
Trinity Times

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Trinity Lutheran Church & School

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CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor:	Rev. David Renfro	Director of Music:	Dr. Susan Benya
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SCHOOL STAFF

Principal:	Mr. Mark Mueller	Seventh Grade:	Mr. Greg Fahnle
Secretary:	Mrs. Lisa Galvin	Eighth Grade:	Mrs. Kelly Fischer
PreK 3:	Mrs. Crystal Krenz	Art/Life Skills:	Mrs. Judy Schroeder
PreK 4/AK:	Miss Amanda Freese	Band:	Miss Leslie Drees
Kindergarten:	Miss Leslie Drees	K-4 PE:	Mrs. Sarah Brandt
First Grade:	Miss Elissa Musil	Music/Language Arts:	Dr. Susan Benya
Second Grade:	Mrs. Ann Halvorson	Resource:	Mrs. Lois Nord
Third Grade:	Mrs. Kara Agyekum	Resource:	Mrs. Karen Kroemer
Fourth Grade:	Mrs. Connie Powell	Public Relations:	Mrs. Jodi Jonasson
Fifth Grade:	Mrs. Caitlin Smith	Cafeteria:	Mrs. Rose Heetland
Sixth Grade:	Mrs. Josie Hester	Child Care Director:	Mrs. Stephanie Jemtrud

TRINITY SERVICE TIMES

6:00 PM Saturdays – Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends
9:00 AM Sundays – Holy Communion on the 2nd, 4th & 5th weekends
10:30 AM Sundays – Bible Study and Sunday school

TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCASTS

2:00 PM Thursday Channel 4 – IMON
8:00 PM Fridays Channel 4 – Mediacom



SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNION SERVICE will be held on **Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00 AM** in the west wing of the church. If you would like to attend the Special Needs Communion Service but need a ride, please call Jan Basemann at 390-4471.

Dear Trinity Family:

Ascension

On May 10 we commemorate the Ascension of Our Lord. On the fortieth day after His resurrection Jesus led His disciples to Bethany, where He lifted up His hands and blessed them for the last time before leaving this earth. Before their very eyes He was taken up into glory. We read in Acts 1:9: "After [Jesus] said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight." Paul wrote: "He ascended up far above all heavens that He might fill all things" (Ephesians 4:10).

At His ascension Jesus was crowned with glory and honor. He was greeted with the triumphal shouts of angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven. Cherubim and seraphim joined to acclaim Him the King who had triumphed over sin, death, and hell for all mankind. He received the crown of glory because on earth He was willing to wear the crown of thorns and bear the shame of death upon the cross. Having done all this for us, He ascended victoriously into heaven. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

As Easter people living on this side of the cross and empty tomb, we rejoice that Jesus' victory is our victory. In Christ, we have conquered sin and death. As we approach Ascension Day we too, though in this world but not of this world (and heaven-bound at that!) shout out in faith to our victorious Savior. We follow in His train and one day we will be with Him forever in heaven. Truly, He is our King of kings and Lord of lords!

Confirmation

Congratulations and God's blessings to our 2018 Confirmands, who will be confirmed in Christ on Sunday, May 6: Megan Cousins, Morgan Dicus, Ashlee Freymark, Grant Funston, Kelsey Knudsen, Landon Parry, Deja Redmond, Cassidy Schutte, Octaviyon Stanley, and Vivian Woltman. May the Lord bless them and keep them strong in their faith in Christ all their days.

Graduations

God's blessings to our many "graduates" on many levels: preschool, kindergarten, eighth grade, high school, and college. We are proud of you and we encourage you to always remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Adult Instruction

If you are interested in attending a six-week Bible study/discussion course designed to prepare people for membership in the Lutheran Church (or as a refresher course in basic Christian doctrines for those who are already members), please contact me at renfrod@trinitycr.org or call the church office: 366-1569. Taking the course does not obligate one to join the congregation, but participants are given the opportunity to do so at the end of the course if they so choose.

Vacation Bible School

Don't miss the boat to SPLASH Canyon! We want YOU to be a part of our amazing VBS experience June 11-15!!! Register online or contact the church office.

Blessings to you in our Risen and Ascended Lord!

Pastor David Renfro

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIBRARY COMMITTEE will meet **Tuesday, May 1 at 9:00 AM** to process books.

JOY GROUP will meet **Tuesday, May 1 at 11:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML will meet **Thursday, May 3 at 1:00 PM**.

COUNCIL will meet **Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

OWLs will meet at Tommy's Restaurant **Thursday, May 10 at 11:30 AM**.

RUTH GUILD will meet **Tuesday, May 22 at 9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

DORCAS GUILD will meet on **Thursday, May 24 at 9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall to work on quilts.
All are welcome!

GOOD SAMARITANS will meet **Thursday, May 31 at 12:30 PM**.



The Trinity family is cordially invited to an open house at the parsonage in celebration of the graduation of **Bailey Renfro** from George Washington High School from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Please, no gifts! We will be blessed by your presence.



Church News

THE CARE SQUARE WALL IS COMPLETE! Thank you for all for your generous contributions. The Care Square total for the fire alarm has reached its \$32,000 goal! We will begin installation when school lets out for the summer. We truly appreciate your prayers and generosity.

PRAISE ON THE RIVER – Mark your calendar for another year of Praise on the River hosted by His Hands Free Clinic on **Sunday, June 10** from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the McGrath Amphitheatre. This is a FREE family-friendly festival. Praise on the River includes praise and worship by local church bands, a brief gospel presentation, and a gospel choir. There will be a free will offering.



Confirmation

+ **CONFIRMATION** for ten of our youth will be held during the 9:00 AM service on **Sunday, May 6**. We want YOU to witness their confession of Christ and celebrate together as a church family! Please don't stay away from church that day because you don't like crowds or want to "make room" for the family and guests of the Confirmands! We want YOU here! A full church with full singing is uplifting to all. Plan to stay for the Bible class hour that day to witness the Confirmands' projects and personal witness of their faith. **YOU WILL BE BLESSED!!!**

TASTING LUNCHEON – The LWML Tasting Luncheon will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on **Friday, May 18** from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Advance tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in the church office.

CHRISTINE (THINKING) PAYE UPDATE - Since arriving in the United States from Liberia in October 2017, Christine (Thinking) has been to Shriners' Hospital in Minneapolis numerous times. During her initial evaluation the doctors shared the good news that she would not need to have her lower legs amputated and that she would be able to walk after extensive treatment and rehabilitation. As she became acquainted with America, Thinking decided that she wanted an American name. She chose Christine as her "new" name. Beginning in January, Christine has had three sets of casts on both legs from her groin to her toes. These casts were to elongate her tendons and muscles to a 180-degree angle. She wore each set of casts for three weeks. She also had some adjustments to knee caps and feet that were not correctly aligned. After nine weeks in casts with zero mobility, Christine's legs were placed in braces. Christine endured a five-hour surgery on April 23 where doctors operated on her hips, knees, and feet. After six weeks she will return to Shriners for a week of twice-daily outpatient rehabilitation. Then she will return home for three months of outpatient rehab 2-4 times a week. We are thankful for Shriners and their generosity. Once she comes home for the three months of outpatient rehab, Shriners will no longer be providing care. We are thankful to God for giving Trinity Church and School the opportunity to love and change the life of one person, a 15-year-old girl. We continue to ask for prayers and financial support for Christine.

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT

April 10, 2018

BAPTISMS

None

FUNERALS

Joyce Johnson

CONFIRMED

None

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of:	Purpose
Axtell, Carol	Undesignated
Johnson, Joyce	School
Johnson, Joyce	Debt reduction
Johnson, Joyce	Music program
Johnson, Joyce	Undesignated

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Tom, Amy, Emma, Ava, Jack, and Wyatt Manthe

TRANSFERS OUT

None

WEDDINGS

Mary Lovejoy Castaneda and Jeremy Scranton

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*2017-2018 School Theme & Verse:
Many parts. One body.*

*“Now you are the body of Christ, and
each one of you is a part of it.”
(1 Corinthians 12:27)*



Now Enrolling students at TLS - Trinity Lutheran School is a Christ-centered, academically rich school with a caring teacher staff. An interested family should contact the school office, 362-6952. We are capping classes at 24 students each (Kindergarten-8th grade). Spaces are limited. Currently the 4 year old preschool and 5th grade classes are full for 2018-2019 school year.

We LOVE our teachers at TLS! We have a whole week planned to “celebrate” what a blessing each one of them is to our school, students, and their families. April 30-May 4 there will be special themes each day and hopefully our teachers feel the LOVE we have for them! If you want to drop a note of “thanks” to our teachers you can leave it in the school office with their name on it and we will be happy to deliver it.

TLS Night at the Kernels - **Saturday, May 5** Trinity Lutheran School will be at the Kernels serving on the Dream Team, calling out “Play Ball”, and much more! Join the crowd at 6:35 PM and enjoy fellowship with other Trinity fans.

Spring Band & Choir Concert - The talented musicians and vocalists of TLS will be giving their final concert of the school year on **Tuesday, May 15** at 6:30 PM in the school’s gymnasium. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Farewell to Miss Leslie Drees



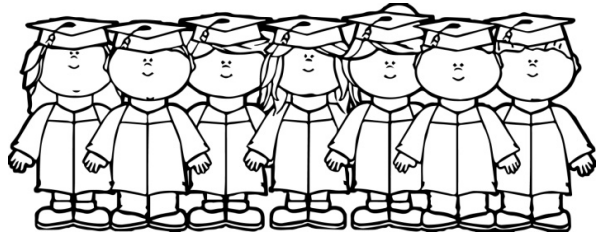
Following the Spring Band & Choir Concert on May 15 the PTL will host a card shower with cake and drinks to say “thank you” for the years of service to Miss Drees, our band director and kindergarten teacher. Miss Drees has accepted a job back in her home state of Nebraska. We wish her well and are thankful for her 12 years of faithful service to Trinity.

Summer Break is almost here! Trinity’s last day of school is Tuesday, May 22 with a noon dismissal. It has been another awesome year. Trinity’s Summer Academy program will begin on May 23. This program is full and they have a fun-filled, event-packed schedule. We pray everyone has a relaxing and safe summer break!

Celebration Time! On **Thursday, May 17** at 6:00 pm we will be hosting a Preschool Celebration Ceremony. We will be celebrating 43 preschoolers as they move up to the next level of education. It has been a fun year in preschool!

Graduation Time! All are welcome to attend the 8th grade graduation service on **Sunday, May 20** at 9:00 am. Trinity has been blessed with another wonderful group of 8th grade students and their families.

Ashlee Freymark – Marion High School
Nathaniel Golay – Marion High School
Gavin Hall – Jefferson High School
Alex Hamilton – Marion High School
Madeline Hodgins – Kennedy High School
Emma Jellison – Jefferson High School
Jeffrey Kaas – Xavier High School
Maxwell Meyer – Linn Mar High School
Evie Offt – Washington High School
Landon Parry – Marion High School
Tessa Timmerman – Kennedy High School
Taylor Zebuhr – Kennedy High School



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CONFIRMATION NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations and God's blessings to ten of our youth who will confirm their faith in Christ as Savior during the 9:00 AM service on **Sunday, May 6:**

***Megan Cousins
Morgan Dicus
Ashlee Freymark
Grant Funston
Kelsey Knudsen
Landon Parry
Deja Redmond
Cassidy Schutte
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Vivian Woltman***

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Make a splash at VBS!

At Splash Canyon, kids discover that Jesus is by our side on life's wild ride.

Save the Date!

June 11-15

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Grades Prek 3 – 5th

Register online at

www.vbsmate.com/TrinityLutheranCR

**Trinity Lutheran School
1361 7th Avenue SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404**

Or Turn in registration forms to Jessica in the church office

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL - May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Teacher Appreciation Week 9:30 AM – Library Committee 11:00 AM – Joy Group	2 Teacher Appreciation Week 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Class 6:30 PM – Granny Basketball (Gym)	3 Teacher Appreciation Week 8:30 AM – Chapel Day Of Prayer 8:30 AM Bible Study (Reinking) 10:00 AM – Bible Study (Hoffmeier) 1:00 PM – LWML 6:30 PM – Church Council	4 Teacher Appreciation Week	5 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 AM – Visitation 10:00 AM – Funeral: Charlotte Hessenius 6:00 PM – Divine Service/Communion TLS Kernels Night!
6 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 AM – Divine Service/Communion/Confirmation 10:30 AM – Confirmation Reception/Grade 1-8 Sunday School	7	8	9 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM – Chapel 9:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Class 6:30 PM – Granny Basketball (Gym)	10 ASCENSION DAY 3/K Healthy Snack Day – K Hosting 8:30 AM Bible Study (Reinking) 10:00 AM – Bible Study (Hoffmeier) 6:30 PM – Board Meetings 7:00 PM – Forgiven	11 <i>Plant Sale Pick Up</i>	12 ASCENSION (OBSERVED) <i>Plant Sale Pick Up</i> 6:00 PM – Divine Service
13 ASCENSION (OBSERVED) MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 AM – Divine Service/Communion 10:30 AM – Bible Study NO Sunday School Blood Pressure Checks	14 1:00 PM – Lydia Guild 6:00 PM – Evangelism	15 10:00 AM – Special Needs Communion 6:30 PM – TLS Band & Choir Concert	16 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM – Chapel 9:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Class 6:30 PM – Granny Basketball (Gym)	17 8:30 AM Bible Study (Reinking) 9:35 AM – Bible Study (Hoffmeier) 2:00 PM – AK-Second Grade Field Day	18 11:00 AM – LWML Tasting Luncheon Last day of school for PK4, AK & Eighth Grade 2:00 PM - Third – Fifth Grade Field Day	19 THE DAY OF PENTECOST Eighth Grade Class Trip 6:00 PM – Divine Service/Communion
20 THE DAY OF PENTECOST 9:00 AM – Divine Service/Communion/ TLS 8 th Grade Graduation 10:30 AM – Bible Study NO Sunday School	21 1:00 PM – Lydia Guild 2:00 PM – TLS Staff vs Eighth Grade Kickball game 6:30 PM – Voters' Meeting	22 Last Day of School 8:30 AM – Closing Devotion 9:00 AM – Ruth Guild 10:00 AM -Eighth Grade Video 12:00 PM – Early Dismissal	23 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM–Noon Teacher Meetings 9:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Class 6:30 PM – Granny Basketball (Gym)	24 8:30 AM Bible Study (Reinking) 9:00 AM–Noon Teacher Meetings 9:30 AM – Dorcas Guild 10:00 AM – Bible Study (Hoffmeier) 7:00 PM – Forgiven	25 9:00 AM – Teacher Meetings	26 HOLY TRINITY 6:00 PM – Divine Service
27 HOLY TRINITY 9:00 AM – Divine Service/Communion 10:30 AM – Bible Study NO Sunday School Blood Pressure Checks	28 Memorial Day Church & School Offices Closed	29	30 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Class 6:30 PM – Granny Basketball (Gym)	31 8:30 AM Bible Study (Reinking) 10:00 AM – Bible Study (Hoffmeier) 7:00 PM – Forgiven		

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Acolytes

Saturday, May 5– Megan Cousins, Lauren Eirp
Sunday, May 6 – Clark Woltman, Jacey Powell
Saturday, May 12 –Landon Parry, Grant Funston
Sunday, May 13– Deja Redmond, Morgan Dicus
Saturday, May 19 – Megan Cousins, Lauren Eirp
Sunday, May 20– Vivian & Clark Woltman
Saturday, May 26–Grant Funston, Landon Parry
Sunday, May 27 – Jacob Koehn, Cade Thorstenson

Elders

May 5 & 6– Mike Pownell
May 12 & 13 – Jeremy Burkett
May 19 & 20 – Mark Hepworth
May 26 & 27 – Jon Benya

Communion Assistants

May 5 - 6:00 PM: Kay Lenaburg
May 6 - 9:00 AM: Carl Gloe, Steve Bruzek, Mark Hepworth
May 13 - 9:00 AM: Ernie Bena, Paul Parry, Jon Benya
May 19 - 6:00 PM: Vern Piering
May 20 - 9:00 AM: Carl Gloe, Larry Acord, Jeremy Burkett
May 27 - 9:00 AM: Steve Bruzek, Mark Freeze, Carl Gloe

Ushers

6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel
9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord

Greeters

Saturday, May 5 - 6:00 PM
West: Barb Edaburn
South: Rose McDonald
Sunday, May 6 - 9:00 AM
West: Bill & JoAnn Ronnenberg
South: Marlene Horton
Saturday, May 12 - 6:00 PM
West: Don & Eloise Weiss
South: Donna Simoens
Sunday, May 13 - 9:00 AM
West: Julie Hamann
South: Karen Flint
Saturday, May 19- 6:00 PM
West: Ramona Middleton
South: Marlene Eichmeyer
Sunday, May 20- 9:00 AM
West: Jessica Kinney & girls
South: Dick & Donna Lohse
Saturday, May 26- 6:00 PM
West: Lois Baumert
South: Heidi Baumert
Sunday, May 27- 9:00 AM
West: Jan Basemann
South: Anna & Nate Lemke

Altar Guild

Bob & Gail Horne, Ron & Lois Henderson

Chancel Art

Karen Godecke

