



# Trinity Lutheran

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# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## **“To Know Christ; To Make Christ Known”**

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## **Worship**

Saturday at 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

## **Bible Fellowship**

Sunday School for Children  
Bible Studies for Youth and Adults  
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon

## **Trinity Lutheran School**

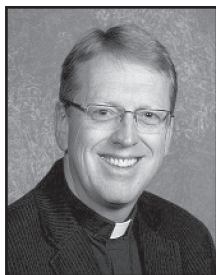
## **“To Know Christ; To Make Christ Known Through Education”**

Preschool to 8th Grade  
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## Trinity's Church Staff

Rev. David Renfro.....*Senior Pastor*.....renfrod@trinitycr.org  
Rev. Theodore Growth .....*Assistant Pastor*.....grotht@trinitycr.org  
Dr. Susan Benya .....*Director of Music*.....benyas@trinitycr.org  
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Joy Ernst .....***Forgiven*** *Director/Keyboardist*  
Pat Powell .....*Business Director*.....powellp@trinitycr.org  
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## A Letter from the Pastors...

*"To Know Christ, To Make Christ Known"*

Dear Trinity family:

We want you all to know how blessed we are to serve as shepherds under the Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, at Trinity Lutheran Church and School!

Hanging outside Pastor Renfro's office door is a plaque that expresses well our pastoral sentiments. It reads:

The pastor's study is the symbol of the calling of the Christian minister to be the shepherd of a flock of God. Here his sermons are prepared to feed the congregation on God's holy Word. Here the work of the church is planned so that the congregation may grow and bear fruit in fellowship, teaching, and witnessing. Here you will always find a friend and counselor in time of need. He will not be surprised at your sins, nor will he judge you in them, but he always invites you to share with him the wisdom and love of God, the knowledge of forgiveness of sins, and the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are always welcome.

We pray that this guide book and directory will assist us in staying connected to each other as the family of God gathered in this place. Remember that our doors are always open to you as together we seek to know Christ and to make Christ known.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Yours, in Christ,

Pastor David Renfro  
Pastor Ted Groth

## Who to Call

Altar Guild .....	Lea Hepworth.....	361-3741
Baptisms .....	Pastor Renfro.....	366-1569
Calendar Events .....	Jessica Kinney.....	366-1569
Confirmation.....	Pastor Renfro.....	366-1569
Funerals .....	Pastor Renfro.....	366-1569
Membership .....	Pastor Renfro.....	366-1569
Music Program.....	Susan Benya.....	654-4165
Offerings or Electronic Giving .....	Pat Powell.....	366-1569
Home Missionary/LWML.....	Di Koehn.....	396-7899
Quilting.....	Gerry Lenaburg.....	396-2245
Stephen Ministry .....	Church Office.....	366-1569
Vacation Bible School.....	Church Office.....	366-1569
Wedding Scheduling .....	Pastor Renfro.....	366-1569
Youth Programs.....	Vacant.....	(239) 595-0254

## Church Officers

Chairman .....	Ron Solsrud
Vice Chairman.....	Tom Manthe
Vice Chairman.....	Jon Benya
Secretary.....	Sue Smith
Treasurer.....	John Ilten
Board of Christian School .....	Jana Pownell
Board of Elders .....	Carl Gloe
Board of Endowment .....	Kay Lenaburg
Board of Evangelism .....	Matt Sprengeler
Board of Human Care .....	Pat Heyer
Board of Parish Education.....	Jessica Kinney
Board of Parish Fellowship .....	Wendy Solsrud
Board of Public Relations .....	Zach Rowley
Board of Stewardship.....	Susan Benya and John Ilten
Board of Trustees .....	Todd Annett
Board of Youth .....	Vacant

## What They Do...

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Consists of the Pastor, Principal, Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Elected Chairpersons of the Administrative Boards.

**OFFICERS' DUTIES:**

- Chairman is the “Administrative Head” of the congregational program. He calls meetings, presides at all meetings of the congregation, and meets periodically with the pastoral ministry team staff.
- Vice-Chairmen assist in the duties of the “Administrative Head” of the Congregation. They serve as Chairmen of the Personnel Committee.
- Secretary is present at all congregational meetings and enters minutes. He/she signs all official and legal documents in the name of and by the direction of the Church Council and the Congregation.
- Treasurer is responsible for accurate recording of all receipts and disbursements. He/she presents written financial reports, submits permanent records, and is responsible for monthly remission of offerings. Pat Powell, Business Director, works with the Treasurer and the Board of Stewardship.

**THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** assists the Principal and School staff with providing a quality Christian Education for students Preschool through the 8th grade.

New Student Tours and Information

.....	Jodi Jonasson.....	362-6952 ext. 231
Athletic Committee.....	Mark Mueller.....	362-6952 ext. 228
Band & Music .....	Laura Drzycimski.....	362-6952 ext. 241
Fine Arts Committee.....	Judy Schroeder.....	362-6952 ext. 253
Mid-Winter Basketball Tournament .....	Mark Mueller.....	362-6952 ext. 228
Preschool .....	School Office.....	362-6952 ext. 227
P.T.L. ....	School Office.....	362-6952 ext. 227
Cafeteria.....	Laura Ludeking.....	362-6952 ext. 230
Child Care .....	Stephanie Jemtrud.....	362-6952 ext. 235



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**THE BOARD OF ELDERS** is responsible for the Worship Life of the Parish. The Board assists the Pastor with worship services, hospital visits, and home visits. The Board of Elders also oversee:

- Public Worship - responsible for the conducting of and orderliness of public worship
- Acolytes - train and supervise the acolytes
- Altar Guild - prepares the altar for Holy Communion, which includes placing of the altar flowers. In addition, they ensure that the seasonal liturgical paraments and banners are hung. Contact Lea Hepworth (361-3741)
- Ushers - train and supervise the ushering staff
- Communion Assistants - identify and train persons to assist with the distribution of communion during public worship
- Video Recording - train, supervise and distribute the digital recordings of worship services

**THE BOARD OF ENDOWMENT** administers all income and accounts of the Endowment and Memorial Funds.

**THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM** brings the Gospel to the unchurched and arranges for the enlistment of all of God's people in the work of spreading the Gospel. One of their responsibilities is for recruiting and scheduling door greeters before services.

**THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE** works to secure and provide assistance for members of the congregation as needed, and to the church and community at large. They have collections for various helping ministries. Contact Pat Heyer (393-0137).

**Health Ministry/Parish Nursing** coordinates, trains, and utilizes volunteers to help meet congregational health needs, including offering blood pressure checks on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We always need nurses who would consider volunteering to help with blood pressure checks. Contact Jeanette Kellerman (364-6072).

**Stephen Ministers** are trained congregational members who come alongside people during difficult times to listen, care, and provide emotional and spiritual support. All contacts are confidential. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or would like to be a care receiver, please contact Pat Heyer (393-0137) or Karen Kroemer (363-3349).

**Passing on the Faith** gives newly-baptized children a wooden "Faith Chest" that contains several Christian training materials and a quilt. Children also receive age-appropriate Christian books at designated times until they reach age 3. Contact Phyllis Maeder (721-7913) if you would like to donate a quilt or use woodworking skills to make the Faith Chests.

**THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION** plans and administers all part-time parish educational programs of the congregation (e.g., Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible classes, etc.), determines policies, selects personnel for the various agencies, provides the necessary means and the facilities for the agencies, directs and supervises the part-time parish education programs.

- Sunday School - for students ages 3 years through 8th grade, meets in the school each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School - Conducted annually for students 3 years old through those entering 6th grade.
- Library Committee - meets the 1st Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to process books and take general care of the library. Contact Deanna Acord (396-8960), or Rose McDonald (366-6743).

**THE BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP** helps to strengthen the fellowship between members of the congregation spiritually and socially, to integrate new members into the life of the congregation, and to build up a spirit of mutual cooperation among all members of Trinity congregation.

- **Fellowship Club** meets periodically for a potluck meal and fellowship. All are welcome. Lutheran Layman's League is sponsored by the Fellowship Club of Trinity. Contact Alice Hoffmeier (365-8586).
- **Trinity Lunch Ladies** meet periodically for fellowship and a meal. Current time and place information are announced in the bulletins, or contact the church office.

**THE BOARD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS** works to make the congregation known to the community as a Christ-centered ministry of the Gospel. The objectives of this group are:

- To keep the community informed of Trinity Lutheran Church and its activities through Gazette ads, 1st Avenue message board, and other publications when possible.
- To keep the congregation informed of internal activities and programs through various means of publications and directories. The Public Relations Board maintains the Church Facebook page, YouTube Channel, TV Monitors in church entryways, and other general in-reach sources.
- If interested in helping with some of these programs, contact Zach Rowley (515) 249-9752.

**THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP** - The basic objectives of this board are:

- To initiate programs for the development of good stewardship attitudes in the members of the congregation in regard to time, talent and treasures.
- To provide for training and utilization of members of the congregation for the work of Christ's Kingdom.
- To ensure the financial stability of the congregation and its work through a developed program of dedicated, proportionate, first fruit giving.



**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the physical properties of Trinity congregation. They meet the second Thursday of the month. Our custodian works with the Board.

**THE BOARD OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY** helps foster the spiritual growth of the youth of Trinity's congregation as well as promotes genuine Christian Fellowship for the congregation's young people and their families. Programming for the young people of our church ranges from 6th grade to Senior High. Our ministry includes various activities, meetings, retreats/gatherings, Bible studies, and service opportunities. Youth in 5th through 8th grades are encouraged to attend the Sunday Middle School Ministries at the school each week, and Senior High have their own Bible study time on Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. service in our Youth Room. More activities are available beyond that as well. The Senior High Youth space is there to study God's word, relax, have fun, and build relationships. For more information, contact the church office 366-1569.

## Trinity Home Missionary Society (LWML)

Trinity Home Missionary Society was formed on February 12, 1919 by twelve ladies of Trinity Lutheran Church as the new English-speaking society to aid the needs of Trinity. Any time their church or school was in need, the Home Missionary Ladies gave generously of their time, talents and donations. As of today, this is the purpose and objective of this society: to promote the welfare of the church through Christian service, fellowship, and ministry.

In 1942, Home Missionary became charter members of the newly formed Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and its objectives of mission education, inspiration, and service. An additional objective is to nurture spiritual life through devotions, prayer, and Bible study.

Down through the years, the Home Missionary has consistently given of their time and also donated very generously to the building maintenance of our school. As long as we have women with fervent love in their heart for the Lord and the eager desire to fulfill the wants and needs of our church, we will have Home Missionary. This zeal shall be passed on from grandmother to mother to daughter.

All women who are communicant members at Trinity and have expressed an interest in joining are eligible for membership. Home Missionary has several sub-groups that meet at different times and concentrate on certain activities. As a large group, Home Missionary usually meets on the first Thursday of the month for a program and business meeting.

## Church Benefactors

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## 2020 Officers

President: Diana Koehn – 396-7899  
Vice President: Gwen Timm – 210-4795  
Secretary: Henrietta Mueller – 395-4145  
Treasurer: Judy Bush – 396-7326  
Mites: Jeanette Kellerman – 364-6072

**Dorcas Guild** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to promote the work of Lutheran World Relief with quilts, layettes, clothing, and soap collections.

Gerry Lenaburg, Co-chairperson - 396-2245  
Shirley McCord, Co-chairperson - 365-4961

**Good Samaritans** group meets at church the last Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. to visit shut-ins of our congregations. Deanna Acord, Chairperson - 396-8960

**Ruth Guild** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. to make baby quilts and lap robes for nursing homes and shut-ins. Faye Allen, Chairperson - 365-9529

## Small Group Bible Studies

Trinity Lutheran Church offers multiple weekly or bi-weekly opportunities to study God's Word. Each week during the year, the updated opportunities are listed in the bulletin and also in the Trinity Times.

### Sunday Morning Bible Studies

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. during the school year

- Pastor-led Bible Study in main fellowship hall
- Sunday School for ages 3 through 8th grade at the school campus
- High School Bible Study in the Youth room

### Weekday Bible Studies

Wednesdays - 7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study on next week's Bible lessons in Church Library led by Leon Kroemer

Wednesdays - 9:30 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Study in Church Library led by Pastor Renfro

Wednesday - 1:00 p.m. - Bible Study led by Alice Hoffmeier

Sunday - 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study led by Darwin Poock - Meth-Wick Community Greenwood Terrace dining room

## Music at Trinity

*From St. Paul, in Colossians 3:16:*

*“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”*

*“The aim and final reason of all music should be nothing else but the Glory of God and the refreshment of the spirit.” ---Johann Sebastian Bach*

*The Music Ministry at Trinity seeks to proclaim God’s Word through music; uphold the fine liturgical heritage of the Lutheran Church; encourage and promote participation in and appreciation for the music of the Christian Church; and reach out to the community through music. “Soli Deo Gloria.” (Glory to God Alone)*

We seek, by God’s grace, to accomplish the important goals described above through the presentation of a rich variety of the best of all appropriate musical styles and composers, guided by the appointed scripture readings for the day and a focus on uplifting the collective singing voice of God’s people. If you are interested in assisting with this important mission through participation as a vocalist, instrumentalist, or handbell ringer, please contact Director of Music Susan Benya at [benyas@trinitycr.org](mailto:benyas@trinitycr.org) or (319) 654-4165, the church office at 366-1569, or [churchoffice@trinitycr.org](mailto:churchoffice@trinitycr.org).

Among our many fine instruments, Trinity is blessed to own a 7-foot Schimmel grand piano, a fine Schlicker pipe organ (built in 1966, restored by Berghaus Organ Builders in 2015, two manuals, 19 ranks), several Clavinova keyboards, Orff and percussion instruments, and a 4-octave set of Schulmerich hand bells (restored by Schulmerich in 2015).

### **Trinity Lutheran School**

Trinity Lutheran School (TLS) has been the Church’s greatest mission since 1884. Our mission is “To Know Christ, To Make Christ Known through Education.” We welcome students from preschool-eighth grade to experience TLS and our incredible teaching staff. The school is accredited by the State of Iowa and the National Lutheran School Association.

TLS is a competitively priced tuition-based school and we offer scholarship opportunities. Check out our website and see why TLS is a great option: [www.trinitycr.org](http://www.trinitycr.org).

Call for a visit, (319) 362-6952. Every day is an Open House at Trinity Lutheran School!

## School Info

### **Class offerings:**

Preschool-3 year olds & 4 year olds; Alternative Kindergarten  
Kindergarten-Eighth Grade

### **School Hours:**

**K-8:** 8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

**Preschool 3 year olds** on Tuesday & Thursday

**Preschool 4 year olds** on Monday-Thursday

**Alternative Kindergarten** on Monday-Friday afternoons

### **Child Care Hours:**

**Preschool & Alternative Students:** 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Kindergarten-Eighth Grade Students:** 6:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

### **Summer Academy**

**Preschool-Sixth Grade Students:** 6:30-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

### **Hot Lunch Program**

Hot lunch is offered Mondays-Fridays, except for on noon dismissal days.

### **Extra-curricular Activities:**

**Junior Lego League** (Kindergarten-Third grade); Lego League (Fourth-Sixth grade); First Tech Challenge Robotics Team (Seventh & Eighth grade)

**Sports Programs:** Boys Flag Football; Girls Volleyball; Co-ed Soccer; Boys & Girls Basketball; Cross Country; Track & Field; and Cheerleading.

**Fine Arts:** Band, Choir, spring musical (operetta), District Fine Arts Festival.

**Additional Co-Curricular Activities:** School & District Science Fairs, School & District Spelling Bees, School & National Geography Bees.

**Scholarship Opportunities** (for students in Kindergarten-Eighth grade):

ILSTO - need-based program (Iowa Lutheran Schools Tuition Organization)

Trinity Scholarships - need-based program

*Trinity Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.*

### **Staff for 2020-21**

Principal.....	Mr. Mark Mueller.....	Ext. 228
Assistant Principal.....	vacant.....	Ext. 259
School Secretary .....	Mrs. Dana Freymark.....	Ext. 227
Development Director .....	Mrs. Jodi Jonasson.....	Ext. 231

## **What We Believe**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches and responds to the love of the Triune God: the Father, creator of all that exists; Jesus Christ, the Son, who became human to suffer and die for the sins of all human beings and to rise to life again in the ultimate victory over death and Satan; and the Holy Spirit, who creates faith through God's Word and Sacraments. The three persons of the Trinity are coequal and coeternal, one God.

Being "Lutheran," our congregations accept and teach Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther that inspired the reformation of the Christian Church in the 16th century. The teachings of Luther and the reformers can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone.

### **Grace alone**

God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him and do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable and save the ungodly.

### **Faith alone**

By His suffering and death as the substitute for all people of all time, Jesus purchased and won forgiveness and eternal life for them. Those who hear this Good News and believe it have the eternal life that it offers. God creates faith in Christ and gives people forgiveness through Him.

### **Scripture alone**

The Bible is God's inerrant and infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law and His Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is the sole rule and norm for Christian doctrine.

--Source: LCMS.org