

June 2026



Trinity Lutheran Church

Villa Park, IL

Always Growing in Christ

SUNDAY JUNE 14th

*****Special Schedule*****

BIBLE CLASS - 8:30

ONE SERVICE - 9:30AM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 10:30 AM

POTLUCK - After Voter's Meeting

**Congregational
Meeting**



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Church Council Nominations

At the **June 14** Congregational Meeting, the following Council Board positions will be up for election: Asst. Executive Director, Christian Ed, Lay Ministry, Property, and Stewardship. If you are interested in being considered for any of these positions you **must** contact a member of the nominating committee: Rhonda Halpin, Bert Dale, Gina Heaney, Shelly Bychowski or Keith Golz for consideration.

The following are approved: Gina Heaney (Christian Ed), Jon Alvarez (Property), and Shelly Bychowski (Stewardship).

Constitution/Bylaws Change

Voter's will be asked to vote regarding the following proposed change: Changing the name of the Board of Evangelism to the Board of Outreach and Communication. The exact changes may be viewed <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aRTZN7fqU0ks4I3vMpEbm2ZyLR40I1OX/view>.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee will be presenting two Pastoral candidates at the June Voters' Meeting. Both are viable, and the congregation will vote for a Call to be offered to one of the pastors. As always, if there are any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Sue Lotter (630-710-2754) slotter123@gmail.com or any of the Call Committee members.

Congregation Potluck

Immediately following the congregation meeting on Sunday, June 14th, we will be having an all congregation potluck in the prayer garden (Founders Hall if the weather doesn't cooperate). Council will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please feel free to bring a side or dessert to share. **Let's get together!**



Third Thursdays Are Back

Join Us in the Prayer Garden at 7 pm on the Third Thursday of the Month Each Month of Summer! (June 18, July 16 & August 20) Bring a chair, bring a snack, a game, an instrument. We will be enjoying the beauty of our prayer garden and each other's company. This is a family-friendly activity. All are welcome.

Youth News

2026 Summer Youth Schedule

June 4 Train Trip to Geneva @ 9:30 - 3:04 Leaving from the VILLA PARK Station

We're kicking off summer with a train trip to Geneva for shopping and lunch.

THE TRAIN DEPARTS AT 9:48. PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE VILLA PARK STATION NO LATER THAN 9:30 SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS THERE AND HAS A TICKET!

Additional Costs: \$15 - 20 for lunch and then additional money for shopping if desired.

June 25 – 28 YouthLead 2026 High School/Young Adult Leadership Training

High school students and recent graduates are invited to attend **YouthLead 2026**, June 25–28, in Chicago, Illinois. This event, hosted by the LCMS Office of Youth Ministry in partnership with the English District, equips youth to grow in faith, develop leadership skills, and connect with Lutheran students from across the country.

Cost is **\$150 per student** *Deposit is due no later than June 10.*

Host Site: Trinity Lutheran Church - Villa Park, Illinois.

More information about YouthLead: <https://www.facebook.com/LCMSYouthLead>

July 20 and 21 Confirmation Retreat

This year's retreat will take place during two days.

On Monday, July 20 we will travel to Pastor Scofield's home church in Channahon to spend the day with his youth. This will give both groups an opportunity to meet other LCMS youth.

On Tuesday, July 21 we will meet at Trinity.

Purpose: To see God's work at Trinity and learn how we can be part of the ministries by exploring the church, meeting some of the people involved, and doing projects to help others.

August 2-7 Camp Restore in Detroit Mission Trip for High School Youth

Jonathan Stahlke and Judy Bruschuk will accompany a group of high school youth to Detroit. For those interested please contact Judy Bruschuk ASAP so that you can get registered.

Here's some information about Camp Restore:

Camp Restore Detroit is a ministry serving in the 9th Precinct of Detroit. Our goal is to partner with you, our community, to restore our neighborhood in Detroit. We do this by connecting Block Clubs and community leaders with volunteers. By supporting all the good things already happening in our community, we know we can all work together to continue restoring the 9th Precinct to a beautiful and growing neighborhood.

2028 LCMS National Youth Gathering in San Antonio

Thousands of youth and adults from all 35 districts will join together in San Antonio from July 3-7, 2028 for the 17th triennial LCMS Youth Gathering.

The LCMS Youth Gathering's primary focus is for youth participants between the ages of 14 to 19. To register for the 2028 Gathering, youth participants must meet **ONE** of the two following eligibility requirements:

– Must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering

OR

– Entering his or her ninth-grade year at the time of the Gathering.

While we do allow students from the ages of 14 to 20 to attend, please keep in mind that some of the program content may not be relevant to older youth participants.

To learn more about LCMS Youth Gatherings: <https://www.lcmsgathering.com/>

Mr. Holland's Opus

In this movie, a composer spends his life teaching music, but writes a symphony on the side. After decades of teaching, his students gather to surprise him by performing his symphony. The composer sees that his life's work is not only the symphony, but also the people whom he has influenced throughout his career.



Mr. Stahlke's Opus

In real life, the composer Jonathan Stahlke has spent his life teaching, but since the 1990s he has also been composing an oratorio-like setting of the Song of Songs. The work is finally completed, and his music students are gathering in a reunion to play/sing it on Sunday, June 21, at 4 pm in Chapel of Our Lord at Concordia University Chicago (7400 Augusta St. in River Forest). In addition, many community musicians and several professional singers will also perform, including four outstanding vocal soloists. Song of All Songs (40 minutes long) will be the second half of the program; the returning choir and orchestra students will play other music selections before intermission. Please consider attending this wonderful event! It is the culmination of several decades of work by Jonathan to study the biblical text, compose the music, orchestrate it, and then supervise its publication and performance. There is no admission charge; in addition, there are free events before and after the concert. Here is the schedule for Sunday, June 21:

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Choice of two different events:

- Poetry, Art, and Storytelling about the Song of Songs
- Round table discussion of the Song of Songs with three leading theologians

4:00 pm

World Premiere of Jonathan Stahlke's Song of All Songs

5:30 pm

Reception on the center lawn of Concordia University Chicago

To sign up for a free ticket to Sunday's events, see this link:

<https://www.cuchicago.edu/events/2026/062/festival-of-scripture--the-arts--song-of-all-songs/>

Under the tab at the bottom for "Festivalgoers," you can register under "Guest or Spouse Sunday Concert and Reception." There is no charge for tickets. Hope to see you there! If you have questions, contact Jonathan at 708-341-4679 or Mary at 708-552-1271.

6th Annual Jim Van Ewyk Memorial Golf Outing

September 19, 2026
Sugar Creek Golf Course, Villa Park, IL
First Tee Time: 1:00 PM
Dinner Begins: 5:00 PM

We're looking for local businesses to sponsor individual holes or other parts of the outing. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Bob Rundgren at rundgy@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



Spend Some Time at the Turquoise Table

You might have noticed the Turquoise Table on the front lawn. The table was built by the kids at The Projects to provide a place for Trinity members to connect with the people in the community.

We are encouraging you to spend some time at the table to help complete this mission.

You're welcome to just drop by and sit at the table at any time. If you'd like to sign up for a specific time it will help others know when to come to the table. Sign up for one time, or on a regular basis, and stay as long as you'd like. There will be a calendar for this in the Narthex and a QR code as well.

While you're at the table don't be discouraged if no one walks by. Or if no one sits with you. Enjoy the gift of time at the table. You'll be surprised what you notice.

There is a Turquoise Table basket available for you to use when sitting at the table. It contains things you can share with others – water, snacks, prayer books, and Trinity bracelets.

Thanks to Tony Pavlovsky who designed, helped build, and paint the table with a bunch of crazy kids!

The first 10 people who sign up get a free turquoise bracelet made by Natalie Bruschuk!



Worship Services

Saturdays 4:30 pm

Sundays 8 am & 10:30 am

(Except June 14 9:30 am only)

Save the Date

July 16- Third Thursdays

August 20- Third Thursdays

September 13 - Rally Day & Sunday School Ice Cream Social

September 19 – 6th Annual Jim Van Ewyk Memorial Golf Outing