

Tribune - October 2025

Our Mission:

Gathering to receive God's grace
and to grow in faith and service.

*I tell you, open your
eyes and look at the
fields! They are ripe
for harvest.*

- Jesus

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A congregation of the ELCA
(elca.org)

Sunday Schedule

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

10:00 a.m. via Zoom

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Council Members

President:	Kris Miller
Vice President:	Kevin Karcher
Secretary:	Bruce Williams
Treasurer:	Dave Mizell
	Rich Allen
	Sue Sullivan
	Bob Tuckett

Main Office Hours:

Monday—Thurs: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Pastor Carrie's Office Hours:

Monday:	10 a.m.—1 p.m.
Tuesday:	Noon—2 p.m.
Wednesday:	11 a.m.—2 p.m.
Thursday:	by appointment
Friday:	Sabbath
Sunday:	by appointment



A time of mystery and wonder.

Since childhood I have always loved Halloween. I used to exasperate my mother by begging to decorate the house and get out the costumes in early September. And while as a child it was probably mostly about the dressing up and getting candy Halloween has remained a favorite of mine but not for those reasons.

I was probably in college before I learned of the connections between the commercial holiday of Halloween and the more spiritual aspect of Allhallowtide. Perhaps for some of you this is still new information. In the 8th century Pope Gregory III began the celebration of All Saints Day on November 1st, but in doing so also Christianized many traditions held by Celtic and Germanic lands about the presence of spirits and souls during the turning of the seasons.

Allhallowtide developed to incorporate All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on October 31, All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) on November 1, and All Souls' Day on November 2. There are a variety of traditions that are incorporated into these three days, but they are a blend of the folklore of their origin countries and the spiritualism of the Christian faith.

And for me this blending makes seasons like Halloween and All Saints' Day even more meaningful. Our faith is a combination of how we make sense of the world around us and the stories of our ancestors that are passed down to us. We hear the gospel and the stories of faith from the Bible, but we also have to understand them in the world we live in now.

To hear the stories of the past, where a thinning of the world meant that spirits roamed the earth more in the days around the ending of the harvest and the beginning of winter and then see how those stories could fit within the stories of faith that we hear in the Bible.

In truth, there are many stories of spirits and demons, and even ghosts and fortune tellers within the writings of the Bible. Often we dismiss such stories now trusting in our post-enlightenment belief that all things can be explained intellectually. But we in the faith understand that there is still mystery in the world around, and things we cannot explain.

While I don't know where I fall with ghosts and spirits, and while I still love Halloween for the pretending (and the candy), I am also sure that there are more things in heaven and on earth that I cannot understand than things I do understand. And whether October 31 and November 1 are a time when the world of the unknown is closer or not I see value in remembering those who have died. As we move into a time of mystery and wonder, may we honor the lives of those who taught us about faith and love. As we remember our loved ones who have died, may we also remember those who die without someone to mourn their lives. And may we pray to the God of all to keep us safe through times of darkness and despair until we are renewed again through God's own love.

Christ's blessings,
Pastor Carrie

Member Announcements

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Health Concerns:

Carol Heyde

Nancy Pardieck

Craig Pettibone

Gayle Woolf

Beth Deters: Cindy Donnell-Foster's sister

Bill and Shirley Donnell: Cindy Donnell

Foster's father and stepmother

Nancy Donnell: Cindy Donnell-Foster's

mother

Tom Donnell: Cindy Donnell-Foster's uncle

Gail Helton: Chara Helton-Rodenhaus'

mother

Gerhard Kraus: Elizabeth Beckman's

brother-in-law

Susan Ludwig: cousin of Terrie Karcher

Tom and Regina Owens: friends of Cindy

Donnell-Foster's mother

Dan and Jana Royer

Grieving:

Family, friends, and members of Trinity on the passing of Ron Bishop, Sept. 30

General prayers:

Zach Dillard

For Those Serving in the Military:

Matt Brenner: nephew of Bob and Barb

Tuckett

Living with Cancer:

Krystal Beckner

Matthew Berry

Nanette Chatham: Brenda Chatham's sister-in-law

Dennis Dobbs and family: friend of Rich Allen

Rory Gargus: Cindy Donnell Foster's cousin

Raelle Jackson

Jeane Moora: friend of Kymberly Blaksley

Cheryl Tribout: friend of Holly Graham

Hospice care:

Mary Ann Strayer: Pr. Carrie's grandmother



1	Addison Judge
2	Dorothy Kaiser
2	Denise Quello
4	Bill Shafer
6	Jason Miller
7	Bruce Williams
11	David Plufka
11	Sandy Vollmer
17	Devon Quello
30	David Miller
31	Marie Plufka

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN

We are looking for someone who would like to be the main contact/coordinator for this confidential prayer chain.

Please contact the church office if you would like to assume this meaningful role.

(TLCKirkwood@gmail.com)

October Anniversaries

10/6	Steve and Kris Sneeringer (51st)
10/7	Chris and Addie Harrelson (9th)
10/7	Steven and Kirsten Houg (8th)
10/7	Kyle and Dana (Quello) Immekus (2nd)
10/9	Roger and Alberta Ottwell
10/10	Gene and Nina Pool (61st)
10/10	Adam and Kristen Wenzel (10th)
10/13	Wayne and Julie Viers (13th)
10/18	Steve and Shala Parisi (28th)
10/29	Jim and Donna Savage (65th)

What's Going on at Trinity?



Sunday Worship Schedule

10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship

Adult Bible Study

**Wednesdays via Zoom
10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**

No need to prepare anything before you come, just join us at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom any Wednesday you are available.

Email the church office
at TLCKirkwood@gmail.com
for the Zoom sign-in link.



Sunday worship assistants: Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters. For more information contact TLCKirkwood@gmail.com.

Outdoor Enthusiasts:

Our green areas are in constant need of weeding, trimming, beautifying.

Property needs: assist with maintenance needs that arise at Trinity. For more Information, please contact Bob Tuckett.

Technical: website, computer, Audio Visual assistance.

Additionally: Sunday Coffee Hour servers, voices for the choir, fellowship and seasonal events planners/do-ers, main office coverage.



Like us on Facebook!

- receive Sunday's Gospel reading
- access Sunday morning worship on YouTube
- keep up-to-date with the goings-on at Trinity
- and more!

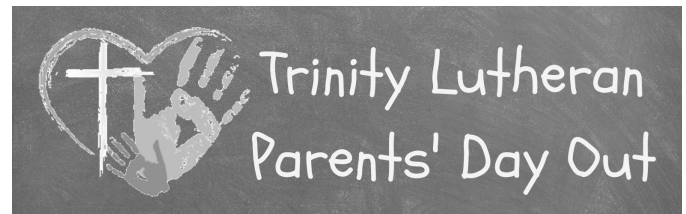
Be sure and like us:
www.Facebook.comTrinityKirkwood

W E L C A N E W S

Katie's Crew meets October 8 and 22 at 11:30 a.m. in the lounge and quilting room.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m. We will be packing quilts and kits in fellowship hall.

Then on Saturday, October 18, we will load the Lutheran World Relief boxes of quilts and kits onto the bus, trucks, or SUVs and drive them to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hazelwood. That will start at 9:00 a.m.



Happy Autumn, TLC!

This month we have lots of fun planned. Our weekly themes will be Fire Safety, Superheroes, Outer Space, Pumpkins, and, of course, Halloween!

During our Fire Safety week, we will be discussing how to stay safe in the event of a fire, how to avoid dangerous fire related situations, practicing STOP, DROP, & ROLL, and staff and students will even participate in a fire drill and see a real fire truck when Kirkwood fire department visits us!

Superhero week will be a week full of fun and imagination. We will discuss and explore both fictional and real life superheroes and how we can act as superheroes within our own communities.

Outer Space week will be an exploration of all things related to the solar system. We will discuss the sky, planets, stars, moons, and the sun. It's sure to be out of this world!

Pumpkin week will be a fun time for some sensory exploration, learning about the pumpkins growth cycle, and of course decorating our class pumpkins for our annual pumpkin competition.

Halloween week is always a highly anticipated time around PDO. This year our celebrations will be 10/30 & 10/31. Classes will participate in fun, games, music, crafts, special treats, and more. Children are invited to wear costumes both days to participate in our annual Halloween Parades to visit Miss Brenda.



Everyone at PDO hopes you all have a fun and safe Halloween and we look forward to seeing TLC members at the Trunk or Treat on the 11th!

With Gratitude,

A poster for Gateway Ringers celebrating their 30th anniversary. At the top, there is a logo with a bell and the text "GATEWAY RINGERS" and "Celebrating 30 Years". Below the logo, it says "Est. 1995". The main text reads: "We're celebrating 30 years of ringing throughout the 25/26 Season! Join us for the fall season of celebration." Below this, there are four event listings: "October 12, 4:00 PM Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church 11155 Clayton Rd. St. Louis, MO 63131", "October 19, 4:00 PM Dardenne Presbyterian Church 7400 S. Outer Rd, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368", "October 26, 3:00 PM First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood 100 East Adams Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122", and "November 2, 4:00 PM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ELCA 327 Woods Mill Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011". At the bottom left, there is a paragraph: "The Gateway Ringers is an auditioned, community handbell choir ringing sacred, pop, theme songs, and more. For more information about the group or about hosting a concert, visit our website www.gatewayringers.org or click on the QR code." To the right of this paragraph is a QR code.

October

Sun

Mon

Tue

28 9:00 a Redemption Worship 9-11:00 a Redemption (FH) 10:30 a Worship Service Youth Sunday School 11:30 a Coffee Fellowship 11:45 a Drive up communion 5-8:00 p Cleaning crew—downstairs	29 4-8:00 p Childbloom Guitar (sanctuary) 5:30-7:30 p Redemp. small groups (lounge & FH)	30 3:15-4:15 p Childbloom guitar (youth room) 4-8:00 p Childbloom guitar (lounge) 6-8:00 p Redemption small groups (FH)	1 10:00 a A 5-8:00 p C 6:30—7:30 7-8:00 p R
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19 9:00 a Redemption Worship 9-11:00 a Redemption (FH) 10:30 a Worship Service Youth Sunday School 11:45 a Oktoberfest (downstairs) 4-7:00 p Cleaning crew—downstairs	20 4-8:00 p Childbloom Guitar (sanctuary) 5:30-7:30 p Redemp. small groups (lounge & FH)	21 3:15-4:15 p Childbloom guitar (youth room) 4-8:00 p Childbloom guitar (lounge)	22 10:00 a A 11:30 a K 5-8:00 p C 6:30—7:30 7-8:00 p R
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Thu

Fri

Sat

Adult Bible Study Zoom Childbloom Guitar (sanctuary) 10 p Redemp Fit Club (lounge) NA (fellowship hall)	2 5-8:00 p Childbloom Guitar (sanctuary) 6-8:30 p Crossroads (fellowship hall & lounge)	3 10:00 a Lydia Quilters (quilt room & lounge) 4-7:00 p Cleaning crew—upstairs	4 8:30-9:30 a Organist practice (sanctuary)
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



OKTOBERFEST Lunch



GAMES - FOOD - LIVE MUSIC

OCT 19 - 11:45 AM



Sign up sheet for food and set-up/tear-down
help on bulletin board in lounge.

Contact Bruce Williams if you have questions:

bpwill9@aol.com





Sign up sheet to participate,
or to donate candy, is on the
bulletin board in the lounge.
Or scan the QR Code to sign
up.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for August 2025

CASH FLOW SUMMARY

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Direct Giving	\$ 13,447.90	\$ 121,081.36	\$ 108,000.00
Other Receipts	\$ 6,411.91	\$ 65,575.80	\$ 67,161.00
Tot Op Revenues	\$ 19,859.81	\$ 186,657.16	\$ 175,161.00
Spending	\$ 20,048.17	\$ 172,929.02	\$ 178,967.80
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 188.36)	\$ 13,728.14	(\$ 3,806.80)

ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<u>07/30/25</u>	<u>08/31/25</u>
General Fund	\$185,497.97	\$170,059.08
Foundation Acct	\$172,288.71	\$172,678.22
Youth Restr Acct	\$ 8,175.57	\$ 8,175.57

TREASURER'S DISCUSSION

- Receipts for August totaled \$19.9K, which were under our monthly budget by about \$1.8K. YTD our receipts total \$186.7K which is about \$11.5K over budget.
- Spending totaled \$20.0K and was under our monthly budget by about \$1.2K. YTD Spending totals \$172.9K which is about \$6K under budget.
- Net, for August we had a deficit of \$188. YTD we have a surplus of \$13,728.
- In August, PDO had receipts of \$195 and expenses of \$10,091. PDO held one summer camp and paid for salaries and expenses in August, but most of the camp registrations had been paid for in previous months. The PDO Team spent the last week of August preparing for the new school year and holding an Open House for parents and children. PDO had a deficit in August of \$9.9K. Invoices for September tuition went out Sept 2nd. YTD, the PDO operating account has a deficit of \$3,920. PDO revenue should make up this deficit by the end of the year.

The status of Reserve and Restricted funds is shown below.

RESERVE and RESTRICTED FUNDS

		<u>07/31/2025</u>	<u>08/31/2025</u>
Reserve	Operating Reserve	\$ 28,062.21	\$ 28,062.21
	Property Reserve	16,391.69	15,312.51
	Williams Bequest	13,814.96	13,814.96
	Patrick Bequest	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Pastor Reserve	7,613.20	7,613.20
	Thrivent Choice Dollars	761.59	856.59
	Holy Trinity Reserve	12,740.00	12,740.00
Restricted	Seminary Education	32,642.24	32,642.24
	All Other Restricted	2,966.26	3,066.26
	Total Funds	\$ 124,992.15	\$ 124,107.97

Respectfully submitted, Dave Mizell,
Treasurer 09/06/2025



Call to order – Kris

Members present – Pastor Carrie, Kris Ehlers, Rich Allen, Kevin Karcher, Dave Mizell, Bruce Williams

Members absent – Susan Sullivan, Bob Tuckett

Opening Prayer – Pastor Carrie

Comments from the Congregation – Gaye Mizell, Sharyle Wilhelm and Carol Buhr were present to report on the meeting to discuss the hanging of the anniversary quilt and the groups desire to place it back in the lounge. A **Congregational meeting** will occur on **7 Sept** to vote on this issue.

Approval of notes from the July meeting – Approved

Pastor's report – Approved

- Pastor continues to research different programs that might allow churches to share resources as congregations become smaller. One program of interest is what NEPA is doing with their 6261 program. The goal is to envision what our ministry will look like in the future and to influence the direction in which we move.
- PDO is starting their new school year, activities in place to support that.
- Pastor will be attending the installation of our new Bishop on Sunday, 28 Sept in Overland Park, KS.
- Conversations have begun to discuss the next contract for Redemption. Dave Mizell has put together a plan/schedule to get this done on time. A committee has been formed to begin the discussions (Carrie, Dave Mizell and Kevin Karcher).
- Pastor noted that we have a number of committees that need revamping to continue their work. The PDO committee and the Personnel committee will need new members; we will seek volunteers.

Ministry Area reports

- Property – stall door in the women's restroom needs to be fixed. The automatic lights need to be reset. Tiles in Sanctuary have been glued down, tree limbs have been trimmed and removed, chairs in office need repair. Rich has been taking care of many of the property issues.
- Education – email to be sent to Congregation about Rally Day and Sunday School Program – we are still looking for teachers.
- Worship & Music – no update.
- Fellowship – future plans include Rally Day lunch and service project.
- Outreach – Trinity will be a monthly sponsor for LuMIN this fall and provide different snacks and food items for college students, tentatively scheduled for the month of December. Will also have a Trick or Trunk event on Saturday, 11 October and an Octoberfest on Sunday, 19 October.
- PDO – Kathy Malnassy is the chair of the committee, but new members are needed. Pastor noted that there is ELCA training available for PDO staff that might be of interest. Dave Mizell developed a new Business Plan for the PDO program which includes a great amount of detail on how the program is managed and controlled.

Treasurer's report – Dave Mizell – Reports Accepted

	July YTD	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Direct Giving	\$14,270.89	\$107,633.46	\$94,500.00
Other Receipts	\$7,080.20	\$59,163.89	\$59,041.00
Total Op Revenues	\$21,351.09	\$166,797.35	\$153,541.00
Spending	\$20,375.35	\$152,880.85	\$157,721.45
Surplus (Deficit)	\$975.74	\$13,916.50	(\$4,180.45)

Council will be seeking a volunteer to help assist Dave in his different treasurer's duties and responsibilities.

Old Business

- Pictorial directory – Bruce to organize a new directory, pictures to be collected/taken during October so that directory can be completed by November.
- Quilt – vote to be taken on 7 Sep
- Redemption – discussion to begin soon with committee
- Vegetable garden – only 2 or 3 beds remain
- Playground surveillance – Kevin working this
- Prayer chain – still in need of a leader
- Church wide Service Project – tying quilts, putting together backpacks for Lutheran World Relief

New Business

Calendar Items

- Sunday, 7 Sep – Rally Day, Sunday School starts, followed by Congregational meeting and then Lunch
- Saturday, 11 October – Trunk or Treat
- Sunday, 19 October – October Fest, Food, Live band, BYOB
- Sunday, 23 November – Hanging of the Greens
- Saturday, 6 December – Cookies with Santa
- Sunday, 4 Jan – Un-hanging of the Greens

Council meeting schedule – Second Monday of the month at 4:00.

- 8 Sep
- 14 Oct
- 10 Nov
- 8 Dec

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Williams



Drive Up Communion:

October 12

11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

October 26

November 9 & November 16

December 14

If you are planning to participate in the Drive Up Communion, please call or email the church office no later than the Thursday before.

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