



# Trinity News

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### The plot thickens...

Plans for a monthly Trinity Book Club are underway and we would like your thoughts.



Some titles for the Book Club that are being considered are:

- The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore
- The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters
- Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan
- The Hunter* by Tana French

We plan to have our first Book Club gathering in July, so invite your friends, family and neighbors. Watch for more details!

Please call the church office at (815) 963-4446 if you are interested. Someone will be in contact with a date and time.



The Prime Timers will be going to Conover Square in Oregon IL on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Conover Square at 10:00 a.m. or, if you need a ride, we will meet at Trinity at 9:00 a.m.

We'll spend a couple of hours browsing and then lunch at Jay's Drive-In, a 50's style diner in Oregon. Please call the church office at (815) 963-4446 to RSVP so we know how many to plan for and if anyone needs a ride.

The Prime Timers are heading to the Garden of the Gods, the Royal Gorge, Colorado Springs and much more this Fall!

September 12 - 20, 2026



Cost: \$1,255 per person  
(double occupancy)

Flyers with complete details are available in the church office.

Open to all members 50 years old and older.

### Did You Know?

- **Check out our website** by visiting [www.trinityrockford.org](http://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](mailto:office@trinityrockford.org) or call the Church office at 815-963-4446.
- **Upcoming deadlines for the Trinity News** are:

July 10<sup>th</sup> for the July 24<sup>th</sup> issue      July 24<sup>th</sup> for the August 7<sup>th</sup> issue

**NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.**

Cornucopia is collecting ramen noodles during the month of July.



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

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## “Love? Or Tough Love?”

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE. I love you; I love you; I love you. How can we express our love for one another? Let me count the ways. The first thing that comes to my mind is being nice, kind, and sweet to one another. Our songs reflect this—songs like, “You are My Sunshine” or “What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love.” Our advertisements capitalize on this. For example, “Show someone you care, send them flowers” or “Do something special for the one you love, buy...” How can we tell each other, “I love you?” By doing something nice, kind and sweet?

What happens when someone does something we don’t perceive as sweet and kind? Many of us—children and adults—think that is not love. In many circumstances, we hear “You don’t love me anymore! Otherwise, you would give me the car tonight!” “If you’ll help me out just this once, then I’ll know how much you really love me.” “If you love me, then...”

The presupposition underlying this is that love is always equated with being nice, kind and sweet. And, if we look closer, we even realize another presupposition. That is, love is equated with getting what we want. We want it nice; we want it easy; we want it our way. Then it is love.

Is this always the case? Or does our understanding of love need to grow and mature? How can we tell each other “I love you”? Sometimes by saying, “no.” Love that says “no” is tough. It is tough on the ones who hear it because they are not getting what they want. And it is tough on the ones who say it because they risk not having their words recognized as love. They risk having “you don’t love me!” thrown back in their faces. But tough love is still love—and it is worth it because it allows us to rejoice in the right. We can learn about choosing wisely, accepting responsibility and changing for the better—even though it might not be the easy way or the nice way or our way. But, without a doubt, tough love is tough—to hear and to speak. But it is still love—it is worth it.

Pastor Jay

## Church Calendar June 27 - July 11

### Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 69: 7-18

9:00 a.m. Colorado Trip Meeting (AH)  
6:35 p.m. Beloit SkyCarp Baseball Game (Beloit)

### Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 10: 40-42

8:30 a.m. Worship (S)  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Parking Lot)

### Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – John 21: 15-19

### Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 119: 161-168

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Worship (Anderson Gardens)

### Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – Matthew 11: 20-24

### Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Psalm 145: 8-14

5:30 p.m. Faith and Fellowship Team (FF)

### Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – John 14: 1-7

Office Closed

### Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Luke 10: 21-24

Independence Day

### Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

8:30 a.m. Worship (S)  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Parking Lot)  
2:00 p.m. Stars, Stripes, and Pipes! Organ Concert (Second First Church)

### Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 131

Office Closed

### Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 28: 10-17

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Worship (Anderson Gardens)  
7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast (Spring Garden)

### Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 13: 1-11

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

### Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

### Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Romans 15: 14-21

### Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 52: 1-6

## Scholarship Applications

College scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 school year are available for Trinity members in the church office.

Deadline for completed applications is June 30<sup>th</sup>.



A wonderful way to serve...

We will be putting together 170 Personal Care Kits this year and ***we need your help!*** Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in Anderson Hall, 9:00 a.m. until we finish. Come before worship, stay after worship, or both!

No experience necessary!



**Please Pray For:** Michael, Chuck, Kenny, Joshua, Peggy, DeAnn, Ron, Anthony, Char, the family of Teresa, Dea, Draven, Victoria, Tad, Brenda, Ken, Joyce, Russ, Regina, Anna, Diane, Karin, William, James, Caroline, Louise, Kris, Donovan, Bill, Brandon, Rebecca, Madeline, Clementine, Angela, Kathy, Soloman, Larry, Mary Kay, Steve, Dave, Matthew, Barb, Danny, Danielle, Curt, Rosie, Debbie, the family of Pat, Julie, Mary, and Dick