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## Our Mission

**"To share the good news of Jesus Christ"**



## Our Vision STATEMENT

**"To serve as God guides us to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through worship, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship"**

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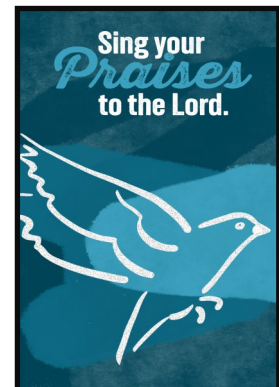
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## WORSHIP *with us*

**Sundays at  
8:00 am & 10:30 am**



**Sundays at  
9:15 am**





*“Then Jesus said to them all, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Forever whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me, will save it.’” (Luke 9:23-24)*

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen and living Lord!

This past quarter has been a busy one for our congregation, highlighted by the fact that for the first time in our Call process we had the opportunity to personally interview and share ministry goals with two pastoral candidates. While both candidates were led by the Holy Spirit to decline continuing in the Call process, we learned different aspects about ourselves and this ministry we share. I have spoken with our staff and leaders to get their insight. The common theme I hear was how one pastor noted the need for us to understand our DNA as a congregation, and if we are willing to change it and the challenges it would present to do so.

Many asked what was meant by the pastor’s comments? The question seeks to highlight the genetic aspects, if you will (using scientific concepts) that make up our congregation. Concepts like our biblical and theological confessional stance as members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are non-negotiables as stated in our Constitution. This concept is an integral part of our DNA, but there are others many of you expressed in terms of the age of our membership, the retired status of many, the lack of children and young families, the style and music within our worship services, and the types of ministries we provide. It’s a question of identity. Can you identify who God has called Trinity to be, and if so, is that who we believe God is calling us to be into the future as well? If so, that is great and we need to maximize it in our community, and if not, are we willing to be led by God to change our DNA and assume the cost associated with such a change? What is being asked is what are Trinity’s Core Values?

As the administrative staff of *Churchgists.com* states, “The core values of a church are essential in defining its purpose, shaping its ministry, and guiding its members. They provide a framework for decision-making, help maintain unity, and ensure the church stays grounded in its biblical mission. By clearly articulating and living out its core values, a church creates a vibrant and thriving community of believers who are committed to fulfilling the Great Commission. It enables individuals to align their lives with the teachings of Jesus, and actively participate in the church’s vision and mission. Furthermore, having well-defined core values helps a church maintain a strong sense of identity, especially in an ever-changing world. They serve as a compass that keeps the church centered on its calling, even in the face of cultural pressures or trends.

It is a testimony to God’s Holy Spirit that just prior to the visits from our candidates, I had been addressing this very issue with our Board of Directors in the development of our new Policy Manual that calls for the written identification of our Core Values that flow from our Mission and Vision statements that serve as the DNA of our ministry. You can find our Core Values posted on the next page and I invite you to read, study, and inwardly digest them. Then prayerfully consider whether you believe they accurately reflect our ministry. After doing so, I invite your input by contacting me or a member of our Board of Directors personally, by phone, or e-mail as to their strengths and ways we can improve upon them for providing even greater clarity to the Core Values we share as a congregation. Your input is valuable and I look forward to hearing what you have to say and how God is leading us to identify Trinity Lutheran Church.

*Your brother in Christ,*

*Pastor Blair Clark*



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## **CORE VALUES**

**Sharing God’s Love**—We are people of the Great Commission who share God’s love and reach the lost by teaching, preaching, baptizing and healing in Jesus’ name, as led by the Holy Spirit.

**Grace-Based Relationships**—We build loving relationships in an environment of grace through caring, encouragement, loving confrontation, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

**Relational Ministry**—Our events are designed to be a bridge for people to build a relationship with Christ and others in this body of believers.

**Life-Related Teaching of God’s Word**—We commit to Christ’s teachings founded on the authority of Scripture that demonstrates life for living and sharing our faith.

**Discipling People**—We are a ministry that brings all people into a personal, growing relationship with Jesus through nurturing, teaching, mentoring, and modeling the mature Christian life.

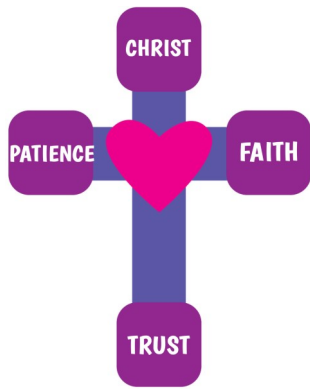
**Small Group Ministry**—We value small group ministry that creates authentic, caring relationships through which God matures us to life and share our faith in Jesus.

**Corporate Worship**—Together we affirm the importance of worship, celebrating God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament ministry.

**People of Prayer**—We commit to a lifestyle of daily prayer and worship that glorifies God and allows God to transform us by His Spirit.

**Everyone Serves**—We are a Spirit empowered congregation who give ourselves sacrificially to God, using our gifts and talents in loving service to Him and to others.

**Senior Focus**—We are attentive to the needs of the unique characteristics of the senior population within our church as well as in the wider community.



# PRAY MORE *worry less*

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ”*

*1 Thessalonians 3:16-17*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Earlier this year I encouraged everyone to reach out and invite at least one person in your life to church sometime this year. I also asked you to memorize our MISSION Statement which states; **“To share the good news of Jesus Christ.”** How are you doing? We all depend on GPS for directions but only YOU can remember and apply our Mission Statement.

Our board meets twice a month to address Trinity’s needs and develop policy and procedures. Your Board is progressing very well by the grace of God. Thank you for your support and prayers.

On July 21<sup>st</sup> we had a wonderful lesson by Pastor Shanks that reminded us about the call process and the need for all of us to be patient, trust the Holy Spirit and trust that God ALWAYS has the plan and the power to carry it out in HIS TIMING. We continue to be blessed by our Pastor Blair as our Shepherd. Waiting on God does not mean we do nothing. God wants us to grow together as a healthy family in bible studies, prayer, worship and fellowship. In other words, share your blessings, faith and love with everyone.

Please pray especially for our Call Committee as they begin again.

Peace,

*Paul Stieber*

*Chairman of the Board of Directors*

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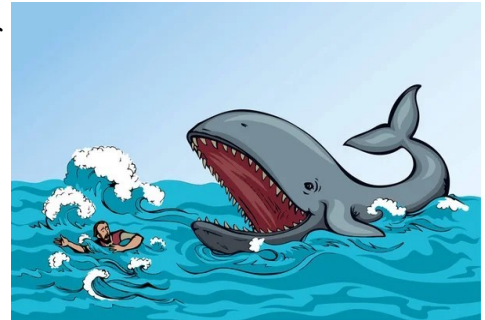
Michael Vencion—Member at Large



*“Big things come in small packages”  
and if you try to avoid God’s call,  
you may end up inside a whale.*

The *Always Faithful Bible Study* group will begin their next study of the minor prophets with Obadiah and Jonah. We meet on selected Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in Room 3. If you are interested in learning more about the prophesies and Promises of God, please consider joining us. Check the lesson schedule below and mark your calendar. Books will be provided.

For more information, call or text Jan Garner.



- September 3 Lesson 1 Obadiah 1:1-21
- September 17 Lesson 2 Jonah 1:1-17
- October 15 Lesson 3 Jonah 2:1-10
- October 29 Lesson 4 Jonah 3:1-10
- November 5 Lesson 5 Jonah 4:1-11

*(Thanksgiving and Christmas break. We will resume in January.)*

*“But I will offer sacrifices to You with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the Lord alone. Then the Lord ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.” Jonah 2:9-10*



Our Card Ministry is alive and well and we would like to help by sending good wishes to those who need a little extra blessing. We are still regularly sending birthday and anniversary cards for milestone celebrations, and get well wishes and sympathy cards. We want to remind our members that they are in our daily thoughts and prayers, and sometime a simple card can make their day.

Please call the church office for my phone number if you would like to speak to me directly.



Trinity Couples Simple Suppers will be having their reorganization in September. Watch for the bulletins and screen messages for more details.

We welcome couples both new and old members for fellowship and fun!!

Wouldn't it be great to make new friends here at Trinity? This is your opportunity to do so according to many of our past participants.

If you have questions contact Kay Jacobson or Paula Zumaris. Contact the church office for our emails and/or phone numbers.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:**

There is new yarn in the closet for anyone who wishes to take it to work on prayer shawls during the summer.

Join us for our next meeting on Monday, September 23 at 9:30am in Classroom One! Any questions, contact the church office.



**Friendship** Join this group of friends for Fun and Fellowship at the Oakwood Restaurant at 10:50am on the last Saturday of each month! Their next gathering is Saturday, August 24. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**LUNCHEON** Reach out to Joan Herro if you have questions.

**Men's Club** CALLING ALL MEN!!!

Monthly Meetings

The Trinity Men's Club will begin their fall activities on Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 2 with breakfast at 8:00am.

Come and help plan activities for the rest of the year.

Any questions? Call Jim Keenan

**Trinity's Bookworms** **WHAT IS A BOOKWORM?**

Anyone who enjoys reading and sharing what they have read is a Bookworm!!

Our group has fun discussions on current, classic, secular and non-secular books of all genres. You are invited to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm for about an hour in Classroom One by the kitchen. Sometimes we have extra copies but you are encouraged to put books on hold at your local library since the Wait List is often long. Another option that some of our readers use is Kindle or e-books. Listed below is our schedule for the next three months.

**August 7: West with Giraffes** by Lydia Rutledge (this is a hold-over from last month) AND *The Nurse's Secret* by Amanda Skenandore. This book was a recommendation from Marilyn DeTizio from Trinity. It is historical fiction and based on the little known story of America's first nursing school and women's struggle to be recognized as intelligent medical personnel.

**September 4: The Women** by Kristin Hannah. This has been on the top of the New York Best Seller list for more than seven months. The author is one of our Club's favorites.

**October 2: Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt is a sweet novel of loss and friendship between a remarkably intelligent octopus, an abandoned young boy, and a kind, wise woman who works at the aquarium.

Questions: Call Carol Keenan

**Trinity Singles**

**Trinity Singles** meet on the 3rd Friday of every month @ 5:00pm at various local restaurants. Look for details in weekly Announcements! Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

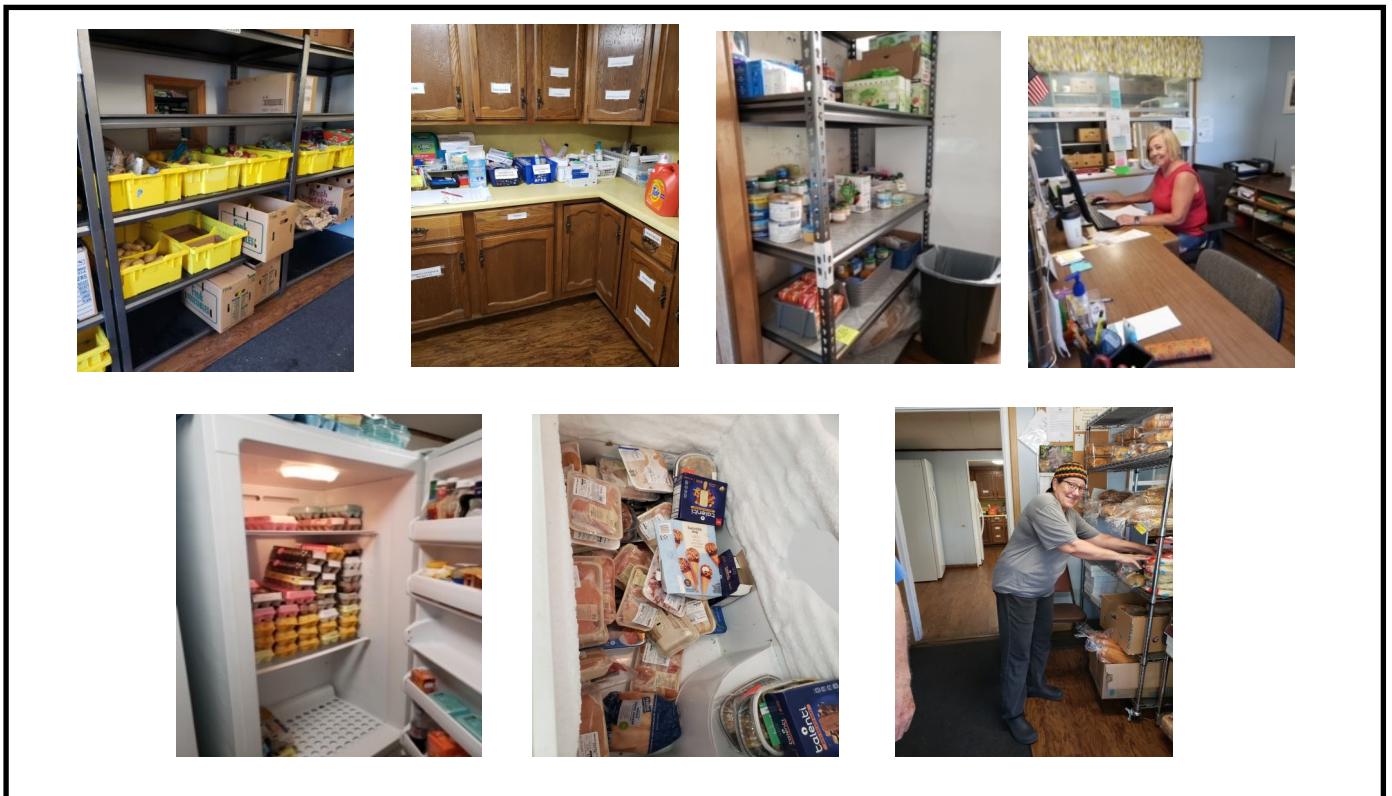


The Community of Gratitude Emergency Food Pantry continues to feed families in need. The pantry is open on Tuesday 10:00-12:00, Thursday 1:00-3:00, and Saturday 10:00-12:00. Our congregation is a mainstay in providing valued food items to the qualified clients. This summer has been no exception, as the baskets have been filled with the goodies and delivered to a grateful director and staff. Ms. Brewer is extremely appreciative of all the donations from Trinity.

The pantry is always in need of volunteers to help in the unloading, filling the shelves, and distributing the boxes to the happy families as they see the overflowing boxes coming to their vehicles. Please consider donating time to this worthwhile organization.

You may think that the fall and winter holidays are in the distant future, but in reality Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us before we know it! In 2023 our faithful congregation, through the direction the Human Care Ministry, purchased Walmart cards that were provided to the Community of Gratitude Director for distribution during the holiday season. The contributions resulted in over \$1,000 worth of \$10.00 Walmart cards that aided the families who frequent the Community of Gratitude. Stay tuned for more information as we approach the season!

If you would like to volunteer for the varying ways to assist in the pantry or have any questions you may contact , Jim or Nancy Steinmark. Please call the church office for additional information.



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025

**The Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Ministry will meet on August 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing and preparing for the upcoming Women's Retreat 2025.**

**This is a volunteer ministry for all women in the church and you are encouraged to become a part of this awesome group. Retreat 2025 will be on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from**

**9:00am to 1:00pm and the planning starts now.**

**Join our discussions, bring your suggestions and decide how you want to volunteer. There is a lot to do, and this is where the fun begins. Please mark your calendar for the meeting and the retreat. You don't want to miss either one. For more information, call or text Jan Garner.**

**Thank you.**







The Music Ministry is looking forward to an exciting new season as we prepare to bring our music to life for the Glory of God. We love singing and playing for you and hope that our music enriches your Worship experience.

***From 2 Chronicles 5:13-14***

*“The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: “He is good; his love endures forever.” The temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.”*

Can you picture this scene? The trumpeters, the musicians, the singers all join together to give thanks to the Lord. As they sang “He is good; his love endures forever” and lifted their joyful noise to the Lord the temple was filled with a cloud.

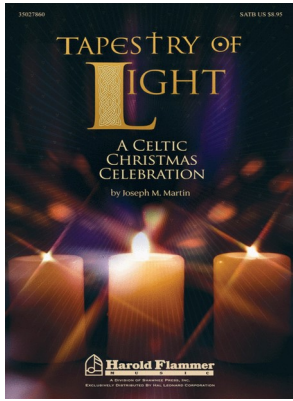
That cloud was the Lord. The cloud was God’s presence. He was there with them! His presence was so strong, the priests could not go on with the service.

Imagine being there and seeing that! What if that could happen within us? Imagine praising the Lord and being filled with the Spirit of the Lord so much so that we have to stop what we are doing and sit in His presence.

Allow His presence to take over and remind us that He is good. That He is good all the time and His love endures forever.

Blessings,

*Jan*



*Trinity Lutheran Church*  
*2025 Christmas Cantata*  
*"Tapestry of Light"*  
*December 18—5pm*

The Trinity Lutheran Church Music Ministry presents “**TAPESTRY OF LIGHT**”, a Celtic Christmas Celebration written and arranged by Joseph M. Martin. This celebration will be on December 18th at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary and followed by a Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Joe Martin writes:

“The music of Christmas is a treasure for both the ear and the heart. Each winter it covers our lives with a hopeful blanket of sound and reminds us that even in the silence of winter, there is a song. Each tradition offers its own rich vocabulary of holiday carols, joining together faith and art into a glorious fabric of melody and truth. From angelic acclamations to delicate lullabies, the message of God’s love leaps from the pages of our songbooks and finds a home in the tender places of our hearts.

Through singing and sharing of this work, may the grace that inspired these time-honored tunes surround and inspire you. As you light the candles and raise your voices, may the joy and peace of Christ fill you and shine through you. May the Father of all lights gather us all to His heart and weave us into a wonderful tapestry of light.” *Joseph M. Martin*

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**TRINITY’S MUSIC Ministry WANTS YOU!!!!**

If you think hearing God’s Word through music is uplifting, spiritual and strengthening, then imagine how you will feel singing or playing the wonderful music we share. You can sing, ring a bell or beat on a drum. We practice on Wednesdays and usually sing or play once or twice a month.

- If you play an instrument and would like to join us, *let us know.*
- If you would like to sing or play just for the Christmas Cantata, *let us know.*
- If you used to sing in the choir back home or are only here for a few months of the year, *let us know.*



Speak up, step out of your comfort zone, take a leap of faith and “Serve the Lord with Gladness”.  
 You will be glad you did.

Please consider marking your calendar and coming out to our first meeting of returning members on Wednesday, August 21st at 4:00 pm followed by a Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 pm and Choir Rehearsal at 5:45 pm.

If interested call or text Jan Garner

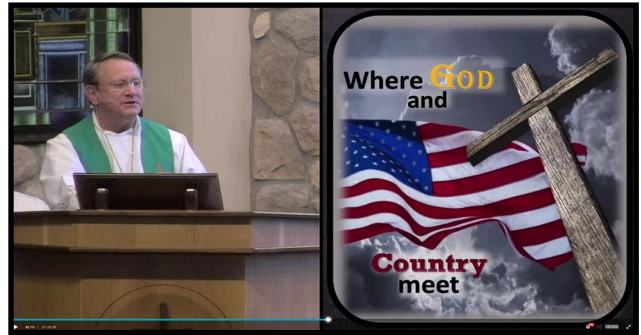
# ***FREEDOM CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH!***

*Thank you to all who attended the Freedom Celebration Picnic! We began with a great service filled with Patriotic hymns and music and an excellent message from Pastor Blair on “Where God and Country Meet” .*

*Following this celebration was a grand picnic prepared and served  
by our wonderful Fellowship Team!*

*You can always count on them to provide a wonderful Fellowship Event!*

*Thank you to all who participated!!!!*





Time has a habit of getting away from us! Didn't we just plan our summer vacations? Are our grandchildren already heading back to school? Is Christmas only 4 months away?

In the midst of our planning for the months ahead, let's not forget our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project!

Following are some shoebox shopping tips!

- ◆ **Every shoebox should include school supplies** (spiral notebook, pencils, pens, markers or crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors and string back packs). Now is a great time to take advantage of back-to-school sales!
- ◆ **Hygiene items:** toothbrushes, washcloths, combs and hair brushes. **No toothpaste; No soap.**
- ◆ **Make your box "FUN":** card games (UNO, Crazy 8's), tic-tac toe, checkers, just to name a few.
- ◆ **Boys (and girls too)** love cars, flashlights, jump ropes, soccer balls, stuffed animals
- ◆ **And....oh the smiles a new doll** can bring to a little girl, while craft items such as pony beads and embroidery or elastic thread are joys to older girls.
- ◆ **Even clothing items** bring smiles (t-shirts, sweat pants, underwear, socks)

**Mark your calendars**.....Trinity is once again pledging to bring more shoeboxes to more children. Each box is a symbol of God's love, hope and joy. Each box provides the opportunity for a child to learn about the Gospel, to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to dedicate a life to sharing the Gospel to others.

**We will officially kick off Operation Christmas Child Shoebox season on September 22.**

Keep an eye open to weekly announcements and commit to help! How many boxes will you pack this year?

And remember the best part: the joy of bringing a smile to children as they learn the Gospel.

*For more information: Contact Marilyn DeTizio.*

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). All women of Trinity Lutheran Church are members and are encouraged to serve others through mission, education, inspiration, and service. We invite you to attend our meetings and learn what we are all about as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

*Psalm 100:2 our motto.*

### *Welcome Back Everyone!*

We are excited to begin our Fall events! We've been working hard on the fall schedule and events and thought we would share them with you! ***Be sure to mark you calendars—see below:***

#### **Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00pm**

***Soup Supper*** - Bring your own bowls and sample different soups!

Cost will be \$10 per person and sign up will start September 1.

Our guest speaker will be from Hands of Mercy Everywhere, Inc. in Belleview.

This is a Christian home for teen girls, teen mothers and their babies.

*Our ingathering will be feminine products.*

#### **Sunday, October 6**

***LWML Sunday*** -The theme this year is "Ready to Serve".

#### **Tuesday, October 22 at 1:00pm**

***LWML Meeting*** - followed by snacks and a Cancer Care Bag Packing party.

#### **Tuesday, November 19 at 12:00pm (noon)**

***Taste of Thanksgiving***-We supply the turkey and you bring a side dish.

Watch for the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

#### **Saturday, December 7 at 12:00pm (noon)**

##### ***Annual Red Boot Tea***

Tickets will be \$10 and funds raised will go to Hands of Mercy Everywhere.

Watch the bulletin for sign up dates.

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Please pray for the Florida Georgia district LWML as they hold their convention in Orlando September 13-15.

The theme for the convention is : *It's Not the Jar- It's Jesus.*

***We are happy to share that Ada Jarmosevich is Trinity's delegate.***



### **LWML Mite Box Collection**

***1st Sunday of each month!***

*If a contribution cannot be made at the beginning of the month, it can be made at any time. The Mite Box is always available in the Narthex.*



The *Christian Cancer Care Blessings (CCCB)* project is a ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) striving to make living with cancer more comfortable through God's love and blessings.

We will have an organizational meeting for all interested volunteers on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be provided followed by an inventory project. If you have been through a cancer related illness or know someone who has, you will find this ministry very rewarding. It feels good to give back and be a part of sharing God's love with others in need.

We welcome you to join us.

For more information, call or text Jan Garner. Thank you.

**AUGUST 27 AGENDA:**

- Open with a Prayer
- Treasurer's Report
- Bulletin Articles, Tidings, Correspondence, etc.
- Inventory Discussion
- Fall Schedule of Events – Oct. 22nd LWML “Snack and Pack”
- Outreach
- Bags Packed and Blessed – Nov. 3rd
- Light refreshments for events
- Open discussion
- Close with a Prayer
- Service Project -Inventory supplies



THANK-YOUS



Trinity's prayer groups are busy praying for our church families and friends. This page is dedicated to those who wish to send a thank you to everyone who takes the time to pray for them.

Please continue to send your appreciation message and they will be printed in the next Tidings!!

A great big thank you from Barry and Judy Manfredi. They are so incredibly thankful to their Trinity family & friends for all the prayers and cards.



Words cannot express my feelings of peace and joy at this time, but I will try. All who have written or called, what a beautiful memory. The cards are over-whelming with JOY! How can I thank you? Just know that you are all loved, thought of often and thankful that I know you, or not. People I don't even know have reached out—What a beautiful thing! Joy to you all always,

*Just me...Joy Gottfried*

LOVE, PEACE AND MANY THANKS!!!!

*Thank you to the congregation for the many prayers and support for our mission trip to Kenya. We thank you for all your generous donations to help share God's love! We are truly blessed! Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts!*

*Jan Garner and Ada Jarmosevich*

THANKS FROM THE HEART

*Mary Merkling requested her name be removed from the prayer list! Her treatments have ended and she is Happily looking to move forward!!*

*Thank you for all the prayers!!!*

YOU ARE LOVED



LIFE LINE SCREENING is coming!

If you are interested in signing up—the Sign-Up form is located at the Welcome Desk!



## You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!



Where: **Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS**

When: **Monday, August 26, 2024**

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

**Trusted by over 10 million customers.**

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

**Who should attend:** Anyone over the **age of 40**

### **Special Pricing for \$159**

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Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.