

"A Moment in History"



From Senior Pastor Wirsing

Many Lutherans are at least in some degree familiar with the events of October 31, 1517, when Dr. Martin Luther nailed his "Ninety-five Theses" on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Intended as a document to draw his fellow professors into debate, the impact went far

beyond the teaching community. Quickly, by 16th Century standards, the Theses spread throughout Europe. Men and women of all walks of life were stirred by his clear understanding that all the teachings of the Church had to be based on the Scriptures alone, not the opinions of people. From that moment in time, the Reformation began, reforming the Church in Europe. You and I can read his fundamental theses and take them for granted because we hear them taught on a weekly basis. But at that time, it took a great deal of courage to clearly teach doctrines like being declared sinless by God's undeserved love for Christ's sake through faith. The Church's leaders did not want that message shared. Nevertheless, the Reformation sprang from that.

Now, I want to share with you another major moment, one that does not get as much mention, but is very important as well, the Diet of Worms. The Diet was a gathering of officials who were to decide on whether or not Luther was to be considered guilty of heresy and worthy of being executed. Convened between April 17-25, 1521, it was a watershed moment in the Reformation movement. During the four years since the Ninety-five Theses had been posted, Luther's position gained more and more support, to the point where neither the Roman Church nor the Holy Roman Empire could ignore it any longer. With that in mind, Luther had to answer two questions: 1. Did he acknowledge that he had written the books on which the Reformation was built? 2. Did he recant what those teachings included? He easily admitted that he had indeed written the books in question. That was the easy part. But, as to the second question, that was another matter. What would Luther do? Would he claim that he had been mistaken to raise the questions he had raised? Would he ask forgiveness for that?

Please remember that everything was stacked against him. He had been promised safe passage to and from the Diet. Supposedly, no one would injure him. However, others had been promised such protection in the past and ended up being burned at the stake. The Emperor Charles V and many other officials were against him. He really stood alone at that point. His response to being asked if he would take back what he had written was dramatic and bluntly clear. He said firmly, "I am bound by the Scriptures (as I believe it teaches), and my conscience has been taken captive by the Word of God, and I am neither able nor willing to recant, since it is neither safe nor right to act against conscience. God help me. Amen."

With those dramatic words, the Reformation exploded across Europe. And as Luther headed back to his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Emperor Charles V branded him a heretic and an outlaw, urging anyone who encountered Luther to capture him and turn him over to the authorities. Would he arrive safely home? We will return to that next month.

REFORMATION CELEBRATIONS

Our Reformation Committee continues to do wonderful work in planning many exciting and enjoyable activities in the weeks to come to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. There will be a large celebration on Sunday, October 29 beginning at 12:30, at the Hamilton Road campus. Tasty food. Great music. More things to do than you can imagine. You and the kids will have a great time. Free tickets are available at our Church and School; please get your tickets so the committee can have a count for food. I look forward to seeing you there.

Until next time...

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The Small Groups I am involved in allow me to meet new people and to get to know them in ways that are not possible on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. Small Groups remind me of the need and power of prayer in my life. There is always something different about praying with and for others than what I experience in my individual prayer time. Another reason I find Small Groups powerful is the time we spend in God's Word is always an encouragement to get through the rest of the week. Small Groups keep me grounded in fellowship, prayer, and God's Word. If you would like to be involved in small groups or want more information, please contact Pastor Chuck Bahn, pastorchuck@trinluth.org.

For details on what's happening on the reformation please visit: www.trinluth.org/reformation-500

Free tickets are available in the Narthex.

Reformation Celebration Festival—October 29, 2017 from 12:30pm-4:30pm.

See Cross Currents for weekly Lutherisms. We are in need of pop up canopies, volunteers, and bakers.

We are also selling: Martin Luther Rose Pins, Reformation Tee Shirts and 500th anniversary window clings.



Mission Reflections: Kat Swartz

John 14:12 (NLT)

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

I used to doubt, very much, that any man was capable of doing anything close to the work the Lord sent his Son to do. That was, until I went to Kenya on a mission trip.

Jesus spread the word of His Father, the love of His Father and the message of forgiveness. That is exactly what we did!

On our way into Kenya we met a group that was leaving. This group was called to serve in the heart of Nairobi, where the largest slum in all of Kenya sits. In only a handful of days they touched the lives of more than 3,000 people. My eyes started to see.

When we arrived to the church we were to serve in we were greeted by the smiling faces of numerous children. The people in Kiriaini were so thankful for our presence it was beautifully moving. We were bringing the Word of God and the gift of sight. Our clinic had not even began but our presence was welcomed with grateful hearts. For four days our merry little band of nine worked long and trying hours to serve as many people as possible. By the grace of God we were able to help the blind to see. Over 1,672 people received the gift of renewed sight, not only with glasses but with the word of God and more than 1,800 heard the name of Jesus Christ. That means between the two small groups of believers close to 5,000 people were touched by the Word of God in just 10 days. By the end of our trip my eyes had opened wider to the power of God through those who believe. I can only imagine the force we could be and the impact we could make with even half as many more.

The local pastors who worked with us made sure to tell us that the seeds being planted by our efforts were growing the kingdom in Kiriaini. He told us that for every blessing given by you is a blessing upon you. My friends, I am a very blessed woman and have every intention of spreading those blessings as far and as wide as the smiles of the young children who greeted us.



Thank you to all who brought "Kitchen Shower" items for the Bethesda Homes Deaconess Brenda Scarbeary supports to the Bloomington Zone Fall Rally on September 21st.

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday October 8. Pick up a mite box and information at the table in the narthex.

LWML Fall Retreat at Camp CILCA October 13-14, 2017. "THE ROCK AND YOUR ROLE". Bring a small rock with your name on it. Bible Study is based on 1 Peter 5:6-7. Fee is \$40.00 for Friday and Saturday. \$30.00 for Saturday only. Late Fee after 9/30/17 is \$50.00. Call Michelle Clevenger for information at 217.430. 1667.

Next Lutheran Women in Mission meeting is Thursday October 12th at 4:15 pm in the Fellowship Room, Speaker will be Pastor Bill Jensen of ISU's Wittenburg Center. Bring a friend for fellowship and fun.

Diane Giermann

Vice-President





Aug 2017

	<u>August</u>	<u>Since 7/1/17</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Offerings	\$140,091	\$294,837	88.27
Total receipts	293,214	549,542	95.28
Total expenses	295,406	571,822	94.63
Net Income	-\$2,192	-\$22,280	
Unpaid expenses	0	0	
Operating fund balance	27,720.36		

NOTE: \$50,000 WAS TRANSFERRED FROM UNDESIGNATED BEQUEST TO OPERATING FUND ON JULY 1, 2017. RESULTING IN AN OPERATING FUND BALANCE OF \$50,000 TO START THE NEW FISCAL YEAR

Our September Hearts Ablaze meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Those members present were Kim Olson, Val Funk, Sandy Strom, Julie Davis, Mary Ann Richard, Nancy Rinda, Matt Trimble and Bev Branning.

Amy Cottone and several staff from Western Avenue were present to explain several programs offered at Western Avenue. The Spanish Outreach program, the After School Program, and the Senior Program are some of the programs offered at Western Avenue. Amy and staff, thank you so much for all you do for our Community. You are all truly a Blessing and a great addition to our town.

Habitat for Humanity continues to obtain volunteers by way of Sign Up Genius. The turn out has been great over summer. There is still an opportunity to serve during the months of September, October and November.

Pastor Terry and Christa Springer left Wednesday morning for Honduras. They will be participating in an eyeglass clinic and a fact finding trip. An Eyeglass Mission trip is planned for January 3rd to the 10th. There will be room for 12 people to go. In order for the program to expand, it is the goal to take some people that have been on a Mission Trip, and some people that are new to foreign mission trips.

Water Bottles with Trinity Lutheran information were handed out at the Labor Day Parade.

ESL: We are planning a Night of Conversation on Friday, October 20 from 6:30-8:30. We will be inviting all of the tutors and their students that are part of Star Literacy. We will also be opening this up to the interested members of Trinity Lutheran Congregation. More information on this will be available as we get the details finalized.

Lert classes will be held on Saturday November 4 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL.

Hurricane Relief: Concordia Lutheran in San Antonio, Texas will be coordinating relief efforts for the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. It is planned to take a group of volunteers from the area to go for a week, probably in October or November. More information will be available when plans are finalized.

Trunk or Treat is coming in October. The date is October 27, from 6:00-7:30.

Pastor Terry has met with Home Sweet Home to plan for another Night In The Car. It will probably be held in February 2018.

Next Hearts Ablaze meeting will be October 11, 2017



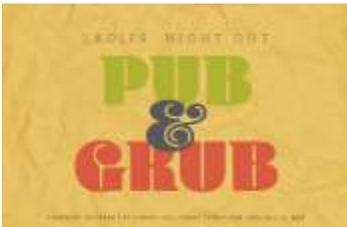


Family Life Ministry

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DATE NIGHT: COUPLES AND COMEDY

The Marriage Date Night Team invites you to mark your calendar for Couples and Comedy as we CLEAR the way for laughter on Saturday, October 14 from 6-9:30p at ISU Alumni Center as Tim Hawkins via DVD brings the laughs and Biaggi's delivers the dinner (choose Lasagna or Chicken Marsala when registering)! \$35/couple to TLC by Oct. 8. To register: trinluth.org/family-life, Family Life table on Sundays, or by contacting mtb1@trinluth.org.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT: PUB & GRUB

Thursday, October 5, 6-9p @ Gill Street (3002 Gill Street, Blm) Better together, Casual together—Grab your favorite hoodie, comfy jeans, and your best girlfriends for an evening of food and fellowship at Gill Street. \$10 per person for appetizers to TLC. Individuals are responsible for purchasing other food and drinks. To register: trinluth.org/family-life, Family life table on Sundays or Erin at erinoffermann@gmail.com...by October 1, 2017

GUYS' NIGHT OUT: NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER

Join us for our No-Shave November Beard Competition on November 30th from 6-9pm at Trinity Lutheran (801 S. Madison)! With catered BBQ and a live competition you're sure to have a great time! If you can't grow a beard, like Pastor Billy, come judge the competition and enjoy the fun. \$10 to TLC for dinner. Register by Nov 26: trinluth.org/family-life, Family life table on Sundays or Wes at wmatejka@gmail.com



ADULTHOOD MINISTRY: AGING IS THE ONLY WAY TO LIVE

Join us for a special event with Dr. Richard Bimler as he encourages us to celebrate the blessing of aging, the gift of life and affirmation of God's grace – to live an abundant life in the Lord. Having consulted and presented throughout the world, Rich will share his humor and wisdom on aging joyfully. Sunday, October 22, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran School 1102 West Hamilton Road Bloomington, IL 61704. Dessert reception to follow presentation. Kindly respond to (309) 557-8000 (Luther Oaks) by Monday, October 16, 2017 or register at trinluth.org/aging, Family life table on Sundays or Mary at mtb1@trinluth.org.

GRANDPARENT MILESTONE

The Grandparenting Milestone, being held on October 1 from 10:45-12p, in room 143-5, will discuss the biblical side of grandparenting, the value in blessing your grandchildren, how to write a personal blessing, and practical ideas for intentionally passing on a legacy of faith. There will also be opportunity to connect with fellow grandparents and be encouraged by one another! Register at trinluth.org/faith-milestones, Family life table on Sundays or Mary at mtb1@trinluth.org.



A NEW MILESTONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE

The Kindergarten Faith Milestone is being held on November 5 from 10:45-12:15p, followed by a special blessing in the 11:00 worship on November 12. To register visit trinluth.org/faith-milestones, Family life table on Sundays or Mary at mtb1@trinluth.org by October 15. Kindergarten is the year we are choosing to focus on the big word called, STEWARDSHIP. What does it mean to be an intentional caretaker of my relationship with Jesus? How can I take good care of my body? What does it mean to be a wise manager of money? How can I be a good steward of both time and talents as I use both to serve God by serving others? This milestone is practical, resourceful and experiential all with the intentions of your home being blessed in continuing to live as Jesus' hands and feet!



+THE BAPTISM MILESTONE & FAITH CHEST

The next class will take place on November 5 from 10:45-12:30p for anyone expecting a child through birth or adoption or for anyone who has a child they would like to have baptized. The Faith Chest classes (which are open and welcome to all) will be held next on Nov 12, 2017 from 11-12p. Register at trinluth.org/faith-milestones, Family life table on Sundays or Mary at mtb1@trinluth.org.



RIGHT FROM THE START: PARENTS WITH 0-36m OLDS

If you are a parent of a 0-36 month old child then this opportunity is for you!!! Trinity's Right from the Start class provides a great opportunity to connect with other parents in the same life stage and create good habits for the family! Each class opens with a family lesson, song and prayer. Then parents work through a resource on Biblical parenting of 0-2 year olds! It takes place Sept-May at the 8:15 hour (Abby Dunt leading) and at 9:30 (Andy Scott leading) in room 202. The door is always open to new people!

Partnering with the Home to Pass on Faith to the Next Generations

Official Acts & Membership Changes As of September 21, 2017

1. Members Received by Baptism

Kristina Marie Senn – August 20

Elliana Grace Scheid – August 27

Jacob Christopher Renn – August 27

Members Removed by Transfer

Mary & Lawrence Banta (2825 Northridge Dr., Apt. 3, Portage, WI 53901) to St. John Lutheran, LCMS, Portage, WI 53901).

Members Removed by Release

Terry & Theresa Todd and confirmed daughters, Allison & Megan (1304 S. Koch, Bloomington, IL 61701), per their request, due to attending Vale Community, Bloomington, IL.

3. Burials/Deaths

1. Viola Bayles – September 8

David Erickson – September 10

Glenn Covert, III – September 12 (non-member)

4. Release Due to Inactivity and No Means of Contact

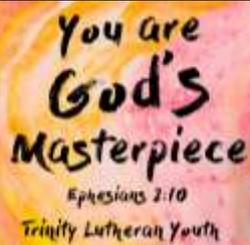
NONE

5. Marriages

NONE



The Trinity Lutheran Youth will be holding a fundraiser at all Bloomington/Normal locations on October 24, 2017. Forms will be distributed closer to the event. Come out, support the youth and eat some pizza!



Trinity Lutheran Youth

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LYF (High School youth group)

This fall Wednesday Youth Nights are going to focus on some important life skills that everyone should know or be reminded of. Join us for topics like:

- Peer pressures at school
- Interacting with the police force
- Basic sewing skills
- Cooking in the kitchen
- Car care

Join us on **Wed. from 7-8:30 pm.** We will still have some games and snacks so what are you waiting for? Join us Wednesday nights!

Bonfire Event...Sunday, Oct. 15 6:30-8:30 pm.

Come out to the Yoder Property in Carlock (264 Denman Rd) for a wiener roast, s'mores, games and more. **Youth should bring a dish to share!** Drinks, hotdogs, table service, and s'mores provided.



Hiking at Matthiessen State Park

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY...

Are you connected to the girls and guys your age in a small group? It's not too late to join a group! Each month, same age/gender groups meet with adult leaders for fellowship, prayer, study and food. The first official start of each group will be on Sunday, Oct. 1. Your leader should be in touch to confirm time and place. If you are not already connected in a group and missed signing up for one at our Ministry Launch, email Christy@trinkluth.org or sign up on the website <http://www.trinkluth.org/youthsmall-group-sign-up>

JAM (6-8TH grade youth group)

It's that time again...time for our bonfire event! Join us on **Sunday, Oct. 15 from 4:00-6:00pm** at the Yoder property in Carlock (264 Denman Rd). We will provide the hotdogs, buns, drinks, and condiments. Please click on the link to sign up for an item to help complete this event.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fa9ae2fab9-bonfire>

DISTRICT JR. HIGH LOCK-IN...DEADLINE IS OCT. 13! COST IS \$40.00. Watch for more details in the Youth E-Newsletter!



Movie Night with our Jr. High Youth



High School Basketball Team...

Do you love to play basketball? Do you want to be a part of a Christian team? Then you should plan to attend an information meeting & first practice on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 7-9:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran School. There will be a brief parent and player meeting followed by practice while parents fill out forms. If you have questions, contact Kyle Sanders at cardsfankyle@yahoo.com. Cost to be a part of this league is \$40.00.

ARE YOU STAYING CONNECTED?

Make sure you join our Facebook group...

TLC Youth

And our Instagram...

Trinkluthyouth



Welcome Fall! Our children are back in school, and everyone should be settled in with their schedules by now. Fall is a beautiful season, so I hope you take some time to enjoy God's beauty and the weather.

October is bully prevention month. What is bullying, the signs to watch for and how do we help prevent it? Bullying begins in the preschool years, peaks in early adolescence, and continues, but with less frequency, into the high school years. But bullying does NOT have to be a part of growing up.

Bullying is a form of emotional or physical abuse that has three defining characteristics:

1. Deliberate—the child that bullies' intention is to hurt someone
2. Repeated—the child that bullies often targets the same victim again and again
3. Power Imbalanced—the child that bullies chooses victims he or she perceives as vulnerable

Bullying occurs in many different forms, with varying levels of severity. It may involve:

1. Physical Bullying—poking, pushing, hitting, kicking, beating up
2. Verbal Bullying—yelling, teasing, name-calling, insulting, threatening to harm
3. Relational Bullying—ignoring, excluding, spreading rumors, telling lies, getting others to hurt someone

A culture of silence often surrounds bullying. Many children who are bullied never tell anyone.

Most bullying is not reported because children . . .

- * Don't recognize it as bullying
- * Are embarrassed
- * Don't want to appear weak
- * Believe they deserve it
- * Want to belong
- * Fear retaliation
- * Don't know how to talk about it
- * Don't have a trusted adult to confide in
- * Think adults won't understand
- * Think nothing can be done about it

Just because you don't see it, and children don't talk about it, doesn't mean bullying isn't happening. Even when children fail to report bullying, they often show warning signs.

What are some warning signs of bullying?

Unexplained damage or loss of clothing and other personal items

- * Evidence of physical abuse, such as bruises and scratches
- * Loss of friends; changes in friends

- * Reluctance to participate in activities with peers
- * Loss of interest in favorite activities
- * Unusually sad, moody, anxious, lonely, or depressed
- * Problems with eating, sleeping, bed-wetting
- * Headaches, stomachaches, or other physical complaints
- * Decline in school achievement
- * Thoughts of suicide

Some children may withdraw, while others may get angry and seek revenge. Don't assume the problem will go away on its own: Invite children to talk about what is bothering them. If you find out a child is being bullied, show support, help develop a response strategy, and follow up to make sure the bullying does not continue.

What You Can Do: Recommendations and Strategies for Adults

If you don't intervene, bullies, victims, and bystanders will continue to believe in the power of bullying, rather than the power of prevention. They will continue to let bullying happen. So, why don't adults intervene more often? Sometimes, it's because we don't see it happen; we're not sure what to look for. But often, it's because we don't know what to do or we're afraid that our actions will somehow make matters worse.

On October 30th, at Trinity Lutheran School, Matt Wilhem will present a BMX bullying program to the students. He will do tricks and teach the children about how to prevent/stop bullying.

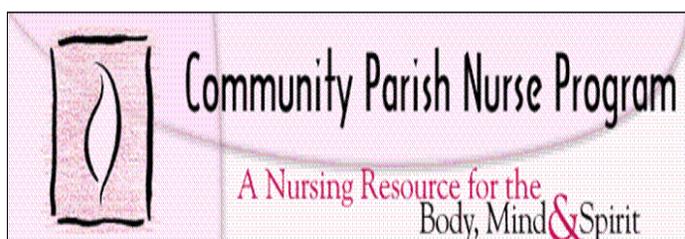
It is also the start of flu shots; remember to get yours. The shot does not necessarily prevent you from getting the flu, but may keep you from having a bad case of the flu. A couple of tips to remember is cover your mouth when you cough, and always wash your hands.

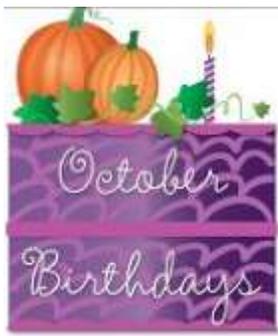
To contact your Parish Nurses, please call the church office or email us at parishnurse@trinluth.org.

God's blessings:

Your Parish Nurses:

Jenn Grant, Gina Scott, and Nikki Leverett



**October 1**

Canada, Caroline
Coale, Myra
Dale, Levi
Engelbrecht, Michael
Hoyt, Hanna
Katz, Jacie
Rodriguez, Elaine
Ropp, Doris

October 2

Bahn, Pastor Chuck
Goodrich, Bailie
Guetschow, Barbara
Kastorff, Kimberly
Prestegaard, Joel
Richards, Carylton
Scroggins, Chloe
Troxel, Linda

October 3

Evans, Kirk
Krueger, LaVon
Whalen, Jackie
Winters, Liam

October 4

Nord, Elsie
Osborn, Jason
Trimble, Jen
Westfall, Penny
Wirsing, Thomas

October 5

Ary, Blake
Durbin, Larry
Hawk, Sheryl
Herzel, Karen
Lynn, Kelley
Meece, Chris
Osborn, Laura
Riesenberg, Kelsey
Thomas III, Frederick

October 6

Buhrke, Karen
Clark, Kathy
Harvey, Shawn
Heffner, Jaxon
Lange, Carley
Laskowski, Steven
Rowe, Aaron
Sieg, Arlene

October 7

Boykin, Vickie
Jones, Brock
Lancaster, Randy
Ludwig, Luke
Offermann, Andrew
Orr, Tiernan
Richards, Brooke
Woith, Stephanie

October 8

Baber, Jeffrey
Beyer, Justin
Gobtop, William
Keller, Todd
Rossman, Chad

October 9

Gaines, Cindy
Heidloff, Joann
Krueger, David
Messman, Daniel
Owen, C. Alan
Ropp, Ashley
Tomera, Randy

October 10

Aper, Matt
Burns, Jeff
Coale, Rayelyn
Gropp-Walden,
McKayla
Nesby, Jessie
Nesby, Victoria
Ogden, Stephanie
Peterson, Amelia
Propersi, Kathy
Rice, Pamela
Smith, Justin

October 11

Ary, Ella
Asper, Patrick
Davis, Margaret
Hawk, Stacy
Lee, Abbie
Musser, Byron

October 12

Roberts, Ben
Smart, Luke
Smith, Colton
Stutzman, Silas
Sutter, Matt
Timler, Dorothy

October 13

Bishop, Katie
Britnell, Nichole
Elble Jr., Joseph
Fleming, Bill
Lehner, Rick
Scheid, Charlotte
Simon, Lucas
Virtue, Daniel

October 14

Anderson, Erik

Ditman, Scott
Gerike, Brian
Hartke, David
Larson, Kim
Miles, Rosa
Rowe, Aaron

October 15

Compiseno, Chris
Green, Laurie
Hess, Amy
Rutherford, Steven
White, Donna

October 16

Buhrke, Gretchen
Koehler, Shela
Martens, Mark
Peters, Jaime
Scott, Gina
Thomas, Knox
Wellenreiter, Eleanor
Ziemer, Louis

October 17

Brockett, Ronald
Schenk, Debra

October 18

Hoelt, Shawn
Nesby, Xander
Schwartz, Lloyd
Smith, Luke
Warne, Savannah

October 19

Chambers, Heidi
Dooley, Todd
Hennings, Jeremy
Johnson, Bailey
Peterson, Sophia
Stielow, Carsynn
Thomas, Libby

October 20

McNeely, Andy
Toepke, Michael
Wade, Nancy
Wietfeldt, Autumn
Wirsing, Tara

October 21

Arreola, Jonathan
DeVary, Erin
Diffor, John
Martens, Betty
Mora, Tyler
Starr, Erik
Wade, Donna

October 22

Adams, Sharon
Barcus, Ashleigh
Keller, Eric
McGee, Serena
Parker, Sierra
Smith, Michael
Welch, Amber

October 23

Berndt, Jeremiah
Fox, Cody
Hillesheim, Gabriel
Hotchkiss, Kristi
Jenkins, Chase
Scheets, Brian
Sullivan, Jocelyn
Torres, Tanya

October 24

Dicken, Amber
Giese, Marcia
Holderly, Christopher
Lee, Parker
Sieg, Donald

October 25

Bruehl, Missy
Buck, Alex
Davis, Austin
Deavers, Kathryn
Dotson, Linda
Kiefer, Timothy
Kiesewetter, Myra
Rossman, Caiden
Verda, Nick

October 26

Baer, Megyn
Dicken, Brandi
Elmore, Donna
Fann, Shirley
Kunde, Jami
Paul, Jerry

October 27

Renfrow, Lindsey
Roscow, Jackson
Stewart, Jennifer
Virlee, Paula
Westbrook, Emma

October 28

Bradford Sr., Cleve
Ladage, Becky
Lilienthal, Robin
Murphy, Scott
Nattier, Jace
Severson, Gary
Thacker, Lloyd

October 29

Banta, Mary
Chambers, Kai
Dossett, Kaitlyn
Hanes, Delanie
Hoop, Yvonne
King, Virginia
Rahn, Keith
Trickel, Donald

October 30

Adams, Abby
Arbuckle, Chris
Cottone, Tommy
Engle, Gala
Griffin, Nancy
Hoyt, Sonja

Jones, Ava
Mora, Michelle
Veitengruber, Robbin

October 31

Chapman, Benjamin
Eloiza, Beth
Geske, Denise
Gloede, Max
Otto, Anna
Ryan, Benjamin
Weaver, Scott

October 31
Burke, Jack
Esh, Judy
Gao, Huan
Gelsthorpe, M. Randall
Hotchkiss, Tyler
Peters, John
Showers, Jessica
Smith, Lisa
Trimble, Jeanne
Umfleet, Josh
Watkins, Brad

Did we miss your special day? Please call (309) 828-6265, or email Karen,
ksl1@trinluth.org. Thanks!



October 1

Bennington, Jaclyn
Bolt, Karen
Brucker, Shirley
Butorac, Connie
Eack, Michael
Hursey III, Paul
Jones, Brooke
Juers, Nolan
Ladage, Daniel
Maitland, Terri
Mora, Michelle
Murphy, Jan
Nesby, Tony
Ranney, Sandra
Smith, Curtis
Trickel, Barbara
Watt, Terry
Wilson, Steve

October 2

Backsmeier, Pat
Martens, Justin
Skinner, Jill

October 3

Ginder, Matthew
Hoff, Michael
Krueger, Melvin
Paul, Nick
Riesenberg, Mark
Townsend, Lilliana

October 4

Giermann, Christopher
Ludwig, Jude
Stanek, Justin

October 5

Davis, Austin
Elliott, Barbara
Graves, Sabryna
Graves, Seth
Graves, Tabitha
Graves, Taylor
Maschhoff, Michaela
Newell, Addison
Prenzler, Doris

October 6

Buck, Corinna
Keller, Trent
Kornick, Nate
Nord, John
Severson, Linda
Windhorn, Kelly

October 7

Marshall, Megan
Miller, Terence
Nagel, Pamela
O'Donnell, Ryan
Plantholt, Mara
Scott, Gina
Selucky, Kylie
Vore, Sara
Woith, Stephanie

October 8

Dietsch, Daniel
Jones, Zackery
Lage, Matthew
Nordine, Richard
Sieg, Julie
Smith, Clara
Szarek, Cindy
Williams, Crystal
Williams, Mark

October 9

Ropp, Ashley
Roscow, Chas
Scheid, Charlotte
Sieg, Jackson

October 10

Brown, Julia

LaRose, Anna
Maitland, Joanne
Otto, Alex
Swick, Cindy
October 11
Bertsche, Craig
Foreman, Jane
Hawk, Stacy
Larson, Ellie
Matheny, Lisa
Starr, David

October 12

Beam, Liz
Busse, Kurt
Griffin, Hannah
Hays, Cyndi
Storm, Grace

October 13

Gundy, Heather
Hays, Cassidy
Jenkins, Michele
Mikesell, Kassie

October 14

Brown, Lauren
Busse, Laura
Frankeberger, Lynda
Katz, Caleb
Slayton, Shelby
Upton, Darla
Wade, Fred

October 15

Fuemmeler, Kirk
Hoeft, Jacob
Keller, Beverly
Leverett, Mark
Martens, Merle
Nord, Max
Ryan, Jared
Sieg, Hannah
Thomas, Campbell

October 16

Alldridge, Dan
Cumpston, Stephen
Dicken, Brandi

Hursey, Alexandra
Mays, Emily
Stanek, Evelyn
October 17
Jones Jr., Tom
Kiefer, Zack
Martens, Dylan
Moeller, Bronson
Weaver, Debra

October 18

Bertsche, Caroline
Carrel, Jenny
Kidwell, Amy
Peterson, Scott
Wamsley, Josie
Wamsley, Sofie

October 19

Buhrke, Karen
Colba, F. Scott
Cottone, Chenzo
Sommerfeld, Emmry
Warren, Samantha

October 20

Bunwell, Karin
Tellor, Gavin
Wirsing, Tara

October 21

Beam, Alexandra
Fryer, Dawson
Offermann, Caleb
Rodriguez, Elaine
October 22
McClure, Chet
Wollenschlager, Gary

October 23

Britnell, Emma
Britnell, Madelyn
Diffor, John
Klawitter, Madison
Lancaster, Randy
McGinn, Sophia
Murdoch, Cameron
Thomas III, Frederick

October 24

Hester, Kali
Norman, Susan
Sibley, Rebekah
Talsma, Rachel
Wellmerling, Janice
Wirsing, Thomas

October 25

Baumann, Aleia
Hillesheim, Jenna
Hoyt, Hanna
McCain, Luke

October 26

Berndt, Jeremiah
Gobtop, Nicholas
Krueger, Jordan

October 27

Guetschow, Barbara
Kauffman, Jane
Leggett, Allen
Melgosa, Anna
Reinhardt, Stephani

October 28

Arbuckle, Addison
Gerike, Tenly
Hanslow, Kylie
McCain, Jake

October 29

Harrison, Emma
Lehner, Rick

October 30

Baumann, Andrew
Cumpston, Gregory
Griffin, Emily
Smith, Irvin

October 31

Eimer, Joyce
Hester, Kathy
Nord, Heather
Onwig, Merle
Peters, John
Tucci, Jay



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Rodney & Pat Backsmeier, 34
Kris & Colleen Barnlund, 6
Ray Fairchild Jr. & Leanne Fritz, 6
Larry & Doris Jennings, 46
Louis & Linda Ziemer, 23

October 3

Jim & Patty Muhlenbruch, 2

October 5

Andy & Shelby McNeely, 4
Sol & Amanda Roberts-Lieb, 15
Brian & Julia Senn Sr., 21

October 6

Matt & Mary Willey, 27

October 7

Chris & Cris Compiseno, 17
Adam & Brandi Johnson, 11
Rene & Marilyn LeNeve, 39

October 8

Ronald & Cheryl Bier, 35

October 10

Todd & Kim Ropp, 36

October 11

Brian & Tandra Allison, 20
John & Diana Behnke, 42

October 12

Everette & Susan Carney, 21

October 13

John & Pamela Rice, 27

October 14

J. Wayne & Pat Poppe, 56
David & Becky Zastrow, 17

October 15

Joseph & Karla Jenkins, 21

October 16

Courtney Christian Sr. & Oanh Ngo-Christian, 12
Michael & Stephanie Ogden, 24

October 17

Paul & Katie Cope, 2

October 18

John & Delmira Jennings, 9

October 19

Scott & Theresa Lage, 26
Steven & Michelle Schulz, 26

October 21

Brad & Erin Morris, 1
Gary & Susan Wollenschlager, 45

October 22

Robert & Cory Nuckols, 23
Erik & Jenna Smith, 6

Gailyn & Barbara Thomsen, 62

October 23

Cory & Lisa Matheny, 7
Nick & Megan Scherrer, 7

October 24
Kevin & Colleen Brown, 19
Allen & Erin DeVary, 2

October 26
Jeffery & Angela Stewart, 29
October 27
Ryan & Kassandra Kaiser, 10

October 29
Justin & Melissa Maitland, 1

Do you like golf? Are you interested in meeting new people here at Trinity Lutheran? Join us for the 2018 Trinity Lutheran Golf Outing. More details to be announced at a later date!

- Fairlakes Golf Course in Secor, IL
- 4-person best position
- Teams are determined on the day of the event by blind draw
- All women, men and children are eligible
- Individual sign up.
- If you are interested, contact Mark Rusher at (309) 262-5797.



In August, your Building Committee has made significant progress with the congregational needs assessment and other tasks. This August update details our progress and anticipated next steps.

Architect Outreach

This team has reached out to previously identified churches with recent building experiences to visit and understand their best practices, including their experience with their architect. These site visits are expected to complete in September. The churches are St Patrick's, Epiphany, 2nd Presbyterian, and St Paul's in Decatur to be completed in September. Bethel Morton was also identified as a church to visit. Next steps after the visits would include identifying and interviewing potential architects.

Congregational Needs Assessment

The surveys sent to Executive Ministry Staff and other ministry leaders to get a fresh representation of needs today were returned by September 1. We look forward to sharing the consolidated version of responses in future updates.

Survey Responses received from:

- Administration
- Altar Guild
- Assimilation
- Boy Scouts
- Care and Concern
- Christian Growth
- Communication
- Contemporary Worship
- Dorcas Circle
- Fellowship

- Hearts Ablaze
- Network Administration & Video
- Traditional Worship
- Trinity Lutheran School
- Witness
- Young Adults
- Youth
- Communication

A new webpage has been created to share our ideas, our status and timelines, our plans, and most importantly, a feedback mechanism for your questions, suggestions, or other comments. This feedback goes to the building committee and will be monitored frequently. You will receive acknowledgement of your feedback, usually within a few days. You can also provide paper feedback using the building committee mailbox in the church office.

We value your feedback (online, paper, meetings, etc) and look forward to taking the opportunity to respond to your questions and ideas.

We look forward to sharing more information as the committee's work continues and provided an update at the September 17th Voter's Meeting. We would love for you to pray for God's guidance as we continue on this journey together.

Yours in Christ,

Kirk Fuemmeler

Committee Chair