



### LCMC 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](http://lcmc.net/annual-gathering)

### Immanuel Lutheran Salad Luncheon

Thursday, Sept. 12  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Family Life Center  
1470 23rd Ave.  
Columbus, NE

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch for only \$10.<sup>00</sup>

Proceeds go to Youth Missions.



Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
[www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com)



## MISSION IMPACTS

**Youth & Families for Christ** sees over 500 different teens every week through our after-school drop-in, Club Programs, Teen Parent Ministry, and Juvenile Services Programs. Every service we offer is free, making it easier for school administrators, teachers, families, and the teens themselves to access vital services that will positively impact the life of the student, their family, the school system they attend and our community as a whole.

The mission of YFFC is to come alongside every teen in every circumstance to encourage, love and provide services that will help each individual youth be successful in life. We intentionally build relationships with teens so they have a safe environment to talk about the issues they face. Sometimes this means providing coping mechanisms for stress and anger management, sharing about what a healthy relationship looks like, or addressing mental health concerns.

We know that Jesus is the only answer to their problems. A real heart change can make a difference in their lives. When some of these youth hear a gospel presentation, you can see a tiny spark of hope in their eyes - a spark that will either flicker and die, or be stoked and made to grow and flourish. Being available to encourage, love and further teach God's word can help build them up in Jesus Christ, get them involved in a local church, and give them a hope for the future.

Youth and Families For Christ, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit, non-denominational organization striving to bring about a positive heart-change; physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually in every kid in every circumstance, ages 10-19 in the Columbus, Nebraska area.

Thank you to the members of Trinity Lutheran Church for their continued support of YFFC through their giving to the Trinity Mission Board. It makes a difference one life at a time – for all eternity.

Submitted by Brenda Bieck



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:sjjoche@frontiernet.net) or contact the church office.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Tidings

Being called to serve as the lead pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church is both a profound honor and a deep responsibility for which I am so grateful. My journey to this role has been anything but conventional, and I am continually humbled by God's grace and trust in me, as well as the trust that the people of Trinity have placed in me by calling and anointing me to this position. Growing up in the Columbus area and being raised to know God in faithful Catholic home, I was blessed to be part of this community, and my journey has now brought me back with a unique and diverse background, but in many ways, it really feels good to be home. My wife, Denise, and our two daughters, Camille (11) and September (5), are all thrilled to return to Trinity and to the Columbus area, where our hearts have always felt connected.

### Service of Installation for Pastor Billy L. Czapla



Join us in celebrating Pastor Billy's installation as lead pastor at Trinity and welcome him and his family back to Columbus!

I have a deep love for the Lutheran Church and firmly believe that our Lutheran theology offers the appropriate message and actions that our neighbors want and need to hear. It beautifully articulates God's passion and pursuit for a relationship with each and every one of us. I am committed to ensuring that our theology not only informs our beliefs but

also inspires our outreach to those around us. For me, ministry is deeply rooted in the teachings of Jesus, particularly His call to have a servant's heart: "But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-28, NLT). Serving others in this way, especially in a place that has always felt like home, brings me great joy. The question that I have always wrestled with when living out this vision from Jesus is "who" we are called to serve?

This is where the words of Jeremiah 29:7 hold a special place in my heart: "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." My love for the people of Columbus runs deep, and this verse reminds me that our mission as a church is not only to cultivate our faith but also to focus on the well-being of our neighbors and the city we live in. I am deeply committed to seeing others flourish, whether they know Jesus or not, and I believe that this community has a bright and hopeful future to do just that. I am excited to embark on this journey with you, trusting that God has great things in store for us as we serve Him and our community together.

In His Peace,  
Pastor Billy Czapla

## September 2024

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**OUR MISSION:**  
*Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus*

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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 July 31, 2024

YTD Income	\$ 460,718
YTD Expenses	\$ 427,331
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$33,387

**Annual Projected BUDGET**  
Income \$809,716 // Expense \$809,716  
59% of year elapsed  
57% of budgeted annual income received  
53% 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

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**OPEN POSITIONS:**  
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS

- Volunteer Coordinator:** responsible for recruiting, training, and managing volunteers to support various ministries and events.
  - Communications Coordinator:** The ideal candidate will be passionate about utilizing a diverse array of communication platforms to keep both our church community and the local community we serve informed.
- Contact the Church Office for complete job descriptions. To apply, submit a resume & cover letter to [trinityoffice@trinitylive.org](mailto:trinityoffice@trinitylive.org) or



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**August Council Notes\***

\*Not approved by Council

Submitted by Kay Johnson, Secretary

The August 20, 2024, Council meeting was called to order by President Kris Gernstein.

Pastor Billy led a devotional based on Mark 1:14-15. Secretary Kay Johnson reported three cards of appreciation were received.

The minutes for the July 16, 2024, Council meeting were approved. The financial report ending July 31, 2024, was approved.

**Pastoral Reports** outlined future sermon series' and Christmas Eve services. Pastor Billy informed the Council that Landon Sliva will be interning at Trinity for two years and the Rite of Confirmation Service will be held the first weekend in May.

**Business Administrator Report:**

- Phase 1 of the HVAC project will be finalized with the replacement of the thermostats.
- The **High School Classroom Project** has a new projection system being installed. Possible repair/replacement of the AC unit to be done in the springtime.
- The **Roof** is being addressed by an insurance adjuster.
- Storage** reorganization is being examined for room 11 and the Fellowship Hall.
- The **Global Leadership Conference** in Bellevue on August 8 & 9 was well attended by staff and council.

**Old Business:**

- Sign:** a new sign design for Trinity is to be created by Love Signs in Norfolk for next month's Council meeting.
- Questions/Coffee Talk recap** was given by Pastor Billy. Volunteerism and communication were areas for improvement.
- Pastor Billy's Service of Installation** will be held the weekend of Sept. 7 & 8.
- The Council Retreat/Refresh** will be held Saturday, Nov. 2.

**New Business:**

- Future Staff Positions** were reported by Pastor Billy. The open receptionist position will be filled with the use of volunteers. Two new positions of Volunteer Coordinator and Communications Coordinator are needed. A job description is being developed for a future Youth & Family Pastor position.
- 2025 Budget:** A discussion was held of preliminary budget items for 2025 along with designated donations.

Next regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Are you receiving Trinity's Weekly Emails on Fridays?**

Trinity has started using Constant Contact to send weekly emails about what's in store for the upcoming weekend as well as upcoming events. Look for this in your incoming emails:

From	Subject
Trinity Lutheran Church July 19, 2024	This weekend at Trinity

If you wish to receive these emails, please contact the church office and make sure we have your current email address. Also, check your Junk, Spam, or Promotional folders and add us to your "safe contacts" list.

*Thank you to all those that have contacted the office with your emails!*

# Trinity Kids' Ministries

September 2024 by Glenda Lundstrom

**Bibles** *Using My Bible Classes*

Our classes will begin **September 8th** in the Fireside Room with Third Graders and their parents. *The kids will begin their adventure of using their new Bibles!* These sessions will be filled with the basics of finding our way around this big book that is made up of 66 smaller books. We will use the "Long Story Short" video for part of two of the sessions to give an overview of the Old and the New Testaments. This will help the kids understand this is one big story from God. It is also a reminder for *all of us*, how much God loves us and how each of us fits into the story.



**Classes continue September 15 and 22, 9:00 - 9:45 AM, in the Fireside Room.**

**All Stars** *Kickoff Day Fun* **All Stars - Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45, Age 3 - Grade 6**



Trinity continues the tradition of gifting Kindergarten Children with "God's Story for Me" Bibles. They are a perfect fit for this age group and an opportunity for parents to get in on the fun of sharing bedtime Bible reading with them.



Our students in Grades 1-3 and 4-6 (4-6 pictured) spent part of their kickoff fun serving others. They made 60 pencil-packs for Operation Christmas Child.

*Growing Young Leaders*

Our All Stars Sunday mornings are now including **Student Leaders!** We have been blessed with young people who want to serve.

The success of Student Leaders in Breakout has convinced us to develop Student Leaders in All Stars. These young people are serious about making a difference in the lives of kids for Jesus. They go through an interview and sign a contract just like Breakout. I've been impressed with each of them!

**Our first All Stars Student Leaders are, Weston Jeffryes in Grades 4-6, Karlie Gernstein and Chloe Brewer in Grades 1-3.**

Their youthful enthusiasm is already adding a special quality to our Sunday mornings.

*We are looking to add Student Leader roles as Praise Leaders in Grades 4-6.*

**All Stars Online Registration OPTION**



We ask ALL families to please re-register your children for All Stars so that we have the most current information. **Classroom registrations also available.**

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b><br>Jerry Nauenburg   | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b><br>September Czapl<br>Randy Johnson<br>Michael Murphy  | <b>12<sup>th</sup></b><br>Brenna<br>Messersmith<br>Katie Rowe<br>Brant Sander<br>Evan Woehrer                                    | <b>16<sup>th</sup></b><br>Noah Gassen<br>Kevin Rath  | <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Betty Michener<br>Rich Morgan<br>Karen Zimmerman                                   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b><br>Deanna Barnes<br>Ronnie Mueller<br>Alice Woodard  | <b>8<sup>th</sup></b><br>Annette Barcel<br>Joe Quigley   | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b><br>Angela Howard<br>Wayne Mueller<br>Marian Staroscik<br>Sarah Tabora                                     | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b><br>Mary Kay Runge   | <b>24<sup>th</sup></b><br>Monty Sanley   |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Tim Forney  | <b>9<sup>th</sup></b><br>Calista Kumm<br>Baylee McGuire<br>Shauna Schepler<br>Jack Steiner                                     | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b><br>Vicky Barcel<br>Connor Jones<br>Camden Mueller<br>Marcia Rawhouser<br>Jilian Robak<br>Travis Tessororf | <b>18<sup>th</sup></b><br>Kelsey Jareske<br>Staci Mueller  | <b>25<sup>th</sup></b><br>Merrick Andert<br>Bella Carnes<br>Weston Sander<br>Courtney Wright<br>Wayne Zysset |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b><br>Mavis Applegate<br>Mary Briza<br>Sara Moeller   | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b><br>Jax Gillespie<br>Josh Jones<br>Daja Mark-<br>Valentine<br>Brooklyn<br>Rasmussen                      | <b>15<sup>th</sup></b><br>Aiden Cromwell<br>Jacque Fegter<br>Sarah Garcia<br>Sandy Heavican<br>Jill Sander                       | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b><br>Paul Schettler<br>Logan Went   | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b><br>Dillon Steiner   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b><br>Elias Eickmeier<br>Betty Haskins<br>Aysha Johnson<br>Diadra Johnson<br>Jed Johnson<br>Sue Murphy<br>Tavin Price | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b><br>Cheri Bollig<br>Michala Ernst<br>Darwin Franzen<br>Senga Jensen<br>Madalyn Medinger<br>Brandan Olson | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b><br>Carter Brown<br>Dorothea McIntyre  | <b>20<sup>th</sup></b><br>Kari Bice<br>Camden Brewer<br>Don Lueschen<br>Betty Muhs<br>Emily Rath | <b>27<sup>th</sup></b><br>LaDena Davis<br>Dan Hoesly<br>Preston Nelson<br>Kelly Schroeder<br>Violet Thessen  |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup></b><br>Brittany Brewer<br>Jane George<br>Ethan Munson<br>Reese Wortman   |  | <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b><br>Todd Pedersen<br>Ethan Sutton<br>Becky Taylor<br>Alisha Voigt  | <b>28<sup>th</sup></b><br>Kierslyn Cattau  | <b>29<sup>th</sup></b><br>Lori Barcel  |

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## Sunday, September 1

NO Education Hour/Faithfully Blended  
Scheduled Break  
10:00 **Worship Service**

## Monday, September 2

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**



## Tuesday, September 3

1:15 Prayer Shawl Ministry  
5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal

## Wednesday, September 4

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study  
6:30 Jr. High LIVE!  
7:00 High School IMPACT

## Friday, September 6

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

## Saturday, September 7

5:30 **Worship Service**  
**Service of Installation**  
Reception to follow

## Sunday, September 8

9:00 Education Hour/Faithfully Blended  
Using My Bible Class Gr. 3 & Parents  
10:00 **Worship Service**  
**Service of Installation**  
Reception to follow  
11:15 Mission Board Meeting

## Tuesday, September 10

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal  
6:00 Finance Committee

## Wednesday, September 11

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study  
6:30 Jr High LIVE!  
7:00 High School IMPACT

## Friday, September 13

6:30 Friday Men's Leaders

## Saturday, September 14

5:30 **Worship Service**

## Sunday, September 15

9:00 Education Hour/Faithfully Blended  
Using My Bible Class Gr. 3 & Parents  
10:00 **Worship Service**

## Monday, September 16

6:00 Ladies Bible Study

## Tuesday, September 17

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal  
6:30 Trinity Council

## Wednesday, September 18

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study  
1:30 Starting Point  
6:30 Jr. High LIVE!  
7:00 High School IMPACT

## Thursday, September 19

9:30 Widow's Group

## Friday, September 20

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

## Saturday, September 21

5:30 **Holy Communion Worship Service**

## Sunday, September 22

9:00 Education Hour/Faithfully Blended  
Using My Bible Class Gr. 3 & Parents  
10:00 **Holy Communion Worship Service**

## Tuesday, September 24

5:15 Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal

## Wednesday, September 25

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study  
1:30 Starting Point  
6:30 Jr. High LIVE!  
7:00 High School IMPACT

## Friday, September 27

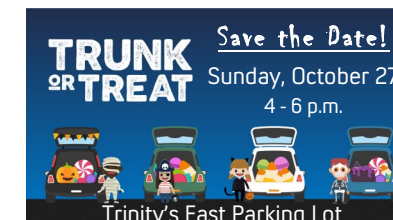
11:45 NAOMI's at Senior Center

## Saturday, September 28

5:30 **Worship Service**

## Sunday, September 29

9:00 Education Hour/Faithfully Blended  
10:00 **Worship Service**  
Bible Presentation to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
2:00 Confirmation Retreat  
Grades 7-9 and Parents



## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

**9:00 - 9:45 a.m.**

**All Stars**  
Age 3 - Grade 6  
Various Classrooms

**Jr & Sr High Youth**  
Grades 7 - 12  
The Outlet & The Well

**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

**Breakout**  
**Taste of Breakout Oct. 9**  
**Classes resume Oct. 16**  
Grades 3 - 6  
Various Classrooms  
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

**Jr High LIVE! / Confirmation**  
Grades 7 - 8  
The Outlet  
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

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

## Communion

We celebrate Communion the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of every month.  
**ALL are welcome!**

## Baptism

Baptisms may be scheduled during either service the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month.

**Join the Discusson**  
**8-Weeks | Wednesdays**  
September 18th-November 6th  
1:30-3:00pm

Cost \$12.00  
Register at Grand Central or Scan the QR Code

### Are you receiving Trinity's Weekly Emails?

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