

TRINITY LUTHERAN Church & School



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Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Our Ministry, Service and Fellowship Opportunities

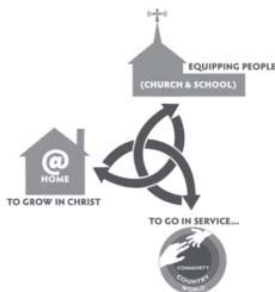
Trinity Lutheran Church and School is filled with a multitude of opportunities for service and fellowship. God has truly blessed us with people from a variety of backgrounds who bring with them a massive amount of gifts and experience to contribute to the mission of God's people on earth.

What are we doing? (Missional Mandate) Equipping people to grow in Christ at home to go in service.

Why are we doing it? (Missional Motives) Walking in worship & the Word; faith families; learning together; outwardly focused.

When are we successful? (Missional Marks) I am immersed in God's Word. I am influenced by other Christians. I am invested in the lives of others. I am invitational in my relationships.

How are we doing it? (Missional Map) church & school; home; community & world.



God has made each of us unique in order that we might serve a special kingdom purpose that He has prepared for us. Have you found your place in God's Kingdom? See the ministries/fellowships listed to assist you in selecting where God is directing you. To further assist you in getting up-to-date information, look over our WEB SITE, the HIGHLIGHTS each week, or Trinity Lutheran's Vision. Also, you may call the church office at 563-323-8001 and we will be pleased to assist you in finding your niche.

The following are some of the Ministries and Service Opportunities available at TLC

For up-to-date information, please check our website at www.trinitydavenport.org

Worship - This has always been an essential characteristic of God's people. The word "worship" indicates the desire of God's people to ascribe worth to God. The book of Revelation records the worship of the angels and saints before the throne of God.

"Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.'" (Revelation 4:9-11)

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00 & 10:30 a.m., Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Education for all Ages

(in various classroom spaces around the campus)

11:00 a.m. GoFish, a family-friendly worship time in the Fellowship Hall

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary (This service is a "trial run" for 4-6 months beginning April 11, 2015)

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, we offer midweek worship opportunities each Wednesday at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Education for all ages at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays

- **Sunday School** - Sunday School is offered at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays during the school year. In keeping with the Great Commission to make disciples by baptizing and teaching, Christian education is offered to children from 2 years of age through high school. A highlight is the traditional Sunday School Christmas program in December. Teachers are always needed and training is provided. Contact Sunday School Superintendents, Gary & Corrin Hentzel (563-359-6560)
- **Adult Bible Studies** - The Board of Parish Education is always excited about putting together our Adult Bible Studies as we try and provide a wide variety of topics from which members can select during our Fall and Winter/Spring Semesters. We offer various topics for different ages, high school and up. Contact Jerome Nathan (563-332-5033)

- **Youth** - The high school youth and junior youth (grades 5-8) each have their own separate Bible study at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Contact DCE Tony Dixon, for more information about youth growth opportunities at (563-323-8001) or tony.dixon@trinitydavenport.org
- **Young Adult** - A young adult class is offered for college students and adults through mid-30s. Contact Linda at lgaster@msn.com or Tony Dixon 224-587-4813 with questions and for schedule information.

Music - The psalmist writes, “Sing to the Lord a new song-sing to the Lord-all the earth! Sing to the Lord-praise His name-proclaim His salvation day after day.” Martin Luther highly regarded music and said, “next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits.” Music in our worship service definitely stirs the soul. Join any of these groups listed:

- **Trinity Choir** meets every Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m. from September to May, under the direction of Larry Radetzki (563-332-8015). They sing traditional music several times during the month usually at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.
- **Trinity Youth Ensemble** (high school students) meet weekly on Wednesday at 5:15 5:45 p.m, directed by Larry Radetzki (563-332-8015).
- **The Worship Team** plays a crucial roll in leading the music at the 11:00 a.m. GoFish service. For more information or to be a part of the team contact Robin Duling (563-324-3652); Alan Morrison (563-370-6810); Lisa Shoumaker (563-249-8760).
- **Soloists and Instrumentalists** for church services are coordinated by our Director of Church Music, Larry Radetzki. Call (563-332-8015).
- **Bell Choir** - If there is enough interest in an Adult Bell Choir, Kim Mester would be happy to serve as director. Contact Kim at TLC Trinity Lutheran School or (563-391-3889).

Prayer Ministry - Ephesians 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.* This group of prayer warriors meets weekly for corporate prayer on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the church library. All prayers are kept confidential. If you have a prayer request, please contact Lois Riese at 563-355-6097 or complete a prayer card found at the Welcome Center. You may leave your card in an envelope and place it in the basket provided at the Welcome Center.

An additional way to request prayers is to call or email the Trinity Prayer Chain chairperson, Donna Jones at (563-285-8078) dkayj1s@mediacombb.net



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Library - The church library is located in the hallway just west of the church narthex. There are books on church history, theology, finances, parenting, devotions, biography and fiction. Bible dictionaries, concordances, and atlases are available to help with Bible studies. There are special sections with materials for children and teens. DVDs and CDs suitable for all ages can also be checked out. Donations of Christian materials are always appreciated. If you would like to help in the library, please contact the church office at 563-323-8001.

Mission Opportunities - To respond to God's Grace, Trinity has offered opportunities at the local, national, and international levels to do short term mission work. Members have served with Habitat for Humanity, Hurricane Katrina Relief, and at local soup kitchens. Trinity's monthly mission budget supports various work across the country, long-term missionaries, and teams of Trinity members who have been sent to Africa, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Often, team volunteers receive more spiritual reward than those they went to serve! To volunteer or for more information, call Pastor Michael Vokt (563-323-8001), michael.vokt@trinitydavenport.org or Pastor Merle Warnsholz (563-323-8001), merle.warnsholz@trinitydavenport.org.

Financial Peace University - At Trinity, we promote financial well-being as well as generosity. To that end, we offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to individuals and families in our church, school, and in the surrounding community Contact Rachel Wright, howard-wright Rachel@johndeere.com or 563-370-9901 for inquiries about current and upcoming class offerings, or for ways to plug in and help make Financial Peace happen.

Vacation Bible School - VBS is a summer program for children in preschool-5th grade which communicates the Good News of the Gospel through arts and crafts and many fun activities. VBS is generally held in June for one week. Students older than 5th grade and adult volunteers are welcome to help. For more information please contact the Church Office (563-323-8001).

Mobilization Committee - This is one of the groups called "committees" which answers to the Board of Directors (BOD) and enable the ministries in our midst. We serve as the nominating committee for the BOD. By means of the "Serving With Joy," time, talents, interests survey, we seek to gather information from each Trinity member regarding his or her spiritual gifts, abilities and interests.

Care Ministry Team is responsible for coordinating outreach to hurting people, first within the congregation, but also, as opportunities and resources present themselves, to the surrounding community. The work of the Care Ministry Team includes:

- **Trinity Lay Callers** - regular visitors to the hospitalized and/or to shut-in persons and those in long-term care centers
- **Social Ministry** - This group is broken down into teams with the following responsibilities:
 - 1) **Food Pantry** - Providing emergency groceries for those in need
 - 2) **Handy Man** - Provide repair service for those needing small tasks done around their homes, including snow shoveling, lawn mowing, leaf raking, etc.
 - 3) **Meals** - Providing emergency meal preparation for families with a hospitalized family member and those recovering after a hospital stay
 - 4) **Transportation** - Providing short term transportation to appointments, therapy, and run errands for those in need
 - 5) **Respite Care** - Providing respite relief for caregivers
 - 6) **Angel Tree** - An outreach at Christmas for children of those in prison

Contact Pastor Merle Warnsholz, Care Ministries Director (563-323-8001) merle.warnsholz@trinitydavenport.org

Comfort Dog Ministry - Gracie, a Golden Retriever, is a trained Comfort Dog at Trinity Lutheran. She has been with us since October 2011. Gracie interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events and in disaster response situations. Gracie has been working with people in our community and at our church and school. Comfort Dog is a friend who brings a calming influence, allowing people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them. You can find Gracie on Facebook by searching for “Gracie Comfort Dog”. Contact Trinity Lutheran at 563-323-8001 for more information or Jane Marsh, Top Dog Handler at 563-381-4440.

Media Ministry - Providing audio (CD) recordings of the previous week’s service for those who are unable to come to worship services at Trinity. If you have a need, or would like to assist in delivery of CDs, please contact Pastor Merle (563-323-8001).

Altar Guild - We are joyful servants who carry out the work of the Guild with a sense of privilege as we prepare the worship area for church services. We prepare the elements for communion and baptism, fill the oil candles, polish furnishings, launder and iron the linens and robes, change the paraments, place altar flowers for Sunday worship and deliver them to the sick and shut-ins. Consider being a part of the Altar Guild and assisting in serving Christ’s people. Contact Margaret Duling (563-391-4302).

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Ushers - Our ushers make sure that the worship place is ready. They greet the worshippers, give directions, hand out bulletins and information, assist with seating, help the infirm and handicapped, take attendance, collect the offering, tidy up after the service, and usher when there is communion. Informal training and a detailed brochure are available for new ushers. If you can assist, contact any usher at the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services. To volunteer to usher at the 11:00 a.m. GoFish service please contact Randy Slusser (309-786-6583). You may also contact the church office if you would be interesting in being an usher (563-323-8001).

Greeters - Hospitality is one of the most crucial elements in our outreach toward visitors. We serve with the desire to help visitors and members feel welcome. The Greeters come 20 minutes before their designated service and stay for at least five minutes after the service has started. Two members are on duty at each worship service on Sunday. We strive to have enough volunteers so that no one needs to serve more than once every two months. To volunteer please call Bonnie Liedtke (563-323-4871).

Nursery Attendants - For many young families, it is difficult to concentrate on the worship service while wrestling with their young toddlers. The nursery is available for children 4 years of age and younger. Adult volunteers willing to organize or assist in providing childcare during worship are a vital ministry to Trinity's young parents. If you would be interested in volunteering on Sunday mornings, please call Dawn Mims (563-370-9070).

Athletics - There is a saying, "the family that prays together stays together." We believe another statement is also true, "the family that plays together stays together." The fellowship that we enjoy as Christians is invaluable. There are several opportunities for participation in sports such as: men's and women's softball, men's basketball and co-ed volleyball. We are always looking for managers and umpires. Many in the past have been wonderful role models for the younger adults.

The Youth Ministry Team works to provide opportunities for young people to grow in relationship with each other and in faith. Students in 9th-12th grade (Senior Youth) are encouraged to join us for activities such as Bible studies, game nights, fellowship events and servant events. The Senior Youth meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church library for devotions, discussion and Bible study. For up-to-date information about youth activities, please check the weekly HIGHLIGHTS or subscribe to the weekly youth email newsletter by emailing: tony.dixon@trinitydavenport.org. For more info, contact either Tony Dixon, DCE at 224-587-4813 or Jim McCartney, Youth Ministry Team Leader at 563-940-8210.

Trinity Men - This Bible Study ministry provides men with a Christian network of support, fellowship and faith. The men meet on Saturday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m., for Bible study and breakfast. Meetings are open to members and nonmembers. This ministry focuses on using God's Word and the support of fellow Christian brothers to help strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to live godly lives at home, work, church and in the world. For more information, contact Michael Smith (309-787-5288).

Women's Ministries - There are many wonderful ministries for women to become involved. Just a few include:

- **LWML** - The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is designed to encourage women and the congregation as a whole in the area of missions. The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world. The official website of the LWML: www.lwml.org. Trinity women are invited to join the group which meets once a month for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship. Contact Donna Welch (563-322-2510) for meeting times and for more information about the LWML.
- **Bag Ladies** - These ladies come together to prepare donated materials for quilt kits to sew at home. They received their name because they take BAGS of materials and kits home, sew them and return with BAGS of backs and/or completed quilts for World Relief. They meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon every third Thursday of the month except June, July, and August. If people wish, they don't have to attend the session but can just take a kit and sew at home. Contact Carol Schroeder (563-324-9341).



Deaf Ministry - "In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll." (Isaiah 29:18) Jesus fulfilled that prophecy by opening the ears of the deaf so they could hear the words of their Savior. That prophecy is still being fulfilled today as the deaf are told the good news of Jesus through sign language. Two kinds of services are offered for the deaf at Trinity. For the deaf who prefer to worship in a hearing church, Trinity members interpret during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The other choice is the Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf which Trinity hosts. This is a full-time deaf ministry serving the Quad City area and Eastern Iowa. Worship is at 1:00 p.m. every Sunday afternoon in the room next to the Activity Center kitchen; designed for the deaf and conducted in sign language as the primary language. Hearing people are always welcome, too! For more information, please contact Rev. Tim Eckert (563-359-7105) or DeafLutheran@q.com.

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Fellowship Clubs - Trinity has various groups who meet on a regular basis to plan activities that encourage fellowship among believers.

- **Over 50's** - This group promotes fellowship among single, married or widowed members who are over 50 years of age. No one needs to join the group and there are no dues. We enjoy activities together such as Circa 21, QC Music Guild, Playcrafters, and the i wireless Center in Moline, Illinois. We also plan day-long outings to the Amana Colonies, DeWitt Travelogues and Richmond Hill Players in Geneseo, etc. Occasional mystery trips and 2-day tours to different points of interest are also planned. We help with the Salvation Army meals. Just watch the weekly HIGHLIGHTS for opportunities to become involved. You are always welcome to join us. Contact Judy Knutsen (563-324-4617).
- **Couples Bible Study** - This is a Bible study that encourages married couples of all ages to come and enjoy study, prayer and fellowship with other married couples. Bible studies are generally related, but not limited, to marriage and relationships. The schedule varies, so please contact Randy & MaryAnn Slusser at 309-786-6583 for information.
- **Widow's Club** - These ladies meet the last Monday of every month at a restaurant for fellowship and support. Contact Evelyn Pribyl (563-391-7824).

Trinity Connections Team - This team focuses on getting new members connected into our faith family by intentionally befriending, mentoring, and inviting for dinner. This team also helps to get members of the community connected to Trinity through various means of creative communication. Contact Ken & Pam Stotmeister for more details, 309-496-1831 or kenstot@gmail.com.

Services to Members/Others - Van Drivers to transport the elderly and those who do not drive to our Sunday morning service. If you are interested in being a volunteer (usually only once every 6 weeks) or are in need of this transportation, call Phil Specht (563-359-3836). Van Drivers on a part-time basis are needed for the East side Mission one Sunday per month. Contact the Mission at 563-323-6812 for more details on dates and times.

Additional Ways to Volunteer Your Time and Talents:

- Interpreter for the Deaf
- Deliver flowers
- Assist at funeral luncheons/provide food for funeral luncheons
- Sunday Morning Hospitality (Greeters)
- Sunday coffee and doughnut attendants
- Sunday Nursery Attendants
- Ushers for worship services
- Child care for special events
- Historian
- Design brochures
- Computer/Website
- Mow lawn/trim shrubs/pull weeds
- Community Garden
- Record church attendance
- Serve on Ministry Teams (Education, Elders, etc.)
- Carpentry/Electrical projects

Trinity Lutheran School is an integral part of the ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church. TLS provides a quality Christian education for students in preschool-8th grade, a staff of incredibly dedicated teachers, and a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for students, all in a safe and nurturing Christian environment.

Christian teaching is interwoven into all of the subjects at TLS. Throughout each day, God's Word is taught in every classroom through devotions, Biblical study, and prayer.

We are proud of our graduates as they have become leaders in their high schools, and more than 85% go on to college. Each year, Trinity graduates earn top honors at their respective high schools.

A recent Trinity graduate summed up "the Trinity experience" very well in a speech honoring teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. She said, "You [Trinity teachers] daily push your students to behave to our highest level physically, mentally, and spiritually. The curriculum is tough, the expectations are high, but that is because you only want the best for us... You helped to instill in us strong Christian values and virtues that will remain with us forever and dictate how we live the rest of our lives...Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being the unique teachers that you are!"

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