



Trinity News

200 N. 1st Street, Rockford, Illinois, 61107-3901

(815) 963-4446

www.trinityrockford.org

Address Service Requested

101626

NON PROFIT ORG

US POSTAGE

PAID

ROCKFORD, IL
PERMIT NO. 280

Staff:

Rev. Jay P. Quinn, Pastor; Dollye Kozel, Administrative Assistant;
Deacon Jean Anderson, Organist

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



All are welcome! Thursday, October 22nd from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the west parking lot at the corner of Madison and Market Streets. **For the trunk and treaters:**

Children accompanied by a chaperone may come dressed in costume or not, that's up to you. Just remember to bring a bag to gather your goodies and to have fun! **Car trunks with goodies needed:** We need car trunks! Sign up to participate by contacting Rebecca at rmclain@trinitydaycare.com, calling the Day Care Office at (815) 986-5437, or calling the church office. Don't delay; we need your help to make this an awesome event for kids and adults alike! Please remember that all costumes and decorated cars must be "small-child friendly". Cars will need to be at the church at 4:00 p.m. to set up. Please avoid candy containing nuts. **With your help, Trunk or Treat is on the way!** *Donations of candy and/or cash to purchase candy would be greatly appreciated.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday,
October 25th
10:45 a.m.

Trinity's Annual Chili Cookoff

Bring your best chili to share or just come and enjoy!

Prizes,
Raffles,
Good Chili
Great Fellowship

Sponsored by the Ignite Team

Electronic Recycling Day at Trinity!

Trinity is sponsoring a free electronic recycling day. Items such as old computers, cell phones, stereos, cd and tape players, TVs, etc. may be dropped off in the West Parking Lot on September 7th. This is a free recycling event except to recycle the following items:

\$20 for TVs
\$10 for Computer Monitors
(Half of all recycling proceeds will come back to Trinity)

**SATURDAY,
October 24, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Prime Timer's Halloween Luncheon



Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 30th at Golden Corral for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Make your reservation by calling the church office 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:

October 16th for the October 30th issue

October 30th for the November 13th issue

NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.

Cornucopia is collecting canned tuna and chicken during the month of October.



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



TRINITY NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

STRIVING TO BE THE HANDS OF JESUS

Gather ~ Invite ~ Share ~ Serve

Volume 63, Issue 21

October 16, 2026

200 N. First Street • Rockford, IL • 61107 • 815-963-4446

www.trinityrockford.org

REFLECTION

“Celebrate Reformation”

On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther posted a set of 95 Theses (discussion topics) upon the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This began a movement, which the Christian world was ready for, known as the Reformation.

A central issue of the Reformation movement is our human inability to know and choose “the good,” thus necessitating God’s work of grace. And so, human freedom, our ability to do good, lies not in self-assertion, but in our relationship with God. True freedom comes from centering our lives upon God so that we are no longer driven by envy, pride, flattery and ego. In short, “doing your own thing.”

Reformation Sunday used to be the day when we spelled out our differences between the Roman Catholic and the Lutheran Churches. Historically, we know Martin Luther sought to reform the Church, not to create a separate church. It seems that God had other plans. The differences seemed irreconcilable, and the Lutheran Church was born.

Today, we do not stress our differences, but rather our similarities. We do not lift up Martin Luther as a saint, but an imperfect instrument seeking to do God’s will. Reformation Sunday, therefore, becomes more of a “Heritage Sunday”. It is a time when we look to our historical roots, acknowledging our unity and diversity. What is important to Lutherans these days is that God is continually working at reforming the Church. The Reformation is not over! We are still in process, imperfect instruments seeking to do God’s will, striving to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit.

May God find us faithful!

Pastor Jay

Church Calendar

October 17 - October 31

Saturday, October 17th – Isaiah 14: 3-11

9:00 a.m. Trinity’s Closet (TC)

Sunday, October 18th – Matthew 22: 15-22

9:00 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

9:30 a.m. Worship (S)

1:00 p.m. CROP Walk (Discovery Center)

Monday, October 19th – Luke 1: 1-4; 24: 44-53

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

Tuesday, October 20th – Psalm 98

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

1:00 p.m. Trinity House Board (CF)

Wednesday, October 21st –

Matthew 17: 22-27

6:30 p.m. The Gathering (AH)

Thursday, October 22nd – Psalm 1

4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat (West Parking Lot)

Friday, October 23rd – Titus 2: 7-8, 11-15

Saturday, October 24th – John 5: 39-47

9:00 a.m. Electronic Recycling Day (outside)

Sunday, October 25th – Matthew 22: 34-46

9:00 a.m. Fellowship (AH)

9:30 a.m. Worship (S)

10:45 a.m. Chili Cook-Off (AH)

Monday, October 26th – Psalm 119: 41-48

Tuesday, October 27th – James 2: 14-26

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

Wednesday, October 28th – John 14: 21-27

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

6:30 p.m. The Gathering (AH)

Thursday, October 29th – Psalm 43

12:00 p.m. TDC Board Meeting (BL)

1:00 p.m. AARP Driving Class (AH)

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

Friday, October 30th – 2 Peter 2: 1-3

11:30 a.m. Prime Timers Halloween Luncheon (Golden Corral)

Saturday, October 31st – John 8: 31-36

Halloween

The Gathering
A Worship Experience

Come as you are.
Midweek worship with modern music and thoughtful messages.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS • 6:30 PM
Beginning September 30 • Anderson Hall

WELCOME TO THE UPPER ROOM
The room. The people. The purpose.

ALL ARE WELCOME
Children are welcome, including infants, pregnant women and children with disabilities.

Come gather with us

41st Annual CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 18, 2024

Donate online at:
crophungerwalk.org
Team: TLC Walkers

Cash donations are gratefully accepted.



Heartfelt prayers for the family and friends of Marian Strand who recently passed away.



Trinity's Closet

Join us at Trinity's Closet on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Call the church office to sign up!



Please Pray For: Liz, Devon, Stacy, Angela, Crystal, MacKenzie, Donovan, Deb, Greg, Larry, Barb, Jim, Tyler, Jody, Ryan, Sharon, Mark, Joyce, Russ, Regina, Pete, Karen, Fran, Mary Kay, Brandon, Gene, Mike, Ron, Anthony, Chuck, Peggy, Kenny, DeAnn, Deanne, Joshua, Char, Susan, Jeff, Kris, Rosie, Danny, Danielle, Kevyn, Pia, Yvonne, Dea, Draven, Brian, Carol, John, Alan, Brad, Lisa, Lynn