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Trivia Night

and Silent Auction

FRIDAY - October 2nd!

Held at Trinity Lutheran Church
200 N. First Street, Rockford

6:00pm Meal - 7:00pm Play begins
\$20 per person

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Bible Study on Leviticus

As we continue our journey through the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible), Pastor Jay is offering a weekly Bible Study on the Book of Leviticus.

We will begin on Tuesday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The last gathering will be on October 27th. Come and join us! We will learn together what this book is all about.

LEVITICUS

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:

September 4th for the September 18th issue September 18th for the October 2nd issue

NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.

Spark Sunday

September 13, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship in
the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Assembly of School Kits
Games for all ages

11:00 a.m. Lunch is served

11:30 noon Let's talk about Rainforest Falls



Confirmation at Trinity

This year, we are beginning a new program to guide youth through the confirmation process. All youth in 6th grade or older are invited to be a part of the Confirmation experience. This is a program developed by a pastor in Kansas.



Every youth will work at their own pace and meet regularly with the pastor. This allows a young person to take a few months off when they are at their busiest, but it also allows those who want to learn everything now to do that.

If you are interested to learn more, give Pastor Jay a call (815-963-4446) and make an appointment to meet with him.

Cornucopia is collecting cereal during the month of September.



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



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REFLECTION

"A Call to Servanthood"

Christ calls all of us to be his disciples and to be servants in a hurting world. To have a heart geared for servanthood means that one does not assume greatness or inappropriate authority over another. Being a servant means acting and caring for others, even if your efforts aren't recognized or repaid. Having a heart geared for servanthood isn't a popular concept in our society because there is the philosophy that we are to be "first" at any cost.

Jesus' call to follow him, to be his disciple, means a change of heart. Instead of allowing our sinful self to dominate our lives, Jesus offers a new perspective on life. We are to be humble, to be willing to serve. We are to have hearts geared for servanthood. This is not easy to live out. We get caught up in overactive schedules that are very demanding and soon control our efforts. There are promises of promotions, and we end up yearning for more money, more prestige, and more authority. Our focus begins to turn inward. Our lifestyles quickly focus on asking: "What's important to me?", "What's in it for me?" and "How can I get ahead?"

It is only upon Christ that we can build our lives. The good news is that we are all invited to come and start the process. As we humble ourselves, we still find identity, purpose, and greatness in God's vision of us in this world.

Being a humble servant doesn't imply weakness or inferiority. It allows us to focus on God's intentions for our lives. Being humble means we are set free to be empowered to go out and minister in Jesus' name. Having a heart geared for servanthood means we know we are part of a team where each player has an important role in the overall game plan that God has for God's creation.

We use our God-given gifts and talents to minister, to reach out to our neighbors who are hurting and suffering. It is our calling that directs us to reach out and help someone else feel they are special and loved by their creator. What a privilege it is to be one of God's servants, one of God's players in the game of life!

Pastor Jay



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!



Please Pray For:

Elsie (along with her family and friends), Patty, Diane, those in the hospital, Brandon, Cindy, Danny, Danielle, Rosie, Kris, Pia, Yvonne, Kevyn, Debbie, Ryan, Peter, Russ, Regina, Dea, Draven, Joyce, Michael, Chuck, Kenny, Peggy, DeAnn, DeAnna, Ron, Anthony, Char, Donovan, Jeff, Steve, Kathy, Jess, Angela, Jerry, Joshua, Grace, Susan, Pastor Jay, Larry, Karen, Mary Kay, Jolyn, Laurie, Mark, Greg, Barb, Alan, Matt, Kyle, Lisa, Sue, Brad and John

Church Calendar

September 5 - September 19

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

Sunday, September 6th – Matthew 18: 15-20

8:30 a.m. Worship (S)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

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

Monday, September 7th – Psalm 119: 65-72

Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8th – Romans 13: 1-7

2:00 p.m. Leviticus Bible Study (CF)

5:30 p.m. Building and Grounds Team (CR)

Wednesday, September 9th – Matthew 21: 18-22

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

Thursday, September 10th – Psalm 103: 1-13

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (BL)

Friday, September 11th – Genesis: 41: 53 & 42: 17

Saturday, September 12th – Matthew 6: 7-15

Sunday, September 13th – Matthew 18: 21-35

Spark Sunday

9:00 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

9:30 a.m. Worship (S)

10:30 a.m. School Kits/Games for all ages

11:00 a.m. Lunch is served

Monday, September 14th – John 3: 13-17

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

6:00 p.m. Admin Team (CR)

Tuesday, September 15th – Psalm 133

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

Wednesday, September 16th – Genesis 50: 22-26

Thursday, September 17th – Psalm 145: 1-8

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

Friday, September 18th – 2 Corinthians 13: 5-10

Saturday, September 19th – Zephaniah 2: 13-15

October Birthday's

Janis Becker 93 10/3

Cornelia Foley 95 10/11