

TRINITY TIDINGS

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May 2026

According to a May 2023 Gallup Poll “The percentages of Americans who believe in each of five religious entities -- God, angels, heaven, hell, and the devil -- have edged downward by three to five percentage points since 2016. Still, majorities believe in each, ranging from a high of 74% believing in God to lows of 59% for hell and 58% for the devil. About two-thirds each believe in angels (69%) and heaven (67%).”

On Saturday, May 2, I will lead a discussion on Angels and Demons. What does the Bible tell us about them? Christians have different beliefs concerning them and certainly so does the secular world. Many of these differences arise from pop culture. Various media often take creative liberties with the subject of spirits. Other faiths and cults add their own ideas about these beings. Public perceptions don't always match the reality described in the Bible.

What might it mean to “sleep like an angel”? Do angels rejoice when a bell sounds or when a lost soul repents? Do they look like chubby-cheeked flying babies or fairy princesses of Christmas décor. The appearance of both angels and demons has regularly frightened those who've encountered them. There are many people who believe in ghosts and mistake the appearances of angels and demons as ghosts.

Though it is not necessary, you may want to do a little preparation for our discussion. If so, then consider these Biblical facts:

Angels are spirit beings created directly by God prior to the creation of the universe (Job 38:7). They were created as servants of God, Jesus Christ, and the Church in order to perform the will of God in heaven and on earth (Hebrews 1:6,14). Apparently innumerable in number, they are of various ranks and abilities, and they have numerous duties (Revelation 5:11; 8:2; 9:15; 12:7; Ephesians 1:21; Colossians 1:16).

Angels expressed joy at the creation of the world (Job 38:7). They rejoice over a sinner's repentance (Luke 15:10), and they convey concern and consternation, as when the apostle John wrongly attempted to worship an angel (Revelation 22:9). They are curious (1 Peter 1:10-12); they talk to each other (Revelation 14:18); and they worship and praise God (Revelation 7:11). And when in human form, they can communicate directly with humans (Genesis 19). Angels command other angels (Revelation 7:3; 14:17-18) or battle demons (Daniel 10:13; Revelation 12:7-8). They appear in dreams (Matthew 1:20) or visibly as mere men (Genesis 18:1-8). They are described as beings of incredible brightness or clothed in shining garments (Luke 24:4). When they appear directly to humans, the result is usually one of emotional shock or fear, hence the common biblical refrain of the angels, "Fear not" (Luke 1:12-13; 2:9). In the Bible, only three angels are named: Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer.

Pastor Webb



SINGLE SERVICE & VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, May 17 – Sunday School at 9:00, Worship at 10:00, Meeting afterwards

On Sunday, May 17, we will have a Single Worship Service at 10:00, followed by our Voters Meeting.
Sunday School will be at 9:00.

Christian Education

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to all those born in May!



VBS



VBS Help

If you have interest in helping with VBS in any way, please reach out to Megan Haverland at 248-930-6146 or mjmcDonald85@yahoo.com.

If you are unable to donate your time, we are also accepting monetary donations.

Sunday's Coffee & Conversation

Join us each Sunday after the 8:30 Divine Service for Coffee & Conversations. This fellowship opportunity is a good transition between the Divine Services and our Sunday School efforts for children, youth, young adults, and adults.

Cradle Roll Program

This program is designed to help the congregation equip new parents to share the love of Jesus with their child from birth through three years of their life. After a child is baptized, the church family nurtures the child's spiritual, emotional, and physical development. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hanovich at 912-656-6511 or khanovich@hotmail.com.

Bible Study Opportunities

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Webb leads a Bible study in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service.

CHURCH YEAR CONNECTIONS

(Ages 2 through High School)

Join us for Sunday School classes for ages two through young adult. Teachers: Megan Haverland (2 years-1st Grade), Judy Bringman (2nd-4th Grade), Bob Hanovich (Middle School), and Karl Schumacher (5th Grade & High School).

YOUNG ADULT SINGLES CLASS

For ages 18-28, this class, led by Jason Lomax, is studying Apologetics.

21ST CENTURY PARENTING CLASS

Parents of school-aged kids gain insight into the issues facing Gen Z and learn how to engage them in meaningful conversations. Eric and Megan Thompson lead this class in the Education Building.

YOUNG AT HEART CLASS

Mature members study how we can demonstrate love and compassion to people in need. Bob Reynolds and Mark Waltz lead this class on the ground floor of the Education Building.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Education Building to study the Word.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets on Mondays at 10:00am in the Education Building and on Zoom. Email Linda Tomko (linda.tomko1946@gmail.com) for more information.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council Positions Opening

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; may His peace be with you all!

As mentioned in the April newsletter, the Church Council is preparing for our May 2026 voters meeting. We have the following three positions open:

- Church Council Secretary,
- Christian Education Chairperson, and
- Property Management Chairperson.

I am pleased to announce that we have three individuals interested in the position of Church Financial Secretary.

Our Lord has truly blessed Trinity with many dedicated and capable members. Please give prayerful consideration for the three remaining positions to support Trinity and the ongoing ministries.

Eric Thompson, Council Vice President, is leading the search effort. Please contact him if you are interested, or if you know of someone that may be interested in serving.

God's blessings to you all,

Kip Wiltse
Council President

TREASURER TIDBITS

The Church Council wishes to keep you informed of our financial situation on a monthly basis, versus waiting until the Voters Meetings.

1. The March Collections were \$582 more than the Expenses. Close to a breakeven.

March Collections	\$ 30,471
March Expenses	(29,889)
Difference	\$ 582

a. The March Collections were \$1,529 less than the estimated amount.

b. Many of the Boards had expenses less than the estimated amounts.

2. For January through March 2026, the Collections were \$13,044 less the Expenses.

That is about where we estimated we would be after the first months.

3. As a reminder, we moved \$50,000 of the money received in January to the LCEF account.

This money is set aside to cover potential cash flow shortfalls. It is working for us.

The interest earned was \$97. That amount is higher than February's amount - \$40.

4. The projected 2026 deficit is \$49,070. Your prayers and contributions are needed. We would love to cut this deficit and maybe end up in the positive.

5. The May Voters Meeting is in a few weeks. Please come and hear how we are doing. We will have our regular Financial Summary for us to see the details.

Karl Schumacher, Treasurer

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BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board met on Sunday, April 12th. We discussed items that we would be sponsoring during the rest of the calendar year. The items will be identified at the May Voter's meeting.

We did a quick check on what the various ministries needed and might request as the calendar year progressed. As of now, we would like congregational members to check with various leaders to ask what they can do to help.

For the shoebox ministry, please see Phil Boyd-Robinson to see what he needs as it is getting close to him having to ship the items over to the Philippines.

The month of May brings about Lizzie's birthday celebration. We hope that members come to celebrate her birthday.

Many thanks go out to Cathy Crotwell for her diligence in working with all the food donated by the local Boy Scout Troop who delivered food which fills the Food Pantry. She has taken a lot of time to

get the food sorted and shelved. We are very grateful to the Scouts for this generous donation. For the members of the congregation who donate food, we are thankful for those donations.

For the Hearts of Compassion, we offer many thanks to all who volunteer to help with manning the closet two days a week to cooking meals for Friday's meals to those who spend time delivering the food to various places on the Southside. It is also getting to the time when getting out spring/summer clothing is needed. The amount of people who come by to get clothing is picking up as the weather gets warmer. We are seeing more people come in for assistance.

Finally, the Bombas socks will be delivered sometime in the October/November time frame. A post will be placed on the Friends of Trinity Facebook page. This is always a time of fellowship with all who volunteer.

Chris Garretson



BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Tithes and Offerings

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various form. 1 Peter 4:10

Why is it that every time we go to church they are talking about money? Makes you wonder if that's what the church is all about. Some people become very uncomfortable discussing the topic of stewardship. However, regardless of our attitude in the area, each of us ought to consider how we are to manage the gifts with which God has blessed us.

Our health, talent, money, time, and abilities are all gifts for us to enjoy and to share with God's people. How can we use His gifts to honor Him and help

others? Surprisingly, the more we give back to Him, the more we receive from Him. Of course, this is not why we give; but it is how God gives!

God wants us to live abundant lives, but not necessarily with an abundance of "things." Rather, He pours out His abundant love on us through Christ and asks us to consider how we can share this wealth with others.

Dear Lord, thank You for the many ways You bless us and our family. Help us to not take Your gifts for granted, but rather use them to help others know your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Taken from LWML Mustard Seed 2008



THE DOGHOUSE

Our sweet Lizzie is turning 11 on May 26th. Join us for cake or a cupcake in her honor on Sunday, May 24th after early or late service.

May 10th we will be at St. Paul's in Boca Raton as they welcome a new Comfort Dog to their church and our Florida/Georgia family.

We were recognized as Volunteers of the Month at Lakeview Manor in Springfield. We recently

became certified to volunteer with SunCare Hospice.

Lizzie continues to be a blessing to so many people in our community.

In His Grace, Cindy
Top Dog for Lizzie Comfort Dog





LWML LADIES' GUILD

Wednesday, May 6 at 11:30

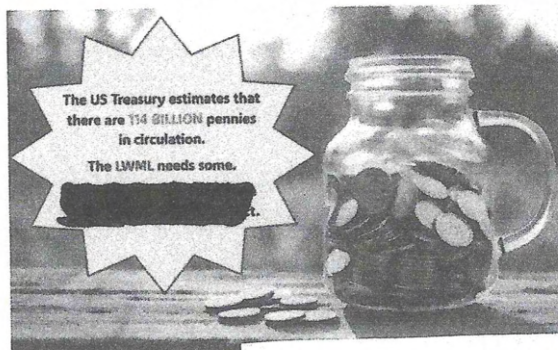
Saturday, May 2, at 11:30am – Lunch with Pastor – a study on “Angels and Demons.” Lunch provided by your Ladies’ Guild. Sign up in Narthex.

Wednesday, May 6 – LWML Ladies’ Guild – 11:30am for lunch – meeting follows at noon. This meeting will wrap up our season until September.

Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30 – Olive Garden, our annual Ladies Evening Out. Sign up by May 10. Join us for a fun evening out and fellowship with all the ladies.

Jackie Deemer, LWML Guild President

Let's make every penny count.



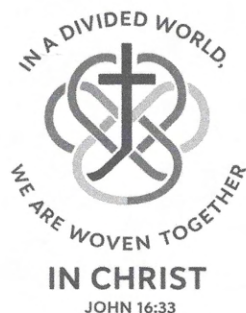
Thank you, *Trinity LWML*

Can you remember when you first learned about Jesus? It may have been your parents who taught you to sing “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Maybe it was a grandparent whose quiet witness and loving encouragement set a positive example of the Christian faith. For some it might have been a loving Sunday school teacher or dedicated youth leader. Many of us have been blessed by the Christian witness of someone who spoke of the Savior Jesus and pointed us to God’s Word.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians at Colossae giving them the encouragement to *...set your hearts on things above...* (Colossians 3:1b). He continued by admonishing them with directions for living a holy life. But his instructions did not end with just learning to live as Christians; they went on to encourage all believers to share that wonderful message with others. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom ...* (Colossians 3:16a).

Dear Father, I have much to learn about you, and many others have still to learn of Your everlasting love. Help me to lead my life in a way that I can give my support through the collections of mites (pennies). “Though mites are lowly gifts, united, they are strong. Direct their usage in giving and let Thy kingdom come.” Your pennies will reach many as they learn of our Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Thank you. In Christ’s Service, Jackie



2026 LWML FL-GA DISTRICT CONVENTION

Friday, September 18 – Sunday, September 20
PGA National Resort | Palm Beach Gardens, FL

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. -John 16:33 ESV

Guest Speaker

Rev Kris Whitby, NID Executive

National LWML Representative

Karol Selle, VP of Special Focus Ministries



Meeting Interrupters a.k.a. Talent Show

What unique talent has God given you?
Playing an instrument, dancing, singing,
baton twirling, juggling, acting...
It's time for you to share it!

This is a talent show CONTEST that
will continue throughout the weekend.

All convention attendees will vote,
and the winner will receive a fun prize!

For more info or to sign up, contact:
Carol Jones, Convention Chair
Phone: (954) 663-5855
Email: wsjcaj@aol.com

Bag Swap



During registration, swap an LWML
bag you've collected over the years
with someone you want to bless.
Even add a note or a favorite Bible
verse. More details coming soon!

Saturday Evening Entertainment



Join in on a karaoke sing along
AND dress up from your favorite
era from ANY century or culture!
This will be a bistro atmosphere.
Drinks and snacks will be provided.



DOUBLE Gifts from the Heart

1. CROS Ministries
Servant Event #1 | Assemble kits for the homeless
2. MMT Nikea Medical Center, Point of Grace Campus, Kisumu Kenya
Servant Event #2 | Package medicine, vitamins, and toiletries

Plus



Lunch and Learn sessions

Electronic voting

Exhibitor tables

Fellowship

Worship

Registration Fee
\$200 -

Registration opens Friday, May 1, 2026

Room Fee
\$229 Per night

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 24, between Services

Sunday, May 24, breakfast will be served by your Ladies' Guild. We will not serve breakfast over the summer break.

Anyone who would take our place and provide breakfast for the fourth Sundays of June, July, and August would be appreciated. Any questions, see Jackie Deemer or call 912-661-3921.



TLC QUILTERS

WOW! What a busy year we've had with quilting! We thank all who have donated fabric, and we made many very nice quilts from those gifts.

Quilts were donated to hospitals as well as the VA clinic. The beautiful quilts being created are always very much appreciated. The ladies will still be working in May, but only on the 2nd Tuesday of May - **May 12th**.

There are a lot of quilts still hanging in the Narthex and on the stairs in the Education Building. More are

waiting to be bound and hung. Please stop by to check them out when you have time.

We will resume quilting in late August or early September, so keep watching the newsletter to get an update.

Hope all have a wonderful SUMMER and stay safe!

Doing God's work,

The Quilter Bees



EASTER LILY CONTRIBUTORS

***The Altar Guild wishes to thank each of you that purchased
Easter lilies to celebrate our Risen Savior!***

John & Mary Helen Anander	Given in praise of our Risen Lord
Carol Beard	Given in praise of our Risen Lord
Carol & Wayne Bender	Given in memory of Lucie "Omi" Beck and Eileen Klemm
Patricia Lipari Bradshaw	Given in memory of Erman Lipari & Tony Bradshaw
Cathy Crotwell	Given in praise of our Risen Lord
Sue Derk	Given in memory of Kenneth Derk
Sherry Kreger	Given in praise of our Risen Lord
Barbara Prieto	Given in memory of Paul Ricks Herrmann
Bobbie Spires	Given in praise of our Risen Lord
Jan & Jerry Taylor	Given in memory of our son, Justin Ross Taylor
Lester Tisby	Given in praise of our Risen Lord
Dr. Winston & Tamera Vaughan	Given in praise of our Risen Lord
Tom & Bethany Wayman	Given in memory of Bob & Magdalyn Wayman and Russell & Rebecca Roethler
Anonymous	Given in praise of our Risen Lord



LADIES' GLASS BLOWING CLASS

Our ladies' event for the month of June is pending confirmation from the vendor. We are planning on a glass blowing class at the end of June. No experience necessary. Studio is air conditioned, and we will have a professional glassblower take us through the process from beginning to end. No one under the age of 18 is allowed. You pick the piece and the color, and learn how to use the equipment

and tools. We are very limited with only 8 spots, so we may have to do two sessions over the summer months depending on interest. Cost is \$100 each, and includes all materials and instruction. There will be a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex on May 1st. I personally have blown glass a few times, and it is a lot of fun. For more information, please see Karen Hanovich.



FIND US ONLINE

- ***Website** - www.trinitylutheransavannah.com
- ***Facebook** - Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church;
-Trinity Lutheran Church of Savannah Media;
-Lizzie Comfort Dog
- ***Instagram** - #lcck9lizzie (Lizzie Comfort Dog)
- ***YouTube** – Trinity Lutheran Savannah

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If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hanovich.



**** MAY BIRTHDAYS ****

Taryn Hanovich	05-01	Hayden Ervin	05-16
Kevin Kuzeff	05-03	Carole Eckes	05-19
Savannah Legg	05-03	Ernie Martin	05-20
Cindy Baldwin	05-04	Marilyn McKee	05-23
Lonna McEwen	05-06	Ryan McEwen	05-23
Emily Abbott	05-08	Elijah Legg	05-25
Renae Lowe	05-09	Nathaniel Thompson	05-28
Baily Williams	05-09	Kasey Perks	05-30
Connor Williams	05-09	Jordan Klebe	05-30
Calvin Wayman	05-11	Dylan Hanovich	05-31
Sue Derk	05-14	Skip Chance	05-31
Bethany Wayman	05-15		

We thank God for each and every person at Trinity who is celebrating his or her birthday this month,
and pray for the Lord's blessing upon each of them.

This list is provided so friends may say a special prayer and acknowledge the birthday of loved ones.

If you or someone you know at Trinity was not included in this listing,
please contact Traci Schumacher in the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!





IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>Offerings</u>
	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Facebook</u>	
March 22	54	48	4	82	\$3,943.49
March 25 Wed.	22	14	1	40	
March 29 Palm Sunday	62	63	8	130	\$5,644.32
April 2 M. Thursday	27	29	3	103	
April 3 G. Friday	24	40	10	86	
April 5 Easter	144	70	37	129	\$8,506.00
April 12	65	52	7	107	\$3,954.89
April 15 Blended		10	0	40	
April 19	72	59	11	0	\$1,969.79
<u>Total contributions for the period</u>					<u>\$24,018.49</u>

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Building Repair Fund	725.00
Can Do/Food Pantry	145.00
Comfort Dog	370.00
Concordia Seminary	75.00
Easter	580.00
Easter Lilies	340.00
FL-GA Compelled	150.00
Good Friday	405.00
Lent	627.74
Lutheran Witness Magazine	30.00
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Mites	302.12
Maundy Thursday	345.00
Messiah Lutheran Church	250.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	260.00
Social Ministry Breakfast	217.00
The Living Vine	75.00
Youth	254.00
Youth Breakfast	216.00

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***The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church:
Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***

***The Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church:
Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love***

May, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Meals for Homeless 4:00	2 "Angels & Demons" Bible Study & Lunch (SH) 11:30-2:00
3 Worship 8:30 (Communion) & 11:00 Evangelism Meeting (Cry Room) 9:45-10:45 Mite Sunday Sunday School 9:45 MS Youth Group (EB) 11:00-1:00 Social Ministry Breakfast	4 Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00-8:00pm	5 Clothes Closet 4:00-6:00 Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00-8:00pm	6 Bible Study (EB) 10:00 LWML Lunch & Meeting (EB) 11:30	7 NAMI (EB) 6:00-7:00 Clothes Closet 10:00-1:00 Crafters (EB) 10:00-2:00	8 Meals for Homeless 4:00	9 Neighborhood Prayer Walk 10:00 PTA Meeting (SH) 8:00-1:00 WFHS Band Banquet (SH) 3:00-10:00
10 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 (Communion) Can Do Sunday Sunday School 9:45 Youth Breakfast Mother's Day	11 Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00-8:00pm	12 Clothes Closet 4:00-6:00 Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00-8:00pm TLC Quilters (EB) 10:00-1:00	13 Bible Study (EB) 10:00 LWML Dinner Floor work (SH) all day	14 NAMI (EB) 6:00-7:00 Clothes Closet 10:00-1:00 Church Council (EB) 6:30 Crafters (EB) 10:00-2:00 Floor work (SH) all day	15 Meals for Homeless 4:00 Floor work (SH) all day	16 Workday 9:00-12:00 Floor work (SH) all day
17 Single Worship Service 10:00 Building Repair Fund Sunday Sunday School 9:00 HS Youth Group (EB) 11:00-1:00 Voters' Meeting after Worship	18 Election Set-Up (SH) 5:00-10:00pm	19 Clothes Closet 4:00-6:00 General Primary Election (SH) all day	20 Bible Study (EB) 10:00 Over 50 Group Lunch 12:00 Blended Service 7:00pm	21 NAMI (EB) 6:00-7:00 Clothes Closet 10:00-1:00 Crafters (EB) 10:00-2:00	22 Meals for Homeless 4:00	23
24 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 (Communion Both) Sunday School 9:45 LWML Breakfast Pentecost Lizzie's 11th Birthday Celebration	25 Memorial Day	26 Clothes Closet 4:00-6:00	27 Bible Study (EB) 10:00	28 NAMI (EB) 6:00-7:00 Clothes Closet 10:00-1:00 Crafters (EB) 10:00-2:00	29 Meals for Homeless 4:00	30 VBS Set-Up 9:00-11:00 a.m.
31 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 (Communion Both) Sunday School 9:45 Holy Trinity						

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