 **THE TIME TO GIVE BLOOD IS NOW**

Trinity Lutheran Church
Leaders Save Lives
Monday, August 12
12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Give blood & receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email!

To schedule an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org & enter TrinityColumbus.

SEND US YOUR *Prayer Request*

Pray for one another.
James 5:16


Trinity's Prayer Chain would love to include you or a loved one in their prayers.

Please submit prayer requests to [Sandra Jochens at sjjoche@frontiernet.net](mailto:Sandra.Jochens@frontiernet.net) or contact the church office.

Provide a Meal for the Rescue Mission

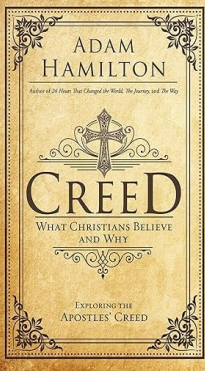
1st Monday of the Month
Sign up at Grand Central

Questions?
Call Michele in the Church Office

Monday, Sept. 2 is open!  Monday, Sept. 2 is open!

Are you receiving Trinity's Weekly Emails?

If not, let the Church Office know and we will make sure you are on the list!

 **FIRESIDE FAITH**
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room
6 week study beginning Aug. 18

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In this study, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

Save the Date:
Service of Installation for
Pastor Billy Czapla

Sunday, September 8, 2024
10:00 a.m. Service
Reception to follow.

 **LCMC 24th Annual Gathering & Convention**
Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2024
St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Marion, Iowa


Together, we will explore how the cultural moments happening all around us can be seen not as something negative, but as potential opportunities for carrying out the Great Commission. We'll cover topics such as:

- How can we embrace our Lutheran theology and use it to positively impact the lives of the people around us?
- How do we empower the people in our churches to be ready to share the gospel with others, and to recognize a propitious moment to do so?
- How can we reach people who are living in smaller, less populated, or less accessible areas?
- What resources are available to help congregations carry out this mission in their communities?

The LCMC Annual Gathering & Convention serves as an opportunity for pastors, leaders, and church members from all types of congregations to join together for an intentional time of worship, prayer, fellowship, networking, learning, and inspiration. We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration and more information at: lcmc.net/annual-gathering




 Help us CELEBRATE
Our Children's Ministry Director
Glenda Lundstrom

For 25 years of loving our children and sharing Jesus with them!
A RECEPTION will be held after the 10:00 Service Sunday, **August 11!**

Packed with Power, August 11th

Starting with power? Our football teams don't just run out on the field and start playing. They prepare. Starting the school year is kind of like that. **On Sunday, August 11th we ask students to bring your backpacks so we can pack them with the power of prayer!** God cares about you and your school life, along with everyone involved in making your school work. That is everyone, including all the administrators, teachers, helpers, counselors, secretaries, custodians, food servers, and more. *Come enjoy being blessed and being a blessing.*



ALL STARS

Sunday Mornings in August

All Stars Kicks off with theme, GO BIG RED!
August 18, 9:00-9:45
Students return to Grade Rooms— Where do we go?

- ___ Kindergarten: Center hallway. Kindergarteners will be gifted with a BIBLE this day!
- ___ Three's & Fours: the "minion" room in the center hallway, across from the kitchen.
- ___ Grades 1,2,3 & 4,5,6: South hallway

Look for directional signs. Questions? Contact Glenda Lundstrom (402) 564-8547
Welcome back, or welcome for the first time! We will celebrate gathering together with OLD friends and meeting NEW friends.

 What to expect?
The kickoff will be filled with fun, faith, food and friends.
Yes, you may come in your Husker fan wear.
Yes, you may *always* bring your friends!

August 2024

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Worship Schedule
5:30 p.m. Saturday
10:00 a.m. Sunday

Pastor
Billy Czapla
Pastor
Ollie Fullmer
Minister of Worship & Creative Arts
Manuel Tabora
Youth Ministry Intern
Landon Sliva
Director of Children's Ministry
Glenda Lundstrom

**TRINITY'S YEAR TO DATE
FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2024 INCOME & EXPENSE THROUGH
June 30, 2024

YTD Income	\$ 397,607
YTD Expenses	\$ 346,790
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$50,817

Annual Projected BUDGET

Income **\$809,716** // Expense **\$809,716**
50% of year elapsed
50% of budgeted annual income received
43% of budgeted annual expenses incurred

Trinity Council Members

- Kris Gernstein, *President*
- Ken Andreasen, *Vice President*
- Kay Johnson, *Secretary*
- Greg Eickmeier, *Treasurer*
- Cheryl Brewer, *Recording Secretary*
- Trina Jeffryes
- Amanda Jensen
- Mike Kruse
- Dan Mickey
- Hillary Rasmussen

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024



Our Mission:
Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus

Our Vision:
We see followers connected to Jesus and each other through strong relationships and a sense of belonging because of meaningful worship, fellowship, youth-focused ministries and a commitment to serving beyond ourselves.

July Council Notes*

*Not approved by Council

Submitted by Kay Johnson, Secretary

The July 16, 2024, Council meeting was called to order by President Kris Gernstein.

The meeting began with recognition given to Pastor Billy on his first church service on Sunday, July 14th. Also recognized was the wonderful Esprit de Corps performance at Trinity on July 9th spearheaded by Tom Zimmerman and his team.

Pastor Billy led us in a devotional based on Joshua 3 and John 10:6-14.

The minutes for the June 18, 2024, Council meeting were approved. Financial reports for period ending June 30, 2024, were approved.

Business Administrator Report:

- **HVAC:** Phase 1 of the HVAC improvements will be finalized by the replacement of the thermostats.
- **High School Classroom Project:** new blinds and an updated projection system will be installed.
- **Roof:** An insurance adjustor is to be scheduled to examine hail damage on the roof and steeple.
- **Storage:** New shelving for the maintenance room (room 11) that will provide better organization is to be purchased. Additional shelving for seasonal decorations/events is also under consideration.
- **Software:** A cloud-based software system that will allow for more effective & efficient communication is being addressed.
- **Staff Offices:** Pastor Billy has chosen to use the old Worship Director's office as his new office. Glenda has moved to Pastor Hall's old office and her old office is now a staff conference room.
- **Visiting Youth Group:** Landon and a few adult leaders are preparing for a youth group from Minnesota to stay at Trinity Friday, July 19 as they pass through Columbus. Our high school mission team and their junior high mission team connected last year on the mission trip.

Old Business:

- **Sign:** The new sign ordinance needs to be acquired in order to begin planning designs and planning for costs.
- **Tuition Assistance:** A designated tuition assistance of \$1,743 for each approved Trinity applicant to attend Immanuel Lutheran School was approved.
- **Pastor Hall's Farewell Reception:** Gratitude was expressed by Pastor Hall and Debbie for the wonderful farewell reception they received.
- **Columbus Days:** Due to the short amount of time/volunteers, Council decided not to participate in the 2024 Columbus Days festivities. Plans to set up a 2025 team for participation next year was discussed.

New Business:

- **Questions/Coffee Talks:** A survey of 7 questions was distributed to the congregation to help guide Trinity's Council for future planning. Coffee Talks following services on July 20, 21, 27, and 28 are to be held to discuss the responses.
- **LCMC Conference:** (Sept. 29-Oct. 2) will be held in Marion, IA. Pastor Billy along with other staff plan on attending.
- **Pastor Billy's Service of Installation:** Sept. 8 at 10:00 a.m. Service. A coffee social will be held following the service. To reach all Trinity congregation a letter introducing Pastor Billy will be sent out.
- **Open Youth Director Position:** The job description will be evaluated and revised if needed. Preparation for advertising and hiring will then be addressed.

Next regular Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.



For many years, the Trinity Missions Board has been working very hard to use the offerings designated to missions in the best way possible to support local and world mission agencies. Recently, we have been working on ways to share this information with the congregation. We would like to introduce to you two new ways that you can learn more about all of the agencies that Trinity offerings are supporting.

First, by reading our new monthly article in the Tidings: **Your Mission Money at Work** (beginning in September). Each month one of the members of the Missions board will report about one of the agencies that Trinity supports. This will tell about the location, who they serve, how they share the gospel, possibly recent work that the organization accomplished and Trinity's monthly giving to this agency.

Another way will be our **Missions Minute**. This could be a guest from the agency or a Trinity board member that shares during one of the services in that same month.

Our hope for these two additions is to keep you better informed about the offerings you give to these wonderful agencies. If at any time you have questions or want to learn more please feel free to reach out to any of our members on the Missions board.

Members: Sharon Becker, Brenda Bieck, Doris Cerny, Pastor Ollie Fullmer, Sarah Garcia, Jim Hackney, Melodee Pedersen, Gayla Taylor, James & Anne Weber, and Wayne Zysset

We hope you enjoy!

Submitted by: Sarah Garcia



Do you love baking? Coffee? Hospitality?

Join Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. Hour Sunday mornings at 9am!

We are looking to expand our team.

Contact Jocilynn at 402-270-5999 for more information.

We would love to have you!



Your contributions to TRINITY'S MEMORIAL FUND are greatly appreciated. Gifts are accepted at any time in memory or in honor of a loved one. Names of those being memorialized are listed in Trinity's Annual Report.

THANK YOU for your contribution to the Memorial Fund in the second quarter of 2024:

- Rogene Anderson
- Larry & Jean Andreasen
- Bonnie & Mike Evans
- Wayne & Dianne Hellbusch
- Lon & Sandra Jochens
- David & Tricia Kersting
- Clinton & Tambri Paulsen
- Lillian Schroeder
- LaVonne Schultz

**Columbus Days 50th Anniversary
Christian Prayer**

Breakfast

Thursday, August 8

6:30am Breakfast
7:00am Program

Lutheran Family Life Center
1470 23rd Ave, Columbus

Tickets available at the
Columbus Chamber Office
753 33rd Ave. // 402-564-2769



Due to the generosity of the Coffee Hour participants, our Hospitality Team was able to give excess funds in the amount of \$4,500 towards the High School Mission Trip.

Thank you so much to all that have made the Faithfully Blended Coffee Hour such a huge success!

August Birthdays

1st Jody Evans Susan Leimser Lynda Lemp	8th Kathy Barcel Tony Barcel Desiree Johnson Maguire Motz Marlene Potts Susan Schroeder Rod Seidel	13th Sam Drinnin Sara Kruse Margie Mercer	20th Sharon Becker Jerry Colfack Luke Shroyer Rae Ann Went	26th Macy Blahak Lexi Jeffryes Karissa Nichols Jillian Petersen
2nd Jessica Coble Sharon Went	9th Harlow Brown Paul Hicks Shannon Meyers Janice Nichols Taylor Steiner	14th Janice Jensen	21st Avery Grams Maxx Willison	27th Jordan Lippstreu Jennifer Quigley Jack Rawhouser Melissa Vanderslice
3rd Glenda Lundstrom Joe Quigley Cooper Stuhr	10th Gale Alm Karter Dicke Robert Lewis Mike Mueller Blake Ramaekers Jami Schoch Tyler Thomson Zaevan Zysset	15th Liam Barcel Reagan Klutman Dennis Parker Deb Svoboda	22nd Scott Olson Mary Seckman Chandler Vetick	28th Jane Davis Jaxson Doles Joan Mimick Kenneth Wendt
4th Hudson Hopwood Arlyn Johannes Cindy Loveless	11th Melissa Salak	16th Bodey Luckey Carole Tessendorf	23rd Michael Kasper Steve Larson Sigrid Parker Sheila Sloup Steven Steiner	29th Mason Bright Austin Cromwell Jeanette Jackson Makayla Noonan Delaney Young
5th Jason Engel Gina Olson Tristan Wiegert Kelly Young	12th Morgan Langmack Maverick Stenka	17th Barrett Brown Jim Ernst Emmit McMeekin Rob Reppert Jim Sander River Sutton	24th Taylor Rodehorst Rhylan Wright	30th Keaton Barnes Terry Hollmann Brenda Spulak Justin Young
6th Cory Hellbusch		18th Amanda Daugaard Paige Stenka	25th Peyton Connelly Archie Johnson Keith Mihulka Arde Petersen	31st Callen Leimser KayD Nauenburg Ian Stirek Cambell Tessendorf Nya Torres
7th Sharon Brown Preston Connelly Linda McMeekin		19th Perah Connelly Lois Franzen		

Happiest of Birthdays to All!



AUGUST 2024

Saturday, August 3
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, August 4
10:00 Worship Service
No Education Hour/Scheduled Break

Monday, August 5
6:00 Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, August 6
1:15 Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, August 7
11:30 Women in the Word

Friday, August 9
6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

Saturday, August 10
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, August 11
No Education Hour/Scheduled Break
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Reception for Glenda Lundstrom's 25 Year Celebration

Monday, August 12
Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6pm

Wednesday, August 14
11:30 Women in the Word

Thursday, August 15
9:30 Widow's Group

Saturday, August 17
5:30 Holy Communion Worship Service

Sunday, August 18
Go Big Red Fall Kickoff
9:00 All Stars/Jr. & Sr. High/Fireside Faith
Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. Hour
10:00 Holy Communion Worship Service

Monday, August 19
6:00 Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, August 20
6:30 Trinity Council

Wednesday, August 21
11:30 Women in the Word

Friday, August 23
6:30 Friday Men's Ministry
11:45 NAOMI's - Columbus Senior Center

Saturday, August 24
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, August 25
9:00 All Stars/Jr. & Sr. High/Fireside Faith
Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. Hour
10:00 Worship Service

Wednesday, August 28
11:30 Women in the Word

Saturday, August 31
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, September 1
10:00 Worship Service
No Education Hour or Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. Hour // Scheduled Break

Monday, September 2
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



EDUCATION HOUR

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Fall Kick Off August 18

All Stars
Age 3 - Grade 6
Various Classrooms

Jr & Sr High Youth
Grades 7 - 12

Fireside Faith
Adult Bible Study
Fireside Room

Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E.
Coffee & Conversation
Fellowship Hall

Nursery Available
During 10:00 Service

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday Classes
On Break until October

Breakout
Grades 3 - 6
Various Classrooms
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Confirmation Class
Grades 7 - 8
The Outlet
6:30 - 7:45 P.M.

High School Impact
Grades 9 - 12
The Well
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Communion

We celebrate Communion the 3rd weekend of every month.
ALL are welcome!

Baptism

Baptisms may be scheduled during either service the 2nd weekend of the month.

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