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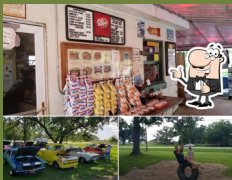
ROCKFORD, IL

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Rev. Jay P. Quinn, Pastor; John Sauter, Business Manager;
Deacon Jean Anderson, Organist; Tuanna Findley, Church Secretary

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Lunch with the Prime Timers

(everyone 50 years old and older are invited)

Smokin' Coop BBQ Pit

2022 US-20 BUS

Belvidere, IL

Tuesday, July 16th

11:30 a.m.

Your RSVP is appreciated.
Please call to RSVP or for more information.



Vacation Bible School

July 22 - 26

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

All Children are invited
Kindergarten - 5th grade
Free
Register by calling the church office (815-963-4446)



Did You Know?

- **Check out our website** by visiting www.trinityrockford.org
- **Trinity News** can be delivered straight to your inbox via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter through email, please email the office at office@trinityrockford.org or call the Church office at 815-963-4446.
- **Upcoming deadlines for the Trinity News** are:
July 12th for the July 26th issue July 26th for the August 9th issue
NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.
- **The office is now open 5 days a week (Monday-Friday) 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.!**

Cornucopia is collecting Canned Fruit during the month of July.



Trinity's Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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“Prayer”

In unguarded moments many Christians, or should I say most Christians, will say, “I ought to pray more. I intend to, I want to, but then something else comes up and another prayer-less day is gone.” But even though most of us feel guilty about our shallow “hit and miss” prayer life, there is an ongoing fascination with prayer. We can't seem to forget it and say “bah, humbug,” and then get on with life. We keep coming back. There is a gut feeling that prayer is for real—that it is an untapped, spiritual power.

A nationwide poll included this item: “I would like for my pastor to preach more sermons on the topic of ____.” The preferred topic by a landslide was the topic of prayer! What then is prayer? Prayer is in some ways like a symphony concert. I have to work to get to the concert, to find my seat, to prepare myself with a program, and to listen. But I will miss the whole point of the symphony unless I have come prepared to be receptive, inspired, sensitive, and understanding as I hear the music. The same is true of prayer. It is in having a sense of openness that you can be inspired, uplifted and encouraged. Prayer helps you realize that you can live your life in spite of struggles, heartaches, and floundering. There is a power in the world—that power is prayer, and it can sustain, uplift, encourage, and make possible all the great thinking and all the hard work you would do in order to bear fruit as a Christian.

Somehow, we tend to regulate praying to just special times and special places, instead of realizing it is necessary every day. In the living of life, it isn't just thinking and it isn't just hard work that counts. It is also necessary to touch the very core of our existence and that can be done very simply and honestly in daily prayer. Wherever we are, God ministers to our needs, for God loves us and cares for us. God wants the very best for us. There is inspiration and directional power available to us when we pray.

Pastor Jay

Church Calendar July 12 - 27

Saturday, July 13th – Psalm 123

Sunday, July 14th – Mark 6: 14-29

8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Parking Lot)

Monday, July 15th – Amos 7: 7-15

5:30 p.m. Church Council (CR)

Tuesday, July 16th – Ephesians 1: 3-14

7:30 a.m. Anderson Garden Worship

11:30 a.m. Prime Timers Lunch (Smokin' Coop)

5:30 p.m. Trinity House Board (CR)

Wednesday, July 17th – Psalm 150

12:00 noon TDC Board (BL)

Thursday, July 18th – 1 Chronicles 16: 23-27

Friday, July 19th – Romans 2: 1-11

Saturday, July 20th – Psalm 85: 8-13

Sunday, July 21st – Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Parking Lot)

Monday, July 22nd – Jeremiah 23: 1-6

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (AH)

Tuesday, July 23rd – Ephesians 2: 11-22

7:30 a.m. Anderson Garden Worship

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (AH)

Wednesday, July 24th – 1 Peter 2: 18-25

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (AH)

9:30 a.m. Quilters (QR)

Thursday, July 25th – Matthew 9: 35-38

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (AH)

5:30 p.m. Building and Grounds Team (CR)

Friday, July 26th – Micah 2: 12-13

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (AH)

Saturday, July 27th – Psalm 23



On Sunday, May 19th,
Lyla Priest and Andrew
Stahl affirmed their faith.

Altar Flowers



Altar flowers may be donated in honor or in memory of someone, to lift up an important occasion or just because you would like to. Please call the church office at (815) 963-4446 to reserve your dates. Two bouquets are \$30.00, payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with “Altar Flowers” noted in the memo line.

Dates listed below are currently available:
July 28, August 4, August 11 and August 25
and many dates beyond.



Please Pray For: Les, Flo, Mike, Rex, Helen, Marlene, Larry, Donna, Mary Kay, Joyce, Linnea, Shelley, Hunter, Pat, Steve, Paula, Mike, Don, Carol, Joshua, Louise