

Trinity Lutheran Church
and Learning Center
(ELDoNA affiliated)
1000 North Park Avenue,
Herrin, IL, 62948
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School 942-4750



Service Schedule:

Sunday

Bible Study & 9 AM
Sunday School
Divine Service 10:15 AM

Wednesday

Catechesis 6:30 PM
Service 7:00 PM

Monday-Friday

Children's Matins 10:00 AM

Private Confession & Absolution

Wednesday 10:30-11:00 AM
Saturday 8:00-8:30 PM
or by appointment



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Reformation: The Real Issue

There are many historically significant events, which should be considered as worthy of remembrance and celebration for those who rejoice in the central place of the Gospel message of salvation by grace, through faith, in Christ alone. The one which has prompted this year's recognition of the 500-year anniversary of the Reformation was Dr. Martin Luther's posting of the 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. What was intended to be a discussion of the false teachings and practices as they compared with the truth of God's Word and a repentant return to the truth, resulted in the rejection of salvation by faith alone by the promulgation of the papal bull *Exsurge Domine* on June 15, 1520. It wasn't long before Dr. Martin Luther was



excommunicated in January of 1521.

There were many leaders and theologians who did return to the truth of God's Word. The restoration of the Gospel which began in 1517 continued to be taught, believed, and courageously confessed. On June 25, 1530, the Augsburg Confession was presented by the electors and princes of Germany to Emperor Charles the V. This presentation at Augsburg, according to these political leaders, was "a declaration of our confession and the teaching of our preachers."

In calling the diet at Augsburg, the Emperor "proposed to employ all diligence amicably and charitably to hear, understand, and with the

judgments, opinions, and beliefs of the several parties among us, to unite the same in agreement on one Christian truth, to put aside whatever may not have been rightly interpreted or treated by either side, to have all of us embrace and adhere to a single true religion and live together in unity and in one fellowship and church, even as we are all enlisted under one Christ" (Preface 2-4).

In order to seek to achieve this unity in doctrine and practice, the Augsburg Confession included twenty-one articles of faith and doctrine and only seven articles about matters in dispute

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The Learning Center

*By Keely Gelso
ECLC Director*

Every year I look forward to Spring, springing forward (more daylight), flowers popping up and more outside time with the children of Trinity. I also look forward to Chapel during this time with the children.

Please make sure during this transition in the weather that you make sure your child has the proper clothing in case of accidents.

if you are in Pre-K 2 make sure your child is here no later than 8:30 to start the classical learning program.

Please make sure that you vote for the teacher of the month! The teacher of the month for February was Mrs.

Laura and now we need one for March. I have put a form in your child's folder.

Please remember to call if your child will not be attending Trinity. Or if you know you are going to be absent for that day to inform your child's teacher.



Some other gentle reminders.....

- ❖ Check your child's folder daily
- ❖ Send an extra change of clothes – shirt, pants, socks and underwear
- ❖ Sign in/out daily
- ❖ Make sure your child has enough diapers/wipes

If you ever have any questions or concerns – please feel free to give me a call at 942-4750, stop by my office or email @ eclcdirector@trinityh.org.
XOXO ~ Mrs. G

Happy Birthday!

3.14 Azjhiana is 4!
3.28 Mrs. Sherri
4.1 Ms. Nellda
4.4 Ms. Allison
4.5 James is 5!
4.5 Walker is 3!
4.6 Avery is 3!
4.16 Julian is 1!
4.21 Ezra is 2!
4.25 Ms. Sam

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and corrected abuses. It was the violent disagreement over the fourth article on justification that characterizes the Reformation.

“IV. It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ’s sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness, as Paul says in Romans 3:21-26 and 4:5.”

Contrary to the expressed purpose of the meeting, there was no discussion of Scriptural teachings and appropriate church practices. A Confutation of the Augsburg Confession was prepared

and read on August 3. The electors and princes were told that they must submit to the Roman confutation, which taught salvation not by faith alone, but by faith and the “human merit, which is acquired through the assistance of divine grace.” The papal theologians said, “All Catholics admit that our works of themselves have no merit but God’s grace makes them worthy to earn eternal life” (IV). Even more clearly, they said, “However, in the same article they attribute to justification by faith alone that which is wholly opposed to evangelical truth. The Gospel does not exclude good works....” (Art. VI).

Although Philp Melanchthon immediately began a defense (In Latin an *agologia*, transliterated with the word Apology) of the Augsburg Confession while at Augsburg, the initial draft was refused by the Emperor on September 22. The Apology continued to be revised until the version published in 1531 was signed at Smalcald in 1537 and became an official confession of faith. The one-



paragraph fourth article of the Augsburg Confession was greatly expanded to over 60 pages in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

The doctrine that a person becomes righteous by faith in Christ alone is the central or main doctrine of Christianity. The disagreement over the Scriptural teaching called justification is the reason for the Reformation. What was upheld 500 years ago and proclaimed in Augsburg is still either disputed or defended. Those of us who celebrate the 500-year anniversary of the

Reformation continue to defend salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone, without works or human merit. “When it is properly understood, it illumines and magnifies the honor of Christ and brings to pious consciences the abundant consolation that they need” (Ap. IV 1).

--MDH

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March 2017

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acolytes: Ash Wed(1) Sadie Henson, Sun(5) Tom Weber, Sun(12) Luke Phillips, Sun(19) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(26) Sarah Miller	Elder--Dan Byrne (997-4667); Altar Guild--Claire Stretch; Church Cleaning--Mar 5/12 Baker, Mar 19/26 Zimmerman		1 Ash Wednesday 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Divine Service	2	3	4
5 Invocabit (Lent 1) 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class Certificate for Confession/Office of the Keys 10:15 AM Divine Service Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Lord's Supper 4:00 PM ELDoNAPhone Conference for Pastors	6	7	8 Ember Wednesday	9	10 Ember Friday	11 Ember Saturday
Pastor to Florida			ECLC Spring Break			
12 Daylight Savings Time Reminscere (Lent 2) 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Lord's Supper	13	14 6:00 PM Board of Education	15 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	16 7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
ECLC Spring Break						
19 Oculi (Lent 3) 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	20 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	21	22 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	23	24	25 Jakob Andreas Confessor The Annunciation of the Lord 7:00 PM Vespers 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
26 Laetare (Lent 4) 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Christian Questions with their Answers	27	28	29 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	30	31 Game Night	

April 2017

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acolytes: Sun(2) Sadie Henson, Palm Sun(9) Crucifer-Sarah Miller, Gospel Book-Tom Weber, Actolyes-Dylan Dunaway and Luke Phillips, Mon(10) Sadie, Tue(11) Sarah, Wed(12) Sadie, Wed-Tene(12) Sarah, Thu-Tene(13) Sadie, Maundy Thu(13) 7 PM Gospel Book-Sarah, Acolytes-Tom and Luke, Fri-Tene(14)- Sarah, Good Fri(14) 7 PM Gospel Book-Sadie, Acolytes-Tom and Dylan, Sat-Easter Vigil(15) 7 PM Paschal Candle-Sarah, Gospel Book Tom, Acolytes-Sadie and Luke, Easter Sun(16) Crucifer-Sadie, Gospel Book-Luke, Acolytes- Tom and Dylan, Sun(23)- Tom Weber, Sun(30) Luke Phillips				Elder--Victor Turner(521-7451); Altar Guild--Marsha Kay Turner, Church Cleaning--Apr 2/9 Weber, Apr 16/23 Webb, Apr 30/May 7 Turner, Victor		1 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
2 <div>Judica (Lent 5)</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Christian Questions with their Answers	3	4	5 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	6	7	8
9 <div>Palm Sunday</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	10 <div>Holy Monday</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service	11 <div>Holy Tuesday</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service	12 <div>Holy Wednesday</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service 3:00 PM Tenebrae 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	13 <div>Maundy Thursday</div> 3:00 PM Tenebrae 7:00 PM Divine Service	14 <div>Good Friday</div> 3:00 PM Tenebrae 7:00 PM Divine Service	15 <div>Holy Saturday</div> 10:00 AM Matins 7:00 PM -10:30 PM Easter Vigil
16 <div>Easter</div> 7:00 AM Easter Matins 8:00 AM Easter Break fast 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class and Egg Hunt 10:15 AM Divine Service	17 <div>Easter Monday</div> No Divine Service	18 <div>Easter Tuesday</div> No Divine Service 6:00 PM Board of Education	19 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	20 7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society	21	22 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
23 <div>Quasimodogeniti (Easter 1)</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service Council Meeting #2 After Service New Member Potluck	24	25 <div>Saint Mark, Evangelist</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service	26 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	27	28	29 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
30 <div>Miseraricordias Domini (Easter 2)</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service						

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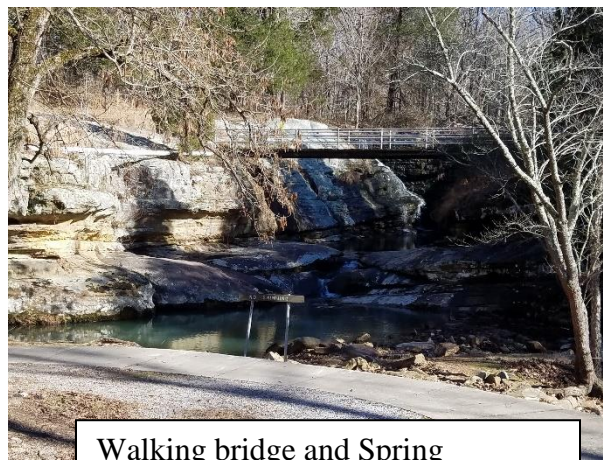
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2017 Eldona Summer Camp

The **2017 Eldona Summer Camp** is scheduled for **July 24 – 28, 2017** in Southern Illinois. We will be staying at **Dixon Springs State Park**, which is about 45 miles south-east of Herrin, IL on IL-146.

The camp will begin with a Divine Service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 3 PM on Monday, July 24. Following the Divine Service we will serve the participants dinner downstairs, and then drive to Dixon Springs State Park at 6 PM. The camp will wrap up on Friday morning with breakfast and prayers, so that travelers can get on the road before 10 AM on July 28.



Walking bridge and Spring



Meeting Room, dining hall, and worship area



The Cabins are duplexes with 4 bunk beds on each side.



Great
Hiking
Trails