WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound:
Tom Blanchard, Anne Cook, Greg Schroeder, Bill Schneider, Lynn Stuhlman

Military:
John Becker, Evan Brenner, Julie Cluver, Jonathan Couture, Megan Dierking, Nathan House, Cole Going, Grant Going, Reece Going, Aaron Green, Justin Grell, Jesse Harrison, Cody Kollmeyer, Kori Lehenbauer, Kendrick Logan, Evangeline McKay, Eli Nadler, Cameron Sanford, Jaden Sutcliffe, Josh Suthoff, Colby Thomas, Tyler Thomas

Call the church office or email keithdenisez@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE

Please be sure to fill out the attendance pad.
Last Weekend
6:00pm 139 8:00am 156 10:30am 147

TOTAL: 442

OFFERING

Last Weekend Total Giving	Amount Required For Budget
$12,381.77	$20,000.00

FLOWERS & BULLETINS

If you would like to sponsor bulletins (suggested donation is $50) or provide altar flowers for a weekend, contact the church office or sign up at signup.com/go/TLCFlowers.

STAY IN THE KNOW.

Update your contact information at:
trinityjc.breezechms.com/form/MemberUpdate
or through your Breeze account

SERVANT SCHEDULE

		THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
6:00 PM	Deacon	Jay Wunderlich Nick LaBoube Jon Schnitzler	Jared Kesel Ty Morris Cliff Sutcliffe
	Usher	Tom Procter	Nate Roettgen
	Acolytes	Kennedy Murphy	Sophia Frates Sarah Kesel
8:00 AM	Deacon	Ryan Brunner Mike Doggett Sam Ziegelbein	Ross Walquist Randy Seidel Cory Esselman
	Usher	Stephen Johnson	Michael Johnson
	Acolytes		
10:30	Deacon	Kyle Gretlein Michael Denney Charlie Skornia	Joe Kollmeyer Matt Fife Russ Brenner
	Usher	David Knernschield	Kevin Bateman
	Acolytes	Serenity Johnson Ryan Boos Jr.	

Beware of Clergy Scams
Please be alert for emails or text messages pretending to be from our pastor or other church leaders. Be especially suspicious of requests for money, gift cards, personal information, or an urgent favor. We will never ask you by email or text to purchase gift cards, send money, or provide personal financial information. When in doubt, do not respond. Call the church office or contact the person using a phone number or email address you already know is legitimate—do not use the contact information provided in the suspicious message.



FALL DINNER SIGN UP SHEETS are located in the narthex. Please sign up there, or by scanning below, make sure to include a contact phone number. The chair of each committee is posted along with their cell phone contact. You may reach out to them for questions and they should be giving you a call for detailed arrangements and arrival time closer to the event. It definitely takes "a village" and as many volunteers as possible! All volunteers, even if it is only a few hours, are appreciated.

FALL DINNER COUNTRY STORE
We are looking for delicious items to stock on our shelves at the **Country Store** for the fall dinner. Bakers and crafters, it's time to put on your aprons! We welcome a variety of homemade, homegrown, and handcrafted goods.

We especially appreciate items such as whole pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, homemade breads, rolls, fudge, and allergy-friendly treats. Gluten-free and nut-free options are particularly welcome. We also accept homemade jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, honey, and spice blends.

In addition to food items, we are looking for handcrafted goods. This includes knitted or crocheted items, soaps, candles, quilts, aprons, holiday décor, and woodworking items. We also welcome harvested fruits, vegetables, potted plants, herbs, and floral arrangements.

Important Guidelines for Bakers: To ensure the safety of our customers, please securely wrap your baked goods. Please attach a small label listing the item name and any common allergens (especially nuts, dairy, or gluten).

Thank you for contributing to our fall dinner!

DROP-OFF INFORMATION for Country Store: Please bring all donations to the school old gym on SATURDAY, November 21 or SUNDAY, November 22 (dinner day) before 10:00AM. If you have other questions, please contact Velvet Meers at 573-690-0331.

FALL DINNER PRESALE TICKETS
Pre-sale tickets are available in the church office or can be purchased online. Buy extra tickets and give to your special friends and neighbors for a Thanksgiving gift!

FALL DINNER PARKING
For volunteers, we ask that you park in the upper church parking lot and come down through the elevator, or use the parking lot near the end of the playground equipment, providing adequate parking on the three levels for guests. Mike Doggett will provide a shuttle from the fry shack area! He would love to give you a ride!

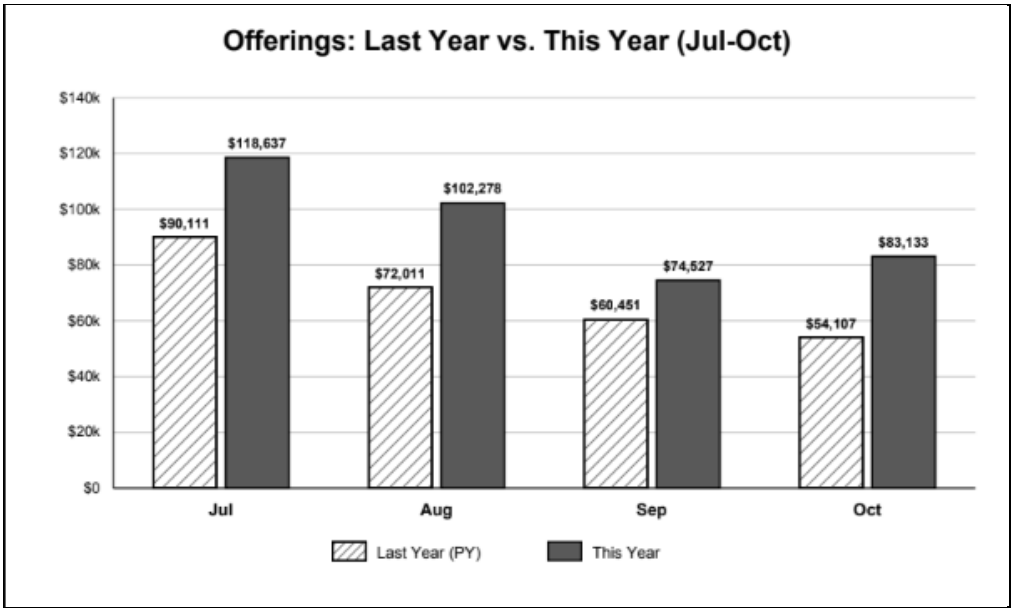
EMS MEALS for the Fall Dinner are being sponsored again this year by Thrivent Action Teams.
If you have a Thrivent Action Team, please consider donating to cover our EMS meals for the community. If you have questions, direct them to Pastor Powell or Janelle Schulte.

FALL DINNER AUCTION
The FALL DINNER DESSERT AUCTION ROSTER IS FULL! Thanks to all the bakers for signing up!

MISSIONARY SOCIETY
It is that time of year again. Missionary Society is selling PECANS! The price is $12 per bag. Feel free to contact a Missionary Society member, the Church Office, Calvary's Gift or Denise Ziegelbein (573)690-0881. The money raised goes toward various mission projects!

LADIES EVENING GUILD
Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 7, at 6 p.m. This will be our Christmas celebration with a catered meal prepared by Sandy Siebeneck, Leslie Franklin, and Janelle Schulte. Guests are invited to attend. Please call Pam Rustemeyer at 573-338-7337 for more information. We will be bringing in food items and paper products to give to two families we will adopt for Christmas. The nominations of Sheila Rustemeyer for President, and Leslie Franklin for Treasurer, were accepted and passed for the new year. The chili and soup meal will be on February 7, 2027 in the cafeteria. More information to follow.





Over the last few weeks, we closed out the books on two of our large capital improvement projects. We are pleased to share that the sanctuary roof project has been completed at a total cost of $92,517.00. A new walk-in freezer was installed in the school cafeteria to replace the unit that failed last year. The total cost of the freezer replacement was $48,733.26. As I have mentioned before, many organizations and supporters play a vital role in funding improvements to our facilities and programs. Special thanks to The Trinity Alumni Association and an anonymous alumni donor for funding the landscaping project at the front of the school. The landscaping has made the front of the school more visually appealing. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our congregation and school.



LUTHERANS LOVE LIFE BECAUSE JESUS LOVES LIFE



You want to speak up for life. This January, Lutherans are gathering in our nation's capital to do just that, and now is a great time to sign up to join them!

The **National March for Life** in Washington, D.C., is an opportunity to speak up for life, share the Gospel and make it known to all that Lutherans are a voice for LIFE!

Would you or your congregation like to be a part of the largest group of Lutherans ever to march together at the National March for Life?

Here's what you need to know:

What? National March for Life

When? Jan. 22, 2027

Where? Washington, D.C., starting near the National Mall

Anything else? Everyone joining our LCMS group will receive a hat and a hymn sign before joining other marchers to walk and pray for our nation's leaders and lawmakers.

Lutherans affirm life because of what Christ has done for the lives of all humanity. We love because He first loved us, and it's time for you to join us as we make that known to the world!

Visit *lcms.org/national-march-for-life* for more information or to register.

Questions? Reach out to *nationalmarchforlife@lcms.org*.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD



Pecans

$12/BAG

available in the church office, at Calvary's Gift, and through members of Missionary Society

Proceeds support various missions supported by Trinity Lutheran Missionary Society

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Important Dates

November 20	Early Dismissal
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday Chapel

We invite you to join us for chapel each Wednesday at 8:15. Our chapel offerings for the 2nd Quarter will be going to support LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, Home of the Comfort Dogs. Launched in August 2008, the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ.

5th Grade Teaching Position

Trinity Lutheran School is seeking a 5th grade teacher to complete the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year. This position would teach primarily Math and Science. Classroom responsibilities would begin as soon as possible. Successful candidates will provide spiritual leadership in all relationships with students, parents, faculty, and staff as they carry out plans and programs to achieve the responsibilities assigned. It is preferred that interested individuals possess a Missouri teaching license or substitute teaching license. To submit a resume or to obtain more information about the position, please contact Jonathan Sprengel, Principal at 573-636-7807 or jsprengel@trinityjc.org.

Thanksgiving Pep Session

Trinity will have a Thanksgiving Pep Session on Friday, November 20 starting at 10:40 AM. During the pep session students will have the opportunity to share what they are thankful for and there will be other fun activities such as teacher turkey bowling. Hope to see you there!

8th Grade Poinsettia Fundraiser

The 8th grade class is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser for their class trip.
The poinsettia sale is the main fundraiser for the class trip. Trinklein Brothers Nursery is supplying the poinsettias in three colors – red, white and pink, and two sizes – a large 6” pot and an extra-large 8” pot. Prices are: $14 for the large and $20 for the extra-large. Orders are due by **Wednesday, November 18,** and can be placed through any Trinity 8th grade student or by contacting the school office. The flowers will be delivered to Trinity and will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 1st from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

CALVARY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALVARY INSIDER – Curious about what went on at Calvary this week?

- Wednesday was Faith Fest! Students participated in games and two special chapel services themed around Walking as a Child of the Light.
- 5th and 6th graders came out to Calvary for Game Night on Friday!

GOD'S WORK THROUGH YOUR HANDS: Our 8th Annual Week of Giving

For over two decades, God has been working through our community to transform young lives at Calvary. Students don't just receive an education — they discover their identity as beloved children of God, redeemed by Christ and equipped for His purpose.

This week—Sunday, November 15 through Saturday, November 22—you're invited to be part of their story.

Every gift, large or small, helps a student experience the blessing of growing in faith and knowledge together. When you give, you're saying to a young person: "*Your faith matters. Your future matters. You matter.*"

Give online by selecting Give Now at calvarylhs.org/support. Gifts by mail are also welcome. If you're led to give in other ways, consider:

- **Your Time** – Join Calvary's Gift, where volunteers like you are the hands and feet of Christ's mission here. Pat would love to hear from you at 573-338-2442 to explore how your unique gifts can serve.
- **Your Prayers** – In a world that often opposes what we stand for, your prayers are a powerful shield. Lift up our students, teachers, and families. Ask God to continue His faithful work here and to provide according to His perfect will.
- **Your Legacy** – What if your faithfulness could echo into eternity? Through Gift Planning, you can ensure that long after the Lord calls you home, your earthly blessings continue equipping students to live out their callings. John Christman can help you explore these meaningful possibilities.
- **Your Taxes**(?) – Did you know that half of your state tax bill can go to directly support a Lutheran school student? In 2026, you can make a gift to the Missouri District of The LCMS toward MO Scholars and you will receive an equal tax credit to apply with your tax return. Ask your tax advisor for more information. Thank you for answering God's call to invest in the next generation of faithful leaders.

CALVARY COMMITMENT

Trinity is one of 6 association churches that own Calvary Lutheran High School. Together with Trinity, Calvary provides the opportunity for a PreK-12 Lutheran school experience in mid-Missouri. Along with the other
co-owner congregations, Trinity has committed to supporting Calvary financially with $15 per communicant member per year. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this support with your offering envelope designated to Calvary or through online giving. Thank you for your support of Lutheran education!



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

6" Red Poinsettia - $14.00

Orders with payment due November 18
Make checks payable to: *Trinity Lutheran Church*

Use the form below or order online using this QR code

# of Plants: _____

Total Due: $_____

In Honor/Memory of:_____

_____

_____

You can pick up your plant after Christmas Service, December 25th. Remaining plants will be donated.

Your name as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

_____

Phone or Email:_____

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

ADVENT 2026

FOR FAMILIES OF
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
6:30pm - 7:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Families with children of all ages:
Join us for a night of music, activities,
and devotion as we prepare
for this Advent season.



Please sign up to attend at
signup.com/go/JTKQVSt

HOSTED BY THE
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

A Message from Trinity Lutheran Church Elders:

The Board of Elders are wanting to hear feedback from you. The Board of Elders are considering making changes to our Sunday morning worship schedule in 2027. We are considering combining two services into one. Here are some simple facts on why we are considering this change.

Trinity has 3 services and each service averages around 100 to 150 people. Our church holds 450 people. We are called to worship together as a congregation.

Trinity used to have three Pastors and we are down to having one Pastor. It has become difficult to have adult instruction classes, bible study, and 2 worship services all on Sunday morning with one Pastor.

Each service has volunteers that help run all three services. Each service has Deacons, Ushers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Security, Music and Media/Audio support. It has become harder to schedule volunteers to cover all three services.

Your Board of Elders
elders@trinityjc.org

Jared Kesel, “Chairman of the Board”
Jay Wunderlich, “Vice Chairman of the Board”
Ryan Brunner, “Secretary”
Joe Kollmeyer
Joe Holzschuh
Kyle Gretlein
Ross Walquist
Jason Lale

Help Needed at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
On Tuesday, November 17, (8:30-noon) weather permitting, an experienced group of volunteers will be working to straighten, restore, and clean the tombstones. The cemetery is located next to South School on Linden Dr. If you have always wanted to know how to clean a tombstone properly, this is a great opportunity to learn and also help preserve our church cemetery. Please bring a spray bottle, soft bristle brush, and bucket for water. Also, you may need a snack, drinking water and a folding chair for resting. Dress for working outdoors! For more information, call Doris Schmutzler (573)353-6784 or Gary Schmutzler (573)353-3676.

SAMARITAN CENTER CHRISTMAS STARS ARE HERE!

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and Christmas is just around the corner! So many families are struggling to make ends meet. The need is great, but so is the generosity of our congregation members! The stars for the Samaritan Center families Trinity is sponsoring this year are now on the tree in the Narthex.

To donate, all you need to do is select one or more stars from the tree; then write down the star #, the name on the star, and your name and phone number on a sign-up sheet on the table next to the tree. Then shop, wrap the gift/gifts, attach the star securely to the package/packages, and bring to the church office **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th**. You do not have to buy everything listed on the star--these are only suggestions from the family.

Each family sponsored by Trinity will receive grocery gift cards to a grocery store near them. The gift cards will be purchased by the Church office from the Trinity School Scrip Program. The white stars on the tree are for this purpose. Simply select a white star, record the information on the sign-up sheet and then drop off the star and the money (cash or check made payable to Trinity Scrip) to the church office by November 30th.

If you want to participate but are not into shopping or if you have any questions, please contact Carol Fischer at (573) 619-2149. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Rhythms and Routines



What patterns have you established in your home? Is there a certain time to tidy things up? Are there morning greetings or bedtime goodbyes that have become commonplace? Maybe everyone has a task before dinnertime.

Our family adapted our routines with each new chapter, but there are always patterns to our life together.

There is a comforting benefit that comes with the rhythms and rituals in life, and worship is no different.

The Words of Our Worship

Each week in church, we participate in some form of liturgy. Even congregations that may adapt their services on a weekly basis still have some order or structure to their worship services. *Lutheran Service Book* contains five settings of the Divine Service so that congregations may use one or more of these settings for their regular worship services.

As your family takes part in the *Words of Worship* program, you will have the opportunity to learn about the settings of the Divine Service from *Lutheran Service Book*. *Words of Worship* will provide a variety of resources to assist in this effort. Bulletins will help children participate in the service by noticing what is special each week. Board books will help the littlest ones recognize phrases and actions that take place during the service. Music books will help children become familiar with music that is commonly used on Sundays. Other resources will help explain what aspects of the liturgy mean, drawing attention to the rhythms of our routines at church.

Looking Ahead

In the months ahead, many of these resources will become available for your family and congregation to help your children understand the liturgy and grow in their faith as they participate in each element of the service.



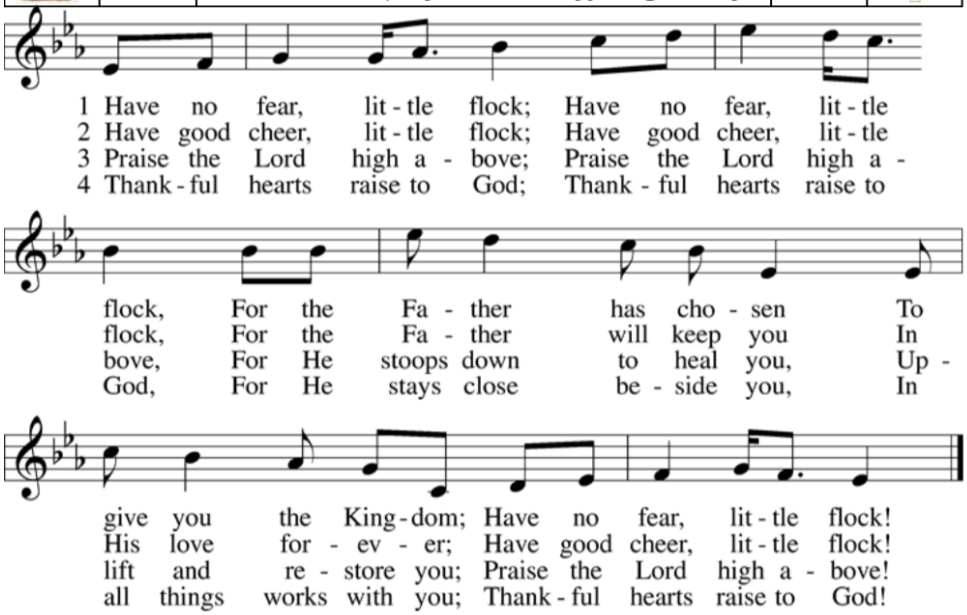
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Family Discipleship

November 15, 2026

NEXT WEEK'S HYMN

LSB 735	Have No Fear, Little Flock *Link to music playlist @ trinityjc.org/family*	MFH 96



LEARN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WITH YOUR FAMILY

If you memorize two commandments each week,
you will have all 10 commandments memorized
just in time for Christmas!

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?
We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean?
We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Find all the commandments--and all parts of the Small Catechism--at https://catechism.cph.org

Family Devotions

Tips for Family Devotions: Follow the simple outline to the right or use another order of worship to guide your devotional practice at home. Try using the a hymnal, the Treasury of Daily Prayer, My Treasury of Faith, or other book.
Schedule time each day for intentional family discipleship. Ask questions and dig deeper into the Bible reading together.

Invocation: Make the sign of the cross in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to remember your Baptism.

10 Commandments: Recognize your need for repentance and God's forgiveness.

Creed: Confess your faith by saying the Apostles' Creed.

Devotion: Read a devotion or part of Luther's Small Catechism. Talk about the Bible reading and apply it to your life.

Bible Reading: Read God's Word out loud. Read a Psalm, and/or passage. Use a story Bible or study Bible with notes.

Song: Sing a hymn, Psalm, or children's song.

Prayer: Speak to God with your words and thoughts. Say the Lord's prayer, repeat-after-me, or specific requests.

Blessing: Say Num. 6:24-26, "repeat-after-me" with a Psalm, etc.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Worship

Sun	8:00 am	DIVINE SERVICE
	9:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School Classrooms
	10:30 am	DIVINE SERVICE
Wed	8:15 am	School Chapel
Sat	6:00 pm	DIVINE SERVICE

Weekly

Sun	6:30 pm	Jr Youth (6th-8th) **YR**
	7:15 pm	Sr Youth (HS) **YR**
Mon	8:00 am	Quilters **Lobby**
Wed	9:30 am	Lectionary Class **L**
5:30 pm		Handbell Practice
Thur	7:00 pm	Choir practice

Upcoming Trinity Music

12/9	Bells	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent
12/16	Men/Women's Choirs	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent
12/20	Bells/Choir	8:00am and 10:30am	
12/24	Bells/Choir	11:00 pm	Candlelight

Monthly

Mon	6:30 pm	Evening Guild *(1st Mon)* **L**
Tue	1:30 pm	Women's Auxiliary *(2nd Tue)* **FH**
	6:00 pm	Men's Club *(2nd Tue)* **L**
	6:00 pm	Missionary Society *(2nd Tue)* **FH**
Wed	11:30 am	Widow Support Group *(3rd W)* **L**
Fri	7:00 pm	Singles' Game Night *(3rd Fri)* **FH**
Sat	7:15 pm	Social Game Night *(1st Sat)* **FH**

Church Meetings

Council (6:30pm)	**Boards (6:30pm)**	**Voters (7:00pm)**
11/24	11/17	

News Deadlines

Send to churchoffice@trinityjc.org

Weekly Bulletin	**Newsletter**
12pm, Wed	12pm, 22nd of mo

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