

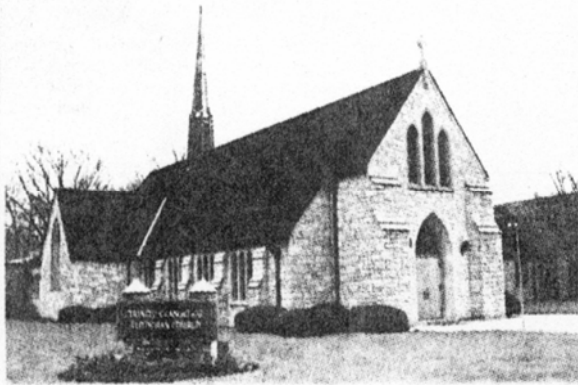
# OUR TRINITY STEWARDS

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**



September each year brings us beautiful weather and it's always one of the busiest months of the year. School and communities for sure, but also many other aspects of our lives get moving forward again—moving to full steam. These opportunities take our time and our energy. As the people of God, we are called to share our talents and our energies to make a positive impact in our community.

At Trinity, September means that our various mission opportunities get moving forward full steam. Sunday School begins September 9<sup>th</sup> as does catechism classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students begin on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of the weekend of September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we keep in our hearts and minds the work of "God Work, Our Hands"; a weekend where for the last few years, many E.L.C.A. congregations across the country have chosen to work together to make an impact in community. Even though Trinity has not planned to participate in any formal way this year, all of us know family and friends across the country that will be sharing their time and talents to make a positive impact (with other like-minded folks) in their communities. Let's keep these efforts in our thoughts and prayers the weekend of September 8-9.

As Trinity's Pre-School; Day-long Travel Trips; Sunday School and Learning and three weekend Worship services get moving forward full steam---it's an opportunity to Gather Together as the People of God as the Spirit leads Trinity forward into the future.

In Christ,

## **WORSHIP SERVICES AT TRINITY**

**Saturday -** 5:30 P.M. Worship Service

**Sunday -**

8:30 A.M. Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M. Praise Worship Service

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## **Notice to All Worship Assistants**

Beginning the weekend of September 8-9 I am asking that all worship leaders (Assisting Ministers; Organists; acolytes; communion assistants, lectors and children's message leaders, and ushers if possible meet 10 minutes before worship in the pastor's office to simply review the upcoming worship service—who is serving, and to make sure we of how we are serving together to provide quality worship leadership. This brief meeting to touch base and pray together would also be a great help as I seek to get to know all of you much better. This means we would gather briefly at 5:15 PM on Saturday; 8:15 AM on Sunday; and at 10:45 AM as well with the whole Praise Team. Everyone who serving in worship leadership for that particular worship service would gather if possible for this brief time of prayer and centering ourselves on the privilege we have as worship leaders.

For many years this brief meeting to touch base and pray together has been my practice. This practice has proven to be of great benefit to all who serve in all of these important worship positions. My plans are to send an email on Thursday to those assigned to lead in worship reminding them of our gathering before worship. I trust that this brief gathering for prayer will be a blessing for Trinity and the whole congregation.

In Christ,

Pastor Thomas D. Prochaska

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## ADULT TRIPS AND OUTINGS

### Senior's

Fair Oaks Farm Dairy & Crop Adventure  
Thursday, September 20th at 9am Reservations  
due by 9/6/2018 \$ 40.00 members \$ 45.00 Non  
Members Lunch choice, Transportation tax and  
tip included. See Mickey Von Asten 708/422-  
2355

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, September 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.  
Classes will be held each Wednesday. This is for  
young people in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Information  
has been sent in the mail. **Parents are asked to  
come on Wednesday, September 12** to go over  
the schedule and confirmation information.

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Trinity will offer new member classes October 7, 14,  
& 21 from 9:45 to 10:45am . The class will be led by  
Pastor Tom for those who are interested in joining  
Trinity. Please fill out the information below and turn  
it into to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## EARLY COMMUNION

Class will be held on Saturday morning Novem-  
ber 3rd, from 9am to 12 Noon for children in  
grades 1 to 5 are welcome.

First Communion service will be on Sunday  
November 11th @ the 8:30 and 11:00am.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Sunday School begins on Sunday, September  
9th at 9:45 am. All children and teens are invit-  
ed to come and be a part of this wonderful pro-  
gram! Children ages 3 through high school will  
meet each week on Sundays.*

1. **GATHERING TIME** takes place from 9:45 to 10:00AM on Sunday mornings. We will be hosting gathering for PreK and KDG students in the Pre- school Classroom. Gathering time for 1st through 6th graders will take place in the gym. The 7th through 12th graders should make their way up to the loft.
  2. We would like to try a new approach to our Sunday School Program that combines **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WITH MISSION AND SERVICE**.
  3. We are implementing a new **ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE** for Sunday School. We will track the percentage of students that attend Sunday School by each classroom. When a child brings a cousin or a friend, they count towards the incentive. At the end of the 3rd week each month, we will take the average of the attendance for the 3 weeks prior and determine the average attendance rate for each class. The class with the highest percentage will win a treat that is based around the Mission Project taking place during the 4th Sunday of the month. Parents will be informed what the treat is and permission forms will go out when necessary.
  4. We will also be rewarding kids for **GOOD BEHAVIOR**. All our teachers have been given TRINITY TOKENS. These are slips of paper they will be handing out when they see a child display some sort of good behavior. This could be a child participating in class, sharing materials, being polite or a myriad of other things. The TRINITY TOKENS will have the child's name on it and they can place it in the collection box. On Mission Sunday, one TOKEN will be drawn from the box and that lucky student will win a gift card. The process will repeat each month, with the drawing taking place on the last Sunday
- **September 9th** -Faith Based Ministry
  - **September 16th** -Faith Based Ministry
  - **September 23rd** -Faith Based Ministry
  - **September 30th** - Young Environmentalist Mission Project

## **Fun Events & Fellowship**

### **BUNCO**

**Friday, September 14th 7:00pm**

Please bring a dish to share. \$ 10 donation

RSVP Text Lynn Jareczek 708/826-0055

Or call church office 708/422-0193

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB & FRIENDS**

#### **MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday, September 15th**

6:30pm in the church Library \$ 9.00 per person

See Barb Kreide for more information

708/606-2239

#### **PIZZA AND PRAISE!!!**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm**

Please join us for a night of Pizza and Praise. We will enjoy a meal together and then come into the sanctuary for concert from Trinity's very own Praise Band! Cost is \$5 a person. Please RSVP to the church office or Mandy VanCauwenberge

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

October 5 & 6th Start cleaning out your closets and gathering your unwanted items. Trinity will be accepting items on Thursday, October 4th. We are also looking for helpers. If you are willing to help out please let the church office know.

### **CHRISTKINDLE MARKET**

Saturday, November 10th 9am -2pm Applications have been mailed out. If you would like to be a vendor and have not received one please contact the church office. We will need crafters, workers, bakers and shoppers! Please put this event on your calendar!

### **BLESSINGS GALORE!!ALASKA**

Trinity Travelers who experienced Alaska for 14 days were constantly amazed by the beauty and wonder of God's creation.

Our 21 travelers traveled by plane, cruise ship (Princess Cruise Line), train (with domed ceiling), bus, (some did helicopter and trams) and small boat tours. All in all, it was awesome in every way. Cathy and Linda are grateful that everyone stayed happy and healthy and have many wonderful memories of this trip! We will have more to report soon! Thanks to all for being a part of this trip! And thanks to God for His caring hand and His creative handiwork!

*~Cathy and Linda*

## PRESCHOOL TRINITY TUESDAY

It's a new school year and that means TRINITY TUESDAY is back... but please note, our first one is actually on a Wednesday!!!

We've participated in the Chili's Dine to Donate program multiple times and they so generously have given Trinity Preschool \$600+ back, over the past three years. We could not have done that without Your wonderful support!

Throughout the whole month of September you can visit the Chicago Ridge Chili's ANY day of the week, at ANY time of the day and share the voucher for Trinity PS to get credit. However we're trying something different this month and we'd like to see how many Trinity friends we can get together at once

**Wednesday- September 19th ... 4pm - 9pm**

CHICAGO RIDGE CHILI'S - 9720 Ridgeland Thank you for your supporting Trinity Preschool!



Bring this voucher when you visit (dine in or to go) the Chili's location identified below and 15% of your pre-tax purchase will benefit.

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRE SCHOOL

GROUP

9/1/18 - 9/30/18

EVENT/EXP DATE

9720 RIDGELAND AVE, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415

CHILI'S LOCATION(S)

# 999990000 08148

One coupon per person, per visit at participating ERJ Chili's locations only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

## "Back to School"

Some are excited about going back to school and others are like yuk! School! Who needs it? Well – let's see if that can be answered!

~Why do you go to school?

~What types of things do you learn at school

~Does God want you to be in school?

School can be scary, you are learning new things and becoming familiar with new ideas. There will be new students in your class, you will have a new teacher, and the material will be more challenging than the year before. So why go back?

God wants us to be full of wisdom. Wisdom is having quality in what you know, it is having the best of the best knowledge. We should always desire to learn and grow in wisdom, but above all of our classes and above all of our studies, we should desire to learn who God is first! So, the Bible, this is the most important book you will ever own. Keep your Bible close by and study God's Word so that you can grow in wisdom.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you that we get to go back to school and be filled with knowledge and wisdom. We pray that our hearts can always be yours, and as we learn our reading and math, let us also learn to study your Word. We love you and we honor you! Amen



## September Birthdays...

<i>Robert Cole</i>	2
<i>Dan Kelly</i>	3
<i>Ava Bodine</i>	4
<i>Nicoletta Cook</i>	4
<i>Greyson Crossett</i>	4
<i>John Boecker</i>	5
<i>Brad Waterstraat</i>	6
<i>Stephanie Brown</i>	9
<i>Cecelia Wood</i>	9
<i>Maximus Stratton</i>	10
<i>Carl Styracula</i>	10
<i>Holly Czimra</i>	11
<i>Julian Eccles</i>	12
<i>Peyton Enderle</i>	12
<i>Nancy Justus Stevens</i>	12
<i>Heather Knoelk</i>	12
<i>Madison Puskarits</i>	12
<i>Jose Bedola</i>	13
<i>Linda Berry</i>	13
<i>Gage Dangman</i>	13
<i>Stephanie Kelly</i>	13
<i>Nolan DeLaLlave</i>	15
<i>Kathie Simpson</i>	15
<i>Sue Reppen</i>	16
<i>Lisa Hager</i>	18
<i>Joseph Mayo</i>	20
<i>Ashley Sundquist</i>	20
<i>Tracilyn Strom</i>	22
<i>Zachary Trautmann</i>	25
<i>Jeanine Cyze</i>	26
<i>Eleanor DeRousse</i>	27
<i>Carol Maty</i>	27
<i>Tom Ollenburger</i>	27
<i>Carol Rizzo</i>	27
<i>Thomas Fauth</i>	29
<i>Alexander Stone</i>	30

# Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*



## September Anniversaries...

<i>Dale &amp; Carole Baker</i>	1
<i>Peter &amp; Kathie Simpson</i>	5
<i>Carl &amp; Susan Styracula</i>	8
<i>Thomas &amp; Lynn Jareczek</i>	9
<i>Alan &amp; Karen Newman</i>	10
<i>Kate &amp; Nicolas Radtke</i>	14
<i>Don &amp; Darlene Andersen</i>	17
<i>Jorie &amp; William Danay</i>	19
<i>Chris &amp; Bonnie Reich</i>	21
<i>Bill &amp; Becky Evers</i>	24
<i>Al &amp; Lynn Molenhouse</i>	28

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