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Picnic Anyone? September 20 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an end of summer/beginning of fall picnic. We will have a picnic at the Martin Park shelter.

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, chips and drinks will be served. There will also be yard games and there is a playground across the Park. Please bring a chair to sit on. R.S.V.P. on Sunday mornings on the attendance sheet or by calling the church office (815-963-4446).



Rockford Lutheran ART CLUB Evolving Visions

Presented by: The Rockford Lutheran Art Club and Rockford Art Guild Members Trinity Lutheran Church Gym 207 N. 1st St. Rockford IL Friday October 3rd 5:00pm -9:00pm, Saturday Oct 4th 4:00 - 9:00pm

### Did You Know?

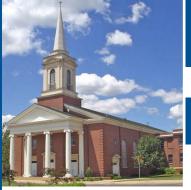
- Check out our website by visiting www.trinityrockford.org
- *Trinity News* can be delivered straight to your inbox via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter through email, please email the office at office@trinityrockford.org or call the Church office at 815-963-4446.
- Upcoming deadlines for the Trinity News are:

October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the October 17<sup>th</sup> issue October 17<sup>th</sup> for the October 31<sup>st</sup> issue

NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.

Cornucopia is collecting Skillet Meals, Canned Chili and Canned Beef Stew during the month of September.

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



# TRINITY NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## STRIVING TO BE THE HANDS OF JESUS

### Gather ~ Invite ~ Share ~ Serve

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### "What Is Your Response?"

The days are getting shorter, the school year is in full swing, the church year is almost over, and the calendar year is not far behind. At this time of year, we are reminded of God's rich blessings to us as we give thanks for the year past and look to the year to come.

God is good. This we have seen, and this we have even tasted. Not only has God given food and drink to nourish our bodies and stimulate our taste buds, God has also invited us to become one with God in the breaking of bread and sharing of wine that is in the Body and Blood of Christ.

This time of year, many people are beginning to put a lot of thought and energy into giving. Stores and advertisers encourage us to plan ahead for purchasing gifts in the quest of happiness.

Have you ever been caught off guard by a gift? We are constantly caught off guard by the tremendous gift God bestows on us. We can respond in kind to the gifts God has given us—life, family, health, salvation—and yet we respond even as a child asking his/her mother for money to buy her a birthday present. We respond to God's gifts by reaching out intentionally beyond our normal boundaries, beyond self into family, beyond family into congregation, beyond congregation into community, beyond community into the wider church, the society-at-large. We respond through faith stewardship within our congregation by remembering the church and it's many partner institutions.

To respond to God's love, we give coats, prepare health kits, school kits, fabric kits, create quilts, provide food for the Cornucopia and so much more. And yes, we give financially.

During this autumn season, we focus on our response to God's love by celebrating Faith, Hope and Love. Join us!

Pastor Jay

# October Birthdays Janis Becker 92 10/3 Cornelia Foley 94 10/11

### 40th Annual CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 19, 2024

Join other walkers at 1:00PM at the Discovery Center Museum after reaching out to family and friends in-person or online asking them to support your fight against hunger in Rockford and around the world.

Donate/Sponsor: crophungerwalk.org

Team: TLC Walkers

Cash donations are gratefully accepted.



### Church Calendar September 20 - October 4

Saturday, September 20th – Psalm 51: 1-10

9:00 a.m. Prime Timers Trip Meeting (AH)

9:00 a.m. Trinity's Closet (TC)

1:00 p.m. Church Picnic (Martin Park)

Sunday, September 21st – Luke 16: 1-13

8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH) 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Amos 8: 4-7

Tuesday, September 23rd – 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Wednesday, September 24th – Deuteronomy 15: 7-11

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

Thursday, September 25th – James 2: 1-13

Friday, September 26th – Isaiah 58:6-9 6:00 p.m. Prime Timers Bonfire

Saturday, September 27th – Psalm 113

Sunday, September 28th – Luke 16: 19-31

8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH) 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 29th – Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

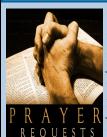
Tuesday, September 30th – 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Wednesday, October 1st – Proverbs 11: 24-25

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke 21: 1-4

Friday, October 3rd – Acts 20: 32-35

Saturday, October 4th – Psalm 146



### Please Pray For:

Cassy, Daniel, Oliver, Chrystal, Blake, Finley, Sonora, Vern, Jordan, Amy, Jim, Rod and Gail, Greg and Mirella, Stacy, Donna, Michael, Tanya, Char, Anthony, Ron, Chuck, DeAnn, Joshua, Don and Carol, Joyce, Kenny, Larry, Jolyn, Mary Kay, Pat, Steve, Matthew, Karin, Helen, Diane,

Kathy, A.J., Nancy, Jim, Rick, Barb, Ray, Kris, Sharon, Rosie, Danny, Russ, Nick, Jessica and Olivia