



# TRINITY TIDINGS

SEPTEMBER, 2017

*Believing in Christ, we are called to grow and are sent to serve.*

## Thinking Out Loud With Pastor Josh.

“In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.” – Luke 1.78-79, Zechariah’s prophecy

We have avoided it and kept it private. We have hoped it would go away. That it would slink back into its hole in the ground and remain out of the light. We’ve put off the conversation or quietly given thanks when it hasn’t come up around the dinner table or the communion table.

Friends, we don’t want to talk about racism. We don’t want to hear the word because when it’s brought up, there is a stench of contagion that seems to waft from it. We don’t want that stink on us. We don’t want to imagine it infecting our lives.

Unfortunately though, it does. It has. Sin always finds its way. Hate speech moves about our thoughts as it drifts over the pages of our newspapers and across our screens. It seeps into the ideas of our children and takes root in their minds, where it slowly, secretly grows.

The sin of racism is part of our national history. The sin of racism is part of our national conversation. The sin of racism is being given a voice by people across our nation, and sometimes in our families, and it is no longer afraid of the light. As often as it is spoken out loud and deemed acceptable, racism against non-white peoples is available for our youngest ones to claim. It’s validated and affirmed and worn publicly on shirts and flags.

Racism against African Americans and people of color is being normalized. Again.

None of us wants to talk about it. Yet, we don’t have a choice. Because none of us is immune to its effects. And, we are people of God and followers of a savior who grants us the power to denounce these forces and all of their empty promises. We are a voice of Grace and forgiveness as we have been forgiven. We have been washed in the flowing waters of the Holy Spirit, which gives us the words of God’s justice rolling down the mountains.

We are people of transformative love charged with confronting hate and sin in all its forms, including the resurgence of racism and bigotry being promoted by white nationalists who no longer hide under hoods and the cover of night. Christ grants us a new life that is set free from the powers of death, however it may be carried and thrown at God’s people. Jesus walks with us into the valleys we want to avoid so that we can deliver a word of hope and peace.

I feel ill equipped to stand against this tide of hate. You may feel the same. However, I am compelled by Christ to remember that any struggle that could come to pass is nothing that can be compared to the violence, terror, suffering, and death that has been brought upon our African American brothers and sisters for over 350 years in this nation.

I am compelled by Christ to remember that I made public promises at my baptism. Many of us in the Lutheran church made promises to uphold God’s peace and justice in our community. We have incredible power and influence through Christ’s life giving waters.

We have children in our arms who deserve to hear a word that defies these hateful words. We have friends and neighbors down our streets who deserve to know that they are welcome and safe in this house of God. Because they are. Our families, our youth, our African American brothers and sisters deserve to know that their lives matter in the presence of Christ. Racist words do not deserve the breath they are given.

Jesus has already destroyed the power of sin through the cross. Our call is to publicly uphold this promise and reflect this light through our lives and actions. We don’t have a choice anymore. Racism and the people who brandish it cannot have the final word. Christ will lead us by his way of peace. It is our way to follow him, to defy hate with divine love, to teach his words of compassion to every generation, and to lift high the cross that bears our hope for God’s people. Trust in God’s Grace.

## WORSHIP ROLES AT TRINITY

Worship is of God and from God for the people God loves. You can be part of our ever-growing leadership team. We're looking for ushers/greeters, we'd love to have more Bible readers, and everyone enjoys hearing a diversity of musical gifts. Come, sing, read, pray, dance (yeah, dancing would be wonderful), give a testimony, play an instrument, distribute communion, hold the doors open for guests. There is a place for you in worship; your gifts will help everyone grow in faith.

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### USHER/GREETER PLAN

Our Council President, Al Ulferts, has devised a plan to ensure we have ushers and greeters each and every week of the year. We'd love for you to be part of it.

His schedule will work if we can have **20 people to commit to usher during the year.**

There would be four (4) permanent teams of 5 ushers each, and each of those teams would usher three (3) months of the year - not 3 months in a row. (See proposed Schedule below)

With 5 members on each team, that would allow members to trade Sundays off and allow for 5 members to usher on the special days when communion is held at the rail

Team 1 would usher: Jan, May & Sep  
Team 2 would usher: Feb, Jun & Oct  
Team 3 would usher: Mar, Jul & Nov  
Team 4 would usher: Apr, Aug & Dec

Want to join one of our Usher Teams?  
Call the church office (815-734-6354) and we'll get you connected.

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### SPECIAL OFFERING RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who made a special offering on August 5th and 6th to purchase gift cards for Vicar Karyn.

Your generosity provided a \$280 gift card to Sullivan's and a \$100 gift card to Dollar General.

(Karyn's Thank you is on the September calendar.)

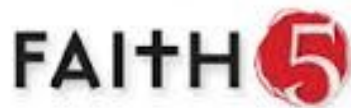
## HAVE YOU VISITED TRINITY'S NEW ONLINE RESOURCE?

We have launched a new education based website designed to be a collection of resources for life long learning. From links for families to follow up notes for youth to further information about adult learning topics, as well as weekly sermon notes, our new site is meant to help us fulfill our baptismal promise to keep growing in faith. Check it out when you have a chance and give us feedback. What would you like to see added?

Visit: <http://trinityfaithlearning.weebly.com>

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### FAITH5 – “EVERY NIGHT IN EVERY HOME”



**Share** (highs and lows).  
**Read** (a Bible verse or story).  
**Talk** (about the Bible reading).  
**Pray** (for each other).  
**Bless** (one another).

5 formative steps that may take 5 minutes or much longer before supper or getting into bed. Look for the book marks in the pews and take one home for your own use. Use the verse of the week found at the top of every Refrigerator Reminders as a way to open the Bible together. Take 5 to Faith 5 as a family, with friends, on your own.

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### DEEP DIGS (Adult Learning) RETURNS Topic: The Limits of Forgiveness Sunday, Sept 17

Is there such a thing as going too far? We use the word “forgiveness” a lot in worship, our prayers and daily lives. At what point does God stop? Seems obvious, or maybe it doesn't, since so many of us wrestle with guilt and dread. Maybe there is such a thing as going too far from God.

Deep Digs is our monthly learning opportunity for adults to gather after worship ask hard questions about our faith, our lives and our world. This year we will cover a wide variety of topics, such as Forgiveness, World Religions and Gender Issues. We're talking about these around the coffee table anyway, at Trinity we bring them right into our learning time. Anyone can attend and participate in Deep Digs, which occurs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at **11:00am** (after worship). Come and wonder how God is at work in Creation.

## TRINITY SEEKING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Are you an individual with a love of learning and people of all ages? If yes, then we've got a unique opportunity waiting for you! We are seeking a part time Director of Christian Education. This individual will implement the educational ministries of the church, including among others, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

If you, or someone you know is interested, please see the full ad posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary, bell-tower hallway and Opportunities Board. The ad is also posted on our website. Applications are being accepted.



### RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 10 LET'S CELEBRATE!

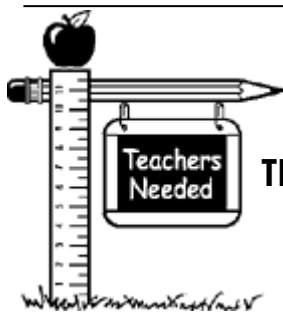
Rally Day is the fun-filled kick-off to Trinity's Sunday School season.

Youth and adults are invited to

meet on the church lawn immediately following our 9:30 am worship.

We'll celebrate coming back together after summer by playing games and learn about this year's Sunday School program. A light lunch will be provided.

Questions? Call 815-734-6354 or Email: [trinitymm@frontier.com](mailto:trinitymm@frontier.com)



### SUNDAY SCHOOL is in NEED of TEACHERS and HELPERS!

Sunday School Season is here! We need **YOUR** help! Our current

Sunday School students range in age from 4 years through 6th grade. That is quite a wide span!

The Education committee is looking for volunteers to work with these students—we have an age group for everyone!

Interested? Please talk to Ellen Finfrock at: [erbookworm6@gmail.com](mailto:erbookworm6@gmail.com)

Or Jackie Sances at 815-721-7709 (call or text) or [jmsances@outlook.com](mailto:jmsances@outlook.com)

## COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES



The Outreach Committee is requesting members to notify the church office as soon as possible with names of any students attending college or vocational schools this fall. The following information would be helpful:

**Name, college mailing address, and email address.**

This information may be dropped off on a piece of paper, sent in a letter, or email to the church. This information will not be shared with anyone outside the committee. Thanks for your help in keeping the committee and church informed.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Staff Phone Numbers and Emails** are listed on Trinity's "Servants for the Month" page (usually page 9) each and every month. (You will find Vicar Karyn's information there.) The **Church office** hours are listed there as well.

**A Lost and Found box** is located in the closet in the bell tower entry. We also have an assortment of small hearing aid size batteries and buttons on the desk in the church office. You are always welcome to look for something you are missing either place!

## END OF LIFE PLANNING: An Adult Education Series

Presented by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dixon, Sundays 9:30—10:30 Aug 27th—Sept 17th and Oct 1st. See Poster on Bulletin boards in bell tower entrance and back of Worship space.

## LOAVES & FISH 4th ANNUAL YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd 9:00 am - Noon**

**Held at Church of the Brethren**

**409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris**

**(on the lower level)**

All proceeds benefit  
the Loaves & Fish Food Pantry

# MUSIC AT TRINITY

## FALL 2017

*Join hearts and hands and voices together in music at Trinity.*

### OPPORTUNITIES

- **Cantata** Join in the 13th annual Community Christmas Cantata. This is a fabulous opportunity to sing in a 50+ voice choir with instrumental accompaniment. This year the music will be *Invitation to a Miracle* by Joseph Martin. Under the direction of Christy Lewis, singers high school and up from all over Ogle County rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm beginning October 17. The performance will be held at Trinity on Sunday, December 3 at 3 pm.
- **Chancel Choir** Trinity's adult choir helps to lead worship on the 1st, 2nd or 5th Sundays of each month and special services, September through May. We sing beautiful and challenging music to praise God. Singers from Junior High age and older are invited to sing. Rehearsals start on Wednesday, September 6th. 6:45 pm Men's Rehearsal; 7:00 pm full Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 pm Women's Rehearsal
- **Chime Choir** Our Chime Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthew Gush, continues to grow musically and delight the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month, September through May. Rehearsals are held at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings. If you used to be in the band, this Chime Choir is a great place to keep up your music making.
- **Choristers/Sunday School Choir** There is a new day and time for Choristers rehearsal this year. Sunday school singing will begin at 11:30 am. Children through 6th grade are invited to stay to sing, dance, and play instruments for 25 minutes. The Choristers will continue to sing in worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month as well as singing in the Sunday school Christmas program, 4 pm Christmas Eve service, Palm Sunday processional and Mother's Day Choir. Starts October 1st.
- **Confirmation Plus Choir** Junior and High school age students are encouraged to participate in singing special pieces throughout the year and to serve as cantors for Holden Evening Prayer on the Wednesdays in Lent. A community choir of Junior and High school students will sing in the Community Cantata on December 3rd. Rehearsals TBA.
- **Instrumental Music** There is always an invitation for piano, clarinet, trumpet, ukulele, guitar, flute, recorder or any other instrument to play offering, prelude or communion music. You are encouraged to use your gifts and talents in our worship.

There is a place for you in the worship and music of Trinity Lutheran Church. Come and make music with us this fall. Talk to any members of the W&M committee if you have any questions.

*Linda Bornean, Karen Larson, Carol Eckmeier, Christy Lewis, Joan Sundsvall, Marcia Mangan, Julie Robinson*





## 2017 OGLE COUNTY CROP WALK

**“Ending Hunger One Step at a Time”**

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

**1:30 pm Registration**

**2:00 pm Walk Starts**

This year, Registration will be at the Church of the Brethren here in Mt. Morris. There will be two walks: A one mile walk will be in town and the 5 mile walk will be around and outside of town.

**Plan now to walk or sponsor a walker!** The walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS) CROP and five local food pantries including: Loaves & Fish, Lifeline-Polo, Lifeline—Oregon, Bread for Life, and the Forreston Food Pantry.

Pick up your sponsor envelope to collect donations from the folders in the bell tower hallway or in the back of the Nave (worship space).

Extra helpers will be needed the day of the walk to hand out water, etc. Contact Ed Weinberg at 815-734-4250, or email him at eweinberg48@aol.com.

If you have any questions, Trinity’s committee member is Joe Dettloff.

**“Walk. Give. Change the World”**

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## N.I. SYNOD CENTRAL CONFERENCE REFOMATION 500 GATHERING Sunday, October 15, 2017

To be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church (16th & Lefevre) in Sterling, IL. **This is for Everyone!**

**2:30 pm Presentation by Professor Wanda Deifelt,**  
“The Legacy of the Lutheran Reformation and its Influence in Shaping Current Ecumenical Dialogs and Partnerships”

**4:00 pm Worship with Bishop Jeffrey Clements**  
featuring a Hymn-sing “Through the Year with Martin Luther” followed by a complimentary light supper (paid for by ELCA congregations of the Central Conference, Northern Illinois Synod)

For more information, talk to Karen Larson or visit the NI Synod website at [nisynod.org](http://nisynod.org).

## LOMC PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 13th was a beautiful day for a picnic. 43 members and friends met at LOMC for a potluck meal.

A big THANK YOU to Al Ulferts for volunteering to grill the hamburgers and hotdogs at the golf course on Sunday morning! They were grilled to perfection! Our new Pastor Intern, Karyn Kost, graciously led us in singing the blessing for the meal. Our youth and young adults took to the sand for volleyball and 12 adventurous souls rode the zipline. Zip-liners ages ranged from our 91 year old Lois Steffen and 90 year old Margie Stouffer, on down to 14 year old Carolyn. Yes! You read that correctly! Way to inspire us Lois and Margie!

Thank you to everyone who came for fellowship and fun!  
(see more pictures on Facebook)



## TWELCA

T.W.E.L.C.A. stands for Trinity  
**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America.**



TWELCA's Mission statement is:  
**to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in  
Jesus Christ.**

**Dorcas group** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at  
9:00 am. at the church. They are studying A Stand-up  
Comic Sits Down with Jesus, a devotional booklet.

**Naomi group** meets the 4th Monday at 1:00 pm from  
April through November at the church. Their studies  
are taken from *Gather* magazine (publish. by ELCA.)

**Both groups invite all women to join them!**

### SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB



The next meeting of the Breakfast  
Club will be **Saturday, Sept 9 , at  
8:00 am.** We will meet at **Fiesta  
Palace Restaurant** in Mt. Morris.

We will order from the menu.

Each person is responsible for the cost of his/her  
meal.

**Everyone is welcome!**

### LADY'S BOOK CLUB NEWS

**Tues September 26, 6:30 pm**

We will meet at Lynn Kaufman's  
home. Our book will be Two by Two  
by Nicholas Sparks.

**Tues. October 24, 6:30 pm** we will meet at Julie  
Robinson's home. Our book will be The Glass Castle  
by Jeannette Walls.

Questions? Please call Julie Robinson 815-973-3174

### QUILT GROUP

The fall session of the Quilt Group  
will begin **Wed. Sept. 13**, from  
**9 - 11 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be opportunities for men  
and women to cut squares, design quilts,  
put quilts together, tie quilts and visit. Donations of fabric  
and sheets for backing are appreciated. Come help us  
quilt for Lutheran World Relief. Or, bring your own  
project to work on in the company of others.



## GET TO KNOW US BETTER IN SEPTEMBER

Vicar Karyn's arrival is an opportunity to wear our  
nametags again. It will help her get to know us and serve  
as a refresher for all of us. Please pick up your nametag in  
the front of the church before the Sat. and Sun. services  
again in September. You can return it to the west or south  
entrances. Thanks for being courteous and helping us get  
to know each other better.

### LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY SERVING MT. MORRIS AND LEAF RIVER

The Pantry is located on the lower level of the Church  
of the Brethren: 409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris.  
Pantry hours:

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month: 4:30 – 7 pm

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month: 2:00 – 4:30 pm

For July, 106 households were served, totaling 298  
individuals. Seven new families were served,  
representing 22 individuals.

Loaves & Fish could use volunteers to help unload  
food deliveries and helping in the pantry.

The dates are listed on our monthly calendar.

If you are able to help, please call Trinity's Pantry  
Representatives: Barb Diehl 815-734-4011 or  
Marilyn Pazera 815-734-7268

### LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY NEWS

LIFELINE is located in Conover Square at 203 N 3rd  
St, Suite 6, Oregon, IL. (old piano factory) Hours are:

Tues 9:30—Noon\*; Thurs 1:30—4:30 pm

Fri 1:30—4:30 pm\*; Sat 10:30—1:30 pm.

\*Food is available on Tuesday & Friday.

We are very grateful and thankful for everyone that  
contributes to Lifeline, we couldn't do it without your  
help. We wish to thank the people who come and help  
unload the food truck.

Bag Sale News—We will have a bag sale every Satur-  
day through September 30th.

Lifeline has been busy this past month. We served  
258 clients during the month of July.

Our needs include: peanut butter, jelly, canned  
chicken, pancake mix and syrup, kidney beans, chili  
beans and baked beans.

Questions? call 815-222-6712.



## YOUTH CONFIRMATION (YC)

**Orientation Night: September 13, 6:30pm**

**Our theme for this year is, "God Talk for Now"**

Our Orientation session for students and parents and caring adults will be Wed., Sept. 13, 6:30pm.

The following week, Wed, Sept 20, 6:30pm, we will gather to build LWR school kits with our women's group. We are hoping to welcome youth from Freedom Lutheran that night who have been collecting their own LWR school kit supplies.

If you're new to YC, we meet on Wednesday nights at Trinity with periodic short trips to visit other worship sites and at least one weekend retreat. Our program is family based, no matter how you define family. Adults and youth meet together during our sessions and we take home small projects to be completed at home.

Talk with Pastor Josh if you have any questions-there is no expectation of prior church experience to participate.



**Trinity Women's  
Groups are  
Collecting Items  
for School Kits**

The kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief to distribute to those in need all over the world. The 2017 list of items to be included in the kits are listed below. Marked containers are in narthex & bell tower entrances for your donations. For between \$4 - \$5, one can purchase a complete kit! Monetary donations are also welcome. Please put in an envelope marked LWR School Kits and leave in the church office or place in the offering plate. Any contributions are welcome.

Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford.

Last year, our 68 school kits were distributed to El Salvador & Jordan.

### **Items Needed for Each LWR School Kit:**

- \*Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approx. 8" X 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper**
- \*One 30 centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**
- \*One pencil sharpener**
- \*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**
- \*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**
- \*Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- \*One box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- \*One 2 1/2" eraser D**

**A Drawstring backpack is provided by Trinity.**

**Please do NOT donate the following items:** any with religious symbols or messages, or decorated with a U.S. Flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to armed forces, including camouflage. (Tiny American flags showing where the items are made are acceptable.)



## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



A summary of the Aug 14, 2017 Church Council Meeting:

- Devotions were from Acts 10:23-28, #seeallthepeople. (UMC online video)
- Pastor reported Karyn Kost will be addressed by the title of Vicar to emphasize her staff position. VBS was a successful endeavor. The first youth group meeting is planned for the end of the month and talks with other churches about the ELCA Youth Gathering will begin. YC is mapped out, and Deep Digs adult learning ministry is planned.
- Finance Committee reported the need to look at insurance with Hollie Guist and Property Committee as well as need to determine renter's insurance reimbursement for intern. Motion passed to split cost of Renter's Insurance with Vicar Karyn for a maximum paid of \$100 by the Church.
- Youth/Education Committee discussed Rally Day and beginning of Sunday school year. Discussed interview questions for Christian Ed. Director position. Will set date to finish organizing Sunday school room and finalize plans for Rally Day.
- Motion passed to limit mileage use to \$500/year for Church Education Director.
- Motion to change format of Committee Night was passed.
- Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

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## NOISY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY VBS FUND

The purpose of our Noisy Offering is to teach the joy of giving to God.

The 2017 Vacation Bible School was a tremendous week of fun learning for the community's children. Over 100 children, pre-school thru 5th grade registered, with an additional 31 junior and senior high school students serving as able assistants. Once again, Kelly Handschuh provided superb organization and leadership, for her dedicated crew of youth and adult volunteers from Trinity, Disciples United Methodist, and Church of the Brethren.

Thanks to **YOUR** continued generosity, this faith growing experience is provided at no cost to the participants.

Results of August Collection for LWR Quilt Project (through Aug 20) is **\$136.56**.

## FINANCIAL REPORT JULY, 2017

Total Monthly Budget Income	\$ 18,445.27
Total Monthly Budget Expense	\$ 16,859.25
Year-to-date Budget Income	\$136,620.37
Year-to-date Budget Expense	\$130,800.57
Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,819.80

Many of us find it much easier to make online transactions than to use cash or checks. If you use direct deposit or electronic bill pay on a regular basis, please know that Trinity offers that option for regular giving as well. Talk with the church office for details and to receive the form needed to get started.

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## RESPONDING TO GOD

Stewardship. It is a difficult word. Kind of awkward to talk about, and probably the most misunderstood word in our vocabulary. Saying it out loud usually causes one of two responses: groaning or eye rolling. And for most congregations, it means only one thing—from the first week of November until the first Sunday in Advent, the congregation is forced to endure sermons about giving.

Yes, Stewardship, at least in part, has to do with money. But it's so much more than simply coins and greenbacks. It's much, much more than mundane economics. It's our time. It's our gifts and abilities. It's our very lives turned over to God's wisdom. What a gift we have been given to share God's grace in our lives. To pass on God's love and to watch it spread and grow into something we couldn't possibly imagine on our own.

I encourage everyone to check out this space, Responding to God, every month to read a new story about faithful people who have been blessed by God's grace. Some of the stories will be international, some will be local, some may even come from the person you sit next to every week in worship. This space is meant to be a dialogue about Stewardship. It can be an opportunity for us to speak openly, honestly, joyfully about this powerful mark of the church.

Trinity is blessed with a tremendous array of gifts and skills. There is a wealth of opportunity just waiting for us to grasp. I think it's time we brought Stewardship out of the back corner. We should liberate it from its negative image and claim it as a joyous expression of our faith in God.

Pastor Josh Ehrler



# TRINITY'S SERVANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

## Altar Guild

All month: Melody Dula

## Acolytes

2 Avery S. 3 Kendra E.  
9 Helena H. 10 Kendra E.  
16 17 Ashton P.  
23 24 Ashton P.

## Ushers/ Greeters

All Month: Stan Asp, Ron Bjorklund  
Marcia Mongan, Julie Robinson

## Song Leaders & Cantors

3 Lily Welp  
10 Mary Jo Dilbeck  
17 Linda Borneman  
24 Steve Pearson

## Assisting Ministers:

2 Arika B. 3 Kendra E.  
9 Arika B. 10 Avery S.  
16 Arika B. 17 Avery S.  
23 Arika B. 24 Avery S.

## Communion Assistants:

3  
10  
17  
24

## Coffee Hour Hosts

3  
10  
17 Suttman Family  
24

## Blood Pressure Checks

(Normally Last Sunday of Month)

24 Crete LeFevre & Robin Keene

## Pinecrest Video Ministry

11 Steve Pearson  
25 Steve Pearson

## Lector Schedule\*

3  
10  
17 Lisa Suttman  
24 Steve Pearson

## \*Scripture Readings

3 Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,  
23-26, 45b  
10 Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149  
17 Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114  
24 Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,  
37-45

## Altar Flowers

3  
10  
17  
24

## Home Communion

(Normally 1st Sunday of Month)

Melody Dula  
Dave & Cindy Link  
Jackie Sances  
Sandra Stengel



Pastor Frank Lay knows to "always wear his hat" when he is outdoors! Church Picnic - ready to zipline 2017

## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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217-417-5952

Financial Secretary: Louise Suttman  
815-938-2650

Assistant Financial Secretary:  
Linda Duffy  
815-440-9503

## **Office Hours:**

**Mon. — Thurs.**

**8:30 am — 12:00 pm**

**1:00 pm — 4:00 pm**

**Friday:**

**8:00 am — 12:00 pm**

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**SEPTEMBER, 2017**

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY evening worship service at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship Service  
Fellowship Time following Worship

**Sunday School will resume on Sept 10** with our Rally Day celebration immediately following the 9:30 am service. A light lunch will be served.

### WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS\*

(\*Read more on page 4 of this Tidings)

Chancel & Chime Choirs Resume Rehearsals \*  
**Wednesday Sept 6th**

Chime Choir: 6:00 pm\*

Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm\*

Choristers: New day & Time! Sundays as extension of Sunday School, Beginning Oct 1st\*

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE (\*DETAILS INSIDE)

- Sep 10th RALLY DAY Celebration!  
Immediately following 9:30 am worship service—for All children and adults.\*
- Sep 13th 9 - 11 am Quilt Group Resumes  
6:30 pm Youth Confirmation  
(Y.C) Orientation.\*
- Sep 17th 11:00 am Deep Digs (Adult Learning) Returns\*
- Oct 1, 1:30 registration, 2:00 pm start of Annual Crop Walk - in Mt. Morris\*
- Oct 15, Reformation 500 Gathering!  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling,  
Presentation, Worship, Light Supper\*