



Trinity News

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

School Supplies Needed

The Social Ministries Team is asking for your help this summer as we collect items for school kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. To the children who receive school kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but even the few required supplies can be more than many families can afford. Items needed are:

- 1) 70-sheet Notebook
- 2) Crayon Box (16 or 24)
- 3) Pencil Sharpener
- 4) 30-centimeter ruler
- 5) Blunt Scissors
- 6) Ball point Pen (Black or Blue)

Our goal is 100 School Kits. Please bring all donations to Trinity by August 24.



*Celebrating 130 Years
of Ministry*



Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Brunch celebrating the work of Trinity Day Care

Please sign up on the attendance sheet
Sunday morning or call the church office to
R.S.V.P.

Women of the **ELCA**

2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION RESCUE, REDEEM, RESTORE

"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- Psalm 82:4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration and Coffee at 8:00 am

First Lutheran Church
225 South 3rd St, Rockford



Registration forms are available in the church office and on Sunday mornings on the window sill.

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:

August 8th for the August 22nd issue

August 22nd for the September 4th issue

NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.

Cornucopia is collecting
Pancake Mix, Syrup, and
Canned Fruit
during the month
of August.



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



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REFLECTION

“Witnessing? A Dirty Word?”

“You shall be my witnesses.” Jesus spoke these words to his apostles at the conclusion of his earthly ministry in Luke 24. He thus commissioned the fledgling Christian Church to bear witness to all that God had done through His life, death and resurrection.

But what do these words mean to us? Are we also witnesses to God’s love for the world in Jesus? How are we to be witnesses to all the ends of the earth?

I believe we are too easily put off by the word “witnessing.” We think of some religious crackpot standing on a corner screaming into a portable PA system, or people knocking on our doors warning us that “the end is near” and this is our last chance to “be saved.”

Surely, this is not what Jesus means for you and me as believers! There is already too much craziness in this world, we don’t need to add anymore.

I’ve been struck by the witnessing I’ve received as I’ve visited and called on some of our good “Trinity” folks. It did not come off as “hard sell” or “a put on.” People were witnessing to me as they simply shared the stories of their lives, how their faith sustained them in rough times, and how they’d received God’s generous blessings, and saving grace. Often they do not use “religious” or churchy language— they are simply sharing their story.

When we think of witnessing for Christ, I hope we will not think of the high pressure “put on” that so often put people off. Instead, when we think of how we may be Christ’s witnesses to all the world, let’s think of the ways we can simply share our own story of how God’s love and blessing have come to us, and sustained us, not through our own merits, but for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings.

Pastor Jay

Church Calendar August 9 - 23

Saturday, August 9th – Psalm 49: 1-12

Sunday, August 10th – Luke 12: 32-40

8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

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

Monday, August 11th – Genesis 15: 1-6

5:00 p.m. Finance Team (CR)

5:45 p.m. Admin Team (CR)

Tuesday, August 12th – Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

7:30 a.m. Anderson Garden’s Worship

12:30 p.m. Senior Task Force (CR)

Wednesday, August 13th – Psalm 33: 1-11

9:30 a.m. Trinity Quilters (QR)

Thursday, August 14th – 1 Chronicles 29: 10-22

Friday, August 15th – Isaiah 40: 27-31

Saturday, August 16th – Psalm 33: 12-22

9:00 a.m. Feed the Neighborhood (TLC Lot)

Sunday, August 17th – Luke 12: 49-56

Trinity Day Care Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Brunch and Presentation (AH)

Monday, August 18th – Jeremiah 23: 23-29

5:30 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, August 19th – Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

7:30 a.m. Anderson Garden’s Worship

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

Wednesday, August 20th – Psalm 37: 27-33

Thursday, August 21st – Micah 6: 6-8

5:00 p.m. Family Literacy Night (AH)

Friday, August 22nd – Isaiah 30: 18-22

Saturday, August 23rd – Psalm 82

Lutherdale Bible Camp

Between Elkhorn, WI and
Whitewater, WI on U.S. 12

Lutherdale Fest
QUILT AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

9 AM - 3 PM
LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 10 AM

FIND ALL THINGS QUILT AUCTION AT LUTHERDALE.ORG/QUILT-AUCTION

A KATIE’S CUP CONVERSATION

“Tender Lions”
Building the Vital
Relationship Between
Father and Son



Tuesday, August 12, 2025

11:30am-1:00pm

Jeff and Brian Becker



Tuesday, August 12 - 11:30am-1:00pm

Co-Authors Brian & Jeff Becker

Lead a discussion on their highly-acclaimed book:

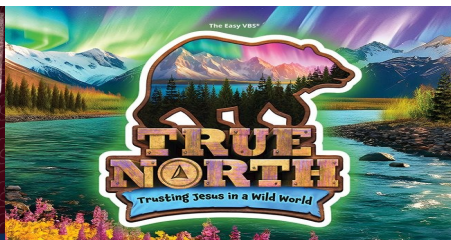
Tender Lions:

Building the Vital Relationship Between Father & Son

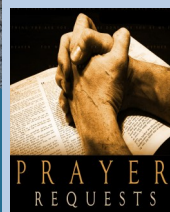
Where: Katie’s Cup

502 7th Street, Rockford, IL 61104 815.986.0628

Find out more about Brian & Jeff at www.tenderlions.org



Spark Sunday September 7



Please Pray For: Joyce, Ann, Cathlynn, Joey, Russ, Stewart, Cassy, Daniel, Oliver, Chrystal, Blake, Finley, Sonora, Dea, Donovan, Scott, Mike, Julie, Anthony, Chuck, Ron, Joshua, Char, Kenny, DeAnn, Al, Jan, Gary, Reggie, Bill, Stacy, Greg, Mirella, Rod, Gail, Carol, Barb, AJ, Trudy, Jean, Kathy, Brian, Sue, John, Dave, Kris, Danny, Ted, Sharon, Rosie, Larry, Jolyn, Mary Kay, Dan, Pat, Steve, Matthew, Helen, Diane, Rita