Radden Keefe

Patrick Radden Keefe tunnels into London’s criminal underworld through the story of a young man who, dreaming of power and connections he doesn’t have, pretends to be the son of an Eastern European oligarch and ends up in the Thames River. Did he jump, as the police concluded, or was he pushed? The case of Zac Brettler, also known as Zac Ismailov, offers a window into London’s transformation from an industrial hub to a global financial center, showing how organized crime evolved alongside it. Keefe skillfully traces the connections among the many players in the story while always returning to Zac’s parents and their relentless pursuit of the truth. *London Falling* is a smart, sophisticated true crime book that also grapples with larger social and economic issues.

All are welcome to bring a lunch and join our discussion

Reading ahead:

Monday, October 26

“The Six: The Untold Story of America’s First Women Astronauts”
by Loren Grus

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



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



THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Preschool Bandana Bash
- Preschool Pumpkins
- God's Work. Our Hands.
- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- Preschool classroom supplies
- Gateway180 Lunch Bag Assembly
- Gateway180 Monthly Dinners

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.



MEALS AVAILABLE

We Have Meals in the MDM Freezer!

We have two serving and four serving meals available. **Bring a meal to someone in need.** Please reach out to someone you know who could use a meal. And, as always, remember to remind them that:

**THEY MATTER TO YOU AND
THEY MATTER TO GOD!**



Trinity Dinner Groups

Sign Up Now for Fall Dinner Groups

**in-home or at restaurants
with or without children**

**Dinner Groups will meet 3 times
between September and December**

RSVP by September 18

Click or Scan the QR Code to Sign Up



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

EVERYONE IS INVITED
God's work. Our hands.
Sunday, September 20

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 11:15 AM
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SERVICE SUNDAY

We are going to kick off the school year with God's Work. Our Hands. Service Sunday, highlighting four of Trinity's 5 Core Missions.

Plan to wear your **RED** Trinity T-shirts! If you don't have a shirt, we will have extras available in the Artium.



SERVICE PROJECTS

All activities will take place in the Gym

Lantern Hill

Making Christmas cards for Lantern Hill students

Trinity Preschool

Creating horseshoes (cutting and painting) for the Preschool Bandana Bash

Meals Do Matter

Making Soup Kits

Gateway180

Assembling Intake Kits

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

We are mixing it up this year with a chili & hot dog lunch. Vegetarian chili will be available.

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST



JOIN US ON OCTOBER 18

Everyone is invited — bring the whole family! Dinner catered by Lefty's Fried Rice. Reservations limited to 100 people — RSVP early!

Cornhole participants will be placed in teams of two — you can sign up as partners or be paired with another player. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams in each bracket!

Cornhole Tournament Entry Fees (per player)

Age Bracket	Entry Fee
Ages 5-11	\$5
Ages 12-25	\$5
Ages 26-59	\$10
Ages 60+	\$10

RSVP and Pay Entry Fees Today

You can RSVP and pay your entry fees using the QR code.



THANK YOU



What an amazing outcome! Thanks to the generosity of everyone who donated gift cards, the students at Lantern Hill are fully equipped with new school supplies and can't wait to dive into the new school year. Your support truly made a difference. We're so grateful for our wonderful Trinity community!

Thank you to Jeff Haferkamp, Ron Jones, Dave Luethy & Fred Meyland-Smith for overseeing round two of clearing out the cemetery borders and drainage ditch.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

NEW ADDRESS

Bill Melchior and Karen Person
7218 Clayton Rd
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Pat Irmscher 9/1
Bob Garthe 9/3
Owen Wolf 9/5
Clayton Fry 9/6
Evelyn Parrish 9/6
Sharon Weeke 9/6
Gabriel DeLauter 9/7
Fred Meyland-Smith 9/7
Richard Leimgruber 9/8
Paul Ogier 9/8
Richard Salisbury 9/8
Owen Larsen 9/9

Margie Belleville 9/10
Clark Hall 9/10
Leah LeMay 9/14
Otto Wirgau 9/14
Karen Johnson 9/15
Claire Jones 9/17
Dorothy Wilhite 9/18
Gerhild Williams 9/18
Pastor Roy Christell 9/21
Patricia Snyder 9/21
Erik Johnson 9/23
Ron Wiese 9/23

Peter Larsen 9/24
Peggy Miller 9/24
Bruce Baker 9/25
Kristen Masiel 9/25
Polly Sievert 9/25
Judy Smull 9/26
Pastor Chris Naig 9/27
Eric Petersen 9/28
Erik Sall 9/29
Kevin Evans 9/30
Mary Eva Horton 9/30
Ethan Maloy 9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

George & Babs Holtzman 9/1/1968
Richard & Corlyn Salisbury 9/5/1982
Charlie & Betty Forde 9/6/1996
Jonathan & Patty Owen 9/9/1989
Ron & Eunice Wiese 9/10/1955
Jerry & Glenda Partlow 9/15/1966
Greg & Kaari Smith 9/19/2009

Peter & Jennifer Larsen 9/20/2008
Christopher & Lori Roseman 9/21/1996
Greg & Amy Jones 9/25/1999
Paul & Sue Ogier 9/27/1980
Eric & Jill DeLauter 9/27/2003
Fred & Susan Meyland-Smith 9/28/1968

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.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

PRAYERS FROM AUGUST 2026

Thanksgiving and praise for.... Baptism of Chester Elijah Sasi, son of asi Jeyarajan and Cheryl Kumradrai

Please pray for...

Dave Paquet (Steve Paquette's uncle), Karen and Bob Loehr (high school friends of Sharon Mertz), Bryleigh (granddaughter of "Nana" Sue Feeny), Susan Herrmann, Becky Palmer (John Pamer's sister-in-law), Erica Stevens (Loretta Lofgren's caregiver), John Sievert (Polly Sievert King's brother), Sharon Hild, Michele R (friend of Nancy and Dan Blakeley), Bob Schilling (friend of Rick Lee), Christa and Kevin, Mike Sharitz, Val Nohren (sister of Randy Ochs), Ron Wiese, Rich Wolf, Mary Alice Long, Mike Long, Shelly Allen (Graeme Allen's mom), Alyssa Haufschild (friend of Eric Flattem and Laura Neary), Issac Haufschild (friend of Eric Flattem and Laura Neary), Dan Thompson (friend of Mike Sharitz), The Grelle Family (family friends of Megan Green (preschool teacher), Sandi Thorp, Pete Stirling, Kent Melton, Kat Rourke, Gary Mertz (brother of Sharon Mertz), Jim Stewart, Daniel Paquette (brother of Steve Paquette), Tammy Surfus Cayer (Sharon Hild's godchild), Jill Leary (friend of Christy Cole and Amy Jones), Garry Melton (son of Kent and Audrey Melton), Tomi Nevin (sister of Patsy Sobey), Kina Jordan (niece of Patsy Sobey), Loretta Lofgren, Mike Calcagno, Richard, Sharon Mertz, Christie Tietjen, Richard Leimgruber

For the family and friends of ... Madelon Meemts, family friend of Becky Luethy, who passed

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

To make a prayer request...

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

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