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SALT AND LIGHT

"You are the salt of the earth… You are the light of the world… let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
– Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to try harder to become salt or to work at being light. He says you are. Salt preserves and brings out the flavor in everything around it; light helps others see. That is what we've been practicing since September in our Year of Callings: noticing God at work through ordinary people, in ordinary places, for the sake of our neighbors.

Have you noticed the new faces coming into worship? This year, instead of taking sermon notes, our confirmation students are serving as ushers, two each Sunday, alongside our more experienced ushers. They greet you, hand you a bulletin, guide us to the table, and point to the offering pots. They are still learning the ropes, so please be patient and generous with them. And here is my ask: get to know them by name. Say hello, ask about school, thank them on your way out. Nothing tells a young person they belong like hearing their name spoken by someone in their church.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. My professor David Lose, now senior pastor at Mount Olivet Lutheran in Minneapolis, wrote to his congregation that one way a church can be salt and light today is by offering an alternative to our divisive political climate: being a place where people from across the political spectrum come together, united in worshiping our Lord and serving our neighbor. I believe that is who Trinity already is. Voting is part of our calling as citizens; caring for the common good is one more way of caring for our neighbor. So please vote. Then come Sunday, sit next to someone who may have voted differently, share the peace, and kneel together at the same table.

Like Pastor Lose, I want to share the commitments I strive to keep as your pastor: to keep the good news of God's love for all at the center; to look at every issue through the lens of that Gospel; and, though I am a citizen with my own views, to preach, teach, and lead so that no one at Trinity has to wonder whether they and their perspective are welcome. I won't do this perfectly. When I fall short, I'll confess with you and receive God's forgiveness with you.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 1

Meramec Bluffs Gathering
Wednesday, November 4

Gateway Brown Bag
Monday, November 9

Listening Sessions
November 9, 10, or 16

Griefshare Seminar: Surviving the Holidays
Thursday, November 12

Youth Leading Youth Event
Sunday, November 15

Trinity Book Group
Monday, November 16

Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 17

Gateway180 Sort Donations
Friday, November 20

Decorate for Christmas
Monday, November 23

Thanksgiving—Office Closed
Thursday-Friday, November 26-27

Prep & Serve Gateway180
Saturday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Help shape what comes next. God calls us as a congregation, too. As we work on Trinity's strategic plan, we want to hear from you: what you love, what you hope for, and where you sense God leading us. Please join one of our listening sessions in room 123:

- Monday, November 9 at 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 10 at 3:00 PM
- Monday, November 16 at 7:00 PM

To help us plan, we'd be grateful if you would let us know which session you'll attend. Please RSVP to **Amy Jones** in the church office at **office@tlc-stl.org** or give her a call at **636 227 5432**. She'll be glad to hear from you!

Salt and light: at the polls, at the sanctuary doors, in a listening session, and around the Thanksgiving table. Thank you for the ways you let your light shine.

See you in Church!
Pastor Chris

A YEAR OF CALLINGS

This month's vocations • November 2026

A month of gratitude, and of long hours for those who make our elections, holidays, and dinner tables possible. 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.

Week of	Vocation	Why this week:
November 1	Election Workers & Poll Volunteers	Election Day is Tuesday; long hours under intense public scrutiny.
November 8	Veterans & Active Duty Military	Veterans Day; deployments, transitions, and heavy memories.
November 15	Food Pantry & Hunger Relief Volunteers	Holiday demand spikes while donations struggle to keep pace.
November 22	Grocery & Food Service Workers	Thanksgiving week, the busiest grocery days of the year.
November 29	Postal Carriers & Delivery Drivers	The holiday shipping season opens; routes double overnight.

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 ____."

WORSHIP WITH US



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1
10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Please join us on Sunday, November 1 for All Saints Sunday. We will recognize members of Trinity who began their baptismal journey since the last All Saints Sunday Day and we will recognize members of Trinity who completed their baptismal journey since the last All Saints Sunday. Individuals in the congregation who have lost loved ones will be invited to come forward, light a candle and name the names of those deceased.





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 GRIEFSHARE SEMINAR AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Surviving the Holidays

Hope and practical help for the season after a loss

If someone you love has died, the holidays can feel like something to survive rather than celebrate. The empty chair at the table. The song that brings tears in the grocery store. The pressure to smile when your heart is breaking. If that's you this year, please know: you are not alone, and you don't have to face this season by yourself.

WHEN
Thursday, Nov. 12
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE
Trinity Lutheran Church, Room 123
14088 Clayton Road,
Chesterfield, MO 63017

COST
Free
Refreshments & guide included

What to expect

A gentle, two-hour time together. No one will be asked to share, and tears are welcome here. You'll find:

- Video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and people who have walked through the holidays after a death
- Help with hard-hitting emotions and "grief ambushes"
- What to do about traditions, keep, change, or start new
- How to get through parties and family gatherings
- Where to find comfort and strength in God's promises
- A free Survival Guide to take home

Trinity

Think of one person who will face an empty chair this Holiday Season, a neighbor, a coworker, a friend from church. Then simply say:

"There's something at my church I think might help. Would you like to come with me?"

Offer to drive them, sit with them, or meet them at the door. Your invitation may be the gift they need most this season.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."
Psalm 34:18

Please RSVP to Pastor Chris
pastor@tlc-stl.org • 636-227-5432
So we have a guide ready for every person attending

Learn more about GriefShare at griefshare.org/surviving

PASTOR EMERITUS REPORT

Roy Christell
pastorroy@tlc-stl.org



As we step into the month of November the calendar begins to draw our focus to the 26th, Thanksgiving Day. Plans are getting finalized. Menus are being planned. Questions are asked: will we have enough chairs? Who will get the card table out for the extra people? Have we made the reservation for a table at the restaurant? There are always plenty of details to attend to as Thanksgiving Day comes closer.

I'd like to make two suggestions for your month of November:

- Start each day thinking of one person for whom you are thankful. It might be a teacher you had in 4th grade who made an impression or touched your life in a way you still remember. It might be a check out person at the grocery store who always found a way to say a good word to you. Or maybe it is a secretary who seemed to know that tough time which came around every year and extended a little more grace through those days. Think of them all day and raise a prayer of thanks to God that they lived out the Grace of God in their daily life. Pray "thanks" all day. In doing so, this will be a month of **Thanks-Giving**.
- Resolve to LIVE thank-fully as much as you can. All month. Resolve to notice the good things. Keep an eye out for the simple blessings which come your way every day. Resolve to speak the words of thanks whenever you see an opportunity. Resolve to act out your appreciation for others so they will know what's in your heart for them. In this way the month of November will be a month of **Thanks-Living**.

November makes me think of Paul's letter to the Philippians:
"I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me..." (1:3-7)

I pray for all of us a month of **Thanks-Living**.

Pastor Roy





OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: October 18, 2026

Present: Pastor Chris, Jeff Haferkamp, Dave Luethy, Elaine Larson, Mike Hower, John Engel, Dan Fry, Maureen Hoppin, Sasi Jeyarian, Gene Kerr, Mikki Lee, and Jim Mueller.

Call to Order: 8:30 am

Opening Prayer: Maureen Hoppin

Approval of September Minutes: Approved

President's Report—Jeff Haferkamp

- **Parish Ministry**. The Council approved Eric Flattem's application to become a Parish Ministry Associate (PMA). Please keep Eric in your prayers as he begins this journey.
- **Columbarium Landscaping and Dedication**. New plantings are in now, and a new irrigation system will follow. A short dedication is planned for All Saints Sunday, November 1, at the columbarium after worship.
- **Electricity and Solar Energy Project**. The new smart thermostats are installed, and programming will follow.
  - The engineering study on solar panels is nearly done. Details will come at the November meeting.
- **Preschool Playground**. Dave Luethy has written a proposal to finish the playground renovation. Bids should be back by December 1.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris

- **Cybersecurity.** The recent hack came in through Microsoft. It has been fully cleared.
- **Member roll calls**. Thank you to Council members for their calls to update our records.
- **Surviving the Holidays**. Thursday, November 12 from 3-5pm will be a chance to glimpse a preview of the Grief Share program coming to Trinity. More details in the bulletins.
- **Strategic Plan listening sessions**. Room 123 Monday, **November 9**, 7pm, Tuesday, **November 10**, 3pm and Monday, **November 16**, 7pm. Everyone is invited to share feedback.
  - Complete documents will be available for anyone who requests it.

Treasurer's Report—Mike Hower

- Envelope giving slightly below normal but expenses are on track. Trinity remains financially sound, but as the year-end approaches, please consider your giving prayerfully.

New Business—

- **Mission Team Report**. Christie Tietjen reported the activities of the Mission Team.
  - *Somewhere in Time* event raised $38,000. Trinity Music Concerts raised funds for Lantern Hill ($1,500), Meals Do Matter ($5,805), and Gateway180 Shelter ($1,200). The Mission budget is on track and will be fully spent by year-end.
  - The Mission team asked the congregation to fill out an evaluation of the Mission team and its five core missions. This was the last Sunday to fill them out and return. The team will be eager to assess.
  - Another simple way to help the Mission Team is to buy a Thrivent card for $19.95 and become an associate member. Each card benefits the team by $250.
  - Thank you, Christie, for almost 30 years of leadership! New volunteers for the Team are welcome.

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OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES

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- **Dinner groups** are underway.
- **Endowment** update will be at Adult Forum in December.
- **Surviving the Holidays,** a part of GriefShar,e will be held November 12 at 3-5pm. RSVP to Pastor Chris.
- **Christmas caroling** is Sunday, December 6.
- **Website** update. Leslie Steinmeyer will present Trinity's newly redesigned website, youmattertogod.org, built around our message "You Matter to God, You Matter to Us." in December.
- **Council Meeting Time Change.** In order to free up the 9am hour on Sunday for fellowship and community activities, we will try to meet in the evenings.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:37 am.

STATUS OF MEMBER GIVING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Budget through 9/30/26	$482,366
Actual Giving through 9/30/26	$437,945
Surplus (Shortfall)	($44,421)

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

ENDOWMENT UPDATE

The Trinity Endowment Fund was established to provide ongoing support to ministry and capital improvements outside of the normal operations of the church. This has provided a great source of support to Missions supported by Trinity in addition to our annual budget and to fund some special capital improvements for Trinity Church.

The fund was established in 2009 and received its first donation in 2009. The Fund made its first distribution in 2016 with $1,000 gifts being made to Gateway 180, Walking Together and to Trinity Church for capital improvements. Since 2016 the Fund has made annual payments with payments to charities totaling $135,000.

Lutheran School ot Theology	22,500.00
Lutheran Senior Services Affordable Housing	13,000.00
Trinity Pre School	10,000.00
Lutheran Campus Ministries	13,500.00
Circle of Concern	5,500.00
Lutheran Disaster Response	12,000.00
ELCA World Hunger	10,000.00
Companion Synod	4,500.00
One of Our Own	3,600.00
All Among Us - Ferguson Womens Shelter	1,000.00
Lutheran Family and Children Services	2,000.00
Gateway 180	1,000.00
Walking Together	2,000.00
God's Helping Hands	4,400.00
Trinity Capital Improvements	30,000.00
	135,000.00

We are thankful to all of the donors to the Trinity Endowment Fund that have allowed us to grow the fund to this level and to allow this level of ongoing support to expand God's ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church over the past decade and well into the future.

We pray that you are inspired by the ministry happening through the Endowment Fund. If you have any questions, comments or would like to update your final wishes in your will to include this ministry, please feel free to contact any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members.

Eric Halter, Chair
Eric Flattem
Eric Petersen

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM IN ROOM 123

November 1: Ruth 2-3: "The Proposition"
Presenter: John Kotovsky. The Book of Ruth is one of the Bible's most beautiful stories of love, loyalty, and faith. Ruth, a Moabite, leaves her homeland to remain with her mother-in-law, Naomi, declaring, "Wherever you go I will go. Your people will be my people, and your God my God." Ruth's unwavering devotion reflects God's own faithful love for us. He promises never to leave us, loving us not because of who we are, but because of who He is. Join us for this 3-week Bible study as we explore the inspiring story of Ruth and discover the timeless lessons it offers for our lives today.
Meet Boaz, an old rich relative living in Bethlehem that takes a liking to Ruth, and it leads to the most provocative proposition ever made in the Bible.

John Kotovsky is a retired business executive, ordained Lutheran minister, and philanthropist. John completed his pastoral internship at Trinity. After leaving a successful career at Arthur Andersen, he then served as a chief financial officer, parish leader and recently as CEO of Lutheran Senior Services.

November 8: Ruth 4: "Redemption"
Presenter: John Kotovsky. In this wrap-up of the Book of Ruth we will read a few plot twists that lead to saving Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi, and more importantly how a dreaded Moabite woman has an important place in the Genealogy of Jesus and what it means.

November 15: Lutheran theology on God's left- and right-handed work in the world
Presenter: Dr. Fred Niedner. Lutheran theology's understanding of God's left- and right-handed work in the world (a.k.a. the "two kingdoms" doctrine, and how it is and isn't related to church/state relations (and what preachers have to say about politics and politicians have to say about religion).

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

November 22: Worldwide Christianity
Presenter: Dr. Warren Crews. This class will explore how Christianity has grown worldwide to over 2 billion members with those newer Christians in the southern hemispheres equaling or surpassing the numbers of the older northern hemisphere members which evangelized them. Also growing is conflict over different doctrinal and ethical values and the question of what the future holds.

Warren Crews has a BA in Philosophy from Yale, a MA from the Episcopal Divinity School, and a PhD in Historical Theology from St. Louis University. A former Pastor at Emmanual Episcopal Church, a professor at Eden Seminary, and administrator at a large Episcopal church in Arkansas, Dr. Crews brings a wealth of knowledge and has been a long time supporter of our Adult Forum, always giving exceptional, thought provoking sessions.

November 29: No Adult Forum (Thanksgiving Weekend)

FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz
facility@tlc-stl.org

CEMETERY LANDSCAPING NEARLY COMPLETE — IRRIGATION IS NEXT

If you've visited the Trinity Lutheran cemetery lately, you've probably noticed a change. The landscaping project there is nearly finished. The work has given this sacred space a cleaner, more welcoming look, and it now better reflects the care and respect we hold for the loved ones resting there.

We're grateful to everyone who helped bring this project to life, including the volunteers, donors, and contractors who gave their time, talents, and resources. Your support has made a real difference to a place that means so much to our congregation and to the families we serve.

WHAT'S NEXT: INSTALLING AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM

With the landscaping almost done, our next step is to put in an irrigation system. New plantings and grass need steady watering to take root and do well, especially through hot, dry St. Louis summers. An irrigation system will:

- Protect the investment we've made in the new landscaping
- Keep the grounds green and healthy all year
- Cut down on the time and labor needed for hand watering
- Use water more efficiently

Thank you for your continued care for Trinity's buildings and grounds. Together, we're keeping our church home beautiful for generations to come.

Mike Sharitz,
Facilities Manager





YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

Rebecca Henderson
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Fall is always a busy season for students and the youth of Trinity are no exception. Between school work, playing sports, and other extracurricular activities, these young people are working hard to keep up with it all. I am so proud of the work they are all doing!

Last month, many of these kiddos found time in their hectic schedules to take a break and have some fun. A group of us headed over to The Lodge in Des Peres right after church one Sunday. We had a pizza party and then we explored the indoor water park. The wave pool and water slide were definitely the highlights!

The more I work with these young people, the more I am reminded of what a busy season of life they are in. These kids have high expectations for themselves and are working hard to succeed in everything they do.

My prayer for them is that they always remember they are God's children and that He is right there with them whenever they feel overwhelmed. School can definitely feel like a battlefield at times, but I pray the youth also view it as a mission field for God's work.

Rebecca Henderson,
Youth LEADing Youth Coordinator



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stacey Drake
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All children ages 3 -5th grade are welcome and encouraged to participate in our Christmas program! Rehearsals will begin on **November 1** during our Sunday School hour at 9:00 in room 7 and will continue each Sunday leading up to our program.

Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to read a prayer or Bible verse during our program! If interested please email Stacey Drake.

We look forward to a special Christmas Program celebrating Jesus, our best gift ever!

Stacey Drake,
Children's Ministry Coordinator



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Christy Cole
Director@tlc-preschool.org

During the next two months until Christmas, the time will fly by! Our focus in Preschool will be on God's goodness and being thankful for all the wonderful things He has given to each of us!



In October, we invited our families in for our Preschool's **Fall Festival**, where everyone enjoyed making crafts, playing games, eating a pizza dinner and riding a pony as part of our petting zoo. Our grandparents were also our special guests for a morning of Chapel led by Pastor Chris and Jeff Haferkamp (thank you to our "Superheros" for leading our Chapel) followed by donuts and a photo opportunity. Special thanks to Leslie Steinmeyer for setting up our slides & designing our programs!



Our students were excited by a "surprise" visit from the **West County Fire Department** to practice safely exiting our school building. They remained calm and did an excellent job during their first visit with the firefighters!

Our parents had the opportunity this month to meet with our wonderful Trinity teachers for our **Parent-Teacher Chats**…an opportunity for our teachers to learn more about the students in their class. It's always a privilege to share with our families what goes on here at Trinity Preschool as well!



Halloween was an exciting time for us! A HUGE Thank You to the Mission Team, Andrew LeFurge & Leslie Steinmeyer for funding and picking up the pumpkins for our very own "**Trinity Preschool Pumpkin Patch**" where each child was invited to "hunt" for the perfect pumpkin to decorate and take home. We ended the day in costumes, parading through the parking lot for parents, grandparents and friends.

We also would like to thank the **Mission Team** for purchasing Beginners Bibles for our 3-year-old classes and new students. Families will be invited to watch as Pastor Chris and Mission Team members bless the children as they receive their Bibles. The students are always excited to have their very own Bible to read at home.



We will continue our "*Living the Word*" Bible lesson series, learning about some wonderful examples from the Old Testament...David, King Solomon, Elisha and Queen Esther! We will discover that no matter what we do, God's love for us never changes.

As always, we are so thankful for your support and we ask for your prayers for our Preschool children and Staff!

In Him, Christy Cole, Preschool Director

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2026-2027
Registration Now Open



WE PROVIDE

- Classes for Ages 16 Months - 5 Years
- Christ-Centered Curriculum
- Play Based Approach to Learning
- Handwriting Without Tears Program
- Junior Kindergarten Program
- Child-Initiated Learning Experiences
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- Low Student to Teacher Ratio
- A Caring and Nurturing Atmosphere
- STEAM-based Program for all students

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For more information, contact us at

Trinity Lutheran Preschool
14088 Clayton Road, Chesterfield. MO 63017
636-227-5720 or Director@tlc-preschool.org
www.tlc-preschool.org

Best of Egypt: Walk in the Footsteps of Moses & the Holy Family with Trinity Lutheran and Rev. Chris Naig.



January 12 - 22, 2027

$3,490 + Airfare

Included: 10 nights in 5-star hotels (Double Occupancy); Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily; Entrance fees to all sites; All ground transportation in a private tour bus; Domestic flights in Egypt

NOT included: Gratuities for Guide, Driver, Hotels, Restaurants; Airfare; Personal expenses; travel insurance.

Itinerary-

12 JAN – Departure from USA
13 JAN – Arrival in Cairo
14 JAN – Pyramids of Giza & Grand Egyptian Museum
15 JAN – Coptic Cairo
16 JAN – Flight to Luxor & Start of Nile Cruise
17 JAN – West Bank of Luxor & Sail to Esna
18 JAN – Edfu & Kom Ombo Temples
19 JAN – Philae Temple & Nubian Village (Aswan)
20 JAN – Travel to St. Catherine (Sinai)
21 JAN – Mount Sinai & St. Catherine's Monastery
22 JAN – Departure or Jordan Extension

4-Day Jordan Program: Petra, Mount Nebo & Amman
Day 1: Arrival in Petra – Explore the Rose-Red City
Day 2: Petra – Mount Nebo – Madaba – Amman
Day 3: Amman City Tour
Day 4: Departure

Hope you can join me in Egypt and Jordan for this great expericance. More details in the link below. Peace, Chris

https://www.eliastours.com/tours/best-of-egypt-walk-in-the-footsteps-of-moses-the-holy-family-with-rev-chris-naig

Poinsettias



6-inch red
5-8 blooms
$18.00

Order by December 13

Poinsettias will be displayed on the Lord's Table on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2026, at the 4 pm and 7 pm services. Please pick up your flowers after the worship service you attend.
(Note: the church office is closed on Christmas Day through January 4th).

Questions? Please contact Amy Jones at office@tlc-stl.org or 636-227-5432.

Order Deadline: Sunday, December 13

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

_____ Poinsettia with 5-8 blooms ($18.00)

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

_____

_____

Ordered by: _____

Phone or email: _____

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 9
8:30 AM
Trinity Kitchen

Gateway180 is one of Trinity's 5 core missions. As part of our mission to support Gateway180, once a month we assemble 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, November 9 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!

HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, November 20
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, November 20 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.

PREPARE AND SERVE DINNER FOR GATEWAY180

Saturday, November 28
2:30 PM
Trinity Kitchen

Volunteers are needed to help with a dinner for Gateway180, a shelter supporting women, children, and families experiencing homelessness. They provide safe, nurturing emergency shelter and offer supportive housing programs that empower adults and families to become independent and permanently housed.

- The event takes place Saturday, November 28, and involves meal preparation at Trinity at 2:30 pm, followed by serving the meal at Gateway180.
- Meal prep: Starts at 2:30 pm, finished by 4:00 p.m.
- Serving at Gateway180: Depart Trinity at 4:00 pm, return around 7:00 pm.You can choose to only prepare or only serve—whatever fits your schedule.
- No experience needed; support will be provided

To volunteer or learn more, contact Kathy Gaal at **kgaal@sbcglobal.net** or 314-540-2690. Further details will be shared after sign-up.



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

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.



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**.

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.

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, November 16
"The First Ladies"
by Marie Benedict

Mary McLeod Bethune was a black civil rights activist and educator. Eleanor Roosevelt had a different agenda separate and apart from FDR and became a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. Told from two perspectives, this is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women, and the way in which – hand in hand – Mary and Eleanor forged a singular friendship as they helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.

Please note we are meeting the 3rd Monday of November due to Thanksgiving and all are welcome.

Monday, December 14 will be our annual Lunch and Movie.

All are welcome to bring a lunch and join our discussion.

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



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

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THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- Gateway180 Bag Assembly
- Gateway180 Bag Monthly Dinners
- Pasta for Circle of Concern
- Christmas presents for Gateway180

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 DO MATTER

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!



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST



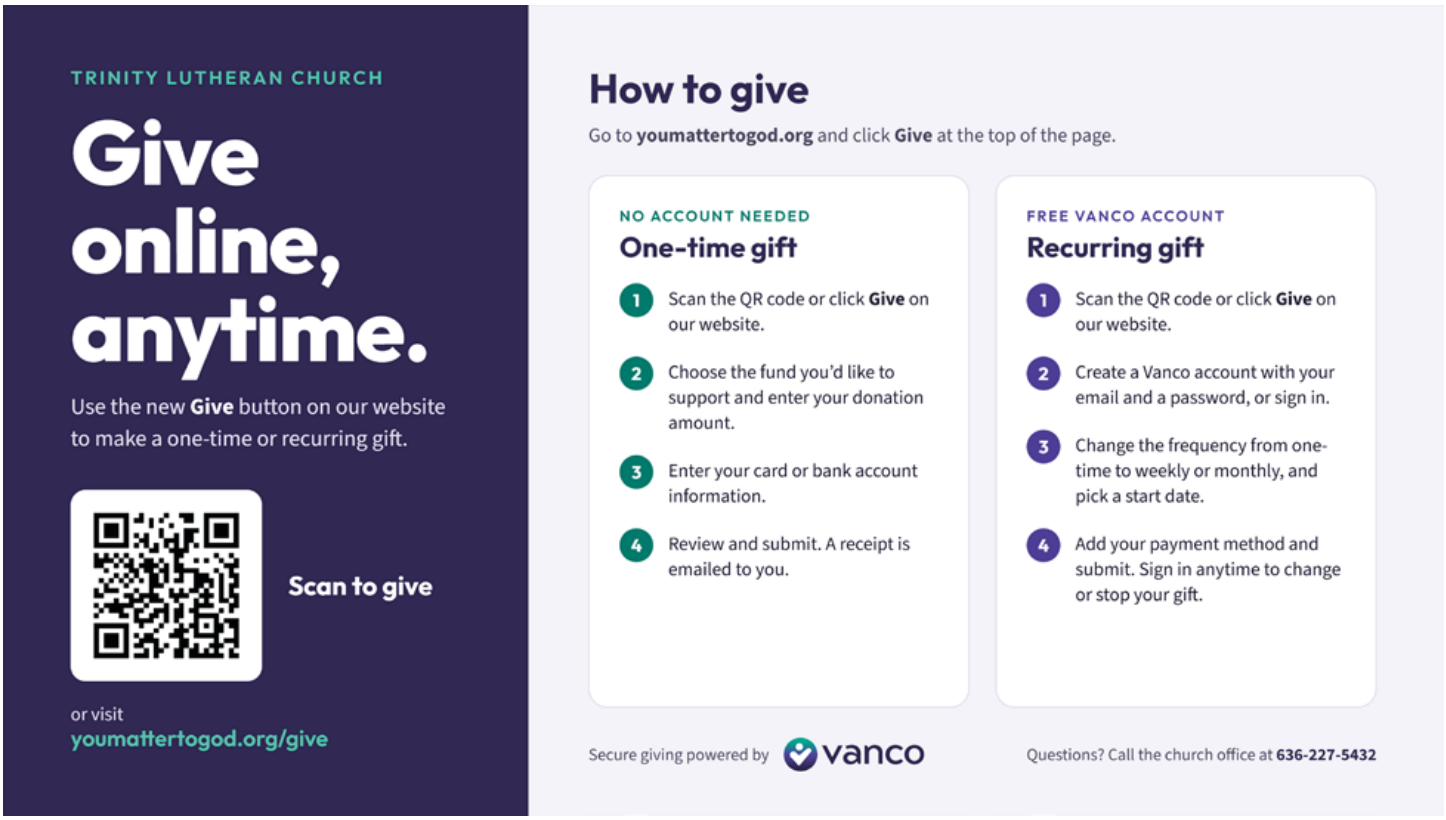
HELP DECORATE TRINITY FOR CHRISTMAS

Join us on Monday, November 23 at 9:00 AM to help decorate Trinity for Christmas. For more information, or to sign up to help, please contact Amy Jones at **office@tlc-stl.org** ***or*** **636-227-5432**. Thank you!



THANK YOU

- Thank you to **Susan Meyland-Smith** for her caring and support to Audrey Melton, following the passing of Kent. Susan lent a hand helping to move Kent's belongings out of the memory care center. What a blessing of friendship!
- A big thank you to **Brian Parrish** for coordinating and organizing the special music for our worship. The special music he provides deeply enriches our service and brings a beautiful spirit to our time together.
- We are SO grateful! Our Mission Committee sponsored **75 Thanksgiving baskets** for Circle of Concern. Thanks to your generosity, we delivered over 1,200 pounds of food this Thanksgiving. Thank you, Trinity family!
- Thank you to **Andrew LeFurge** for picking up the pumpkins for the Trinity Preschool Halloween parties! Thank you to **Dan Blakely and Donna Rice** for helping to unload pumpkins from Andrew's pick-up truck!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Connor Jones 11/1
Adelynn Flattem 11/4
Susan Seckel 11/4
Addison Bossi 11/5
Riley Bossi 11/5
Rohan Bossi 11/5
Chuck Hall 11/10
Jennifer Larsen 11/10
Bob LePoire 11/10
Mike Hope 11/11
Jon Trettel 11/19
Lou Ann Ditchfield 11/20
Mikki Lee 11/20
Amelia Evans 11/22
Genevieve Flattem 11/22
Willa Allen 11/23
Don Franke 11/26
Izza Naig 11/26
Rob Harper 11/27
Patsy Sobey 11/29
Sandy Lindenberg 11/30
Amanda Miller 11/30
Daniel Miller 11/30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Greg Huschka & Jessica Tietjen 11/1/2014
Kenneth & Kathleen LeMay 11/3/2001
Bruce & Phyllis Baker 11/16/2002
Matt & Kelly Goebel 11/25/2003

***Not seeing your birthday or anniversary? Please let the church office know so that we may update our records,* office@tlc-stl.org *or* 636-227-5432.**

If your email address or cell phone number has changed, or if we don't have your information, please use the Church Directory button on our website to update your information. If you would like a copy of the Church Directory, please call the church office at **636-227-5432**.

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PRAYERS FROM OCTOBER 2026

Thanksgiving and praise for... Baptism of Carson Robert Reed, son of Maddie and Michael, grandson of Dan and Nancy Blakeley

Please pray for...
Ralph Maloy (father of Todd Maloy), Sharon Walder (aunt of Rebecca Henderson), David Maupin (son-in-law of Christie and Larry Tietjen), Dave Paquet (uncle of Steve Paquette), Bryleigh (granddaughter of "Nana" Sue Feeny), Ron Wiese, Mary Alice Long, Mike Long, Shelly Allen (Graeme Allen's mom), Dan Thompson (friend of Mike Sharitz), Sandi Thorp, Gary Mertz (brother of Sharon Mertz), Jim Stewart, Daniel Paquette (brother of Steve Paquette), 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 ...

- Kent Melton, who completed his baptismal journey on October 10, 2026
- Rick Birney, cousin of Steve Paquette, who completed his baptismal journey on September 28, 2026
- Nik Tendler, father of Claudia Pico, who completed his baptismal journey on October 3, 2026
- Lucille Niklason, mother of Peggy Miller, who completed her baptismal journey on September 30, 2026 in Utah
- Pierre Belleville, who completed his baptismal journey on September 20, 2026

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

To make a prayer request...

- Call the church office-636-227-5432.
- Email **office@tlc-stl.org**.
- Prayers remain on the list for two weeks and may be renewed by request.

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

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

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