

THE TRIUNE TRIBUNE

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*I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*

Exodus 15:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Making the Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of our Lord is no simple task. I suppose that in one sense we can look at the journey as just a simple passing of seven and a half weeks, but we all know there's more to Lent than that. Lent is a spiritual journey and it is a unique time in the life of the church. We hold extra services throughout the season, we hear more of repentance and faith, and above all else, we focus on the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Lent we spend our time preparing for the holiest days of the church year—from Maundy Thursday to Easter Morning. These are called the holiest days of the church year because in them we travel with Jesus through the most important time of his life – his passion and resurrection. On Maundy Thursday we find ourselves with the disciples in the upper room, not just watching and listening with them, but eating and drinking with them the body and blood of our Lord for the remission of our sins. On Good Friday we stand with John, the beloved disciple, and Mary, Jesus' mother, at the foot of the cross, not just watching our Lord give himself up as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world, but also listening as he speaks and prays from the cross. Finally, on Easter Sunday, we are there with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, the three women who sought to anoint Jesus' body, when they discover that Christ is not dead, but he is indeed risen from the dead!

Our Easter Sunday at Trinity will be full of joy and gladness. We will not just be surrounded by hundreds of fellow Christians here in Jefferson City—we will be celebrating Christ's resurrection with the whole Christian church of every time and place. We will sing our Alleluias with the whole company of heaven and we will feast as God's children should feast, because he has made us his children and won the victory for us!

Our celebration will not be unlike the celebration of God's people, Israel, when God delivered them from certain death at the hands of Pharaoh's army. The first 15 chapters of Exodus are full of incredible hints, or shadows, that reveal themselves in Christ and the New Testament church, especially at Easter. The Passover, and then the delivery across the Red Sea on dry ground and the defeat of Pharaoh's army, his horses and riders, are a picture of the redemption God has accomplished for us in his Son and delivers to us as we live our baptism. Daily, our sinful nature is drowned in baptism so that the New Man may arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever!

As we celebrate, remember that when we gather together, we join our voices with the children of Israel – with Christ's beloved church – and we will sing praise to the Lord together for he has triumphed gloriously! Our sin, our death, and the devil have been thrown into the sea – they have been defeated forever by Jesus' resurrection! He is risen!

In Christ,

Pastor Powell


*From the
Pastor*

Announcements



Coupon Ministry

CALLING ALL COUPON BOOKLETS!

We are always looking for more of your little books! Even though you think you might be worthless some Sundays, we can always find something good inside you. What one person doesn't need or want, someone else may like to have. That's why we pick out the best of your little coupons and send you off to the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. The Seminary families may have very different needs than the person who is picking you out of the Sunday paper!

Seriously, friends, we are most grateful for your contribution of booklets as well as cash for our own purchases, which stay in our community. 70 hams made their way to families before Easter, due to your contributions. We're glad you have found our little cash box in the church office. We'll always let you know what Trinity is doing each month to help others in this small way.

Too Many Vitamins?



Getting all of your vitamins sounds like a good idea, but did you know you can take too many vitamins? The Mayo Clinic tells us that you can actually take too many vitamins. Large doses of A, D, E and K can actually cause you health problems. Too much Vitamin A can cause dizziness, nausea, headaches, coma and even death. Too much Vitamin D can cause heart arrhythmias and kidney stones. It can also raise the blood levels of calcium which can lead to damage to the heart, blood vessels and kidneys. Too much Vitamin E can cause bleeding and a stroke. The Mayo Clinic encourages us to try to get our vitamins from the foods we eat and stay reasonably close to the Recommended Daily Allowance unless told otherwise by your doctor.

(taken from Mayo Clinic Health Letter, Volume 16, Number 3, March 2018)

Lois Kollmeyer, RN



 Calvary <i>Lutheran High School</i> BUILDING CHRISTIAN LEADERS	
<i>Calendar</i>	
Monday, April 2 NO SCHOOL-Easter Break 4:30pm Baseball vs. South Callaway JV	Tuesday, April 10 2:00pm Track & Field @ Vienna Invitational 4:30pm Baseball vs. New Haven
Thursday, April 5 1:00pm Track & Field @ MSD Invitational 5:00pm Baseball @ Linn	Friday, April 13 CLHS/New Bloomfield Baseball Tournament
Saturday, April 7 10:00am Baseball vs. KC Lutheran 10:30am Track & Field @ Russellville Invitational	Saturday, April 14 CLHS/New Bloomfield Baseball Tournament
Monday, April 9 5:00pm Baseball @ Prairie Home	Tuesday, April 17 3:00pm Track & Field @ Montgomery County 4:30pm Baseball vs. St. Elizabeth 5:00pm Dining Out With Calvary @ IHOP
Thursday, April 19 5:00pm Baseball @ Vienna	Monday, April 23 4:30pm Baseball vs. New Bloomfield
Friday, April 20 4:00pm Track & Field @ Eugene Invitational	Thursday, April 26 9:00am Track & Field CCAA Conference Meet @ Southern Boone 4:30pm Baseball vs. Jamestown
Saturday, April 21 8:30am Track & Field @ Hallsville Invitational	Friday, April 27 11:30am Early Dismissal 4:00pm Track & Field @ South Callaway Invitational
	Saturday, April 28 4:00pm Spring fling

Greetings in Christ!

It has been an eventful few weeks for the music program at Trinity. I have greatly appreciated the kind words and support I've received as I begin my ministry as the Music Director for church and school. Ever since coming to Jefferson City in July of 2014, I have been impressed

with the kindness and willingness to serve that exists among the members of Trinity church, and the support the church and school have for the fine arts and music programs.

Any transition takes time, and a transition in the middle of the school year has its extra challenges! Karin Schatte and I are working together to continue the established programs in the school, and are looking at how the programs for both church and school can grow in the future to best serve the needs of Trinity. We are excited about the possibilities and resources God has presented here in Jefferson City!

I truly look forward to working with you in ministry at Trinity as together we serve our Lord and receive the gifts Christ gives!

Caley Gerth
Music Director



TRINITY CHOIR

THURSDAYS 6:30 PM

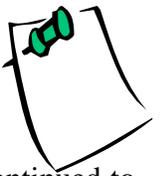


ADULT INSTRUCTION



Interested in joining Trinity? Wanting to know more about Lutherans? Need a refresher? If you answered yes to any of those questions, this class is for you. We will meet each Wednesday in April and May beginning Wednesday, **April 4** at 6:30 PM. Childcare is available. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Powell (email spowell@trinityjc.org, send him a message on FastDirect, or call the church office).

Trinity History Notes



Rev. Carl Throw

After Trinity was organized in 1870 and the church was built, Rev. Throw continued to serve both Zion and Trinity with the assistance of vicars and students.

Trinity became independent when Rev. John Jacob Walker answered the call and was installed in December 1872. His tenure was short, accepting a call to New London, WI, in June of 1875.

The second called pastor was Rev. Dietrich Friedrich Herman Wesche. He was installed August 1875. He served Trinity for 12 years and accepted a call to Ellisville, Mo, In February 1887.

The third called pastor was Rev. John Henry Charles Kaeppel. He came to Trinity from a Lutheran High School in St. Louis. He was installed March 1887 and was released in June 1888 to become director of St. Paul High School in Concordia, Mo.

Rev. H. C. Rohlffing came as the fourth pastor in June 1888. After only a few months, he died unexpectedly in December 1888. The congregation arranged his funeral and burial in Concordia Cemetery in St. Louis.

Rev. C. Purzner was installed December 16, 1888, as the fifth pastor to serve Trinity. Under his leadership property was purchased on the northwest corner of Monroe and McCarty Streets for construction of a new church. The new church was dedicated in November 1895. In 1897 Rev. Purzner accepted a call to Egypt Mills, near Cape Girardeau.



Rev. J. H. C Kappel



Rev. P. C. Purzner

For more information, contact Jack or Bethel Johnson

Please come and check out all the new books and media materials we have added to our collection.

Our collection consists of the following book topics:

- Fiction, Mystery, Suspense
- Inspirational, Devotion, Bible studies, Group bible studies
- Theology and missions, Worship, music, art, Church denominations, Bibles/Commentaries and History
- Psychology and Educational (parenting, Cancer, Diabetes, Health and fitness, money matters, retirement and much more
- DVD's which include feature length movies like Fire Proof, The War Room and The Ten Commandments plus other family movie.
- Children's movies like the Secret Garden, Veggie Tales, Red Boots For Christmas, David and Goliath, The Easter Story and much more
- Educational topics, and bible studies
- music CD's and DVD's also.



CHURCH LIBRARY

Monetary donations are gladly accepted and we have a list of books, videos, etc. that we are need of by emailing Carmy at carmyc216@gmail.com put church library in the subject line please. We also have a wish lists on Amazon.com, CPH.org (Concordia publishing house) and at Christianbooks.com.

We also accept gently used books, DVD's, Blue Ray's, Christian Music CD's and Bible study materials.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
PRESENTS



Getting To Know...
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

Oklahoma!

Saturday
April 21

1:00 pm

Friday
April 20

7:00 pm

A photograph of a cowboy hat with a red flower tucked into the band, resting on a wooden post. A lasso is coiled around the post. The background is a field of golden wheat under a blue sky with a windmill in the distance.

Trinity Lutheran
School
Gymnasium

**RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
OKLAHOMA!**

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**

Book and Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**

Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs

Original Dances by **AGNES DE MILLE**



April 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 EASTER 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Brunch/Activities 10:30a Divine Service	2 8:00a Quilters 7:00p Evening Guild F	3 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:30p Council Meeting L	4 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 6:30p Adult Instruction L	5 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F	6 9:00a Women's Bible Study F	7 6:00p Divine Service 7:00p Social Game Night F
8 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service	9 8:00a Quilters 6:00p Grief Support L	10 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 1:30p Women's Auxiliary F 6:00p Men's Club O 7:00p Missionary Soc F	11 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 6:30p Adult Instruction L	12 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F	13 9:00a Women's Bible Study F	14 11:00a Blind Mission Meal F 6:00p Divine Service
15 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service	16 8:00a Quilters	17 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:30p Board Meetings	18 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 6:30p Adult Instruction L	19 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F	20 9:00a Women's Bible Study F 7:00p Singles Game Night F	21 6:00p Divine Service
22 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service	23 8:00a Quilters	24 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:30p Council Meeting L	25 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 6:30p Adult Instruction L	26 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F	27 9:00a Women's Bible Study F	28 6:00p Divine Service
29 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service 10:30a Men's Club BBQ	30 8:00a Quilters					

B=Board Room

F=Fellowship Hall

L=Library

Y=Youth Room

O=Off Site

The world says
all sorts of things
about what
masculinity

is,



but
the ***Bible*** says
something quite
different.

Boys and men
ages 10-99 are
encouraged to attend!

CAPITAL AREA
LUTHERANS FOR LIFE
OF MISSOURI
brings you

MAN UP!

presented by **Rev. Jeffery Hemmer**
author of the book *Man Up! The Quest for Masculinity*

Sunday, April 29

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Calvary Lutheran High School

2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101

PIZZA, SODA, AND DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Questions: Call Brenda Rathmann at 573-301-1303





**TRINITY LUTHERAN
MEN'S CLUB
69TH ANNUAL
BARBECUE**

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Serving at Trinity Lutheran School

812 Stadium Boulevard

Dine-in 10:30am to 4:00pm

Carry-out 10:30am to 5:00pm

Come by and enjoy your choice of dinners:

Pork steak, Chicken or Bratwurst

Adults—\$10 - Children—\$6

**All profits go to the support of local, regional, and
international ministries**

TRINITY NEWS

LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,



We had a great day on Grandparents Day! It is always exciting to see the students spending time with their family doing school activities! I pray all of you had a very Happy Easter!

In April we will be visited by the NLSA Accreditation Team. We are excited to have them come to our school and see what a wonderful church and school we have here in Jefferson City!

The Drama Department is also gearing up for the play "Oklahoma" which will be performed on April 20th at 7:00 p.m. and April 21st at 1:00 p.m. in the old gym. We invite you to come out and see the performance!

KARIN SCHATTE

We are pleased to announce that Karin Schatte has accepted the vacant music teacher position and was promoted from school aid to full time teacher effective March 12.



Mrs. Schatte has been teaching music since 1998. Prior to serving at Trinity, she taught at Redeemer Lutheran School in Austin, TX. She received her bachelor's degree in Music Education from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN and her Master of Music in Music Education from Kent State University. Mrs. Schatte is also a certified Orff Schulwerk music instructor.

Mrs. Schatte teaches music classes for kindergarten through fifth grade. She also directs the spring musical. We look forward to seeing *Oklahoma!* next month. In addition to her fine arts teaching, she will also be working on marketing and advancement for Trinity, through social media and other communications.

"Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." Psalm 96:1-2

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Happy Easter</i> 	2 <i>No School Spring Break</i>	3	4 Faith Families in Chapel <i>Prayer Breakfast at Heisinger - Laudate Choir</i>	5 8th Grade Picture Day	6 Easter Parties 2 pm	7
8 <i>7th & 8th Grade sing at 8:00 a.m. Service</i>	9	10	11 Easter Chapel presented by 6 th Grade <i>3G and 3R @ St. Joseph's</i>	12	13 <i>11:30 a.m. dismissal</i>	14
15	16 Spring Sports Picture Day	17 4th Grade Capitol Field Trip	18	19 7th Grade Field Trip - Prison Tour & J.C. Art Museum	20 <i>4th Quarter Mid-Term</i> Drama Production for the School 2 pm Drama Production for the Public 7 pm	21 Drama Production for the Public 1 pm
22 <i>4th Grade sings at 10:30 a.m. Service</i>	23	24	25	26	27 Spirit Day! (Jeans and Trinity Shirt)	28
29	30 Teacher Appreciation Week April 30 - May 4	<h1>APRIL 2018</h1> <h2>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</h2>				

MONTHLY FEATURES



6th GRADE



SCHOOL OFFICE & DCE

6th GRADE

MRS. JENNIFER SCHEPERLE



YEARS WITH TRINITY: 7 years

FAMILY: Kris-husband, Kids- Hannah-15, Charlie-13, Elly-12, and Adam-9

FAVORITES:

- *Food:* pizza and tacos and any chocolate!
- *Sport:* basketball
- *Book:* any romance novel
- *Movie:* Fried Green Tomatoes

HOBBIES: reading, watching my kids play sports

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Phillipians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

FAVORITE HYMN: How Great Thou Art

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOU: I am a twin!

MRS. LESLIE BRUNNER

YEARS WITH TRINITY: 5 years

FAMILY: Married to Ryan with 4 children, Jayden, Mahaila, Sonya, and Luke

FAVORITES:

- *Food:* Bananas and Oreos
- *Sport:* Hiking
- *Book:* Me, Myself, and Bob (Veggie Tales biography), Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom, and historical fiction
- *Movie:* Oceans 11

HOBBIES: Traveling, cooking, reading, and running

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Hebrews 13:1-8 (Because it contains my Confirmation verse and the reminder that Jesus "*will never leave you, nor forsake you*".)

FAVORITE HYMN: Children of the Heavenly Father

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOU: I have visited over 50 National Park sites, and one of the most memorable was hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon with my dad and uncle.



Sixth Grade Happenings:

You are invited to the Easter chapel presented by 6th grade on **April 11** at 8:00am at Trinity. The sixth grade will also be presenting this chapel service at Calvary Lutheran on April 18 at 10:30.

Sixth grade is celebrating National Poetry month by exploring poetry elements in literature and composing our own poetry notebooks. Our first poems turned the parables of Jesus into poetry. We will also be practicing the scientific method and hypothesizing ways to save an egg from a two-story drop.

School Office



MRS. PAM FORGEY – SCHOOL SECRETARY

YEARS WITH TRINITY: 8 years
FAMILY: Husband - Frank, Daughter - Sarah (graduating from MSU in May), step-son and daughter-in law - Mick & Sarah, grand-daughter- Laura (born 12/12/17), german shepherd - Jax

FAVORITES:

- *Food:* Anything sweet
- *Sport:* Cardinal Baseball
- *Book:* Harry Potter Series
- *Movie:* The Blind Side

HOBBIES: Travelling, reading, watching movies

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Philippians 3:13-14 *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

FAVORITE HYMN: On Eagles Wings

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOU: While attending Valparaiso University, I studied overseas a semester in Cambridge, England.



MRS. ANGIE BRENNER – DCE

YEARS WITH TRINITY: I have been a member of Trinity for 23 years, and I have been Trinity's DCE for 5 years.

FAMILY: My husband is Russ, and I have 2 beautiful children, Evan and Lauryn

FAVORITES:

- *Food:* My favorite food is spaghetti. On Sunday's we call it "Sunsggetti"
- *Sport:* I love watching Evan and Lauryn play Soccer
- *Book:* It is so hard to choose. I'm going to say my favorite books to read are those about youth group and youth Bible studies
- *Movie:* Mr. and Mrs. Smith

HOBBIES: Entertaining family and friends, photography, and scrapbooking

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9 is a verse that I have leaned on quite often in my life. *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

FAVORITE HYMN: The Lamb

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOU: I am not musically talented at all (ask any youth), but I really want to play the xylophone with the Praise Band.



DCE:

Director of Christian Education

A director of Christian education (DCE) is a synodically certified, called, and commissioned life-span educational leader prepared for team ministry in a congregational setting.

In this setting, a DCE is

- ✚ called minister of the Gospel;
- ✚ a trained parish-education specialist;
- ✚ a team minister who works with the pastor, staff, and lay leaders of the congregation;
- ✚ a teacher of the faith; and
- ✚ a trainer of the laity for service.

DCEs serve in a variety ways, not only in youth ministry, but also in family ministry, cross-cultural ministry, and outdoor ministry, to name a few.

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2009/what-is-a-dce-8-2009>

We do
uplifting
words
here @ trinity

Yooo
I hope your
day is as great
as you
are!

In keeping with this year's theme, seventh and eighth graders placed uplifting messages on each other's lockers last month. With the attention bullying has been getting in the media, the students decided use this opportunity to build each other up with these encouraging notes.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Thank you
for being so
nice to me!

The world
wants to see
you smile.

1Thessalonians 5:11
Ohanah means
Family
and family means
NO ONE
GETS LEFT BEHIND
FORGOTTEN

Jesus
loves
you!

UR
Great

You are
amazing!



Building Foundations On The Rock
-Matthew 7:24



I can do all things through him who gives me strength
-Philippians 4:13

Trinity Junior Youth and Senior January Youth Activities

Lenten Meal – Thank you to everyone that supported our Lenten meal and to all of the parents that helped make this a success.

Junior Youth District Retreat – The Junior Youth District Retreat will be April 6th – 8th. The theme, “Forgiven” will focus on confession, and the Office of the Keys. Our presenter and worship leader is Rev. Ken Chitwood, assistant pastor at First Lutheran Church in Gainesville, Fla.

High School Seniors – We would like to see where you are going next fall! Please submit your name and picture along with the college you plan to attend, the high school you are graduating from, and your parent’s name so that we can include you on the Youth Graduates bulletin board in the church lobby. We would like to receive all pictures in the church office by April 30th.

Sr Youth Drive Through History: Ancient Christianity - The Sr Youth began the "Drive Through History: Ancient Christianity" bible study on Sunday mornings. This video series speeds through ancient worlds—Asia Minor, Rome, Greece, and Turkey—to take you on a fast-paced encounter with the people, places, and events that have sculpted our world and the Christian faith.



VBS 2018 – Imagine the thrill of traveling back in time...you could meet heroes of faith like Abraham, Moses and Gideon. You could visit ancient Greece and Rome and the first Christians. You could **meet the most important person who ever lived!** Answers in Genesis' 2018 Time Lab VBS takes you to discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity future. VBS will be held June 18 – June 22 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. If you would like to share your talents with the youth of our community, please contact Angie Brenner. We'd love to have you as part of our team.

College Youth - Trinity College/Young Adult Bible Study meets weekly on Sunday nights at 7:30pm. Please join us for food and fun looking at different topics applicable in today's world. If interested or wanting more information, please contact Megan Hinck at megan.hinck@gmail.com

Movie Review – Forever My Girl released January 19, 2018 is currently available via Redbox and will be for sale April 24, 2018. The movie is based on a small town teenager that makes it big and realizes the brokenness and despair he is in after the death of a close childhood friend. After Liam returns home the local church building is the focal point of messages such as forgiveness and redemption; the church is where many characters go for resolution and peace; and the church is the setting for the movie's finale. Read the full movie review from Focus on the Family at <http://www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews/forever-my-girl>.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 1st, the Junior Youth will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt for the Sunday School children. Sunday School children will meet in the Youth Room at 10:00am. Please don't forget to bring your Easter baskets!!

Easter Breakfast Continental Style – Sunday, April 1st, the Senior Youth will be sponsoring the Easter morning breakfast. Breakfast will be held between the 8:00 and 10:30 services in the fellowship hall. Menu for the morning includes, but not limited to, breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, donuts, fruits, and boiled eggs. Please bring your breakfast items to the fellowship hall by 7:45 am.

Word for Today	Scripture Snacks	
"If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name." ~1 Peter 4:16	"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." ~Luke 14:26	"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" ~1 Peter 2:9

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch					Jr. Youth Retreat	Jr. Youth Retreat
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Jr. Youth Retreat No Youth Group						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No Youth Group						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Youth Praise Band 5:30 Jr Youth 6:30 Sr Youth 7:15			<p>April 2018 Contact for more information: Angie Brenner, DCE angbrenn@hotmail.com or youth@trinityjc.org</p>			
29	30					
Youth Praise Band 5:30 Jr Youth 6:30 Sr Youth 7:15						

COMING SOON!

to Servant Schedules

★ My Profile

👤 People

📅 Events

👤 Details

📅 Attendance

📷 Giving

👥 Volunteering 8



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BREEZE users:

**KNOW
WHEN
YOU ARE
SCHEDULED
TO SERVE!**

Upcoming Events

Mar 18, 2018	Divine Service (8:00 am)	Elder/Deacon
Apr 01, 2018	Divine Service (8:00 am)	Usher
Apr 15, 2018	Divine Service (8:00 am)	Elder/Deacon
May 06, 2018	Divine Service (8:00 am)	Usher
May 13, 2018	Divine Service (8:00 am)	Elder/Deacon
Jun 10, 2018	Divine Service (8:00 am)	Usher Greeter

Reminder (Trinity Lutheran Church) Inbox x

👤 Trinity Lutheran Church churchoffice@trinityjc.org via breezechms.com
to me ▾

Feb 6 ☆

BREEZE CHURCH MANAGEMENT

Divine Service (10:30 am)

February 11, 2018 @ 10:30am

Katharina Luther,

This is a reminder that you're scheduled to serve at Divine Service (10:30 am).

Divine Service (10:30 am) on February 11, 2018 @ 10:30am

Your role is Nursery

**GET
EMAIL
REMINDERS!**

**BE SURE TO
KEEP YOUR
EMAIL ADDRESS
UP TO DATE**

Servant Schedule

		March 31/April 1	April 7 & 8	April 14 & 15	April 21 & 22	April 28 & 29
Saturday	6:00 PM					
	Reader	Gary Barkhaus	Bruce Heerboth	Dennis Nickelson	Bruce Heerboth	Gary Barkhaus
	Elder/Deacon	Jay Wunderlich Dennis Nickelson	Keith Schwinke Nate Roettgen	Leland Fischer Gary Barkhaus	Jay Wunderlich Dennis Nickelson	Keith Schwinke Nate Roettgen
	Ushers	Carol Fischer Team	Tom Blanchard Team	John Killday Team	Dan Beck Team	Carol Fischer Team
	Greeters	Charlene Early Jan Kliethermes	Tom & Daun Blanchard Jan Young	Crystall Killday Wanda Martin	Dorothy Fischer Shari Fischer	Lisa Beck Linda Vaughan
	Acolytes	Madolyn Hardin Matthew Johnson	Maddie Homfeldt Layla Risse	Matthew Johnson Sydney Mingucci	David Hoffher Mackenzie Sanford	Madolyn Hardin Emily Doggett
Sunday	8:00 AM					
	Reader	Sam Ziegelbein	Jim Schulte	Marc Kollmeyer	Sam Ziegelbein	Jim Schulte
	Elder/Deacon	Randy Seidel Robert Fluegge	Dan Sandhaus Joe Holzschuh	Andy Wachter Ross Walquist	Ed Rakow Randy Seidel	Randy Seidel Robert Fluegge
	Ushers	Doug Young Team	Emil Fischer Team	Ross Walquist Team	Ralph Robinett Team	Stephen Johnson Team
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	Reader	Emmett Spradlin	Steve Gonzales	Steve Resner	William Schatte	Ryan Dubberke
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	Ushers	Matt Fife Team	Todd Fetters Team	Gerry Wolf Team	Kevin Bateman Team	Matt Fife Team
	Greeters	Chris & d Anne Fehr Betty Backes Shannon Denny	Kevin & Sarah Johnson	Charlotte Skornia Stephanie Moats Stephanie Williams	Joseph & Tasha Kollmeyer Judy & Kristina Hein	Wayne Engelbrecht Donna Ware Karin Spradlin
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	Heisinger		Jay Wunderlich		Todd Fetters	

They need us to be Lutheran

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“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor.1:18).

I can't imagine St. Paul's words here being any truer than they are for the Lutheran church I attend each Sunday. Walk into that place during any given service, and you'll see men dressed in what can only be described as togas with colorful sashes, waving their hands about in all kinds of strange ways, and making what seem to be hubristic statements like “I forgive you all your sins.” All this takes place while the people in the congregation bow and kneel and do weird things with their hands in response to the colorfully dressed men leading the service.

To be sure, there was a time when I would have unequivocally labeled all of this as “folly.” But now, as someone who has tried everything from Christian Fundamentalism to witchcraft, I must say, *I love it*. Once it was foolish; now it is genuine, meaningful, and indeed, divinely powerful.

Why I needed Lutherans

When I say “I've tried everything,” that is a gross understatement. For instance, the way I “tried” fundamentalism was to adopt all of their doctrines and make my way onto their clergy roster. I made my decision for Christ, was baptized and stopped drinking, chewing tobacco and dating girls outside of the in-group. I took very seriously the charge to “win souls.” If I didn't do my part to win souls, after all, then people might go to hell on my watch.

As a “soul-winning” pastor, I used rock music, comedy and feel-good self-help lectures to bring in outsiders. God be praised, we baptized a lot of people in that effort. Some still have their faith to this day. Unfortunately, most do not.

Those who lost their faith included me. It seems axiomatic to me now that those who take seriously all that Evangelical fundamentalism teaches will crack under that kind of pressure. To put it in Lutheran terms, it is an all-Law environment. My reaction to this was not to seek the Gospel, but to escape the Law by running to the far left, mainline church world. I found no peace there, either. As it turns out, the liberal Christians I encountered had more rules and taboos than the Fundamentalists. The only difference was, they made up their own rules.

Strike two for me. In the Evangelical world, the Gospel was not properly taught. In the mainline Protestant world, the Law was twisted and mangled.

I was honestly seeking answers in all the wrong places. After a lifetime of searching for truth on “the cutting edge” of religious thought and finding those experiences to be utterly vacuous, the answers came when I finally acquiesced to the fact that Holy Scripture, understood through the Lutheran Confessions and lived out in the traditions of the Church, held the keys that could unlock the door. The solution, I found, was not to “get new” but to “get old” — as old, ancient and traditional as I possibly could, all while dodging the landmines of medieval Rome and the East by going back with Luther and the Reformers to the Church Fathers and the Biblical text.

Now, when that man (my pastor, whom I once thought to be silly), puts his hands on my head and tells me my many sins are forgiven — when he teaches me how to be a better man right from Holy Scripture, founded on the power of the Gospel; when he puts Christ's body and blood into my mouth and His words into my ears — well, the folly of the cross has now become “the power of God” for me.

It is comforting beyond comprehension to know that the Lord has brought me and my family safely home. Despite all my best efforts to stay out in the pigsty of life and eat bean pods, the Holy Spirit, defying my own reason and strength, has welcomed me back to my Father's house using what appears to be foolishness to the world: the Lutheran tradition. Now, each Sunday in His house, the gifts of Christ await us on His altar of undeserved grace and favor, and we partake knowing that on the day of His reappearing, we will celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom will have no end!

Not a bad way to spend a lifetime if you ask me ... and an eternity, for that matter!

Why the world needs Lutherans

Like the liturgy I now love so well, “the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.”

For Lutherans in our current cultural and religious context, the Gospel of Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins, woven throughout our liturgical life, is a singular kind of folly — one dearer to our hearts even than the most meaningful ceremony. We actually believe that the bread and wine of the Supper are the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We believe that water combined with God's word saves us from hell and grants us adoption into the kingdom of heaven. We believe that mere words — “the word of the cross” — have power to rescue us from evil, save our souls and help us begin again to obey the commands of Holy Scripture.

This Gospel that we cling to as Lutherans is well worth looking a little foolish for. So I say to you, my brothers and sisters: *Don't be afraid to be Lutheran ... all the way Lutheran!* It's what I needed. It's what my family needed.

I am convinced that those who are being saved don't need the pop-Evangelical smoke and light show. They need rich, traditional music and liturgy, laced with beautiful ceremony. They don't need us to be libertine in our ethics and morals — or to be fed the *antinomian*, “all is grace” message so common among us here in America. They've had their fill of living like hedonists. They need unwavering instruction drawn fearlessly from Holy Scripture. They don't need pastors to be a combination of Jerry Seinfeld and Tony Robbins telling them how to have “their best life now.” They need the simplicity and purity of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins put into their ears and onto their lips and foreheads with forthright preaching, bread, wine and water.

Put simply, they need us to be Lutheran!

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