



Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus our 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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Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod 217-522-8151*

*Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke
Head Pastor*

*Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle
Associate Pastor*

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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HYMNS:

688; 703; 685

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

909; 703; 396; 688; 395 st. 1,4,6;

Adult Choir

10:30 a.m.

909; 703; 395 st. 1,4,6

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: I Samuel 3:1-10

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Psalm 139:1-10

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I Corinthians 6:12-20

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THE PRAYERS

A new life purchased and owned by Jesus Christ. Installation of Officers and Directors.
 Travis and Margie Hindman, 40th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Men's Basketball - School
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Stewardship - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 25, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS – A new class is now meeting on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. The class meets at the school in the Science Room. This class examines the teaching of Scripture and is for those interested in what we teach as a church, or for those interested in membership. Of course those wishing to have a review are encouraged to join us. If you are in need of child care for the class, please notify Pastor Radtke.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>151</u>	<u>178</u> , <u>159</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>498</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>81</u>		Sunday School:	<u>34</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$11,771.65</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Dr. and Mrs. Travis Hindman in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Today in Sunday School we study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. *You might discuss, "How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?"*

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	115,273.75	491,573.73
Expenses	<u>95,990.39</u>	<u>537,605.24</u>
Over (Short)	19,283.36	(46,031.51)

Stewardship Corner

Stewardship is the expression of our desire as Christians to contribute to the mission and ministry of the church. As we grow spiritually, we understand that serving and giving are important parts of our Christian life. God calls us to give of ourselves through our time, talents, and treasures. Through the sharing of our resources with the needy, we are showing our support and love for them and giving glory to God. *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"* (Galatians 6:10).

GROWING IN WORSHIP BULLETINS for children are available at the usher's stand.

HOME DAY CARE openings available. Weekdays, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$80.00/week. Call 525-5264 for further information.

Feed A Family Food Drive to benefit Central Illinois Foodbank. January 18 – February 14. Buy a pre-packaged bag of food at Schnuck's to be donated to the Foodbank. After the holidays, food donations drop. **Hunger is 365 days a year.** www.centralilfoodbank.org

YOUR QUILTS ARE NEEDED! – If you or someone you know have a quilt top that needs to be finished into a quilt, **Willing Workers** can help. We do hand quilting for others for a fee. These fees are used to help a seminary student, church related needs or charities. At present, our “waiting list” is short. For more information, please contact Helen Hoffman, group president at 789-4912 or Genny Colston, quilt chairman at 546-5244.

THE 2009 FLOWER CHART is posted in the narthex. PLEASE NOTE: The price per Sunday is \$43.13 and must be PRE-PAID. Please sign up early to reserve your date.

WORLD RELIEF QUILTING MONDAYS through March 2009. The World Relief quilts are pieced together and hand tied by the quilters. Twelve ladies met on Monday, January 5, from 9:00-3:00 at the Parish Hall to begin the Trinity World Relief Quilting Project. Five sewing machines were kept humming sewing pieces together and 15 quilts were completed, but now need to be tied. Please join us on Monday, to work on the quilts. If you can't join us, you can take quilts home to tie. If you have questions call Helen Hoffman (789-4912). In 2008 we packed to send to Lutheran World Relief ... 203 quilts and 69 pounds of soap.

SIGNATURE AD – Each year, the Springfield Right to Life encourages area churches to **stand up for life** by participating in their annual Signature Campaign which will be printed in the *State Journal Register* on Monday, January 26, 2009. A \$5 donation **per line** (whether it is the name of an individual, family, or group) will help defray the cost of publication. Last year, 2,056 lines were published. A sign up form will be available following each service this weekend, January 17 & 18. Contact Larry or Paula Boehme at 626-2179 for more information.

RECOMMITMENT TO LIFE RALLY – Springfield Right to Life's Recommitment to Life Rally will be held at the Illinois Capitol Rotunda on Sunday, January 25, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Enter by the north door and bring a picture ID. Keynote speakers are Daniel and Angela Michael of Small Victories Ministry. A reception in the Howlett Building immediately follows the program.

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.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS ... EARTH STEWARDSHIP THAT IS! Trinity's Green Team has started up again this fall. As an ongoing effort to avoid throwing away anything that can be reused or recycled we are collecting juice pouches such as Capri Sun or Kool Aid. For the month of November we collected over 250 pouches. These pouches will not go to a landfill but will be sent to a company to be reused to make other items. If you have any empty juice pouches, please cut off the top, rinse out the pouch, and bring the dry pouch to the school. **We are also starting to collect rigid lids.** These include caps that twist on with a threaded neck such as caps on shampoo, water, soda, milk and other beverage bottles, flip top cans on tubes and food product bottles (such as ketchup and mayonnaise), laundry detergents and some jar lids such as peanut butter. Excluded from collection are pharmaceutical lids and non-rigid lids such as yogurt lids, tub lids (margarine, cottage cheese) and screw on lids that are not rigid. If you can bend or break the lid with your bare hands, then it does not meet the rigid plastic definition. Please do not include any metal lids or plastic pumps or sprayers. Unfortunately, too much of the wrong types of materials can contaminate the recycling process. We appreciate your efforts to keep it clean! ***God has given us this beautiful planet – let's do our best to help keep it the way He intended!***

**ALL THAT YOU ARE, HAVE,
AND HOPE TO BE ARE GIFTS
FROM GOD.**

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights . . . (James 1:17).



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

Where: Parish Hall
When: Sunday mornings, 9:35 a.m. –10:15 a.m.
Beginning January 18, 2009

God First: Stewardship Bible Studies - Got 40 minutes? If you are like most people in this fast-paced world, your answer to this question is an out-of-breath, “No! I’m kind of in a hurry,” or “I’ve got maybe five minutes!” Unfortunately, our busy schedules have often hampered or even eliminated communication between husband and wife, parent and child; among co-workers, friends; and possibly most alarming, between people and God. Weakened and destroyed relationships result. For communication is the cornerstone of healthy and growing relationships.

Because of time limitations and other commitments, many adults fail to receive the faith-strengthening power God promises to provide when His Word is studied – “so is My Word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

Got 40 minutes? How about five minutes? Come to the place noted above at the designated time and receive a five minute Bible study on stewardship. Then stick around. Through your interest and discussion we easily can turn a five minute Bible study into a 10, 20, 40 minute Bible study. It will be time well spent. We’ll have time for God to communicate with us through His word, while also encouraging communication among us all. The Holy Spirit promises to work through God’s’ Word to strengthen our relationship with Him as we get to build our relationship with one another.

So why stewardship? Because, as men and women of faith, we are pilgrims on a journey, caretakers of the gifts God gives us. Stewardship is an expression of our faith. When we practice good stewardship, we give glory to God as the giver of life, the source of all we have, all we are, all He has planned for us to become. “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). Stewardship means accepting God’s gifts gratefully, tending them responsibly, and sharing them in a spirit of love.

Our Christian calling invites us to become good stewards of the gifts we receive. The Holy Spirit focuses our energies through the Means of Grace (God’s Word and His sacraments), directing our path, our journey of faith.

THE FREEDOM OF FAITH – What does it mean to be free? The world says it means that I can do whatever I want. Is that freedom? St. Paul tells us that in Jesus Christ, I no longer worry about my sins. Because of that I am free. I am free to serve God and others. Come join us for this interesting study. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Radtke

ANSWERS IN GENESIS - Ever considered dinosaurs to be useful in your Christian outreach? Were they on the Ark with Noah? Did they live with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Interesting and important questions. These are a few of the many questions people ask and Holy Scripture gives important and interesting answers for all of them.

Jesus spoke to His disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18) Jesus, as God, has the authority to say our sins are forgiven. His Word is the absolute truth. This is the same authority present in God’s Word when He spoke all things in heaven and on earth into existence.

Answers in Genesis provides a twelve part video series with discussion questions. The series is a great way to learn of the Creation/Evolution debate so prevalent in the last 150 years. It provides important and interesting answers which lead you to grow in your faith in Jesus, our Creator and our Redeemer. As well, the series gives great tools to help you help others to learn of the great love our Creator has for us, His fallen creation. Please join us in this worthwhile and important study!

Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

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VISITORS, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! The order of service and hymns are listed at the top of the first page of this bulletin. We hope you take the time to complete the attendance card that is at the back of the pew in front of you. Pass the cards to the center aisle after the offering. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study classes are held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran School on the southwest corner of Governor and MacArthur. If you have questions or need directions just ask someone or look for someone wearing an Usher or Elder badge. They will be happy to help you. Restrooms are located in the basement of the church. The stairway to the basement is at the Southeast exit of the Narthex. At the bottom of the stairs is an area where a parent and child can sit to hear the worship services, if need be. God bless you and we thank Him for bringing you to our services today. We pray that you will return to worship with us again.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.

The Freedom of Faith: - Jesus Christ died for our sins, freeing us to serve God. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Radtke

Answers in Genesis – A 12 part video series with discussion questions. A great way to learn of the Creation/Evolution debate. The series gives great tools to help you help others to learn of the great love our Creator has for us. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

God First: Stewardship Bible Studies – Stewardship is an expression of our faith. When we practice good stewardship, we give glory to God as the giver of life, the source of all we have, all we are, all He has planned for us to become. Location: Parish Hall. Leader Bill Denham

High School Bible Class – “What About?” Location: Youth Room. Leader: Katie Gilman

WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

TUESDAYS:

LADIES MORNING STUDY meets in January at the home of Debbie Rodenburg, 400 Tecumseh Trail. For more information call 787-5796.

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 2nd and 4th 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

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.

“A WONDERFUL INVASION OF OUR PRIVACY”

John 1:43-51

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

[43] The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." [44] Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. [45] Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." [46] Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." [47] Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" [48] Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." [49] Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" [50] Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." [51] And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

- I. Jesus knows exactly who we are even before we know Him.
- II. He invades our lives and takes possession.
- III. He then teaches us how and why He does that.
- IV. Being owned by God – Now that's a Life!

