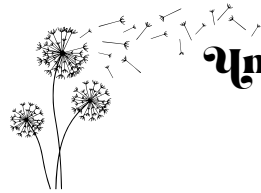




THE LAMPLIGHTER

FROM THE PASTOR



Until
**we meet
again.**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Throughout the month of July, our shared journey has been quietly building toward a foundational truth—one that has anchored our teaching, our conversations, and our prayers. Week by week, we’ve explored what it means to walk in faith through seasons of uncertainty, growth, and hope. All of those threads have brought us directly to the powerful promise found in Romans 8:38–39: that neither height nor depth, nor present nor future, nor anything else in all creation, will ever be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Leaning into that truth feels especially poignant and personal for me right now. As many of you know, the end of August will mark the conclusion of my time serving alongside you.

Saying goodbye to a community of faith that you hold close to your heart is never a simple task.

Transitions naturally evoke a complex mix of emotions: deep gratitude for the moments we’ve shared, sadness for the daily presence we will miss, and a quiet apprehension about what lies around the corner.

Yet, the theme running through our reflections all month gives us the exact sanctuary we need right now. The beauty of Paul’s message in Romans is that God’s love is not conditional on physical location or circumstance. God’s love doesn’t shift when our seasons do.

While distance and new chapters will inevitably change the rhythm of how often we see one another, they have zero power to diminish the spiritual bond forged during our time together. The same Lord who guided our steps when we first gathered, who sat with us in moments of struggle, and who celebrated with us in times of joy is the very same Lord who goes before both you and me into whatever comes next.

Looking back over our shared season, my heart is overflowing with thankfulness. Thank you for opening your lives, your homes, and your hearts to me. Thank you for the laughter shared across our churches, the honest questions explored in quiet moments, and the gracious ways you have supported one another. Serving alongside you has been a profound privilege, and I have learned so much about grace, resilience, and community by watching you put your faith into action.

As we step through the remainder of August together and turn toward the horizon, my prayer for each of you remains steadfast: may you continue to hold fast to one another, care deeply for your neighbors, and above all, rest securely in that undeniable, inseparable love of Christ Jesus.

You will remain in my heart and in my prayers.

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In Peace, Pastor Laura



**Dear Trinity Church Family:**

Our summer days are winding down. I am pleased that we do not take a vacation from service to Christ and our community. We are still filling the Blessing Box, hosting a Block Party community event, gathering to worship, study God's Word and pray together. Our community of faith is strong.

August presents new opportunities to "Grow in Grace/Share Christ's Love". Sunday, August 2 brings a special speaker Mr. David Grim with Pastor Bob Swanson. A carry-in meal after service will occur as well a **very special concert with Sara Johnson and James Pendergast at 1:30**. Please come to hear this talented duo. A freewill offering will help James with education expenses. Wednesday August 26 will bring the last "Spiritual Practice" this time at St. Mark 6:30pm.

August 30 will be our Trinity/St. Mark picnic in Deming park. Sadly, it will also be our last Sunday with Pastor Laura. I have been blessed by her ministry. I know I speak for us all as we bid her God's blessing and guidance in the days ahead. I know we will continue to pray for her and her family in this transitional time.

Please be assured that your Trinity council will carefully walk through the steps of filling our shared ministry position. We will follow our process. Our interim help is being finalized. We will constitute a new Call Team--this group will cooperate with St. Mark to begin evaluating candidates – these could be from the ELCA or the United Church of Christ tradition.

IF you are interested in serving on the Call team, let me know. Please know that interviews and meetings are sometimes over ZOOM, so you need a laptop or PC. I can help you get the zoom app.

Other changes are coming--**August 1st is 121 days until ADVENT**. My term as president and council member will be completed. The last 3 years have been a very satisfying and **busy** time of my life. I have appreciated all the support and cooperation from the congregation. I am so thankful for what we have accomplished, there is more work to do. Please consider **stepping up to council** if you are a voting member. The new council will select the officers for the year ahead.

There is still time to serve and things to do. Consider joining one of our ministry teams, check out the online Bible study Tuesdays at 11:30. We want to keep our momentum going with having "Occasional" Sunday school this Fall.

Yours in Service,
Sue Gosse, 812 223 3998 cell or 812 299 5251



At this year's Synod Assembly, voting members elected individuals to serve in several leadership roles across the synod. We give thanks for their willingness to serve and for all who discerned a call to leadership.

Conference Lay Members

- Evansville Conference: Deb Zehr (3-year term)
- Indianapolis Conference: Greg Platt (3-year term)
- North East Indiana Conference: Paul Markin (3-year term)
- North Central Indiana Conference: Vacant
- South Central Indiana Conference: Vacant (3-year term)

Synod Council (Rostered Members)

- Emmanuel Penumaka (3-year term)
- Alexa Kvande (3-year term)
- Tim Diemer (3-year term)

Consultation Committee

- Pr. Tim Diemer (6-year term)
- Dave Zehr (6-year term)
- Annette Marette (6-year term)

Discipline Committee

- Pr. Libby Manning (6-year term)
- Ted Miller (6-year term)
- Sue Smith (6-year term)
- Lay Male Representative (5-year term) — Vacant
- Lay Male Representative (4-year term) — Vacant

LOMIK Board

- Eric Felde (3-year term)

Several positions on Synod Council and other committees remain vacant. Information about these openings and opportunities to serve will be shared with the synod at a later date.

Join the IN-KY Synod

AT A REGIONAL GATHERING

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others from across the synod, share ideas, and grow together in faith and ministry.

	9:30 a.m.	Gathering, Coffee & Donuts
	10:00 a.m.	Opening Worship with Holy Communion
	11:10 a.m.	Breakout Session 1
	12:30 p.m.	Catered Lunch
	2:00 p.m.	Breakout Session 2
	3:30 p.m.	Closing, Spiritual Practice & Sending



Registration is \$30 per person. Use code **EARLYBIRD** for 50% off through August 31.

REGISTRATION CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 14.

REGISTER TODAY!



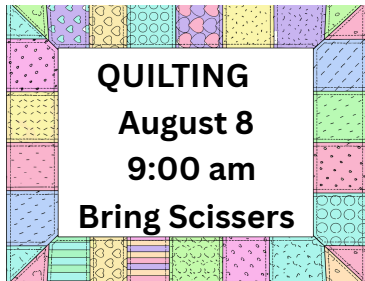
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God's work. Our hands.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



deadline

Council Items Due: August 12
Newsletter Items Due: August 19



AUGUST PICKLEBALL

at St. Mark

August 10

August 25

5-7 PM



Contact Sue Gosse for link

Zoom
BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays
11:30 AM



Trinity Women
Wednesday, August 12,
7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Bible Study: Pressure to
Compromise: Daniel 6
Hostess: Kenna Hittle
Leader: Kenna Hittle

Spiritual Practices

Deepening our faith through creative prayer

We will have a light carry-in.

Workshops are the last Wednesday of
every month at 6:30 pm.

August 26 at St. Mark

Sign up in Narthex

REMINDER!

Please check the church calendar in the
office before scheduling an activity at the
church.

If you would like an event/meeting on the
calendar, please ensure that the office
knows about it!

Email: office@trinityterrehaute.org

**NEW
INFORMATION!** **PASTOR LAURA'S
LAST SUNDAY
WITH US**

WORSHIP AND PICNIC

IN THE PARK

with St. Mark

AUGUST 30

Service begins at 10:00 AM

Picnic to follow

LIONS SHELTER 2

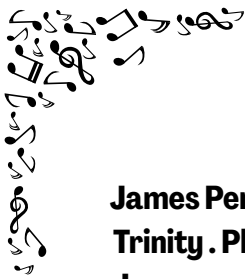
DEMING PARK

**Hot dogs, buns and lemonade
are provided**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

SIGN UP IN NARTHEX





SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2026

1:30 PM

James Pendergast, baritone and our organist Sara Johnson are hosting a music recital at Trinity. Plan on staying for lunch after worship and then enjoying a variety of music from James and Sara. The public is invited and a freewill offering for James will be collected to assist with his graduate school expenses. In August he will be moving to Cincinnati for graduate study at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

SIGN UP IN NARTHEX FOR CARRY IN!



GREEN ALTAR FLOWER CONTAINERS:

If you have any of the green altar flower holders, Cowan and Cook (our supplier) is in need of them. Bring to the office if you have any!

Be still, and know
that I am God



Deep Roots.
Strong Faith.

Rooted and built up in him and
established in the faith,
Just as you were taught...
Colossians 2:7, ESV



**God's work.
Our hands.**

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday Set for Sept. 13

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, Sept. 13, congregations across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will join together for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday — a day dedicated to service, community engagement, and sharing Christ's love through action.

As your congregation begins planning, a variety of resources are available to help you prepare and promote your participation, including planning tool kits, worship materials, social media graphics, videos, posters, and more.

Customized "God's work. Our hands." T-shirts are also available through Old Lutheran, with an Aug. 20 ordering deadline.



Monthly Community Grief Support Group

12:00-2:00 PM at Olive Garden

**See Flyer in Narthex for
dates/information**

or contact Susan Outlaw-Stallings



WE WANT YOUR JUNK!

St. Mark is hosting
another yard sale on

SEPTEMBER 26!

**If interested in donating,
contact Teresa Gettinger
in the office**

Tim Jordon, who was active at Trinity (particularly our music ministry) while attending ISU, will be ordained on August 8, 2026, in Ohio. Please sign the card in the Narthex and offer your prayers for Tim as he begins his service as a parish pastor.

Thank you to our contributors who have **donated to the Jean Chance Memorial Fund**

- Gordy & Linda Afdahl
- Randy & Gayle Bland
- Leota Ehm
- Darrel & Sue Gosse



**THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOUR HELP!**



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED WITH THE BLOCK PARTY!**

It was a success and it is so important to be able to provide community events such as this. **We are so grateful for all who set up, took down, volunteered with everything and all the donations to see this succeed.** It would not happen without all of us working together.

The Block Party Committee



Trinity's Communications Team needs NEWS from you!

Communications is a vital resource in a thriving organization like Trinity.

Trinity's Communications Team needs your information inputs! When you are aware of pertinent and newsy information, please provide to:

communications.council@trinityterrehaute.org

The information might be useful for the WHAT'S HAPPENING page on Trinity's website:

<https://trinityterrehaute.org/>

Have you looked at the various pages on that Trinity website?



Please
Pray
For

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| • Linda Avra | • P.K. Johnson |
| • Mike & Dawn Branz | • Pat McIntyre |
| • Martha Coleson | • Karol Martindale |
| • Nancy Cone | • Barb Mericle |
| • Kim Conrad | • Linda Apolzon Neilson |
| • Karen Grindstaff | • Riley Nichols |
| • Jessica Gunter | • John Neuenschwander |
| • Brenda Hamand | • Bonnie Parks |
| • Rita Hixon | • Amelia Pomfret |
| • Braden Hunt | • Kathy Weir |
| • Kristan Hunt | • Sam Young |

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Donations are being accepted for the Bruce Martindale Memorial Fund. The purpose of the fund is to Honor Bruce by improving accessibility to and in our building.

Please designate a gift with your offering.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to those who have donated.

CHURCH LIFE



THANK YOU TO THE JULY
WORSHIP SERVANTS**RECORDING/SOUND ENGINEERS:**

Adam and Jody Pomfret, Andrew and Elizabeth Eichmiller

Lay assistants: Linda Afdahl, Linda Rodenberger, Susan Outlaw-Stallings, Gayle Bland**Ushers:** Pete & Donna Gustafson, Ron & Megan Bara, Ray & Suzi Bloomer, Bob & Denise Taylor**Altar Care:** Jody Pomfret, Denise Taylor, Suzi Bloomer**Communion Bread:** , Denise Taylor, Leota Ehm, Sandy Teeters, Teresa Spallone**Acolyte:** Jody Pomfret**July Counters:** Donna & Pete Gustafson**Thanks &
a Tip of
the Hat to...****WORSHIP SERVANTS
VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST 2026****Counters:** Darrel & Sue Gosse

DATE	LAY ASSISTANT	USHERS	COMMUNION PREP/CLEAN UP	COMMUNION BREAD
AUGUST 2	Sue Gosse	Leota Ehm Aiden Pomfret	Suzi Bloomer	Denise Taylor
AUGUST 9	Adam Pomfret	Tina Teeters Gayle Bland	Jody Pomfret	Gayle Bland
AUGUST 16	Jody Pomfret	Pete & Donna Gustafson	Jody Pomfret	Donna Gustafson
AUGUST 23	Elizabeth Eichmiller	Ray & Suzi Bloomer	Denise Taylor	Teresa Spallone
AUGUST 30	Gordon Afdahl	Ron & Megan Bara	Suzi Bloomer	Sandy Teeters

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Zack McLennan
8/5 Sage Moffett
8/6 Jada Langley
8/6 Lewis Eichmiller
8/15 Robert Homann
8/23 Ericka Hale
8/26 Bonnie Parks
8/26 Mary Lee
8/26 John Neuenschwander

ANNIVERSARIES

8/9 Bob & Caralee Homann
8/11 Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller
8/18 Marvin & Barb Mericle

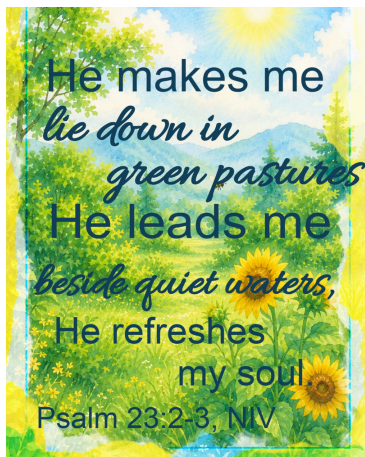


BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Lynn Branz
9/7 Darrel Gosse
9/7 Bill Lance
9/19 Linda Rodenberger
9/23 Elisse Boetta
9/29 Patricia McIntyre
9/29 Katy Faust
9/30 Caralee Homann

ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Linda & Jim Rodenberger
9/23 James & Eve Rodenberger



Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A _____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High, God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One

Bible Quiz

About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on.



A well-known verse describes their progress: "So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to _____."

- A. be protected
- B. work
- C. serve
- D. live

Answer: B (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)

FIRST FRIDAY CARDS



Have you ever participated in an activity and thought “I don’t think I have ever done this before”? Well that pretty much describes July card night. We did manage to remember how to feast on the wonderful items brought to share. We did find a table and chairs and figured out how to sit. The scorekeeper was right on top of keeping score. When the cards were dealt we seemed to have lost the ability to play the game. Some tried to lead cards before they bid. Some just wanted to skip the bidding altogether. Others played, took back, played again only to realize they weren’t allowed to play the card they chose and had to play a different one. We laughed with each other and shared some fun stories of games of the past. We missed those who were not there. And we ended the evening with Happy 250th birthday wishes to our fabulous country. We will try again in August. Everyone promised to get plenty of sleep and eat green leafy vegetables so they would be ready to make it a memorable game. See you August 7 at 6 pm for another round.

**See you next
month on
August 7
6:00 PM
Fellowship
Hall
Bring snack
food to share.**

Mark your calendar now: Friday, August 7, at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. See you there.



HELP NEEDED!!

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

There were many calls for requests with Utility Assistance last month. This fund assists members and other individuals in need of support, primarily utility bills, food or housing costs. Any help replenishing this fund is greatly appreciated. Mark your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

BUDGET SUMMARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Operating Budget Summary at June 30, 2026

	2026			2025		
	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	% of Budget	Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$68,647.70	49.0%	\$ 140,196.00	\$78,013.07	50.1%	\$ 155,685.87
Expenses for budgeted items	\$65,737.76	46.9%	\$ 140,196.00	\$80,799.62	51.2%	\$ 157,792.70
Revenues over/(under) expenses	<u>\$2,909.94</u>		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(\$2,786.55)</u>		<u>(\$2,106.83)</u>

At June 30, 2026, unified giving and other operating revenues were \$9,365.37 lower than the previous year, which included \$7,837.04 less this year for unified giving and loose offerings, and \$2,190 less for endowment income used for operations last year.

Operating revenues were \$1,450.30 lower than the budget for the year. Operating expenses were \$4,360.24 less than budget for the year. Expenses were also \$15,061.86 less than the previous year, largely due to the budgeted savings for shared pastoral ministry. Operating revenues exceeded expenses by \$2,909.94 year to date.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Many thanks to those who provided music for our July worship services. It continues to be a joy to have James Pendergast home for the summer and sharing his musical talents with us. James provided an offertory solo on July 5 as did Elizabeth Eichmiller on July 19th. Our summer "pick-up" choir sang on Sunday July 26th. Thanks to all involved.

A special thank you is extended to guitarist and baritone Dr. John McIntyre who led our music in worship on July 12th while Sara took a vacation Sunday. He provided an offertory solo as well as a prelude piece, served as cantor, and led the congregation in singing the liturgy and all the hymns. Well done John and thank you very much!

Our gratitude is also offered to our faithful corps of cantors: Elizabeth Eichmiller, John McIntyre, Charles Parks, James Pendergast, and Bill Strecker for their faithful service.

Thanks be to God for our Parish Administrator, Teresa Gettinger, for providing our many worship materials and keeping us all up-to-date. We are very grateful to have her working with us.

And last, but certainly not least, we extend a hearty thank you to Pastor Laura for her leadership of our worship, her meaningful messages, her energetic and enthusiastic guidance of our congregation, and her pastoral care. Trinity is blessed to have many people sharing their talents in service to Christ throughout the year. Thank you all!

JOIN THE MUSIC TEAM!

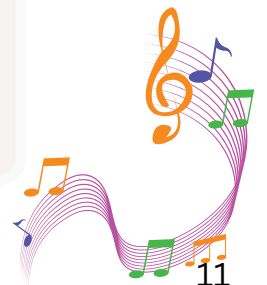
All Trinity member are invited to join Trinity choir members on the fourth Sunday of August as part of a summer "pick-up" choir. Anyone is welcome at 10:15 am to rehearse an easy anthem for that day's service. It's a one Sunday only way to try out the choir and see if you might enjoy it. You are not committed beyond that one service. Everyone is welcome!

Additionally, Anyone interested in singing or playing over the summer can!! Speak with Sara following worship on Sunday mornings, reach her by phone at (812)360-0897 or email at sarajohnson72@yahoo.com.

TRINITY BELLS AND CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL RESTART IN MID AUGUST!

Stay tuned for restart date on announcement sheet

JOIN US!



**2026 TOTAL
\$508.27**

**LET'S GIVE for Lutheran
Hunger Relief!**

Your love creates real and lasting solutions

Ending hunger is not just about meeting urgent needs — it's about equipping families with the knowledge, resources, and support to grow their resilience in times of uncertainty and thrive for generations to come. Your compassion and generosity make both immediate relief and lasting progress possible for suffering communities.

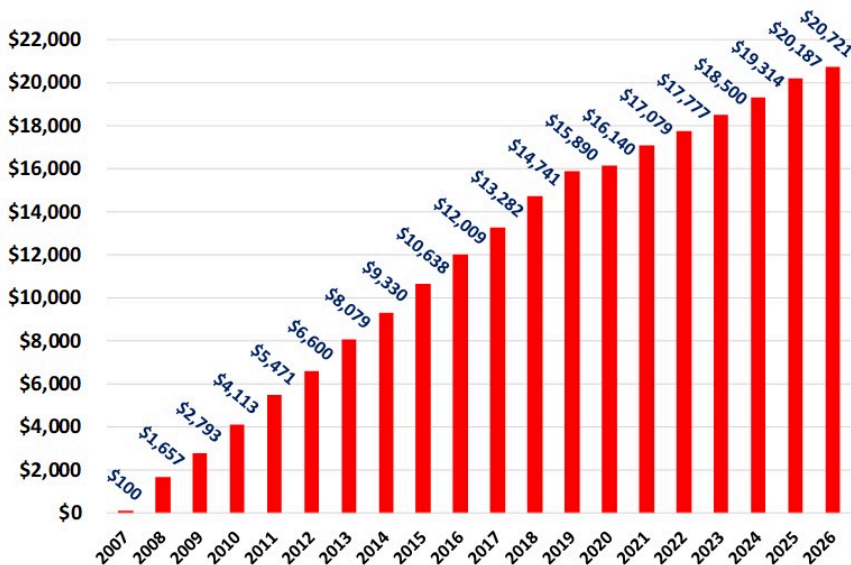
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Penny Power

December 24, 2007 through July 26, 2026

¹ The first Penny Power collection was on Christmas Eve, 2007.

\$20,721 collected in 18.59 years!



Cumulative \$Amount Collected



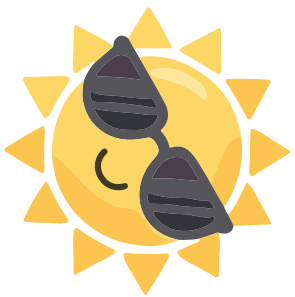
**LET'S GET
BACK OVER
\$1000 IN
2026**

2026 Penny Power Offering

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

January	\$45.59
February	\$52.61
March	\$53.50
April	\$64.59
May	\$107.91
June	\$117.73
July	\$66.14
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

GOAL is to raise the equivalent
of 100,000 cups of MILK--in
2026!



COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President:

Sue Gosse

812-299-5251 or

812 223 3998

Vice President:

Jody Pomfret

812 243 1130

Secretary:

Elizabeth Eichmiller

812 698 3365

Financial Secretary:

Susan Johnson

812 878 8130

Treasurer:

Gordy Afdahl

812-877-0903

IMPORTANT

NUMBERS

Pastor

Laura Applegate

859-957-7705

Organist/Music

Director:

Sara Johnson

812-360-0897

Parish Administrator:

Teresa Gettinger

Trinity Church:

812-232-7628

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 2 11:00 am Worship Carry-In 1:30 pm Recital with James P. and Sara J.	3 6:00 pm Lucky Losers	4 11:30 am Exodus Bible Study	5 	6 	7 6:00 pm First Friday Cards	1
9 11:00 am Worship	10 6:00 pm Lucky Losers 5-7 pm Pickleball at St. Mark	11 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 11:30 am Exodus Bible Study 7:00 pm Growing Young	12 7:00 pm Trinity Women Council Items Due	13	14 6:00 pm First Friday Cards	15 9:00 am Quilting 
16 11:00 am Worship	17 6:00 pm Lucky Losers 7:00 pm Council at Trinity	18 11:30 am Exodus Bible Study	19 5:00 pm Trinity Ringers 6:15 pm Choir	20 Newsletter Items Due	21	22
23 11:00 am Worship	24 6:00 pm Lucky Losers	25 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 11:30 am Exodus Bible Study 5-7 pm Pickleball at St. Mark	26 5:00 pm Trinity Ringers 6:15 pm Choir 6:30 pm Spiritual Practices at St. Mark	27	28	29
30 10:00 am Worship & Picnic in the Park Lions II Shelter Deming Park Penny Power	31 6:00 pm Lucky Losers					

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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TLC website:

<https://trinityterrehaute.org>

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00a-1:00p



Sunday Services

11 am IN-PERSON & online at

Trinity Lutheran Church, Terre Haute - YouTube

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Kaskaskia, and Myaamia people[s], and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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Trinity's PURPOSE Statement



Accompanying Guiding Principles

- Rooted in the Grace of Christ
- Listen, trust, and move with the Holy Spirit
- Generously share God's Gifts
 - Love our neighbors
 - Accept and welcome all

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