



**SERVICE
TIMES**

SATURDAY 6:00 P.M. / SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.
LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE 8 A.M. AT TRINITYPEORIA.COM

MESSAGE BOARD

March 14-15, 2026

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THE ART OF BIBLICAL READING

WEEK ONE

For the next six weeks, Pastor Nelson will be offering "The Art of Biblical Reading" during the Sunday Adult Bible Study in the Walther Room. If you would like to see a video presentation or pdf of the first lesson, click on the individual box at right.

LESSON
PDF

LESSON
VIDEO

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS WEEK

- **Adult Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Walther Room. **This week, Pastor Nelson begins a new study on the "Art of Biblical Reading,"** based on a study by Adam Koontz at the Lutheran Institute of Theology. The course is described as: *"Too many Christians today feel unsure about how to read Scripture. Should it be read symbolically or literally? How do we handle confusing passages—or recognize when a passage points to Christ? In 'The Art of Biblical Reading,' Dr. Adam Koontz guides you through a distinctively Lutheran approach to Scripture—one that is faithful, reverent, and confident in the unity of God's Worship."*
 - **High School Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the SH Room. Led by DCE Scott Rauch and Trista Crady.
 - **Women's Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. in the Berean Room. Led by Cori Wong and focused on the book "Everyday Joys" by Tama Fortner.
 - **Jubilation At Church:** This weekend is another Singing Sunday. There will be an Opening Fun Song and Prayer, and then Singing Rehearsal. Children will be singing in both Sunday services on Sunday, March 22. Also, March Jubilation packets are available in the foyer. Contact DCE Scott Rauch if you would like to receive a Jubilation at Home packet for your family.
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- **Wednesday Bible Study:** "Cross and Crown - Paul's letters to the Corinthian Church" - 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Google Meet (find the link on the Trinity website calendar). DCE Scott Rauch will lead the group through 1st & 2nd Corinthians from the perspective of the foolish wisdom of Christ's cross into the crown of His victorious resurrection. Come and join in for a good start to a Wednesday morning.

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IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Those Serving In The Armed Forces

Aslan Fountain (grandson of Ralph Reichert)

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Tyler Peifer (grandson-in-law to Kathy Knapp)

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Marlene Cook ~ Max Wessler Carol Hinton

Alice Clark ~Annette Smith ~ Flo Burns

Dinah Turner ~ Emma Ott ~ Barbara Cullen

Phyllis Basquin ~ Don & Pat Hagar

Ruth Anderson ~ Elva Head

Coming Up March 21-22

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Gen. 22:1-14; Heb. 9:11-15;

John 8:46-59

Hymns: LSB 430, 547

Preacher: Pastor Matthew B. Synnott

Lenten Midweek 4 - March 18

Reading: Mark 5:1-13

Hymns: LSB 432, 544, 431

Preacher: Pastor Mark J. Nelson

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH

TRINITY BRAILLE

Trinity's various braille mission groups provide materials which Lutheran Braille Workers (lbwloveworks.org/) uses to equip and enable people in sharing the Gospel with all individuals who are blind or visually-impaired. Wendy Lanser provides direction for Trinity's groups.

This year we are printing 1500 Braille calendars and 330 copies of 2nd Kings in Braille; however, Lutheran Braille Workers also provides the Bible and other religious materials (e.g., Luther's Small Catechism, Lutheran Witness, LWML Quarterly, devotionals, etc.) in large print for the visually impaired. A Bible with glue strip bindings for correctional facilities is also printed at some volunteer centers. We ship the Braille calendars and 2nd Kings books from Peoria to both domestic and international addresses.

If you wish to financially contribute to a "Mission of the Month," please indicate which mission on the front of the envelope or check memo line.

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

If you wish to donate to the Trinity Food Pantry, contact Diana Martino or Scott Rauch with questions. For April, which must be at Trinity by April 12, they are asking for canned pasta and jelly (no glass jars, please). In February, the Trinity Food Pantry served 18 people.

The food pantry has an ongoing need for the following items: Ramen Noodles, Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

FEBRUARY 2026 STATEMENT

Income: \$105,233

Feb. Loss: - \$5,847

Expenses: \$111,080

YTD: -\$55,568

TRINITY LENTEN MIDWEEK 4 SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S MIDWEEK LESSON: We talked about angels during Midweek of Lent 1. This week, we will talk about the darker side of the story—that is, demons. Demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God and His giving of Himself to us. Demons, with Satan chief among them, seek to undermine everything God is and does, even today. In our sermon tonight, we will hear how Jesus heals a man with a demon (Mark 5:1-13) and how that work of healing continues today.

Join us for Lenten services each Wednesday as our Pastors explore what this means for us each day. MIDWEEK SERVICES: NOON AND 6:45 P.M./LENTEN DINNER AT 5:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN CARE REPORT / MARCH RECEIVE BY ADULT INSTRUCTION

- Carol Haste, Bartonville, IL
REMOVE FROM MEMBERSHIP BY REQUEST
- John Volovitz, East Peoria, IL

EASTER LILIES

Orders are now being taken for lilies that will be placed on the altar this Easter. Forms can be found on the foyer sign-in table.

Please place the completed form and \$15 in the Sanctuary offering boxes by March 30.



WEEKLY TRINITY PRAYER SHEET

Submitting Prayer Requests:

Call, text or email Pastor Nelson (309) 453-7231; pastornelson@trinitypeoria.com

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE TRINITY MESSAGE BOARD BY EMAIL

If you or someone you know would like to receive the new Message Board by email, just contact Kerri in the church office 309-676-4609 or email tlc@trinitypeoria.com.

We can get the names added to the list.

You can also call the office to receive a paper copy of the Message Board if you do not have digital access.

It's open house season!

CONCORDIA DISCOVERY DAY
VISIT US & bring your friends
March 27th, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

CAN'T MAKE THE GALA?
 YOU CAN STILL BID ON THE SILENT AUCTION!

Concordia Lutheran School
 AUCTION & GALA
STEP RIGHT UP!

Auction ends March 14th at 7:15
<https://givebutter.com/c/ConcordiaStepRightUp/auction>



Regional Premier!

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN JR.
 A Musical Fable of Copenhagen

Hans Christian Andersen Jr. follows a young dreamer named Christian, a teenager who finds schoolwork challenging but possesses an extraordinary imagination. With the help of two lively narrators, the audience is swept away by Andersen's beloved tales.

Finding his place in a new city, Christian turns to his imagination as a refugee, only to discover that his creative voice has the power to captivate others. As his stories begin to reach far beyond the classroom, Christian learns that what once felt like a weakness may actually be the gift God intended him to share.

Join us for a charming journey through the world of beloved fairy tales

March 20th
March 21st
 Dinner Theater



<https://givebutter.com/HansChristianAndersen>

TRINITY MEMBERS ON CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF

Eric Hipple, Fine Arts Director / David Askew, teacher/ Marriah Pummill, teacher
 Destiny King, teacher's aide / Mary Farley, teacher's aide
 Pam McClure, Food Service Coordinator / Jenny Carmean, Food Service

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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN POSITIONS

- Concordia Lutheran School is seeking applicants for the following for the 2026-2027 School Year:
- Jr. High (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) Teacher - Subject area instruction (Subject areas flexible based on interest and experience) and homeroom supervision.
 - First Grade Teacher - Self-contained classroom instruction and supervision.
 - Part-time Teacher Aide - Assists instructional staff with student supervision, assessment, and individualized student needs.
 - Part-time Kitchen Assistant - Assist the Kitchen Manager in providing food service for students.
- Please contact Emily Craine 309-691-8921 or email your resume to employment@concordiapeoria.com.

DEADLINE APPROACHING TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Just a reminder for our Trinity Thrivent members. You have until March 31 to direct your 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars. You may do so by logging into your account on , calling Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, or calling our office at (309) 341-0073. Each year, Trinity receives Choice Dollars that are used for a multitude of projects around the church.



March 28 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

There will be games, crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny. A lunch will be served so please register and indicate the number of those staying for lunch. To register, use the QR code or click the link at: trinitypeoria.com



HELP NEEDED: Organizers for the Easter Egg Hunt are currently seeking candy donations to fill the eggs. There is a collection box in the foyer for anyone wanting to help the cause and donate.

LWML MITE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Our LWML CID mite goal for 2025-2026 is \$110,000. As of February 24, we have received \$77,579.31, which is 70.5% of our goal. LWML fiscal year ends March 31. Our CID district needs a generous offering in March to fund our six grants. **Trinity's LWML collection this month will take place this Saturday, March 14.** Please join us in prayer for LWML CID Mission Grant No. 6 - Our Savior Lutheran School in Uganda - \$3,956. The Lutheran Church of Uganda is building Our Savior School next to the Lutheran Seminary in Magamaga so local children can attend a school not operated by Muslims. Three classrooms have been built so far. These funds would give support for student tuition, room, board and building costs.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY AT FRANKLIN PRIMARY

Trinity has been blessed by the Holy Spirit to be able to provide ongoing serving moments with the families who have children at Franklin Primary School and we thank you for being part of this opportunity to serve with the grace and love of Jesus.

Recently, we've been invited to provide assistance with just a few people once per month to simply stuff popcorn into bags as part of a school fundraiser the children are involved with. The school's plan is to gather orders the last week of each month and then have the popcorn made on Thursday of that week to send home on Friday. Each week will need 2-3 helpers along with DCE Scott Rauch from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. We'll meet at Trinity around 8:55 a.m., then travel to the school to do the work. **The last two dates are March 19 (before Spring Break) and April 30.**

If you wish to help out in some way, please let Scott know. If that time period doesn't work, we are able to have workers up until 4:00 p.m. on these days. No background check is required as we will not be directly working with children. Thanks for your consideration.



Summer Kids Day Camp

Thursday-Friday, June 11-12

For children presently in 3rd-4th Grade



For more information, contact DCE Scott Rauch: scottmrauch@trinitypeoria.com / 309-251-2623

INFORMATION TO KNOW

- Trinity and other Peoria-area Lutheran churches and Great Oaks Camp is partnering to offer this sponsored (no cost to you), adult-supervised day camp for all families.
- Camp days run from 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Great Oaks Camp, just north of Lacon.
- Activities will include Bible time, games, swimming, boating, archery, and relay races.
- A child can come both days, or just the first or second day. Each day will be slightly different - Friends are also invited.
- Parents and other family members are invited to come each night at 5:30 p.m. for a cookout and closing devotion.

Junior High Camp

with Peoria-area Lutheran Churches

June 8-10

For youth and friends entering Grades 6-8 / Cost: \$150

CAMP WILL INCLUDE:

- Time in God's Word, conversation, prayer and singing.
- High Ropes course and zipline.
- Outdoor activities such as swimming, fishing, archery, boating, hiking, gagaball and more!



REGISTER TODAY AT:

<https://redeemerlutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/224/responses/new>



For more information, contact Pastor Synnott: pastorsynnott@trinitypeoria.com / 713-302-6908



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CHURCH MEMBERS AGE 21+ & CONCORDIA FATHERS/GUARDIANS WELCOME!

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH • 2PM - 5PM

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL



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CHALLENGE**



3-POINT CONTEST



STARTING WITH REFLECTION, PRAYER & STRETCHING!

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OPENING - LCMS DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Have you ever felt like your work could be more gratifying? That you're devoting all your time and effort to a business that doesn't match your values or that is constantly striving for new goals without meaning? If these questions give you pause, please give prayerful consideration to applying for the position of Executive Director of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF), a stand-alone not-for-profit corporation located in Springfield, Illinois. This position will give new meaning to your work life as you devote your time and effort to the Mission of growing God's Kingdom by extending loans and grants to the churches, schools, and agencies that reside within the Central Illinois District. You will have responsibility for the administration, management, and operations of the CID-CEF under the direction of their Board of Trustees, which are comprised of pastors, bankers, and lay people from the LCMS within the District. Your responsibilities will include all loaning functions, internal investment operations, external investment of funds, financial reporting, marketing, policy, legal, and insurance requirements, in accordance with sound business practices but with primary responsibility to the service and support of our churches and schools.

Qualifications for this position include a Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting, or Finance, with six to ten years of progressive management experience in a related financial environment.

If you would like a new perspective on work and a more satisfying and fulfilling career where your efforts will benefit a higher cause, please contact Darin Gehrke at (217) 883-1247 or Kevin Schultz at (217) 341-8622 for a full job description and qualifications.

MARTIN + KATIE CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH ADULTS

Join us for the 2026 Martin + Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, on Saturday, March 28, 2026. At this free conference, grow as Christmas men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle and his wife, Nicole, will be our presenters. Rev. Dr. Boyle will teach about cultivating the pious Christian life as men and women. The conference is open to ages 18-30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 20. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>. *Plus:* Bonus activities are planned for Friday night, March 27, and Saturday night, March 28! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Palm Sunday, March 29.

TRINITY CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Trinity members are welcome to join our confidential prayer fellowship. In addition to the public prayer requests that we pray together weekly as a congregation, our prayer fellowship faithfully prays under an oath of confidentiality for non-public prayer requests submitted to our fellowship. Prayers usually are disseminated via email. These members also pray as we receive urgent prayers. To contact us, please use:

- nancy.hasz@icloud.com or 621-3350 for Nancy
- dteichmann13@gmail.com or 691-7161 for Dee

If you reach voicemail, please say you are calling with a request for the prayer group and leave your name and phone number so that we can easily return the call. Use Trinity's website, trinitypeoria.com, to request prayer.