

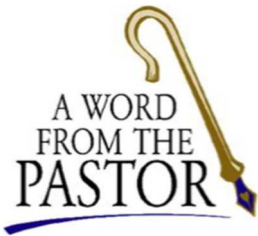
October Trinity Tidings

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Once again, the month of October is here, the eighth month in the old Roman calendar. What a glorious time it often is, a month of beautiful sunny days, autumn colors and falling leaves. As the year draws to its seasonal close, we are reminded that our Lord is bringing all things to a glorious conclusion. We look forward to our God uniting all things in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:10), bringing everything to the fullness of perfection through His death and resurrection. The season's end with its beautiful melancholy reminds us of the glorious promise of the renewal of all things.

This is the great hope that we have to share with the world. And this is why we can sing with all our hearts hymns of praise and joy to God. The people of the world are living in constant worry and it is easy for us also to get pulled into that but Jesus says to us: "When these things (signs of the end) begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

This month we celebrate 509 years since the beginning of the Reformation. We rejoice because we still have the treasure of God's Word and know in Christ that our sin is forgiven and that through faith in Jesus we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (Romans 8:37). Let us pray earnestly that we may share the Good News of that freedom with those around us and grow in our knowledge of God's grace and mercy, His power toward us who believe and the great hope that is ours in Christ (Ephesians 1:18-19).

Happy Reformation Day to all of you! May God bless and encourage you in this beautiful month!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Eric Moeller

Do you know of anyone that should be included in our **Prayer Chain**? If so, please contact Rita Dauber at 630-293-0518 or rita.dauber3@gmail.com



October 4th will be LWML Sunday. We will recognize Lutheran women in Mission. See below for more information on LWML.



We are women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who support Gospel-focused missions, both near and far. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was founded in 1942, to unite sisters in Christ as they focused on reaching out with the love of Christ to others in need, and we continue to do that today as **Lutheran Women in Mission**. We welcome and encourage every woman to use her God-given gifts to serve the Lord with gladness!

We joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Proclaiming Christ through
FAITH
RESOURCES

You can find free devotions and Bible studies on lwml.org. Start each day with a devotion by signing up for our email list.

Supporting Missions through
MISSION
GRANTS

Mission offerings, both large and small, are given in love and thankfulness. Together, these help to share the Gospel with people all over the world.

Equipping Women for
SERVING
OTHERS

Find ideas and inspiration to share Jesus' love with others through service projects, collections of physical donations, and events.

The voters at the LWML NID Convention approved a Mite Goal of \$170,000--\$97,990 of the new goal along with an additional \$22,010 from previously unspent grant money provided a grant total of \$120,000 to be awarded.

Attached are the requests showing the votes received with the final request receiving a partial payment.

Please note the address to send Mites does NOT change. **Continue to send your Mites to the PO Box in Tinley Park**

2026-2028 Grants to be funded

Votes	Grant Title	Grant Amount
60	Walcamp	\$ 17,908.00
53	Forged by Fire	\$ 10,000.00
51	Vida Y Fe, West Dundee	\$ 16,000.00
41	Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	\$ 4,000.00
33	Caring Hands	\$ 18,000.00
27	Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation	\$ 14,460.00
24	LINC Hub Initiative	\$ 18,000.00
14	Trinity, Lombard	\$ 16,355.00
13	St Peter, Schaumburg (partial funding)	\$ 5,277.00
	Total	\$ 120,000.00
	Checks payable to LWML NID	
	Mail to LWML NID	
	PO Box 65	
	Tinley Park IL 60477-0065	



**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
October Newsletter Article**



It's in the Way that You Use It

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Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

Christmas Gift Bags

Beginning in December, Trinity will again be gathering “personal item” gift bags for the West Chicago Food Pantry. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body lotion, baby lotion, diapers, diaper wipes, dish soap, laundry soap, laundry dryer sheets, socks, gloves, and any other item you can think of. Dish clothes, dish rags, guest towels, and wash cloths would make the bags fun to assemble.

The gift bags will be available starting November 20th; November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent.

During your Advent devotion time, place one item each day into the gift bag. Filled gift bags will be placed under the Trinity Christmas tree and delivered to the WC food pantry.

May your hearts be filled with the joy of the giving season!

Board of Stewardship

“Serve the Lord with gladness”. Psalm 100 :2



LWML Third Thursdays:

A great group of ladies attended the LWML Third Thursday event on September 17, 2026. Grant requests for the LWML mission programs were presented and discussed by Tracy Kotke. The ladies then prepared golf “goodie bags” for reflection on the golf course for the upcoming Trinity Golf outing. The next event will be held on October 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Come and join the fun!



September Event



August Event

The **Christmas Sale** is right around the corner on Saturday, November 13th. We could use your donations of used treasures. Please no clothing or very large items as our space is limited. You can leave your items in a box or bag under or on the pew in the back of Fellowship Hall.





Oktoberfest is Saturday October 17th, at 5:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall. You will be enjoying:

Pork Loin

Bratwurst

Sauerkraut

German Potato Salad

Green Beans

Cucumber Salad

Apple Sauce

Rolls

Dessert

water, soda and coffee will be provided

Hotdogs & chips will be available for the children



Fellowship will again be providing the snacks at the Trunk or Treat which will take place on Saturday, October 24th at 3:00 PM.



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West Chicago

Have something you'd like to post?
Email secretary@trinitywc.org or
kritt33@hotmail.com

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English Class: Starting on September 17th an English class will be offered to our neighbors who desire to learn and improve their conversational English. Please invite friends, neighbors and acquaintances who might have an interest in these classes. We will plan to run the first session of classes from September 17 to December 10, Thursdays, from 7-8:30 pm. with a week off at Thanksgiving, November 26.



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CLASES DE INGLÉS

¡GRATIS!

¡Aprende a hablar inglés con confianza!

CADA JUEVES
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Comenzando el 17 de
septiembre





You asked for it and now it's available....**Electronic Donations** to Trinity can now be made using this QR Code. If your bank has to use a phone number to set Trinity up in Zelle, like mine did, use 6303067009.

Young at Heart will be hosting a movie night on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy "Facing the Giants". The plot is about a losing coach and his underdog football team facing their "giants" of fear and failure on and off the field, with surprising results.

Let Andrew Greubel know if you plan on attending (so he can have enough popcorn available), a_greubel2004@comcast.net or 630-270-8985.



All Ladies of Trinity

Third Thursday of every month is Ladies Night

Thursday October 15th, 6pm

Please bring a small Autumn themed snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

We will have a devotion, craft and discuss some LWML business.
(We will be making Prayer Jars)

But most of all we will have fun and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Tracy Kotke at tlckotke@gmail.com or 630-386-7646

Feel free to bring a friend.

Trinity 2026 Golf Outing

Thanks to Larry Kotke for organizing the annual Trinity Golf outing at Arrowhead. The weather was perfect! The time on the course building relationships with fellow Christian men/women, was enjoyed by all. The good news for all was that nobody got too "tee"ed off about their scores! The golfers can't wait "fore" next year!🏌️

Participant were..Team Andrew, Emily, Jim Horvath and Marvin who won with 2 under. Followed by Jim and Kevin Grobe, Doug and Larry at even, and Pastor Fred and his boys Matt and John with a friend at 2 over. Marvin won closest to the pin, Kevin Grobe got longest drive, and John G. got longest put.





October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30am Divine Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 11:10am Bible Study 7:00pm- 8:00pm AA Meeting	28 7:00pm Elder's Meeting	29 6:30pm- 8:00pm Joyful Noise Choir Practice	30	1 7:00pm- 8:30pm English Classes	2	3
4 LWML SUNDAY NO BIBLE STUDY 9:30am Divine Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 7:00pm- 8:00pm AA Meeting	5 6:00pm Properties Meeting 6:00pm Properties Meeting	6	7	8 7:00pm- 8:30pm English Classes	9 7:30pm Compassionate Friends (Fellowship Hall)	10 7:00pm Young at Heart Movie - "Facing the Giants"
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27	28	29	30	1 Sharon Lemon	2 Amira Pena	3
4	5 Trevor Bartels	6	7 Erika Baxter	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Corey Brothers Shawn Brothers	15 Lois Kovarik	16	17
18	19 Marvin Boorsma Jr.	20 Lyla Wilson	21	22	23	24
25	26 Jennifer Grobe	27 Gabi Norusis	28	29	30	31



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27	28	29	30	1 Thomas Matejka	2 Carol Pena	3
4	5	6	7 Amber Zelman- Helfgot	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Jill Schneider Noah Kotke	16	17
18	19 Laura Grobe	20	21	22	23 Emilia Pena	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Quinn Adams	31



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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Sue and Dean Mennecke	9	10
11 Jared and Jill Schneider	12 Lynda and Ron Benes	13	14	15 Jeni and Peter Siekman	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Jeffrey and Katie Gregory	24
25	26	27 Jamie and Vytas Norusis	28	29	30	31



Assistants.... If you aren't available for your assigned Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a substitute.

2026 SCHEDULE	Count Team	Worship Asst.	Usher	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Greeter
10/4/2026	Jim and Kristi Horvath	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow	Sharon Garcia	Andrew Greubel	Heather Greubel
10/11/2026	Laura Grobe, Sue Mennecke and Jeni Siekmann	Bob Lasater	Andrew Greubel	Nancy Westra	Andrew Greubel	Rita Dauber
10/18/2026	Nancy Westra and Ron Benes	Andrew Greubel	Doug Schmidt	Sue Mennecke	Ron Benes	Andrea/Jake/Ally
10/25/2026	Greg & Sharon Garcia and Cheryl Perkis	Ron Benes	Larry Kotke	Nancy Planek	Rowan Gregory	Laura Grobe

Names shown in red have been updated from the original schedule.