

VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK



WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Welcome to the Volunteer Program at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. The staff, faculty, and lay leadership of our church and school are happy to welcome you to service within Trinity. We recognize that volunteers play a valuable and essential role in many aspects of our ministry.

This handbook has been designed to be a helpful resource to support you in your volunteer role. It also sets forth some general guidelines to best manage and protect the ministry as well as your involvement as a volunteer. Please read through this material so you can be better informed concerning the many components of the Trinity volunteer program. Please contact us if you have any questions.



● Our Mission

As we consider God's will for our lives, we are convinced that everything we do must work together to lead people to a full life in Christ. "In the same way, let your light shine before all others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." [Matthew 5:16]

As we prepare to pursue this mission, we will seek to cultivate the following six characteristics to help in achieving a full life in Christ:

- Worshiping God Passionately
- Studying God's Word Deliberately
- Serving Others Unselfishly
- Giving Sacrificially
- Witnessing Genuinely
- Praying Constantly



TRINITY'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Welcome to the Trinity Lutheran Volunteer Program!

As part of Trinity's strategic direction going forward, we are excited to put this Volunteer program in place.

Trinity's Volunteer Program will consist of three phases:

- *Phase 1 includes this Volunteer Handbook as well as the Volunteer Sign Up Form that is included in this booklet.
- *Phase 2 is compiling sign up forms and getting ministry directors involved with communications and trainings (if necessary).
- *Phase 3 is rolling out direct contact as events occur and tracking volunteers on an ongoing basis.

As you worship with us and read through this Volunteer Handbook, please take notice of the variety of ministries that are offered here at Trinity. Each ministry will include a full description and volunteer opportunities. We invite you to take time to see what volunteer opportunities are exciting and interesting to you.

In 1 Peter Chapter 4 Verse 10, Peter writes, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

We are so excited to serve alongside you, using our time and talents to Glorify God and to enhance our sense of community of Christ followers.

We look forward to seeing what all we can accomplish together!



- **Our Vision**

As we look into the future of what God has in store for us, we commit to cultivating an internal as well as an external focus throughout our ministry.

- **Our Core Values**

- Christ First in Everything
- Gathering Around Word & Sacrament
- Deliberate Study of God's Word
- Reaching Out to Others
- Equipping Each to Serve
- Relationships You Can Count on
- Building Strong, Christian Families
- Committed to Children

- **Why Volunteers?**

- Provides Trinity members the opportunity to exercise their spiritual gifts
- Gives Trinity members the ability to get involved and give back
- Provides growth opportunities
- Allows for Trinity members to fellowship, minister, and interact on a non-professional level
- Helps to create a sense of belonging and community

- **The Volunteer Process**

Many volunteer opportunities exist within the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Matching up individuals with appropriate opportunities can be done in several ways. Individuals need to consider the gifts that God has blessed them with in order to best discern where God is leading them to best serve. If you feel a particular ministry may be right for you, you are free to contact that ministry leader to observe or speak with them. They can often give you insights into where you might best serve as well. Other information about volunteer opportunities can be found in the bimonthly Trinity Newsletter or by speaking with Victoria West.

- **What Volunteers Can Expect**

- Organization
- Good use of time
- Clear expectations
- Job training
- Involved in process
- Feel appreciated
- Part of team
- Consistent communication
- Fix what's broken

- **What We Expect from Our Volunteers**

- Participation in orientations, training programs, and meetings
- Be punctual for your volunteer duty or shift
- Completion of task within the mutually agreed time frames
- Response to communications from leaders within a reasonable time frame
- Communicate any issues or concerns which are likely to affect your volunteer duties
- Understand the role of paid staff, maintain a smooth working relationship with them, and stay within the bounds of the volunteer role
- Giving and accepting honest, caring feedback to increase ministry effectiveness
- Comply with the policies and procedures of the organization
- Keep sensitive organizational information confidential

- **Volunteer Awareness & Training Opportunities**

An initial introduction to volunteer opportunities is presented two times a year to the Bible Teachings class. Other volunteer opportunities can be found in the bimonthly Trinity Newsletter or by contacting individual ministry directors. In addition, volunteer opportunities are listed in the weekly church bulletin or Victoria West, Director of Connections, can provide information as well. Ministry leaders will organize on-going training for volunteer positions that pertain to their particular ministry.



- **Church or School Access**

In order to protect our children during the school day, anyone entering the building must state their purpose in order to be buzzed in. After entering the building, the first order of business is to check in/sign in with either the church or school administrative assistant. They will assist you from there. If you are meeting after church office or school hours, the ministry leader or security will be responsible for letting you into the building. Security is on the premises 6pm to approximately 10pm Monday-Friday; 5pm-7:30 pm on Saturdays, and 7:30am-1:00 pm on Sundays.

- **Protection Ministry Program**

Serving children and youth is a core ministry at Trinity, and we are committed to their safety. To assist in providing a safe environment, the following protection policy has been put in place:

- Those who work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults must be screened
- A confidential application must be filled out
- A criminal background check will be done

- **Emergency Procedures**

Trinity Lutheran Church and School strives to ensure a safe and secure environment for everyone. Similar to paid staff, volunteers are entrusted with promoting the safety of those whom they serve.

·Fire Emergencies- a system of smoke detectors and alarms have been installed and are maintained throughout the building. This system is directly wired to the Tinley Park Fire Department. If the alarm sounds, please evacuate the building in an expedited manner, based on the evacuation plans posted throughout the building and in each classroom. When exiting the building move as far away from the building as possible. The soccer field would suffice until further direction is given by administrative /security staff or first responders.

Weather Emergencies-in the event of a tornado or flooding the weather center outside the school office will have mention of alerts. Please make sure that everyone is inside the building and if you are in a classroom and have the opportunity to close windows and blinds, that would be advised. Please avoid the hallways with large areas of glass windows. Weather emergencies will typically be monitored by security personnel to gain additional information. Consult the emergency plan located in each classroom, Trinity Room and throughout the church for more specific information.



·First Aid Kits- can be found in the school office, in the Children's Ministry office, in the church office, in the elder's closet and at the welcome center.

·AEDs-are located in the hallway outside of the school gymnasium, in the new addition hallway and the wall outside of the Trinity Room as you exit toward Door #7.

·911- should be called whenever there is a question related to a potential concern with a medical or security question.

·Alert Security- alert security and/or leadership staff, if possible, to situations in which you sense an unusual situation with individuals, conditions and/or materials. Security will look into the situation themselves and contact local authorities if necessary.

·Building Maintenance Issues- again contact security personnel in the event of an unusual building maintenance issues regarding water, power failure, unusual smells within the building.

- **Volunteer Recognition**

When a volunteer gives their time, talent, and/or resources it helps to strengthen our church and school. At Trinity, we believe volunteers play a key role in addressing the growth of our church and school and also play a part in transforming the lives of others. That is why we welcome volunteers to share their positive experiences concerning their passion for a particular ministry. Ministry leaders and the Director of Connections work together to develop intentional ways to share their thanks for volunteer efforts.



TRINITY MINISTRIES

Some examples of ministries/volunteer opportunities throughout Trinity would be:

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FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

What is Friendship Sunday?

Friendship Sunday usually occurs at the end of August and is an opportunity for people to invite friends and family members to church and then enjoy a cookout and games afterward.

Friendship Sunday takes place in the soccer field. There are usually at least 350-425 people in attendance. We serve hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, potato salad, chips, and dessert.

The entertainment format of Friendship Sunday changes from year to year. Some years we have carnival type rides, climbing walls, and a mechanical bull. Other years we have basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, bocce ball, bags, bubbles, painting, and water balloons. Still, in other years we have carnival games and prizes for the kids.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Set Up:

Set up tables, chairs, garbage cans, games, coolers, condiments, etc.

Work Event:

Replenish food, condiments, drinks, empty garbage cans, wipe off tables, etc.

Oversee Painting Table:

There will be a table full of paint, paintbrushes, and canvases for kids to create their masterpiece.

Oversee Bubble Making Table:

There will be a table full of bubbles and bubble wands for kids to play with.

Grill Master: We will have 2 grills going at a time.

Carnival Games:

Oversee carnival game participation and pass out prizes.

Clean-Up:

Put away tablecloths, empty coolers, put garbage in dumpster, tables away in the gym.

If you want more information or are interested in volunteering for Friendship Sunday, please contact Dan Plattner at dplattner@tlcs.org or text to 708-243-8362.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/REVEAL KIDS/VBS

Preschool Sunday School (PK3 & PK4) uses a curriculum called Frolic. Frolic is a play-based curriculum that helps young children experience Bible stories in a meaningful and memorable way. Repetition is an important part of learning during early childhood and that is why each story has two weeks of lessons so children can revisit each story and go deeper. (9:30am-10:30am in the gym).



Sunday School (Kindergarten-5th grade) uses a curriculum called Holy Moly. This is a curriculum that uses creative and visual storytelling to enhance the learning experience. Children participate in the story and are engaged in answering questions about the story and how the story may apply to their lives. Each week has a little different activity to keep things interesting. Some weeks children do crafts, some weeks they sing songs that relate back to the story, and some weeks they engage in Bible trivia related to the weekly story. (9:30-10:30am in north hallway of school).

Reveal Kids (4yr to 3rd grade) uses the same curriculum that the Sunday school kids follow, just a little condensed as Reveal Kids only meets for about 30 minutes each week in the music room during the sermon at the 11am service. The Pastor releases the kids prior to the beginning of his sermon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Teachers (Adult) and Teacher Aides (Adult, High school, Jr. High age)

Here is what you **DON'T** need in order to be a Sunday School teacher or Reveal Kids Teacher:

- You **don't** need to know the Bible inside and out
- You **don't** need teaching experience
- You **don't** need to teach every week
- You **don't** need to spend hours every week trying to prepare for a lesson
- You **don't** need to come up with a craft or materials for a craft every week

Here is what you **DO** need in order to be a Sunday School or Reveal Kids Teacher:

- You **do** need to want to enhance the spiritual life of our Trinity children
- You **do** need to want to spend about 15 minutes a week to look over the lesson provided to you
- You **do** need to have a heart for children
- You **do** need to be prepared for the rewarding feeling you will get when these kids are learning about Jesus
- You **do** need to be prepared for the bond you and the children will experience throughout the year sharing stories about Jesus
- You **do** need to have fun

If you want more information or are interested in volunteering for Sunday School/Reveal Kids, please contact Dan Plattner at dplattner@tlcs.org or text to 708-243-8362.

LIVE NATIVITY

What is a Live Nativity?

It is a traditional nativity scene brought to life with church members both adults and children dressed in period costumes. This unique setting takes place in our sanctuary with a stable, manger, bales of straw, and some simulated animals and plants.

This distinctive event brings our Christmas celebration to another level. In addition to the Live Nativity, we have The Bethlehem Marketplace which includes shopkeepers selling trinkets or handing out delicious free snacks. We have our choir singing between performances as members and visitors alike join them in singing their favorite Christmas carols.

If that isn't enough, people can head into the Trinity Room to have a cup of hot chocolate with a cookie and fellowship with each other. The energy surrounding this event is like no other.

A Live Nativity event also offers Trinity the opportunity to introduce itself to the community. It is a time to connect with people in our surrounding area. It promotes intergenerational relationships as people of all ages volunteer to help and spend time together.

Our Live Nativity can have a significant impact on members and visitors and on believers and non-believers alike. People are literally able to reach out and touch the message of Christmas and all that it means. In 2024, Trinity hosted our 8th Live Nativity over the last 10 years.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Actors- (both adults and children): Mary, Joseph, King Herod, Gabriel, Innkeeper, 3 Wisemen (all adults), Shepherds (adults & children), Angels (adults & children). There are no speaking parts. The entire live nativity is narrated by Pastor Strand.

“Jewelry” Shopkeeper- sit in tent and pass out candy necklaces, bracelets, or candy ring pops to the kids.

“Tax Collector” Tent- sit in tent and pass out chocolate “gold” coins to the kids.

“Olive Oil & Bread” Shopkeeper- sit in tent and fill little cups with olive oil, premade spices, and add a piece of bread.

“Grains” Shopkeeper- sit in tent and dip a large marshmallow that is on a skewer in some melted chocolate and roll in crushed graham cracker to make a s'more to pass out to kids and adults alike.

Trinity Room Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Cookies- assist with making and passing out hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies too. Clean-up at end.

Costume Distribution- pass out costumes to actors and retrieve, organize, and hang up costumes when the actor's role is completed.

If you want more information or are interested in volunteering for Live Nativity, please contact Dan Plattner at dplattner@tlcs.org or text to 708-243-8362.

YOUTH GROUP

What is Youth Group?

Youth Group is not just another extra-curricular activity; it is an essential part of the identity of a Christ-follower. Youth can gather in a safe, Christian environment and express themselves through several different activities and Bible studies.

Currently, the youth group is made up of students primarily in 6th-8th grade although there are a few who are in 9th-11th grade who attend when sports or high school events let them. Junior and Senior High youth events begin at 6pm and end between 7pm and 8pm depending on the activity. We have also added the 4th and 5th grade students into the mix one time per month after school from 2:45pm-4pm.



Our youth are learning important life skills such as cooking and baking; painting; how to use tools and stain wood; how to take care of your skin; and how to give back through service projects. We have a service project at All God's People to help sort clothes for the homeless scheduled just about every month. There is also Bible study one time a month. We are currently studying character influencers of the Bible. [Paul's Integrity, Johathan's Loyalty, Josiah's Determination, Mary's Obedience, and Daniel's Consistency].

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are weekly volunteer opportunities with the youth group. We do not need someone to lead the activity, but rather to help with the activity. Youth group offers a variety of activities which change month to month and year to year. You do not have to be an expert in any area to lend a helping hand.

Please watch for church inserts or the youth newsletter found on the whiteboard in the narthex to see what youth events will be happening and where help is needed.

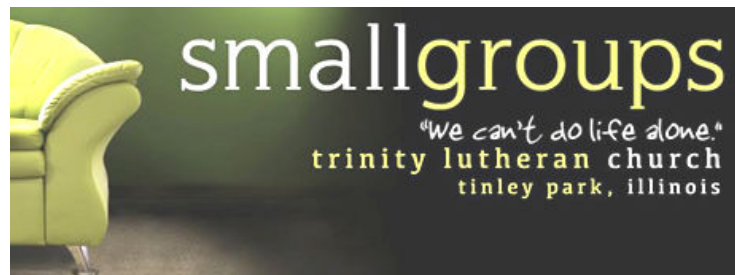


If you want more information or are interested in volunteering for Youth Group, please contact Dan Plattner at dplattner@tlcs.org or text to 708-243-8362.

SMALL GROUPS

What Are Small Groups?

Small groups are a great place where Trinity members gather together for fellowship and to study God's Word. Trinity offers a wide variety of small groups that meet at church, in homes, and online. Small Groups study a wide variety of different topics.



SMALL GROUP HOST TRAINING AVAILABLE

If you are considering leading your own small group, but don't know what to do, schedule an appointment with Eric Mooney, or come to an informational session in August. You don't need to be a "Bible expert" to lead a group. You just need to be a good host and ask questions to keep the conversation going.



Learn about the following:

- Logistics of hosting a group
- Structure of the meetings
- Strategies for facilitating discussions
- Recommended materials

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

General Bible Study – Start your own small group at church or in your home. Your group can be age specific or open to everyone. Choose the time, location, and topic for your group.

Men's Group – Trinity has a men's group that meets on Saturday morning for breakfast at 7:00am and a Bible study at 8:00am. You can expand this ministry by helping with the Saturday morning group, or by leading a men's group on another day of the week.

Women's Group - Trinity has a women's group that meets on Sunday morning at 9:30am. You can expand this ministry by helping with the Sunday morning group, or by leading a women's group on another day of the week.

Couples, Marriage, or Parents Group - Trinity has a couple's group that meets on Sunday morning. You can expand this ministry by helping with the Sunday morning group, or by leading your own group on another day of the week.

Grief Share – Trinity offers support groups for those that have lost a loved one. Current Grief Share groups meet at Trinity on Tuesday at 1:00pm or 7:00pm. There is an online group that meets on Wednesday at 7:30pm. You can assist any of these groups, or lead your own grief support group.

Dementia Support Group – Lead a group to support those caring loved ones with dementia. Choose the time and location of your group.

Weight Loss Support Group - Lead a group to support those working to lose weight. Choose the time and location of your group.

If you want more information or are interested in participating in /volunteering for Small Groups, please contact Eric Mooney at emooney@tlcs.org or 708-532-9395 x 229.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

What Is the Prayer Chain?

The Prayer Chain is a group of Trinity Members that regularly pray for the needs of the congregation and for their family and friends. Members of the prayer chain pray on their own schedule as often as they choose. All prayer requests remain confidential.



What Is Prayer INC?

Prayer INC is a ministry and stands for Interceding for the Needs of the Congregation. Members of Prayer INC receive a list of Trinity members to call. They call the member on their own schedule and pray for them over the phone.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer Chain – Join the Prayer Chain. You will receive a list of Trinity Members that have made prayer requests. You will pray for them privately, on your own schedule, without the need to contact the person.

Prayer INC – Join Prayer INC. You will receive a list of Trinity members to call. Call members on your own schedule and pray for them over the phone.

LUNCH BUNCH



What is Lunch Bunch?

Trinity hosts a Senior Bible study every Tuesday morning at 11:00am. The Bible study is followed by a luncheon at 12:00pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Food Preparation – Help with the cooking and preparing of food.

Setup & Cleanup – Help setup the luncheon or cleanup afterwards.

If you want more information or are interested in participating in / volunteering for Prayer Ministries and/or Lunch Bunch , please contact Eric Mooney at emooney@tlcs.org or 708-532-9395 x 229.



What is the LWML: Lutheran Women's Missionary League?

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions, and serves the Lord with gladness.

"As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join LWML - Ladies of all ages (16+), backgrounds, skills, and abilities are welcome to join an LWML meeting. You may attend on any Thursday at 10:00am, or the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. Their hands-on service projects have included: decorating shirts for the Alaska VBS kids, making gifts from used Christmas cards for Trinity's shut-ins, and sewing quilts for LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams). You don't have to be crafty to join; if you can hold a pair of scissors, you can help share the love of Christ! You are not obligated to attend every meeting. Come when you can, leave when you must.

If you want more information or are interested in participating in / volunteering for LWML, please contact Eric Mooney at emooney@tlcs.org or 708-532-9395 x 229.

MEN OF TRINITY HELPING HANDS

What is Men of Trinity Helping Hands?

The Men's group is a group of men from Trinity, offering their time and talents to members within the community. They are blessed to give gifts of general work needed around their homes. They specialize in helping widows, widowers, single moms, senior citizens, and anyone needing of help.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join Men's Group - The Men's group does service projects every Saturday morning from 10:00am – 12:00pm. They do not work more than two hours. They usually do general yard cleanup (i.e. leaf removal, bush trimming, etc.) No experience is needed. Tools will be provided. You are not obligated to attend every Saturday.

SOUL WINNING

Sharing our faith is something that many Christians struggle with doing. "Soul Winning" is a group of Trinity members that witnesses door-to-door. They go two-by-two and knock on doors in the community. They follow a process of three steps in their conversations:



1. Start the conversation by asking specific questions.
2. Present the Gospel.
3. Finish and lead in prayer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Silent Partner – The group has extended an invitation to anyone in the congregation willing to go as the "silent partner." You are not expected to say anything. You merely observe and act as moral support.

Speaking Role – After participating as a "silent partner," you may have the desire to do the speaking part. No experience is necessary. Training is available and will take as little as two sessions. You will not have to speak until you feel comfortable enough to do so.

Witnessing to Friends and Family – If you are not comfortable knocking on doors, but still want to witness in your personal life, you can learn how to use this process with your friends and family. Schedule a training session that will teach you this strategy in two sessions.

If you want more information or are interested in participating in / volunteering for Soul Winning, please contact Eric Mooney at emooney@tlcs.org or 708-532-9395 x 229.

REVEAL WORSHIP

What is Reveal Worship?

REVEAL WORSHIP is our contemporary worship service here at Trinity Lutheran Church & School. The idea of this service began in the hearts of Trinity members in 2006. We held our first "REVEAL" service on April 13, 2008. Originally an additional weekend service on Sunday evenings, this service has grown, and is now held at 11:00am on Sundays.



REVEAL is modern in style and sound, utilizing a full band and a team of vocalists. Our aim is to worship God and give glory to Jesus, connecting with individuals of different backgrounds, culture, and experience but holding tightly to God's Word, Promises, and Presence throughout our lives. We incorporate Scripture, Creeds, and Sacraments within each worship gathering, carrying our Lutheran heritage along with our contemporary worldview.

There are many opportunities to serve! Production of the many elements in each REVEAL service is made possible by the dedication of a team of volunteers. Our REVEAL Band and Vocal team, along with our Audio, Visual, and Stream teams are always seeking additional members. You don't have to have high level of experience, but a willingness to learn and to serve.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In general, we are seeking High School and Adult aged volunteers. Experience is appreciated but we desire to incorporate a variety of proficiency levels. Come as you are!

REVEAL Band – Drums, Bass, Keyboard (Piano, Organ, Synth), Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar (Rhythm, Lead), Violin, Mandolin, Horns, etc.

REVEAL Vocal Team – Lead and Background Singers (Male and Female singers)

Audio Team - Sound Engineers for In-Person Worship and Online-Stream

Visual Team - Screen Operator and Lighting Control

Second Sunday Fellowship Dinners are periodic meals throughout the year designed to facilitate relationships and connection as an extension of our worship. We need helpers to lead the meal along with a small team of support volunteers to set up and clean up after each gathering. (Meal costs are covered by Trinity and donations.)

If you want more information or are interested in participating in / volunteering for Reveal Worship, please contact Drew Denlinger at adenlinger@tlcs.org

CREATIVE MEDIA

What is Creative Media?

Creative Media is an important part of communication within our modern culture. We are inundated with messaging from all sorts of businesses, products, schools and other organizations. How will our Message stand out through all the noise?

The Creative Media Team here at Trinity Lutheran Church & School is committed to Making Salvation in Christ Known, utilizing every available channel. We desire to meet people right where they are and realize that different people “take in” information through different ways.

It is our goal to clearly and effectively share the Gospel while highlighting the ministries, events, and people of Trinity Lutheran Church & School. We do that through a variety of print and digital media: short mini-movies, vlogs, advertisements, interviews, podcasts, special events, and social media.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In general we are seeking High School and Adult aged volunteers. Experience is appreciated but we desire to incorporate a variety of proficiency levels. Come as you are!

Photography and Videography – Do you have an “eye” and skills with a lens? We are seeking photographers and videographers to collaborate and help us visually capture the Ministry here at Trinity. Content to be used throughout a variety of print, video, social media, and website applications.

Graphic Design – We are seeking experienced graphic artists to help us produce visually engaging content and share the Good News.

Video Editing - We are seeking experienced video editors to help us produce visually engaging content for use within our worship services, social media, website, and advertising. (Adobe experience is helpful.)

Concert/Event Production – Trinity hosts a variety of periodic events and concerts. We are seeking for individuals who excel in hosting fun, creative, and meaningful experiences.

Live Stream Production – Our Stream Team produces Online Traditional and Contemporary worship services every weekend. We are seeking individuals to monitor the overall stream, control cameras, and mix audio for the Live-feed.

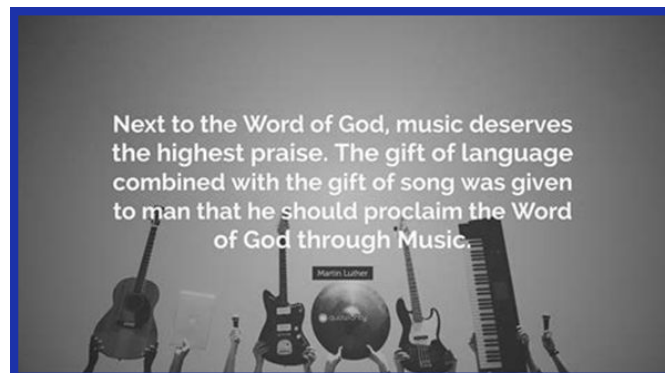
Social Media – We are seeking skilled individuals to help manage and produce content for our social media outlets. (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube)

If you want more information or are interested in participating in / volunteering for Creative Media, please contact Drew Denlinger at adenlinger@tlcs.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

What is the Music Ministry?

Trinity's music ministry exists to enhance our services, and teach the Word of God through music. We have many openings and opportunities to serve in our music ministry.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Choir – We rehearse 1 hour a week on Monday nights at 6 PM. You do not have to be experienced or know how to read music to join. The Chancel Choir sings for Major and Minor Festivals through the church year, or once a month, and is on break through the summer. We are always looking for new members to join our growing choir.

Handbell Choir – Rehearses 1 hour a week on Monday nights at 7 PM. Some experience is needed. Handbell playing is more counting than reading music. Beginners are encouraged to join the summer music class for playing bells offered every other year. This choir performs bell pieces, or accompanies the organ, congregation, or one of our many choirs.

Brass Choir – Plays for festive services (Reformation, Lessons and Carols, Easter). We currently have 2 openings for 2 trumpet players to complete this choir. Rehearsals as needed.

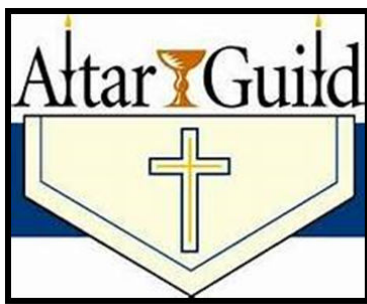


If you want more information or are interested in participating in /volunteering for The Music Ministry, please contact Jason Michalec at jmichalec@tlcs.org

SUNDAY ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

Ushers offer an invaluable service to our church! Ushers are in many ways the “face” of our church and the first person an existing member or visitor speak with. As a church that wants to be welcoming to long-time members and new friends, it is important to have ushers. If you have half an hour a month before a service you already plan on attending, consider signing up to be an usher. We have ushers on Saturday night for our 6pm service along with all 3 services on Sundays at 8am, 9:30am, and 11am. Contact Mistee Plattner at mplattner@tlcs.org for more information.



ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild would be delighted to have you join their group. They meet 2 times a year in addition to getting together to decorate for holidays throughout the year. Altar Guild assists with Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and prepares the altar on a weekly basis. If interested or for more about joining the Altar Guild contact Kathy Michaelson at 708-873-1619 or email altarguild@tlcs.org

COFFEE/DONUT HOUR

Every Sunday morning from 9am-11am we serve coffee and donuts to the congregation in the Trinity Room. It is a special time for fellowship with a tasty bite to eat. Donuts need to be picked up on Sunday morning and put on trays with napkins. Coffee needs to be made, and everything cleaned up and put away afterward. You can choose one Sunday a month to help or more. If interested, please contact Mistee Plattner at mplattner@tlcs.org.



NURSERY

On Sunday mornings we offer a nursery for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. We like to have at least two adults and one or two younger people in the Nursery Room to assist with any children. If you might be interested in helping out one or two Sunday's a month, please contact Mistee Plattner at mplattner@tlcs.org.

SCREEN OPERATORS

At each of our weekly (6pm, 8am, and 9:30am) and special traditional worship services, the use of projection screens is an important part of our worship. Volunteer screen operators make this happen to provide worshipers with a visual access to the hymns, readings, and other portions of the service. Minimal PC experience is needed and training can be done in less than an hour. High-school age and adults are encouraged to contact Pastor Schauer at rschauer@tlcs.org.

