

October 2026



WE ARE LUTHERANS.

Or, more accurately, we are Christians in the Lutheran tradition. Which means that our understanding of Scripture and the Christian tradition is most heavily influenced by the work and theology of Martin Luther, a German theologian who lived from 1483-1546 and is credited with leading the Reformation. When you think of Martin Luther, I'm guessing that a few elements of his theology – like “justification

by grace” – come to mind. But many of us have very little idea of the breadth, depth, and significance of his theology and his impact on Western history.

Did you know, for instance, that Martin Luther is considered one of the most influential figures in the second millennium of the Western world? Did you know that Luther published more books and essays than any other writer in history? Did you know that, next to Jesus, Luther is the most written about figure in history? Yes, he made a difference! Since we will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 25, I thought it would be fun to explore a few elements of his beliefs through his actual writings. As you read, think about where you see evidence of Luther's influence on our life together at Trinity.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JUSTIFICATION

Let's start where it all started. Luther was born in a world where you needed to do “good works” to have your sins forgiven. Though he tried to do this with all his heart, he never felt he'd done enough. As he writes, “Though I lived as a monk without reproach, I felt I was a sinner before God... and I could not believe that he was placated by my good works. So I did not love, indeed, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners....” Once Luther realized that we are accepted and forgiven by God unconditionally because God loves us, everything changed. As he writes, “I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meramec Bluffs Gathering

Wednesday, October 6

MOMCO Meeting

Friday, October 9 & 23

Gateway Brown Bag

Monday, October 12

Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 15

Gateway180 Sort Donations

Friday, October 16

Council Meeting

Sunday, October 18

Toss for Tots

Sunday, October 18

Gateway180

Prepare/Serve Dinner

Saturday, October 24

Reformation Sunday

Wear Red!

Sunday, October 25

Trinity Book Group

Monday, October 26

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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LIVING OUR CALLINGS

Because we do not have to earn God's love, we are free – indeed, urged! – to love our neighbors. Luther introduced the idea that the work of God was not confined to church but that each and every Christian does God's work each time we take care of our neighbor. Wherever we find ourselves, and whatever we may do for a living or as a hobby or act of volunteering, can be a calling, and that work is as important as anything done in the church. As Luther writes, “A cobbler, a smith, a farmer, each has the work and office of his trade, and yet they are all alike consecrated priests and bishops, and everyone by means of his own work [can] benefit and serve others, so that in this way many kinds of work may be done for the... welfare of the community.”

NOTHING IS TOO LOWLY OR ORDINARY TO BE A CALLING

The key for Luther is not the significance of the task or role, but that we do it for the sake of someone else. This is true even when it is uncommon or, given the gender norms of Luther's day, unseemly. As he writes, “When a father goes ahead and washes diapers or performs some other menial task for his child, even though someone ridicules him as an effeminate fool,... yet God with all his angels and creatures is smiling.” Interestingly, some believe that Luther's elevation of the importance of parenting is still evident in the generous parenting leave granted in Scandinavia and Germany.

LUTHER ON THE POWER OF MUSIC

Luther loved music because of the way it combined words that could convey the gospel yet moved our emotions in a way that mere speech rarely does: “I would certainly like to praise music with all my heart as the excellent gift of God which it is and to commend it to everyone. But... as much as I want to commend it, my praise is bound to be wanting and inadequate. For who can comprehend it all.... So we can mention only one point; namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.”

LUTHER ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

Luther is considered one of the first advocates for public education. Writing to “the councilmen in all cities in Germany,” Luther asserts that, “A city's best and greatest welfare, safety, and strength consist rather in its having many able, learned, wise, honorable, and well-educated citizens.” He then argues, “My dear Sirs, if we have to spend such large sums every year on guns, roads, bridges, dams, and countless similar items to ensure the temporal peace and prosperity of a city, why should not much more be devoted to the poor neglected youth — at least enough to engage one or two competent people to teach school?”

See you in Church!
Pastor Chris

(Oh, and don't forget to wear some red on Reformation Sunday!)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A YEAR OF CALLINGS

This month's vocations • October 2026

October turns our attention to those who serve when the season turns: on the sidelines, on fire calls, on the road, and behind the pharmacy counter. 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 October's callings:

Week of	Vocation	Why this week:
October 4	Youth Sports Coaches & Volunteers	Fall season in full swing: early Saturdays, carpools, and sidelines in every weather.
October 11	Firefighters & First Responders	Fire Prevention Week; dry season calls and school visits stack up.
October 18	Commuters & Business Travelers	Fall conference season peaks; weeks lived on highways, trains, and out of suitcases.
October 5	Pharmacists & Public Health Workers	Flu shot season lines out the door (American Pharmacists Month).

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

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](#).

PASTOR EMERITUS REPORT

Roy Christell
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In the middle of September, I was invited to go to Crystal Lake, Illinois, to participate in the funeral of a woman who I met in June of 1978. I was blessed to be her Pastor for just 2 1/2 years, way back then. Then, in 1994, I was blessed to participate in her wedding. When she died tragically from a rare cancer, her parents called me and said, “You meant so much to our daughter, would you come and sing at her funeral?” I was honored. Of course, I said, “yes.”

While visiting with people before the funeral, I reconnected with another person who said, “I remember when I was in high school, you and I talked when I was really struggling. Thanks.”

I share this with you as a reminder that most times we will never know the impact we have had on someone’s life. Most times, we may never know how our faith, or a word of encouragement, or just “being there” has touched someone significantly. Most times, we never know. Then, every now and then we find out. At that moment, I believe best response is, “thank You, God.” “Thank You, Lord, that You used my life, used my faith, used my words, used me. Thank You.”

The Bible is filled with stories of people, led by God and inspired by God. People who have been used by God for God’s Will to be done. So, I thank God for what I know. And I give thanks to God for what I don’t know. And I pray, “God, keep using me to touch people’s lives. Whether I know it or not.” Amen.

Pastor Roy

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

You're Invited to a

Listening Night

An evening for parents and guardians of children at home

WHO Parents & guardians with children at home

WHAT Listening Night at Mike Duffy's Restaurant

WHEN Monday, October 5

TIME 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Why we're doing this ✨

This isn't just a night out — though we hope it feels like a welcome one. At Trinity, we genuinely want to walk alongside you and deepen a ministry that meets you where life actually is right now. Parenting is one of the most joy-filled, exhausting, sacred things you'll ever do, and we know it doesn't leave much room on the calendar. So we're keeping this simple and low-key: good food, honest conversation, and time with people who already share the peace of Christ with you and sit near you on Sunday morning — people walking through many of the same joys and challenges you are, right now, in this season.

What to expect ✨

- 🍽️ A relaxed evening over food and refreshments — no agenda to rush through
- 🗣️ Honest conversation and brainstorming about what matters most to your family right now
- 👥 A genuine chance to get to know other parents who understand exactly what season of life you're in

Childcare is provided, so come ready to relax, eat, and connect — no need to arrange a sitter!

We'd love to know you're coming — **RSVP to Amy Jones at office@tlc-stl.org.**

We can't wait to spend the evening with you!

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM IN ROOM 123

October 4: Paul in Context: The First Letter to Corinth.

Presenter: Dr. Keith Welsh. Using David Hart Bentley's recent translation of the New Testament, we will discuss Paul in the context of his own time. This translation differs from others in that it goes back to the Greek of Paul's time as its source. We will treat the First Letter to Corinth as a complete text, rather than as a series of verses, and will explore the question of what Paul was responding to in the letter(s) sent to him from Corinth.

Dr. Keith Welsh is Professor Emeritus of Literature and Religious Studies at Webster University. During the course of his career, he spent over 4 1/2 years at the University's campus in Thailand, first as a professor then as Rector. As part of his work, he studied Thai literature and religion and experienced the religions as practiced, both by Buddhist monks and in rural communities. He will share his experiences, including the gift of a "binding of the kwan" ceremony, said to bring back a wandering guardian spirit.

October 11: Recovery of Temple Theology

Presenter: Pastor Rick Mueller. What was the function of temples in the Ancient Near East? Did Jesus really "cleanse" the Jerusalem temple? What does "the temple of the Holy Spirit" imply? Let's look at the significance of temples from Genesis 1 to Revelation 21.

Pastor Mueller served at Trinity from November 1985 through May 1990 and retired after 33 years at Atonement Lutheran Church and School in Florissant.

October 18: Mercy for Me, Justice for Them: The Book of Jonah

Presenter: Dr. Mark Etling. Even though it's one of the shortest books in the Bible, it teaches an important lesson about God's mercy, and the evolution in the understanding of the identity of God in ancient Israel. Among the many interesting aspects of the Book of Jonah is that he was the only Old Testament prophet whose message was accepted - ironically, by the pagan Ninevites.

Mark Etling has a Ph.D. in historical theology from Saint Louis University, where he is an adjunct assistant professor of theology. He also gives presentations for Oasis St. Louis, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois, and at various parish congregations in the St. Louis area. Mark and his wife Alicia live in the Lafayette Square neighborhood in St. Louis.

October 25: Ruth 1: Introduction to the Book of Ruth

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 all the significant players in the story. Ruth is Naomi's daughter-in-law when tragedy strikes and not only Naomi's husband dies but also her sons. Naomi is hopeless and tells Ruth to go back to her Moabite family. See how Ruth responds to Naomi's instructions.

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.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: September 20, 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: Jim Mueller

Approval of August Minutes: Approved

President's Report—Jeff Haferkamp

- **Program review:** Christy Cole, Trinity Preschool Director:
 - Trinity can be proud of the preschool housed in the facility. 23 staff members serve the children with a teacher and an assistant in each classroom for safety and accountability. Weekly meetings with the staff and meetings with Pastor Chris serve to keep preschool staff in a strong Bible aligned curriculum. Christy keeps abreast of current trends with preschools in the area and often integrates teacher training. She stressed that the Rally Day (September 13) blessings conferred on teachers and families gave a wonderful boost to the new year.
 - One of the projects most needed by the preschool is the updating of the playground to continue to make it attractive for play and yet safe. Christy has asked for the expertise of others perhaps in construction to help her find and propose some new designs for a more safe retaining wall and secure grassy area.
 - We are reminded that February 26, 2027 will be the Preschool Trivia Night Fundraiser. All are encouraged to join in raising funds that will help with the upgrading of the playground facilities.
- **Cleanup Day:** Jeff thanked those that attended the church-wide cleanup day. About 30 volunteers responded to the request.
- **Electricity and Energy Project:** The approved thermostat/sensor upgrade (\$7,000) has arrived and will be installed. The approved solar panel scoping study (\$5,000) is underway, and a report is expected by the next meeting.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Chris

- **Rally Day and God's Work. Our Hands:** Rally Day was a great success. Today's God's Work. Our Hands. mission events are in the Gym after service with food.
- **Strategic Plan Review:** A 36-page plan has been condensed into a two-page review and a one-page summary. Please review and share feedback at the October meeting.
 - The focus is on renewed relationships with one another and with neighbors in the surrounding community. Informed by zip code and demographic data the average age of the homebuyer in the area is nearly 50; pointing us to a growing opportunity for second-half-of-life ministry.
- New data pulled from **preschool registration records** shows that of 136 preschool families, only 96 reported a church home.
- **Periodic Review of Member Roles:** We have identified about thirty family names that need to be called and asked about continuing membership at Trinity. An email will be sent. Council members will choose four of five families and make friendly check-in calls.

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SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

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Treasurer's Report—Mike Hower

- Mike Hower presented the August treasurer's report showing Trinity in good financial condition overall. Envelope giving is slightly below normal, but expenses are on track

New Business—

- **Employee Benefit Review:** A committee was formed to review the church's health insurance plan. A decision has been reached that a new health benefits program will begin in 2028. This plan is similar to plans at local churches and reflects those that serve the area synod.
- **Strategic Plan Overview:** We are continuing to review the plan in Council and will open the plan to listening sessions in November.
- Accentuating the relationship building part of the Strategic Plan, **dinner groups** are being formed after the sign-ups closed (Sept. 18) Almost 30 families are registered. Groups will be put together and announced by the end of the week.
- **Adult Forum:** Beginning September 27, Pastor Chris will be presenting the Strategic Plan and a conversation about AI.
- **Grief Share:** Mikki reported that she and Rick have attended the first of the 13-week program at Pathfinders. More volunteers are requested to continue to preview this program and perhaps begin a similar program for Trinity in the spring.
- **Columbarium:** Funeral homes in the area have been contacted so they will know that Trinity has niches available to the public.
- **General upkeep:** A suggestion was made to enclose the trash bin area on the lower parking lot.

Next Meeting

- Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 8:30 am in the Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:39 am.

STATUS OF MEMBER GIVING THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

Budget through 8/31/26	\$426,663
Actual Giving through 8/31/26	\$403,586
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$23,077)

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

FACILITY REPORT

Mike Sharitz
facility@tlc-stl.org

BUILDING GROUNDS LANDSCAPING THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Trinity Lutheran had a fantastic turnout for our recent Landscaping and Cleanup Day around the building! Thanks to the hard work of over 30 volunteers, we made wonderful progress sprucing up our grounds. Trees were trimmed, the playground was thoroughly cleaned, and a new border was added around the playground area. A special thank you goes out to Fred Meyland-Smith, Ron Jones, and Jeff Haferkamp for their continued dedication and leadership on these projects.

We're grateful to everyone who helped make our church grounds more welcoming and well cared for! More projects are ahead, including a border along the entrance drive. Stay tuned for details on how you can help!

Thank you again to all our volunteers for your time and hard work — we couldn't care for our church grounds without you!

Mike Sharitz, Facilities Manager



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Stacey Drake
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Sunday School will be held each Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00 for children ages 3- 5th grade. We will start with Ms. Stacey in our Sunday School room, Room 7, and then move to meet with Mr. Graeme in our upstairs Music room in Room 262 at the top of the stairs. All children will rotate between 30 minutes of our Bible story along with crafts and games and 30 minutes of music.

All children in 6th through 8th grade are encouraged to attend our weekly **Confirmation Class** taught by Pastor Chris on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 123.

Thank you to all of you who attended our Rally Day!

Stacey Drake,
Children's Ministry Coordinator



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Christy Cole
Director@tlc-preschool.org

The Preschool is in full swing for the 2026–2027 school year! September focused on getting acquainted with school, teachers, and new friends, We also spent time learning how to stay safe at home and at school, including a practice fire drill to help us prepare, just in case!

October is filled with exciting activities. With help from Pastor Chris Naig, Leslie Steinmeyer, and Amy Jones, the children will welcome their grandparents to our first **Chapel** of the school year. Our annual **Halloween parades** will be October 29 and 30 at 11:45 a.m. Please feel free to stop by and watch as our children, dressed in their adorable (and sometimes spooky!) costumes, parade around the church parking lot.

We're continuing our Bible curriculum, "*Living the Word*," which aligns with Sunday lessons at Trinity. This month, the children will learn about Moses and Joshua and their faithfulness.

The children have also enjoyed the playground. Thank you to Mike Sharitz, Ron Jones, Fred Meyland-Smith, Jeff Hefferkamp, and Pastor Chris for helping with playground updates. We're also looking forward to lessons in our "**Outdoor Classroom**." A special thank-you to our "**Church Garden Girls**," Jenny Larsen and Rebecca Henderson, for caring for the garden throughout the summer.

Mark your calendars for our Preschool **Family Fall Festival** on **Tuesday, October 8, from 5:30–7:00 p.m.** The evening will include crafts, games, a petting zoo, and pizza. We'd love church volunteers to help with crafts, setup, or cleanup. If you're able to lend a hand, please contact Christy Cole at Director@tlc-preschool.org if you can help.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be in the church lobby October 4–8. Stop by to find books for the special children in your life!

The Preschool staff is grateful for the warm welcome and blessing we received on Rally Day and for the continued support of our Trinity Church family. Please keep our preschool children and teachers in your prayers throughout the school year.

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
- Age Appropriate Music Instruction Taught by a Dedicated Teacher
- Low Student to Teacher Ratio
- A Caring and Nurturing Atmosphere
- STEAM-based Program for all students

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

Scan for Enrollment Page



YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

Rebecca Henderson
yly@tlc-stl.org



After having a blast at **Amp Up** in early August, our youth at Trinity had to wait until late September for our next adventure. Although it was tough to admit to ourselves, summer was ending and the school year was upon us.

I wanted to make sure that all of these awesome young people had the time and energy to focus on the start of the school year and any fall sports/activities that they are involved with. Many are also resuming their confirmation classes as well.

An indoor pool party at the Lodge in Des Peres was our September activity. (Like I mentioned, we didn't want summer to end!) We had a pizza lunch and then swam in their indoor water park. Pizza and pools are always a good time!

We also have the Toss for Tots cornhole tournament coming up as our October event. The youth are looking forward to a little competition and a lot of fellowship!

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

Rebecca Henderson,
Youth LEADing Youth Coordinator

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

GATEWAY BROWN BAG ASSEMBLY

Monday, October 12

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, October 12 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.

PREPARE AND SERVE DINNER FOR GATEWAY180

Saturday, October 24

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, October 24, 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.

GATEWAY180 PRESENTS

HOME
IS THE *Goal*

Open Your Heart for the Homeless Gala

Friday, November 6, 2026

Ultra Club at Energizer Park

2019 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

6:30 p.m. Registration, Cocktails & Silent Auction

7:45 p.m. Dinner, Program & Live Auction

Cocktail attire · Complimentary valet

RSVP BY OCT. 16



G180Gala26.givesmart.com

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

HELP SORT DONATIONS AT GATEWAY180

Friday, October 16

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, October 16 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.



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.

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, October 26

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

When NASA sent astronauts to the moon in the 1960s and 1970s the agency excluded women from the corps, arguing that only military test pilots—a group made up exclusively of men—had the right stuff. It was an era in which women were steered away from jobs in science and deemed unqualified for space flight. Eventually, NASA recognized its blunder and opened the application process to a wider array of candidates and in 1978 six elite women were selected—Sally Ride, Judy Resnik, Anna Fisher, Kathy Sullivan, Shannon Lucid, and Rhea Seddon. Loren Grush shows these brilliant and courageous women enduring claustrophobic—and sometimes deeply sexist—media attention, undergoing rigorous survival training, and preparing for years to take multi-million-dollar payloads into orbit. Together, the Six helped build the tools that made the space program run. One of the group, Judy Resnik, sacrificed her life when the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded at 46,000 feet. Everyone knows of Sally Ride’s history-making first space ride, but each of the Six would make their mark. “A spirited group biography...it’s hard not to feel awe for these women.”

All are welcome to bring a lunch and join our discussion

Reading ahead:

Monday, November 23
“The First Ladies”
by Marie Benedict

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

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST



THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for Thrivent cards for these upcoming projects:

- Preschool Fall Festival
- Preschool Pumpkins
- Meals Do Matter Cooking Sessions
- 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!**

THE MISSION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

Help Shape the Future of Our Mission Work

Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts about Trinity's mission work! Your feedback helps us better serve our community and plan future mission support and activities — and we'd love to hear from you.

— It only takes a couple of minutes — thank you!

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Your Thoughts



Open your camera app
and point it at the code

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

Toss for Tots

SCAN TO
REGISTER



Sunday, October 18
3:30 pm in the Trinity Gym

**Cornhole Tournament
and Dinner**

proceeds benefit Nurses for Newborns

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
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— *Peace, Chris*

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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.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to everyone who came out for our Outdoor Cleanup Day! It was wonderful to see so many Trinity members working side by side and sharing their time and talents to care for our church grounds. We are especially grateful to **Pastor Chris, John Engle, Dan Fry, Cindy Gesme, Eric Halter, Ken & Lisa Hardebeck, Jeff & Kathie Haferkamp, George Holtzman, Mike Hower, Amy Jones, Ron Jones, Gene & Bonnie Kerr, Jenny Larsen, Alex & Owen Larsen, Elaine Larson, Rick & Mikki Lee, Andrew LeFurge, Dave Luethy, Todd Maloy, Fred Meyland-Smith, Jim Mueller, Carey Paquette, Mike Sharitz, John Taylor, and Larry Tietjen.** Your willingness to pitch in and help makes Trinity a wonderful place to gather and serve!
- A big, heartfelt thank you to **Becky Luethy** and **Barb Trettel** for putting together our Trinity Dinner Groups! Thanks to their thoughtful work, our new groups are all set for delicious meals, great conversation, and plenty of new friendships around the table. We can't wait to see these connections grow!
- Thank you to **Dave Luethy** for helping transport one of our neighbors to a doctor's appointment! Your kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We're grateful for your generosity and care for our Trinity community!
- What an amazing Service Sunday! A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who came together for **God's Work. Our Hands.** Your generous hands created 150 horseshoes for Trinity Preschool, 50 intake bags for Gateway180, 100 soup kits for Meals Do Matter, and 50 Christmas cards for the students at Lantern Hill! We're so grateful you chose to spend your time with us making a real difference in our community. Thanks be to God for each of you!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Madeline (Maddie) Nee Blakeley and Michael Reed, along with son Carson (7 months), who will be baptized in October! Maddie grew up at Trinity with her parents, Dan & Nancy Blakeley. Maddie's hobbies are horseback riding & DIY house projects. Michael's hobbies are golf and Pittsburgh Steelers. Together, they enjoy traveling, walks/hiking, golf, STL City, Blues and trying new restaurants. Welcome back to Trinity, Maddie!

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Gesme 10/1
Paula Mortenson 10/2
Claire Mueller 10/2
Ruth Rangel 10/2
Becky Luethy 10/3
Lander Bear 10/4
Nancy Rourke 10/4
Sam Herrmann 10/5
Elaine Larson 10/5
Henry Frank 10/7
Samyra Nadar 10/7
Dick Pinckert 10/7
Nick Condon 10/9

Graeme Allen 10/11
Rachel Bierschenk 10/11
Sandra Eggebrecht 10/12
Laura Belleville 10/14
Tom Ditchfield 10/15
Ronald Kohlmeier 10/16
Alexis Masiel 10/16
Jim Mueller 10/16
Jude Mueller 10/16
George Holtzman 10/17
Tim Mortenson 10/17
Kathleen LeMay 10/18
Terry Christell 10/19

Scott Meyland-Smith 10/20
Lea Kafoury 10/22
Mary Alice Long 10/22
Michael Herrmann 10/24
Carolyn Kuo 10/24
Julie VandeDrink
Thomas Dunn 10/25
Gabby Roseman 10/25
Andrew Sobey 10/25
Carrie Tietjen 10/25
Jonathan Baumgart 10/27
Kristy Baumgart 10/27
Michael Bruening 10/29

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew & Patsy Sobey 10/9/1976
Erik & Carol Sall 10/11/1980
Phil & Leslie Steinmeyer 10/14/1995

Dan & Nancy Blakeley 10/24/1987
Thomas & Lindsey Dunn 10/27/2001

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 SEPTEMBER 2026

Please pray for...

Sharon Walder (aunt of Rebecca Henderson), Rick Birney (cousin of Steve Paquette), David Maupin (son-in-law of Christie and Larry Tietjen), Karen and Bob Loehr (high school friends of Sharon Mertz), Dave Paquet (Steve Paquette's uncle), Karen and Bob Loehr (high school friends of Sharon Mertz), Bryleigh (granddaughter of "Nana" Sue Feeny), Becky Palmer (John Pamer's sister-in-law), John Sievert (Polly Sievert King's brother), Michele R (friend of Nancy and Dan Blakeley), Bob Schilling (friend of Rick Lee), 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), 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 ... 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.

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