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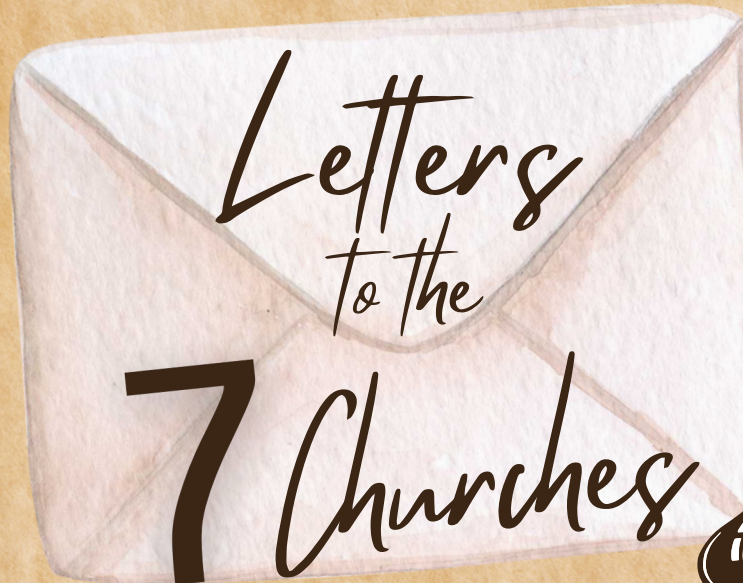
ASHES & HEARTS

Coming Up:  
**Happy Drifters**  
**Evening Guild Chili Meal**  
**Puzzle FUNdraiser Competition**  
**TLS Tiger Fest**

Going on now!  
**2025 NYG Fundraisers**

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FEBRUARY 2024



# A WORD from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Ashes and hearts make a funny combination, but that's exactly what this month brings us. A coincidence of the calendar means that heads will be smeared with ashes and red hearts will be laid over everything on the same day. Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day share the same spot in this year's calendar. The words "Dust you are and to dust shall you return" will echo in your ears as "Will you be my valentine?" ring out. These two days of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day seem to contradict each other, but they don't oppose each other as much as you might think.

The ashes for Ash Wednesday are a reminder of the repentance of the Old Testament. When God showed people the severity of their sin, they would put ashes on their heads to observe that they had violated God's Law and their hearts were turned. There's nothing pretty or lovely or attractive about ashes. The soot of a fire, the ashes of a fireplace, and the grittiness of a fire pit have no business on your forehead. But you are dust and ash. You have done exactly what God told you not to do. The gritty, dirty, nasty ashes that are smeared on your forehead are just as black and gross as the sin that lives in your heart.

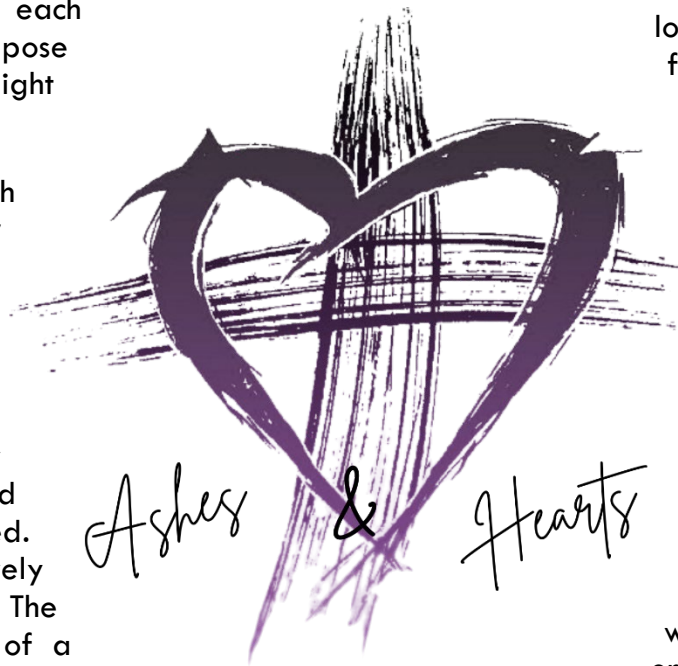
Even on Valentine's Day, that heart that is so often pictured as red is black with sin. Your love that you promise to others and that desire to be loving and kind to others that you express around Valentine's Day is imperfect. 1 Corinthians 13 describes love as patient, kind, and does no wrong, among other things. Are you patient, kind, and do no wrong? If so, are you always like that? Or do you fail regularly and constantly? On this day that so many around you celebrate love, how tempted are

you by frustration, anger, irritation, and even hate? Do you struggle with jealousy, selfishness, and a desire to show off in front of others? Those things are the very opposite of love. You're not as loving as God has called you to be. Your heart is tainted by the grittiness of your sinfulness.

These thoughts about you and the truth of your sin aren't warm and fuzzy. They are far from encouraging. The ashes smeared on your forehead are a sign of the love of Jesus in the middle of your lovelessness. If Jesus didn't care about you and about setting sin right, there would be no call to repent. If Jesus didn't care, He would have written you off long ago. The fact that Scripture is full of calls to repentance and describes the continual work of Jesus Christ to seek and save sinners. He talks about shepherds looking for sheep, widows looking for coins, fathers looking for sons, kings forgiving the debts of their servants, and more. The Old Testament talks about many of these same things, as God is patient while Abraham begs for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, as God restores David after his sin, as God sends His prophets like Hosea who compare God to a husband who seeks out and takes back his wife after complete betrayal. If God didn't care, He wouldn't be looking for you. But on the contrary, God is looking for you. He comes to seek and to save sinners. He comes to seek and to save you.

This connection between dirty, dark ashes and the love of God is simple. "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) God loved you and has forgiven you all the sins of your heart. The sinfulness that you know full well has been removed by Christ, your loving Savior. Jesus doesn't make you His valentine – He makes you His brother or sister, cleansed by His blood and set right by His grace.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Powell*



# MEMBER NEWS

## Baptisms

**JOLENE & GUS BARBOUR**, children of Alex & Sade Barbour was baptized into Christ on November 25, 2023.

**MERRICK FISCHER**, son of Zachary & Amy Fischer was baptized into Christ on December 9, 2023.

**ROMAN NANGOSYAH**, son of Ivan Nangosyah & Rachel Ringeisen was baptized into Christ on December 9, 2023.

**HENRY SCHLIE**, son of Jesse & Keegan Schlie was baptized into Christ on December 9, 2023.

**GRACE WACHTER**, daughter of Andrew & Jenni Wachter was baptized into Christ on December 17, 2023.

**MARY ELLEN DRILLING**, daughter of David & Maria Drilling was baptized into Christ on December 23, 2023.

**SAIGE LOGAN**, daughter of Kendrick & Lyndsi Logan was baptized into Christ on December 24, 2023.

## Funerals

**HOMER ALVIN WIEDERANDERS**, 95, of Columbia, formerly of Jefferson City, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on January 12, 1929 in Oklaunion, Texas, a son of the late John and Elizabeth (Schwede) Wiederanders. On August 27, 1950, he was united in marriage to Doris E. Goldammer. She preceded him in death on August 30, 2016.

Homer grew up on the family farm in Oklaunion, Texas and attended the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. He met his wife at a function in Texas. He moved to Jefferson City, Missouri where they raised their family. He then went to

work at his father-in-law's construction business, Wm. Goldammer Construction. Homer was a master craftsman and enjoyed bowling on a league with his wife, hunting, barbecuing and spending time with his family at the lake. In the last five years he made many friends at Bethel Ridge Estates in Columbia. Homer will be remembered for his dedication to his craft, his love for family and the mark he left on the landscape of Jefferson City.

He is survived by his children: Cheryl Heriford (Herb) of Jefferson City, Donna Coulson of Olathe, Kansas and Mark Wiederanders (Beth) of Columbia; grandchildren: Sara, Joshua, Nicole, Megan and Emily; great-grandchildren: Violet, Arlo, Eli, Amelia and Ethan. He is also survived by the memory of his wife, Doris, and the many lives he touched with his kindness and craftsmanship.

Along with his parents and wife, Homer was preceded in death by his brothers: Edward and Roy Wiederanders and grandchildren: Kyle, Ryan and Krista.

## Letters to the 7 Churches



## LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Wednesdays*  
FEB 14 - MAR 20

**Midweek Services**  
4:00pm & 6:30pm  
*Meal between services*

*Holy Week*  
MAR 24-30

**Palm Sunday**  
Divine Services - 8:00am & 10:30am

**Holy Mon, Tue, & Wed**  
Spoken Divine Services - 12:00pm

**Maundy Thursday**  
Divine Services - 12:00pm & 6:30pm

**Good Friday**  
Chief Service - 12:00pm  
Tenebrae Vespers - 6:30pm

**Saturday Easter Vigil**  
Divine Service - 6:00pm





# SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Feb 3/4	Feb 10/11	Feb 17/18	Feb 24/25	
6:00 pm	<b>Elder/ Deacon</b>	Jon Sprengel Jay Wunderlich Nick LaBoube	Tom Procter Nate Roettgen Kyle Gretlein	TBD	TBD
	<b>Usher Team</b>	Carol Fischer	Tom Procter	Nate Roettgen	Rick Hardin
	<b>Acolyte</b>	Ema Berger Colin Fehr	Max Schnitzler Aiden Howard	Landrie Vogt Corbyn Bess	Ella Medlin Hannah Kollmeyer
8:00 am	<b>Elder/ Deacon</b>	Nick Laboube Kyle Gretlein	Ross Walquist Ryan Brunner	TBD	TBD
	<b>Usher Team</b>	Keith Ziegelbein	Stephen Johnson	Michael Johnson	Ross Walquist
	<b>Acolyte</b>	Boaz Lu Alannah Gilbert	Brili Martin Nolan Maasen	Bella Frates Namoe Doelling	Bryce Wenkel Gavin Penington
10:30 am	<b>Elder/ Deacon</b>	Ryan Brunner	Tim Karsten	TBD	TBD
	<b>Usher Team</b>	Todd Fetters	David Knernschild	Kevin Bateman	Will Fife
	<b>Acolyte</b>	Naomee Doelling Sela Reeves	Zach Adams William Cluver	Arielle Kleindienst Trey Ruediger	Trey Ruediger Lenka Hilsch

TRINITY EVENING GUILD'S ANNUAL

# Chili Meal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
10:30 TO 2:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran School  
812 Stadium Blvd

Homemade Chili  
Vegetable Beef Soup  
Sandwiches  
Homemade Pie



Proceeds go toward Trinity projects sponsored by Trinity Evening Guild.



# THE MEN'S CLUB *OF* TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH-JEFFERSON CITY

DECEMBER 2023 – ANNUAL REPORT

Founded in 1930, the Men's Club of Trinity Lutheran Church-Jefferson City has a rich history of providing essential support for the functions and operations at Trinity Lutheran Church and School and contributing financial assistance to the International Lutheran Laymen's League, also known as Lutheran Hour Ministries.

In response to our mission of strengthening the Christian faith, supporting the church and school, and contributing to Lutheran Hour Ministries, the Men's Club of Trinity Lutheran Church-Jefferson City has served more than two thousand barbecue dinners since 2018 and has generated approximately \$22,000 in revenue, including \$8,000 gathered in 2023 through four successful fundraisers.

Supported by members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, local Lutheran congregations, and the general public, Trinity's Men's Club has been able to reinvest funds toward strengthening our Christian faith while benefitting causes that support Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Calvary Lutheran High School, the Youth Group of Trinity Lutheran Church, and promote the mission and functions of the Lutheran Laymen's League.

Men's Club Objectives:

- To encourage and help strengthen the Christian Faith
- Support the International Lutheran Laymen's League
- Provide additional opportunities for developing effective church workers
- Encourage one another to become more active in the work of the local congregation
- Promote Christian education and fellowship



The dedication and enthusiasm of the Men's Club members are what make the group a huge success. Whether it is planning or participating in a barbecue or simply enjoying each other's friendship during an evening gathering, it is the commitment of each member that helps promote and execute the goals and functions of Men's Club. We look forward to the expansion of membership in our future endeavors.

For more information on how you can become a member of the Men's Club of Trinity Lutheran Church contact  
Trinity Lutheran Church-Jefferson City 573.636.6750 *or*  
Jay Wunderlich - 573.508.5750



## HAPPY DRIFTERS

Join your Happy Drifters friends on Thursday, February 8. We will visit The Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association (CMFCAA). CMFCAA is a not for profit agency committed to providing essential services and support to the kinship, foster and adoptive children, youth and families in Central Missouri. Currently they are assisting over 640 foster families, over 1,400 foster children, and over 400 adopted children in their service area. If you would like to donate some items, here is a list of desired items:

- Wipes
- Socks (girls and women) new or gently used
- Men and boys (body wash, hair shampoo and conditioner)
- Women and girls (body wash, hair shampoo and conditioner)
- Hand soap
- Deodorant (men and women)

We will also eat lunch at The Curry 'N' Grill at 11:00 am before our 12:30 reception and tour at 1:00 pm.

## PECANS

Missionary Society is selling pecans again. We are keeping the price the same as previous years at \$10 a bag. You can get some by contacting a Missionary Society member or Denise Ziegelbein at 573-690-0881. The selling of these pecans help with various mission projects. Thank you very much for your support.

## OFFERING

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

*As of January 29, 2024*

Actual \$532,222.86

Budget \$541,037.73

Difference **(\$8,814.87)**

*FY 2023-2024 budgeted offering:  
\$925,000*

*Online giving: [trinityjc.org/give-now](http://trinityjc.org/give-now)*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for more ushers. Please see Matt Fife or Mike Johnson if you are willing and able to serve. The usher rotation is currently once every four weeks.

Who likes their coffee and donuts on Sunday morning during Bible class and Sunday School? The Missions and Service board is seeking help with this. Please see Todd Rakow or Amanda Peters if you could help a Sunday or two.

The school kitchen needs volunteers. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch each day. The hours are from 10:30-1:00. Please call the school office at 573-636-7807 if you would be willing to help out in the kitchen.

**FEB 6 2024 11:30AM-2:30PM**

**DISCOVER CALVARY DAY**



**7th Grade students are invited to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities at Calvary.**

RSVP by Feb 1 to  
**[linktr.ee/calvarylhs](http://linktr.ee/calvarylhs)**

**Senior Youth will be diving into Hebrews 12:1-3 for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering, ENDURE! They are working hard to raise funds to attend. Here are a couple upcoming opportunities to support them:**

- **World's Finest Chocolate – While supplies last**
- **Puzzle Fundraiser – Feb 18 (see flyer on pg.8)**

**See a member of Sr Youth for more information or visit [www.trinityjc.org/nyg](http://www.trinityjc.org/nyg).**

***“LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE  
the race that is set before us,  
LOOKING TO JESUS,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him  
ENDURED THE CROSS.”***



# TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

The students and staff at Trinity Lutheran School celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week, January 22-26. Our theme for NLSW was "Connected" based on John 15:1-5 with the focus on mission work in our community and around the world! Students participated in a daily online mission trip to Australia through Gospel Adventures and the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our chapel offerings collected during the week and for the entire 3rd quarter will be used to support the preaching of the Gospel to children in Australia.

Students and staff had special dress up days during the week which Decade Day, Clash Day, Christian t-shirt Day, Class Choice Day, and PJ Day. Special activities during the week included the "God is Great" concert by Jennie Williamson and a class movie/game day on Friday.

## TLS SCRIP PROGRAM

Do you need pizzas and snacks for all of the big football games coming up? Gifts for birthdays or other occasions? Or gift cards for your regular shopping? Simplify your shopping by purchasing cards from the TLS Scrip Program available in the school office. A percentage of each purchase goes to support Trinity Lutheran School. Below is a list of the gift cards currently available in the school office.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Academy Sports            | Kwik Kar              |
| Amazon                    | Lee's Chicken         |
| Applebee's                | Little Ceasars        |
| Arby's                    | Lowe's                |
| Arris Pizza               | Longhorn Steakhouse   |
| Auntie Anne's             | McAlister's Deli      |
| Bass Pro Shop             | McDonald's            |
| Bath & Body Works         | Menards               |
| Buffalo Wild Wings        | Oscar's               |
| Burger King               | Olive Garden          |
| Casey's                   | Panera Bread          |
| Chili's                   | Papa John's Pizza     |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill    | Papa Murphy's Pizza   |
| Claire's                  | Pizza Hut             |
| Cold Stone Creamery       | Prison Brews          |
| Colton's                  | Red Lobster           |
| Culver's                  | Schulte's Fresh Foods |
| Dairy Queen               | Sonic                 |
| Darden Restaurants        | Starbucks             |
| Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen | Subway                |
| Domino's Pizza            | Taco Bell             |
| Dunham's Sports           | Target                |
| Ecco Lounge               | Texas Roadhouse       |
| Firehouse Subs            | Visa Gift Card        |
| Hy-Vee                    | Wendy's               |
| Kohl's                    | Yo-Yums               |

## TIGERFEST 2024

TigerFest will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the Windstone Entertainment Center. You purchase tickets online by going to <https://tlsptl.com>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------|--|
| Feb 2-3   | LSAM Scholar Bowl                      |
| Feb 16    | No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Feb 19    | President's Day – No School            |
| Feb 23-25 | LSAM Basketball Tournament             |
| Mar 8     | VIP Day, Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM   |
| Mar 9     | TigerFest                              |
| Mar 21    | End of the 3rd Quarter                 |
| Mar 22    | No School – State Archery Tournament   |
| Mar 25-29 | No School – Spring Break               |

## Steve's Pest Control, Inc.

Professional Pest and Termite Elimination Services

*presents*



a themed fundraiser on Saturday, March 9th  
**BENEFITING TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**



*buy your tickets now!*

Doors open at 5:00 at Windstone Entertainment  
(2425 Industrial Drive Jefferson City, MO)  
Silent auction begins when doors open  
Dinner, Trivia, Live Auction, and Dance to follow!

# PUZZLE FUNDRAISER COMPETITION



Sunday, February 18, 2024


Light meal at noon

Puzzle competition starts at 12:45

Teams of 4 may register for \$50 per team  
Payment is due on the day of competition

Bring a puzzle for a puzzle exchange (optional)

Please pre-register by printing the form or  
completing the google form link



<https://forms.gle/xKAd7Damu7ZkK9E96>

Fundraiser supports  
the National Youth  
Gathering



# PUZZLE FUN-DRAISER COMPETITION

## REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other team members (up to 3)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact  
Leslie Brunner at [lbrunner@trinityjc.org](mailto:lbrunner@trinityjc.org)



### PUZZLE FUNDRAISER COMPETITION

The Senior youth are hosting a fun afternoon of friendly Puzzle Competition on Sunday, February 18, 2024. The cost is \$40 Per team of 4. Light lunch is served at 12:00 and Puzzle competition begins at 1:00. There will be prizes for first to complete 4 corners, edges, entire puzzle, and other great things throughout the afternoon. Sr Youth can sign up for your **work spot** at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044BAEA728A6FD0-47435555-puzzle>.

Participating **Teams** can sign up now at [forms.gle/xKAd7Damv7ZkK9E96](https://forms.gle/xKAd7Damv7ZkK9E96).

### LSAM

Sr Youth mark your calendars for the weekend of February 23rd – 25th. We will be working the gates. The schedule will be sent in the next couple of weeks. If you are planning to attend NYG 2025 New Orleans, please plan to be on this list. Let's have a fun weekend to support our Trinity Basketball players!!

### LENTEN MEALS

The Senior Youth will provide the Lenten meal on Wednesday, February 14th. Please watch the Band App for details.



### ROLLER SKATING OUTING

"Let's Roll" over to the Sk8 Zone on Sunday, February 4th from 2 to 4pm. We will have snacks and drinks in the concession area for our group. Please bring \$5 to go toward the cost of admission, skate rental and snacks. Please let Angie know if you and your family plan to go.

### YOUTH DISTRICT RETREAT

The Missouri District Lutheran High retreat returns on April 5th – 7th at Cross Pointe Retreat Center – Lake Ozark! The theme for the Gathering is NOW based on Galatians 2:20.

### SR YOUTH GATHERING 2025 NEW ORLEANS

Registration is a short 9 months away. Please let Angie know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend. This will help us determine how many fundraisers we need to plan. The estimated cost to attend is \$1,000 per person, and we have about \$8,000 saved up. We try to lower that cost as much as possible with careful stewardship of our spending.

### CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER

Sr Youth are selling World Famous Chocolate Bars for \$1.00 each. All proceeds will go toward our Youth Gathering 2025 in New Orleans. Thank you for your continued support of this event!



### Word for Today

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.  
~ Psalm 100: 1-2

### Scripture Snacks

We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near; people tell of your wonderful deeds  
~ Psalm 75:1

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand."  
~ Daniel 3:17

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
~ Psalm 95:6

### February Calendar

4	Roller Skating (2-4pm)
14	Sr Youth Lenten Meal (4pm)
18	Puzzle FUNdraiser (12pm) Jr Youth (6:30 pm)
23-25	LSAM

### Meal Train Link

[www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm)

### Contact for More Information

**Angie Brenner**

Director of Christian Education  
[abrenner@trinityjc.org](mailto:abrenner@trinityjc.org)





# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

803 Swifts Hwy, Jefferson City, MO 65109

*A congregation and school of the The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

**WEBSITE**  [trinityjc.org](http://trinityjc.org)

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**CALENDAR**  [trinityjc.org/church-calendar](http://trinityjc.org/church-calendar)

**FACEBOOK**  [facebook.com/trinitylutheranjc](https://facebook.com/trinitylutheranjc)

## Worship Schedule

Saturday Divine Service .....	6:00 pm
Sunday Divine Service .....	8:00 am
.....	10:30 am
Bible Study/Sunday School.....	9:30am

## Church

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