



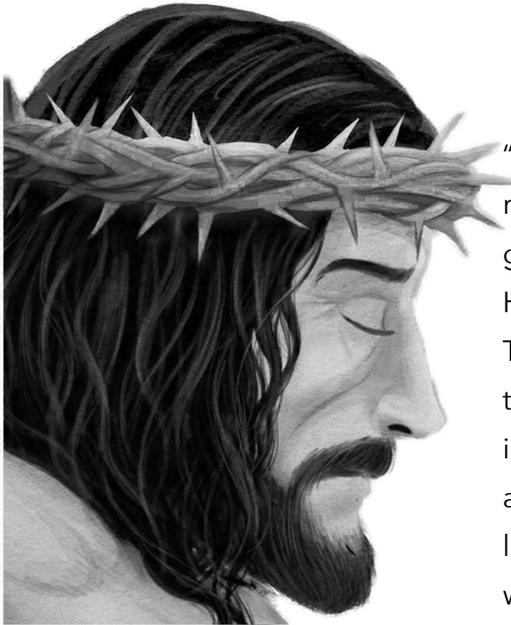
**SERVICE  
TIMES**

SATURDAY 6:00 P.M. / SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.  
LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE 8 A.M. AT [TRINITYPEORIA.COM](http://TRINITYPEORIA.COM)

# MESSAGE BOARD

February 14-15, 2026

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## THIS LENT AT TRINITY

BEGINNING WITH ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

"For us" is not simply a pithy line to use because it is easy to repeat. It is a confession of who God is and what He brings in giving us His Son. It helps us understand *why* God would send His Son to die for us.

The phrase "for us" also captures much of the Reformation's theological emphasis—and Luther's understanding of Scripture in particular. Luther went from searching for a righteous God and finding only stern rebuke to seeing God in the form of a little baby and as the one who became one of us *for us* so that we might become like Him.

Join us for Lenten services each Wednesday as our Pastors explore what this means for us each day. ASH WEDNESDAY: NOON AND 6:45 P.M. FEB. 18/LENTEN DINNER AT 5:30 P.M.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS WEEK

**There is NO Christian Education Hour THIS SUNDAY so that people may attend the Saint Valentine Music Festival at 9:30 a.m.**

- **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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**Matthew B. Synnott**, Pastor / Ext. 205

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## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CARE

Dick LeCrone      Ken Erdman

Nicholas Farley      Alan Stahl

Chris Pasold      Mark King

Bill Wagner      Jon Reick

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

### Those Serving In The Armed Forces

Aslan Fountain (grandson of Ralph Reichert)

Jeremy Thrane (grandson of Phyllis Basquin)

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

Madison Raistrick (granddaughter of Donna  
Winkler) ~ Cameron Engquist

### Trinity Shut-Ins

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

### February Anniversaries

55 Years

Ed and Sharon Thoma (13)

40 Years

Mark and Deborah Morrow (7)

## KEEP US UPDATED

If you have a new address, email address or telephone number, please notify the church office, either by phone (309-676-4609) or email: [tlc@trinitypeoria.com](mailto:tlc@trinitypeoria.com).

## FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

### TRINITY FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Trinity serves youth and adults who have special needs through Bible study and fellowship, offering support and care in a family-oriented manner. Cindy Archer provides leadership with the team of adults who serve in the Emmaus Room with our faithful friends.

*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 March, which must be at Trinity by March 8, they are asking for chicken noodle or tomato soup (10.5 oz. cans are best) and dish soap. In January, the Trinity Food Pantry served 17 people.

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

## SAVE THE DATE

WATCH 47 will be April 17-19 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Brochures for the weekend are in Trinity's Foyer. Contact Kathy Crank with any questions - (309) 696-9550.

## Coming Up February 21-22

*First Sunday in Lent*

**Readings:** Gen. 3:1-21/2 Cor. 6:1-10/Matt. 4:1-11

**Hymns:** LSB 418, 424, 656

**Preacher:** Pastor Matthew B. Synnott

*Ash Wednesday - Feb. 18*

**Reading:** Eph. 3:14-19

**Hymns:** LSB 610, 419, 607, 613

**Preacher:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson

## LENTEN DINNER COOK TEAMS

Congregational Life is **still looking for two Lenten Dinner Cook Teams** to host meals in the Trinity gym before our midweek services. Our first dinner is on Wednesday, February. 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dates still open include: Mar. 11 & 25. Contact Pastor Matt or Corrie Broberg if you are interested!

## LENTEN DINNER TREAT DONATIONS

Calling all bakers and treat makers! For our midweek Lenten dinners, we are in need of treats and goodies for our dinners. If you have time, would you please consider a donation of treats for the evening Lenten dinners? Thank you so much!

## CALLING ALL SINGERS FOR EASTER CHOIR

Easter Choir rehearsals will begin AT 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 in the music room, with a meal beforehand in the Walther Room at 5:30 p.m. The Easter Choir season will include seven weekly rehearsals along with five opportunities to serve in worship. For more information, please contact Cantor Peter at [peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com](mailto:peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com) or call/text (708) 837-0296.

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## WEEKLY TRINITY PRAYER SHEET

### **Submitting Prayer Requests:**

*Call, text or email Pastor Nelson (309) 453-7231; [pastornelson@trinitypeoria.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**Music Program Trivia Night**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Doors open at 6:30**  
**Game Starts at 7:00**  
**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**TRIVIA NIGHT!**  
 2026 Theme: University Night  
 Wear your favorite college colors!



**CLS Trivia Night  
 Team Registration**

Concordia Lutheran School  
 SECTION & GALA

**STEP  
 RIGHT  
 UP!**

**MARCH  
 14  
 2026**

**GET YOUR  
 TICKET TODAY**

All church members  
 are invited to join  
 for a night of fun!!

**WWW.CONCORDIAPEORIA.COM**

**It's open house season!**

February 11th, 9 – 11 a.m.  
 February 25th, 9 – 11 a.m.

*INVITE  
 your friends*

**DISCOVERY  
 DAYS**

**Special Discovery Day:**  
**PACK THE DEN Day, Saturday, January 31st, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
 Pack The Den is an annual tradition; a day of basketball at Concordia.  
 Enjoy a guided tour and stay to experience our community in action  
 too!

**PLAYTIME PALS  
 AT CONCORDIA**

**DETAILS**

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. on these dates:  
 February 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
 March 6<sup>th</sup>

**FREE**

Park on the west side  
 of the building  
 & follow the signs.

*Beat the chilly  
 weather with some  
 play time for Kinder  
 age and under in a  
 clean, safe  
 environment!*

**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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**CLS ENROLLMENT SUPPORT**

If you will be enrolling children at Concordia for the 2026-2027 school year, please complete our Trinity-CLS tuition support form by Feb. 28, 2026. You can find the link to the form at [trinitypeoria.com](http://trinitypeoria.com) under the FORMS tab, or use the link: <https://trinitypeoria.com/concordia-tuition-support>.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT CONCORDIA**

There will be a blood drive at The Commons at CLS from 2:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2. To schedule an appointment, contact the school at 309-691-8921 or sign up with a student. You can also visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (enter sponsor code:CONCORDIA) or use the QR code at right.



**ALL-YOUTH (6TH-12TH) CRAZY WINTER OLYMPICS**

On Sunday, February 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in Trinity's Olympic Gym, come play some of the craziest team Winter Olympic sports you can imagine. We only do this once every four years so you and your friends will not want to miss out. There will be a dinner as well and some fun prizes plus a great devotion time. No need to sign up - just plan to show up!

## Central Illinois District News

Would you like to read more information about the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod? Check out its website at [www.cidlcms.org/](http://www.cidlcms.org/). The site provides information on area churches, as well as a link to sign up for a digital copy of the GatePost newsletter and additional resources available through the district. To see this month's issue of GatePost, use the following link: <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/gatepost/2026.GatePost.1.pdf>

## LWML NEWS AND MITE INFORMATION

All Glory to God that our first two mite grants totaling \$40,000 have been paid. We are close to paying the third grant in the amount of \$25,000. Our next collection date is Saturday, Feb. 14. Our featured mite grant for February: **2026 LWML CID Mission Grant #5 - Just for Moms - \$3,544.** *Almost 4 out of 10 women who receive services from Pregnancy Resources in Moline, IL have no faith background or are of non-Christian faith. Along with this, of professing Christian clients, 48 are at risk for abortion. Pregnancy Resources "Just for Moms" bags help provide a new mom with a holistic wellness approach that considers a person's physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects. Each bag offers a Lutherans for Life devotion for mothers, a journal to track emotional needs, post-natal vitamins, and more help to prepare her for the birth and delivery of her baby.*

## CAMP CILCA 2026

Camp CILCA invites you to check out their 2026 programming for all ages, especially their summer kids camps. There are flyers in Trinity's foyer or you can go to [cilca.org](http://cilca.org) for more information and registration. Camp CILCA is the official camp of the Central Illinois District and is located in Cantrall, IL just north of Springfield.

## 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.

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHOIR PERFORMING AT REDEEMER

The University Choir from Concordia University Nebraska will be performing at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6801 N. Allen Road, Peoria, on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free, instead a freewill offering will be taken. All are invited to attend.

## 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. We provide weekly snack packs, annual staff Christmas gifts, we have some who have done tutoring reading moments, some have provided the students with a small Christmas gift, we've had families take part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Kids Camp, and we have a connection through which Bradley students provide a monthly sewing group. Thank you for being part of this opportunity to serve with the grace and love of Jesus. We've been invited to provide assistance with just a few people once per month (see the dates/times below) 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. Upcoming dates include: February 26/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.

## MIDWEST FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Trinity Lutheran's volunteer dates are: February 26; April 9; May 28; June 25; July 23; September 24; October 8; November 19. All service times are 9:00-11:00 a.m. and all dates are Thursdays.

**Registration link for all dates:** <https://x.gldn.io/e/6eqww2Wdk0b>

### Food Bank Volunteering FAQ

- **Are there any dress requirements?** All volunteers must wear closed-toed, closed-heeled shoes such as tennis shoes/sneakers. For your safety, crocs, slides or sandals are not allowed to be worn in the warehouse.
- **Do we need to bring any personal safety equipment?** No. For those volunteering during the day, we provide hi-vis vests to our volunteers to wear while in the warehouse. Any gloves, hairnets, or other food safety equipment will also be provided for all bulk repackaging projects.
- **What will we be doing?** Most groups will repackage bulk food/products into family-sized bags. These family-sized bags will be distributed within the next two months to our partner agencies. We partner with 350 agencies. Depending on the need, you could be packaging our product called Tender Mercies.
- **How many can volunteer within one group at a time?** For service projects, we can accommodate up to 25 volunteers at a time within our project area.
- **What is the address of where we will be volunteering?** Midwest Food Bank, Peoria is located at [9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria IL 61615](#)
- **Where do we park and enter?** You can park anywhere in our lot. Our volunteer entrance is in the corner where the two buildings intersect to form a "L" shape. Once inside, you'll check in at the kiosk by finding your name or you can scan your group's QR code that will be on the TV by the Midwest Food Bank fabric backdrop.
- **Who do I contact if I have any questions?** Please call Ileen Grebner, our Volunteer Coordinator. She can be reached at 309-691-5270, ext. 1 or [igrebner@midwestfoodbank.org](mailto:igrebner@midwestfoodbank.org)