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Letter from Pastor Powell

4th Annual Golf Tournament Info

A Message from Trinity Lutheran Alumni Association

In Christ,

The 69th regular convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod begins on July 18 and continues to July 23. The theme will be “Christ Is Risen Indeed,” based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22: “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

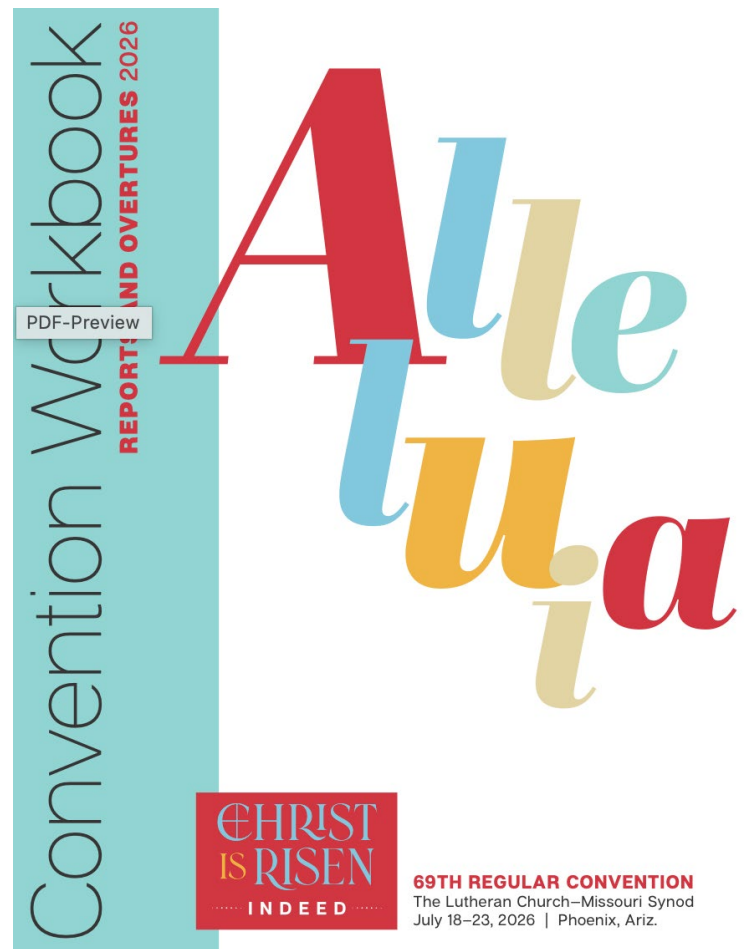
Pastor Groh (St. John-Schubert) will be representing the Jefferson City circuit as our pastor delegate and Mr. David Lieb (Faith) will be representing us as our lay delegate. As I did in 2023, I’ll be serving as the assistant secretary of the convention, working with Dr. Sias, the Secretary of Synod.

Every three years, over 1,000 pastors and lay people gather in convention to make decisions on behalf of our church body. The convention, which is held in different places each triennium, meets this year in Phoenix, Arizona. Since 2010, the convention has met in places like St. Louis, Houston, Milwaukee, and Tampa. The two primary factors in deciding a location for the convention are facility availability (hotels and a convention center) and cost (not climate), which is why delegates get to go to Phoenix in July.

Although this may seem far off and unimportant to the daily life of our congregations here at Trinity, the decisions made at convention are, by extension, decisions made for our local churches, too. It is good to understand a bit about what happens at a national convention and why it matters to us.

Over 170 years ago, 14 German Lutheran congregations in Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and New York decided to join together into a common synod. The word “synod” comes from Greek and literally means “walking together.” In practical terms, a synod is a cooperation of churches that share a confession.

Article II of the LCMS constitution sets forth the confession that every member of the Synod “accepts without reservation”: the Holy Scriptures, the three Christian creeds, and the statements of doctrine contained the Book of Concord. These are the things that bind us together with other LCMS churches. We all agree that the Holy Scriptures are the only “rule and norm of faith and practice” and that the creeds and Lutheran confessions are “a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God.” Thus, unlike some church bodies, when the LCMS gathers in



convention, delegates will not be discussing whether we really believe that Jesus was born of a virgin or rose from the dead, or whether homosexuality or sexual relations outside marriage are really condemned by God. We accept what the Word of God says; we do not rule over it!

Instead, the decisions facing our convention delegates may be practical matters (such as how best to use our financial resources, how to organize our Synod, how to support our schools, etc.), or they may be matters in which we seek to reaffirm what the Scriptures say. Synod in convention has frequently passed resolutions affirming that the Bible is the true Word of God, that the world was created in six days by God’s Word, that women are not to be pastors, and so forth. These are not new teachings the Synod is creating but rather firm statements that we believe what the Scriptures say on these matters.

One interesting fact of how our Synod is designed is that it is made up of congregations and pastors as its members. This sometimes strikes lay people as confusing. Does this mean you are not actually a member of the Synod? Technically, no. Instead, individual Christians are members of local congregations, and these congregations are the actual members of Synod, as are individual LCMS pastors. A

little more thought makes this clear. Both congregations and pastors publicly declare their doctrinal teaching, and if they forsake this teaching, they cease to exist as a church or a pastor (unless they publicly make a new confession with some other church body). Churches and pastors are necessary partners—a church needs a pastor, and a pastor needs a church—and they help keep one another true to God’s Word. A faithful church may call out an erring pastor, and a faithful pastor may reprimand an erring church. Individual Christians may transfer from one congregation to another, but they continue to stay within the LCMS if those established congregations are members of Synod, walking together.

Because of this makeup of Synod—congregations and pastors—at conventions half the voting delegates are pastors, representing themselves and their brother pastors in a given geographical area, and half the voting delegates are lay people, representing their own congregation and others nearby. The founders of the LCMS were very intentional that this balance between clergy and laity should be maintained so that we would avoid either an ecclesiastical hierarchy (where pastors make the decisions and simply tell the laity what they will do) or a free-for-all democracy (where the laity can override the pastoral office).

In addition to the 1,000-plus voting delegates, several hundred advisory delegates also attend the convention. This year Andrea Petree, one of our teachers at Trinity, serves as one of the advisory delegates for the Missouri District. Advisory delegates represent the Synod’s teachers, retired pastors, and other church workers.

While they do not vote, advisory delegates may speak for or against resolutions and otherwise advocate on behalf of the church workers and institutions they represent.

According to the Synod Bylaws, the national convention serves three main purposes: (1) worship, study, and fellowship, (2) elections, (3) making resolutions. While the latter two purposes are what most people think of as happening at Synod convention, the worship and study together are the foundation for all the “real business” that occurs. We do not maintain our Synodical unity by electing the right people or making the right statements. We maintain our unity by knowing, loving, and studying the Word of God.

And how does all this matter to us here in Jefferson City? For one thing, as the Fourth Commandment urges us, we ought to honor and pray for those in authority over us, including Synod officials, so we should want to learn who is elected! Even more importantly, whatever Synod speaks in convention is also what we proclaim to the world. We do not decide for our own congregation whether we like this or that teaching of Scripture as affirmed by Synod. We walk together with our LCMS brothers and sisters, boldly proclaiming the truth of God’s Word even when it brings the hatred of the world upon us. In August, I hope to share what happened at convention with you.

In Christ,
Pastor Powell

Missionary Society

The Missionary Society is taking the summer off so our next meeting will be in September. Feel free to go to lcms.org and see some of the devotions, bible studies, and mission grants. Also read up on the Missouri District Convention. Remember to continue to fill your Mite Boxes. The plan is to set the Mite Boxes out each 1st Sunday of the month. Any questions please feel free to contact Danielle Rakow, 573-230-5654, rakowedtk@gmail.com

Parish Ed Youth Board

Remember, we are still having Summer Sunday School. We are using the Art Room on the 2nd floor. Come for Bible stories, arch books, crafts, etc...

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club of Trinity Lutheran Church will meet on Tuesday, July 14, at 6pm in the church library. Our agenda will include planning for our next Fall BBQ and fundraiser and discussing our summer membership event. All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in discussing or joining the Men’s Club is asked to speak with Michael Doggett or Jay Wunderlich.

Modern men
are surrounded by **comfort**
but **starved** for meaning...

Saturdays

7am

**Trinity Lutheran
Church Library**

Reclaim the Man
www.memento70.com

MOM'S GET TOGETHER

Keep an eye out for another one in the next couple months!

You can also join us the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:15am in the fellowship hall for some mom talk and casual toddler play. If you have any questions, reach out to Jenni Wachter, Erin Rakow, or Maria Drilling.



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**MON
JULY
27**

4TH ANNUAL **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Meadowlake Acres Country Club, New Bloomfield, MO

Proceeds go towards the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran School.

**4 - Person Scramble - 18 Hole
\$125/golfer - \$500/team**

**Sponsorship Opportunities:
\$100 - \$2,000**

*For more information or to register,
pick up a packet in the church office or go to
www.trinityjc.org/golf*



**TRINITY LUTHERAN
MISSIONS BOARD
will be collecting your**

"FIRST FRUITS & VEGTABLES"

**EACH SUNDAY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AT THE CHURCH AND DELIVERED
TO SALVATION ARMY & SAMARITIAN CENTER**

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Members of the Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association:

It's hard to believe, but 2026 marks the 30th year of the Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association.

In 1996, a small group of former Trinity School graduates thought it would be a good idea to create a venue where former students could build upon the Christian heritage and support the goals and objectives that contributed to the ongoing education of Trinity Lutheran School teachers and students.

Folks like Henry Genske, Herb Sommerer, Wayne Engelbrecht, Ed Knerschild, Victoria Walther, Dorthy Loesch, Dee Beck, and Nancy Duncan all spent countless hours getting the alumni association up and running and then maintaining a database of association members who not only lived in the Jefferson City area but also across the United States.

The intent of the organization, as drafted by the framers of this association was simple:

- To build upon the Christian heritage shared as former students of Trinity Lutheran School;
- To support goals that will contribute to the continuing education of Trinity Lutheran School students;
- To support quality education in Trinity Lutheran School, our Alma Mater; and
- Not to involve the organization in the school's administration.

Past annual meetings of the association allowed members to gather to visit with and talk to former students, family members, and friends, reminiscing about the school days gone by. Attendance at these meetings was close to one hundred, and the meetings were held in the Trinity school gymnasium or at off-site hotel locations in Jefferson City.

Members were happy to donate their annual dues to the association. These funds would support projects backed by alumni members. These projects included the purchase of school encyclopedias, a milk cooler for the school cafeteria, furnishings for a third kindergarten room, equipment for the school's archery program, and so on.

The meetings would also focus on identifying a person of the year who contributed their time and talents to promoting Christian education. These individuals included former ministers of Trinity Lutheran Church, former teachers and principals of Trinity School, and Trinity laypersons who were community and business leaders, all motivated by faith to support a quality parochial education.

Unfortunately, those days are gone, and interest in the alumni association has begun to fade. For more than five years, the current membership and interest in the Trinity School Alumni Association have greatly declined. New members are nonexistent. Membership dues have dropped. Many of the older generation members who founded the association and took great pride in its purpose have passed away and gone to heaven to live with their Lord and Savior.

The younger generation finds little value or interest in the association goals and objectives and prefers social media to keep in touch with former classmates, unlike the older generation, who enjoyed face-to-face visits and social activities. Last year, for example, only 40 people attended our annual meeting, and there is no expectation that this year will be any different.

While our current board and executive committee members have taken great strides to maintain and expand our outreach to retain existing members and attract new members to the alumni association, our efforts have not been successful. We've participated in Tiger Fest; advertised with a membership booth at the church's annual Fall suppers; and expanded our mission to social media outlets, now with our own Facebook site. But again, no interest.

In fact, to put things into perspective, since 2020, we have attracted only three new members to the association. During that same time, we have lost many members due to deaths or non-paying memberships.

The Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association is now at a crossroads. We must decide whether to continue as a status quo association with limited membership and funds or whether the time has come to dissolve our mission as we know it today.

Over the next several weeks, the alumni board members are reaching out to past, present, and prospective alumni of Trinity Lutheran School to identify individuals who may want to serve on the alumni board and help ensure the associations continued existence and purpose. Specifically, we are seeking leaders who want to advance the key function of promoting a Christian education by supporting our preachers, teachers, and others at Trinity who believe in the ministry of a Lutheran education.

Please pray for the direction and future of this association, as this topic will be a primary focus of discussion at our annual reunion on Saturday, September 12.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the alumni association board, please feel free to contact us at alumni@trinityjc.org.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee and Board Members of the Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association

President – Jay Wunderlich

Vice President – Judy (Goldammer) Bangert

Secretary – Debbie (Kleindienst) Tritz

Treasurer – Cindy (Beck) Rollins

Karen Buhr, Andrew Holzschuh, Janell (Wunderlich) Bernskoetter, Karl Michael, Brooke (Rollins) Romph, Jeff Hilke, Sally (Schneider) Powell, and Matthew Johnson

(Date – July 2026)

STAND FIRM

Building Foundations On The Rock

-Matthew 7:24

SRYOUTH

TRINITY LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH SWAT

Serve Worship And Trust

I can do all things through him who gives me strength
-Philippians 4:13

Candy Bar Fundraiser - Sr Youth are selling World Famous Chocolate Bars for \$1.00 each. All proceeds will go toward our Youth Gathering 2028 in San Antonio. Thank you for your continued support of this event!

College Youth Event – July 18th. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8am. We hope to be on the water by 10am at Riverfront Campground. Please let Angie know by July 15th if you plan to attend.

Backyard Mission Trip - Saturday, July 25th thru Sunday morning, July 26th the Senior Youth will go on a Mission Trip right here in our own back yard. We will spend time serving those in need in our own community. Please arrive in the Youth Room at 8:00 am Saturday morning. We will ask for a \$20 donation per participant to cover the cost of food and t-shirt. Please let Angie know if you plan to attend.

Emerald Crossing VBS Thank You to all those that attended and helped with VBS. We loved spending the week with you!



Summer Book Club - This summer we will travel around town each week to study Love, God, and Sex. The guys will go with Russ and the girls with Angie. Our first night is Wednesday July 1st.

Word for Today

"And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

Scripture Snacks

" But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience, ~Romans 8:25

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ~Romans 8:26

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ~ Galatians 5:14

July Calendar

1	Summer Study
12	Jr Youth (6:30pm) Sr Youth (7:15pm)
19	Jr Youth (6:30pm) Sr Youth (7:15pm)
25-26	Sr Youth Backyard Mission Trip

Meal Train Link

www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm

Contact for More Information

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Heit's Point Lutheran 2026 summer camps at Lake of the Ozarks



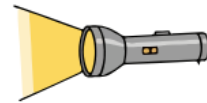
Family Camps:

June 15-19 & Aug. 2-7



Art Camp & ALL Camp: June 7-12

Caving Week: June 21-26



Discovery Camp K-3rd grade
June 28-30



Basketball Week: July 5-10

Water Week: July 19-24



HS/MS Servant Event: July 12-17



2026 theme:
Seek God first

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:15 MOMs morning out 9:30a Lectionary L	2	3	4 6p DIVINE SERVICE Game Night (social) 7PM Fellowship Hall
5 9:30am DIVINE SERVICE 8:30a Sunday School 6:30pm Jr Youth 7:15pm Sr Youth	6 8a Quilters Ladies Evening Guild 6:30pm - Library	7 6p Missionary Society 6p Men's Club L	8 9:30a Lectionary L	9	10 11a – Library Work 7p – Game Night	11 6p DIVINE SERVICE
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