

Trinity News

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Congregational Brunch

Join us **Sunday, May 17**
for our next brunch.



Worship 9:30 a.m.
Brunch 10:45 a.m.

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

Join us for Bunco!



Sunday, May 17
3:00 p.m.
Anderson Hall

This family friendly event is perfect for all ages, no experience needed. Bunco is a simple dice game that's all about luck, laughter, and good company.

Feel free to bring a snack to share, and we'll have drinks provided.

You can sign up on the attendance sheet or call the church office. **We hope to see you there!**

Collection for

LWR Personal Care Kits

We are collecting personal care items each week in May

- Week 1: May 3 Bars of Soap
- Week 2: May 10 **Lightweight Dark** Bath Towels
- Week 3: May 17 Toothbrushes
- Week 4: May 24 Sturdy Combs
- Week 5: May 31 Metal Nail Clippers

However, we will gladly accept any of these items whenever you bring them in!



Prime Timers May Lunch

(everyone 50 years young and older are invited)

Chavez Mexican Restaurante
5494 E. State St.



Wednesday, May 20, 2026
11:30 a.m.


Your RSVP is appreciated. Please call the church office to RSVP (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:

May 29th for the June 12th issue **June 12th** for the June 26th issue

NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.

Cornucopia is collecting personal items (toothpaste, soap, deodorant) during the month of May. 

Trinity's Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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“Empowerment”

Empowerment is one of those catchwords that is used often these days and conjures up images of abilities, skills, responsibilities and “getting the job done”. When Jesus sent the disciples into Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit, he informed them that they would be empowered. These people would have a new dimension of spiritual strength that would surprise them and transcend daily routines. It would be a new paradigm for living. It would carry a vision that would affect the world. And so, the Church came into being!

Pentecost is about “gifting” of the will and grace of God. Unique gifts were foisted upon the apostles. They were blessings that could not be measured, but demanded to be shared. The Church came into being with power to transform human lives.

When I reflect about it, I think about the mission of the Christian Church. I’m convinced it is to transform lives. As the Church, we are instruments to bring about change that will in turn carry a positive effect.

Isn’t that what Trinity Lutheran Church is about? We are empowered by the spirit of God to bring about changes that are meaningful, positive and transforming. All of us are gifted by God. We have different gifts. They vary greatly. How we use those gifts become the challenge of our faith.

I am inspired by people who have blessings and want to share those blessings with the work of the church. “Gifting” is an act of faith. We all have opportunities to share our gifts—large and small—and all very important to carrying out the mission of the Church.

God empowers us to be the Church (that is, in the world but not of the world) that will make a difference in human lives, our local community, the church-at-large, and the global village.

Pentecost (May 24) is the birthday of the Church. Let us celebrate!

Pastor Jay

Church Calendar May 16 - 30

Saturday, May 16th – Psalm 66: 8-20

9:00 a.m. Trinity House Cleaning Project

Sunday, May 17th – John 17: 1-11

9:30 a.m. Worship (S)

10:45 a.m. Brunch (AH)

3:00 p.m. Bunco (AH)

Monday, May 18th – Acts 1: 6-14

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

Tuesday, May 19th – 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

2:00 p.m. Exodus Bible Study (CR)

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

Wednesday, May 20th – 1 Thessalonians 5: 6-11

11:30 a.m. Prime Timers Lunch (Chavez)

Thursday, May 21st – James 5: 13-18

5:30 p.m. TDC Literacy Night (TLC Gym)

Friday, May 22nd – Ephesians 6: 18-20

Offices Closed

Saturday, May 23rd – Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

Sunday, May 24th – John 20: 19-23

Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Worship (S)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

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

Monday, May 25th – Acts 2: 1-21

Memorial Day/Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 26th – 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Wednesday, May 27th – Acts 2: 37-42

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

12:00 noon TDC Board (BL)

Thursday, May 28th – Ephesians 3: 14-21

Friday, May 29th – 1 John 4: 13-21

Saturday, May 30th – Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b



**Many Thanks!
Annual
Mostaccioli Dinner**

Our mostaccioli dinner event was a fun evening with 180 diners!

Our profit was \$3065:

\$199 from the 50-50 drawing and \$1149 from raffles.

A big “Thank You” to Thrivent, everyone who contributed baskets or donations, and all who attended or volunteered that evening. You made our event successful again!



LET US CELEBRATE YOU!

Trinity’s First VIP Lunch
May 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m.
in Anderson Hall

Special Entertainment to celebrate YOU!

Please RSVP on the Sunday Attendance Sheet or call the church office!



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

Please Pray For: Dea, Draven, Donovan, Erik, Scott, Bill, Alex, Sarah, Caroline, Diane, Gary, Joyce, Russ, Regina, Sue, Bob, Joan, Dave, Michael, Chuck, Kenny, Joshua, Peggy, DeAnn, Ron, Anthony, Char, Don, Carol, Marie, Larry, Kathy, Mary Kay, Barb, Jan, Betty, Brad, Elsie, John, Al, Lisa, Mark, Lynn, Patricia, Dale, Pat, Steve, Matthew, Kevyn, Kris, Danny, Danielle, Rosie, Curt, Brandon, Zack, Jess, and Theo