



Trinity News

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Trinity's Closet to Begin

We're kicking off Trinity's Closet for the 2026 season! There will be a "Pre-season Giveaway" on Tuesday, August 25th and Thursday, August 27th (when Cornucopia is open!) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



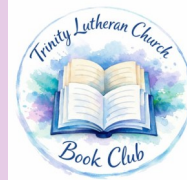
We'll be giving away sweatshirts and light jackets for the cooler summer nights and fast-approaching fall season. We need all the help we can get so please consider giving your time to this worthy cause and sign up on the back of the attendance sheet. We'll be under the west portico.

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 23.



The plot thickens...

If you weren't at our first Trinity Book Club gathering, we missed you! It was a hit! We had a wonderful time of sharing lively

discussion, lots of laughs, and tasty treats. We'd love to see you at our next gathering.

The next book club meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 5:30 p.m. in the Faith and Fellowship Room. We will dive into *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. If you have a library card, check your local library for free audio and digital downloads of the book.

Call the church office to sign up.

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 21th for the September 4th issue

September 4th for the September 18th issue

NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.

Cornucopia is collecting tooth paste and bars of soap during the month of August.



Trinity's Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



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"The Good Life"

There once was a widow who sold all her possessions and bought a large piece of gold. She buried the treasure in the earth near a fence. Every day she dug up the gold and held it, admired it and fondled it.

A gardener who worked nearby noticed the woman's daily ritual and wondered what she was doing. One night he crept to the exact spot where he had seen the woman going each day. He dug up the piece of gold, put it in his pocket and left the country.

The next day when the widow discovered the empty hole, she screamed in anguish. A neighbor heard her scream and came to her aid. Weeping, the widow told her neighbor what had happened.

"Stop your crying," the neighbor advised, "and find a stone of equal size. Paint it gold and put it in the hole. Each day you can come and pretend that your gold is still here. The stone will serve the same purpose, since you never meant to use the gold anyway." (Based on an Aesop Fable.)

I suppose there is a bit (maybe more than a bit) of that widow in all of us. So often we think the "good life" is when we are blessed with the possession of many things, or one really big thing, like a piece of gold. The neighbor's advice to the woman, though seemingly crass and uncaring, reveals a truth for us. The "good life" is not the possession of things, but rather the awareness that things are blessings, given by a loving God, to us, God's stewards of the earth. Read the creation story in Genesis, chapter 1. God created all that we have: time, talents, health, relationships, property, the gospel. Everything is created and entrusted to us by God. Then read chapters 2 and 3 of Genesis. It is when we insist on taking in, keeping, accumulating, reaching beyond God, that the problems begin. The "good life" is not having; it is to be aware of what we have and to be grateful.

Pastor Jay

Church Calendar August 22 - September 5

Saturday, August 22nd – Ezekiel 36: 33-38

Sunday, August 23rd – Matthew 16: 13-20

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

Monday, August 24th – John 1: 43-51

Tuesday, August 25th – Psalm 18: 1-3, 2032

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Worship (Anderson Gardens)
9:00 a.m. Trinity's Closet (WE)

Wednesday, August 26th – Isaiah 28: 14-22

9:30 a.m. Trinity Quilters (QR)
12:30 p.m. TDC Board (BL)

Thursday, August 27th – Psalm 26: 1-8

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

Friday, August 28th – 2 Thessalonians 2: 7-12

Saturday, August 29th – Jeremiah 15: 10-14

9:00 a.m. Colorado Trip Meeting (AH)

Sunday, August 30th – Matthew 16: 21-28

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

Monday, August 31st – Psalm 17

Tuesday, September 1st – Revelation 3: 7-13

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Worship (Anderson Gardens)
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Spring Garden)
6:00 p.m. Ignite Team (SL)

Wednesday, September 2nd – Jeremiah 17: 5-18

5:30 p.m. Trinity Book Club (FF)

Thursday, September 3rd – Psalm 119: 33-40

5:30 p.m. Faith and Fellowship Team (FF)
6:30 p.m. Global Missions Team (AH)

Friday, September 4th – Romans 10: 15-21

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Saturday, September 5th – Ezekiel 33: 1-6

Women's Bible Study

Pastor Janet Wold will once again be offering a Women's Bible study this fall, going into spring.

We will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. beginning on September 10th in the library for an hour. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew.

There is no cost to attend this study. Please call the church office to sign up!

September Birthday's

Richard Crosby 94 9/18
Betty DeGunther 92 9/22
Lavonne Seaworth 90 9/24

Please Pray For: Dea, Draven, Brian, Jess, Angela, Patty, Diane, Caroline, Heather, Khloe, Kalia, Judy, Aaron, Forrest, Barb, Children going back to school, Erik, Kristin, Michael, Chuck, Kenny, Peggy, DeAnn, Ron, Anthony, Char, Donovan, Russ, Regena, Joyce, Larry, Kathy, Karen, Matthew, Danny, Curt, Danielle, Rosie, Kris, Pia, Yvonne, Kevyn, Jacob, Jerry, Deb, Greg, Peg, Sue, Steve and Brandon

