



*O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Collect for the Day*

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*Rev. Donald Garvue  
Visitation Pastor*

**SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**HYMNS:**

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Adult Choir

10:30 a.m.

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SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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Matthew 22:34-46

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**THE PRAYERS**

Serving God as real disciples. For those dealing with health concerns.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Vision Team - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Christian Day School - School
Tues:	<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	Market Day - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Elders - Church
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	<b>Communion Service - Church</b>
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church
Thurs:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	Confirmation - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - School</b>
Sun:	All Saints Sunday – November 2, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>

**PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE** – The Learning Center is looking for a qualified pre-school director. Please call the school office at 787-2323.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>119</u>	<u>129</u> , <u>225</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>491</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>91</u>		Sunday School:	<u>24</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,970.65</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Paul Turis and Russ & Cathy Benning in loving memory of Anna Mary Turis, wife and mother, whose birthday is today.

**Today in Sunday School** Samson was the subject of this week's Sunday School lesson. Students learned that Jesus repeats and completes Samson's deeds of deliverance for us and for our salvation. When we are weak, He is strong! *Consider asking, "What was the true source of Samson's strength? Who is the source of our strength?"*

### Stewardship Corner

God calls each of us to give. In 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 we read, *"Now He Who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* These verses tell us that God will not only meet our needs but will provide even more than we need. God does not limit His gifts to His people but rather provides abundantly. God blesses His people with blessings that may or may not be material in nature. If God chooses to bless us financially, He is putting us in a position to be even more generous. The more we give, the more we can receive so we will be able to keep on giving, thus bringing thanksgiving to God.

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	101,322.96	226,894.43
Expenses	<u>95,085.29</u>	<u>263,350.27</u>
Over (Short)	6,247.67	- 36,455.84

**ATTENTION FUTURE HIGH SCHOOLERS!!** Lutheran High School is having an **Open House** for interested students and parents on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The program is from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and will include enrollment materials and information about the school. Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. Within a Christian setting, LuHi emphasizes a strong college-prep academic program. Lutheran High is located at 3500 West Washington,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile west of Veterans Parkway.

**VOTERS' UPDATE:** Reverend Aaron Schnelle, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kokomo, Indiana was called to be Trinity's Associate Pastor at a special meeting of the Voters' Assembly on Monday, October 20, 2008. Pastor Schnelle and his wife Kimberly are expecting their first born (a son) in November 2008. He is 32 years old and is a graduate of the Seminary at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His District President said, "He is a very capable pastor with a heart for the ministry and a good preacher/teacher." We look forward to his response to our call.

**THANK YOU MEMBERS OF TRINITY** – This was the message delivered by Mr. Curt Fischer, executive Director of Lutheran High School last weekend at our services. He thanked Trinity congregation for its support, students sent to Lutheran High, as well as our members on the Lutheran High faculty.

**VARSITY BASEBALL POSITION AT LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** – Lutheran High School is looking for a Boys Baseball Head Coach. Candidates must have high school head coaching experience or its equivalent. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Lutheran High School, 3500 West Washington, Springfield, IL 62711 or call 546-6363 x 117.

**SCHUENTZENFEST 2008** – All men of the congregation: we are scheduling some social time for men in our congregation to get together and visit and encourage one another. We will get together on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the property of Cliff Krueger, 2781 S. Farmingdale Road (one mile south of Old Jacksonville Road). We will prepare a lunch (cost will be shared) -- it would be great if you brought a side dish. Some soft drinks and Lutheran beverages will be available for a nominal cost. We would like to play some games and invite you to bring horseshoes. Cliff has lots of room if anyone wants to sight their rifle or do some target practice. **We want to talk about future social and service activities. Bring ideas, a positive attitude, and a willingness to help.** Fathers bring your sons, nephews bring your uncles, men bring your adults sons, sons invite your father, and cousins invite one another.

**SERMONS ON OUR WEBSITE!** Check out our website at [www.trinity-lutheran.com](http://www.trinity-lutheran.com)! The sermons for each week are available in audio or text. Tell your family and friends about this wonderful resource. We thank Stace Cameron, our webmaster, for making these available. We thank our Lord and Savior for His Word proclaimed in its truth and purity through Pastor Radtke here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**The Foundation for Excellence Fall Event Dinner** at the Sangamon Prairie Reception center in Chatham is November 2, 6:15-9:00 p.m. The dinner will feature Dr. Alvin Schmidt, good food, fellowship and entertainment. Tickets are \$25 each, available from your congregation's Foundation representatives or can be reserved by calling the school at 546-6363, ext. 120 or 113.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COLLECTION** – The Ladies Aid invites the congregation and school families to participate in the collection of bar soap and school kits supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Sharing tools for better health and education brings new hope and dignity to thousands of women, children and men throughout the world. New bars of soap contribute to dignity and cleanliness. Children are encouraged in their education by LWR school kits and kits may also be used in adult literacy classes.

The collection dates are October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Collection boxes, labeled LWR, will be located in the school parish hall lobby, in the school entry lobby and in the church basement. Donations of any of the following items will be greatly appreciated. For more information call Melissa Bowers (546-9156), Kathy Richards (546-8822) or Sharon Helmann (793-3749).

Items being collected:

**Bar soap** – 4 to 5 oz. bath size bars in original wrapping.

**Spiral notebooks**, ruled paper 8"x10 ½" totaling 150-200 sheets, or  
three 70 sheet notebooks

**Scissors**, blunt end

**Ruler**, with inch and centimeter markings

**Pencils**, #2 unsharpened with erasers

**Pencil sharpener**, small manual

**Eraser**, approx. 2 ½ " long

**Crayons**, 16 or 24 count

**ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?** Please call Sue Hoskinson at 483-4067 and make your reservation for the Annual Chapter Dinner to be held at the Northfield Center in Springfield Sunday, November 2, beginning with registration at noon. A delicious buffet dinner with entrees that include roast pork with dressing, salisbury steak, chicken in wine sauce and all the trimmings begins at 12:30 p.m. Program includes entertainment by a Barbershop Quartet and an exciting idea for a fundraiser for your church/school. There will also be drawings for a GPS navigation system and an overnight stay for two at The Inn at 835 in Springfield which includes a dinner certificate for a prominent restaurant in downtown Springfield. Youth will have an opportunity to win a Best Buy gift certificate. There will also be an election of officers for the 2009 Thrivent Chapter Board. If you have an interest in serving please call Larry Marxman at 364-5807.

**WOMEN WITH MISSION** will meet at the home of Cathy Von De Bur on Monday, November 3, for a Wiener Roast at 6:30 p.m. (note the time change). Please bring a dish to share. Bible study and short business meeting will follow. Contact Cathy for questions and/or directions (487-7846).

**TRINITY LADIES AID** will meet Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall, to decorate the cookie boxes for the shut-ins. Program: "Project Christian Love" workshop by Marge Penick and Marian Brockschmidt. Lunch will be **DELI-TRAY LUNCHEON – COST \$4.00**. Devotions will be by Dot Hasselbring. Mission service project – Items for School Kit – scissors, blunt end – ruler marked with both centimeters and inches. Members of the congregation are invited to join Trinity Ladies Aid in purchasing poinsettias for the altar at Christmas. More details in December Newsletter. **The 2009 Flower Chart** will be posted in the narthex on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Trinity Ladies Aid will be collecting used ink cartridges and old cell phones for the LWML District Conventon and National Convention in 2009 and 2011. If you have any questions call Debbie Rodenburg at 787-5796.

Trinity Ladies Aid President Debbie Rodenburg was voted to the position as Vice-President of the LWML Springfield Zone at the Zone Rally on September 18, 2008 in Chatham, IL. Our congratulations to her on this position.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday evenings beginning November 9<sup>th</sup>, school gym. All men of the congregation are invited for fellowship and recreation. Guests welcome. For information call Ken Rodenburg, (787-5796), Brent Radtke (787-8342) or Cliff Krueger (529-9443).

**ATTENTION FELLOW MEMBERS:** The Evangelism Committee is looking for new people to join us in our mission of "Teaching and proclaiming the WORD through Evangelism". We meet once a month and have a lot of fun planning things like the new and improved potlucks, talking about how we can make visitors feel more welcome, discussing how to bring our current members together in fellowship and attracting new members. We would love to have your input and ideas. If you are interested in joining us please contact Dennis Boesdorfer at 787-2270 or email him a [Dennis@Boesdorfer.com](mailto:Dennis@Boesdorfer.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lutheran High School Madrigal Dinner** will be held Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chatham. Doors will open at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 followed by a Jester skit and Madrigal singing. The meal will include chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 ages 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling Lutheran High School at 546-6363 ext. 110. Please join us as we prepare for the holiday season. All proceeds will go to the Lutheran High Music department under the direction of Mrs. Diana Roberts and Mr. Nathan Schorfheide.

## **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES**

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Growing as Stewards** – Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Dave Rohe

**Spirituality of the Cross: The Way of the First Evangelicals.** A discussion-based Bible study on Dr. Gene Edward Veith's excellent book. Christianity is not about a general vague force called God, but about "God in the flesh and God on the cross" and why this matters in everyday life. Materials provided. Location: Science Room. Leader: Eric Garvue

**High School Bible Class** – "What About?" Location: Youth Room. Leader: Sarah Knipp

## **WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES**

### **TUESDAYS:**

**LADIES MORNING STUDY** meets at the home of Deb Zyznieuski, 2008 Montague Drive. Study on The Daughters of Eve. For information, call 787-3816.

**SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS** – Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., class at 10:00 a.m. Studying Psalms. Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Garvue

**LADIES AFTERNOON STUDY** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Loretta Rodenburg, 12 Turnberry.

### **WEDNESDAYS:**

**BIBLE AND BREAKFAST** meets at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Studying I Kings. Leader: Pastor Radtke

### **THURSDAYS:**

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the school. If you are interested or know someone who is, please notify Pastor Radtke so enough materials can be ordered.

**ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER ... We believe that the Lord's table must be approached with sincere faith and full understanding. We believe that approaching the Lord's table is a declaration of unity of faith with this congregation. Thus, we ask anyone who has not made that declaration of faith or is not a confirmed member in good standing of a Missouri Synod congregation to please refrain from communing until you can be brought into full doctrinal fellowship with us.**

## **“ARE YOU REALLY FREE?”**

John 8:31-36

Rev. Donald Garvue

***[31] So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [33] They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" [34] Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36] So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."***

**Jesus Tells Who The Real Disciples Are, They Have Real Freedom.**

**When “Religious People” Decide Who Disciples Are, They Appear Free.**

**Jesus Compares The Results Of Both Approaches.**