



HOLY TRINITY

Lutheran Ministries

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP WITH US

8:00am Service - Traditional Worship in the Chapel
10:30am Service - Family Life Format (Praise Team) in FLC

September

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am - Worship
9:15 am - Bible Study
10:30 am - Worship

September 2nd

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

September 5th

8:00am - LWML Board Meeting

September 7th

Church Office Closed

September 9th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

September 10th

6:30pm - Sewing Ministry (SMC)
7:00pm - BOD Meeting

September 14th

9:00am - LWML (SMC)
6:30pm - Women's Bible Study

September 16th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

September 21st

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study

September 23rd

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

September 28th

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study

September 30th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

***FLC in use on Tuesday evenings in September and October**

October

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am - Worship
9:15 am - Bible Study
10:30 am - Worship

October 5th

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study

October 7th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

October 8th

6:30pm - Sewing Ministry (SMC)

October 12th

9:00am - LWML (SMC)
6:30pm - Women's Bible Study

October 14th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

October 19th

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study

October 20th

SMC and SMC Lobby Reserved

October 21st

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

October 25th

9:30am - Unity Service
Oktober Fest to Follow

October 26th

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study

October 28th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

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Serving at Holy Trinity

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WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY (8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.)

FRIDAY (8:45 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.)

ELDERS

ANTHONY BONDI

ALAN CASE

W. S. DUNN

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JOHN SFONDOURIS

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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

July

Total Worship Attendance
542

Offerings received:
\$28,670

August

Total Worship Attendance
610

Offerings received:
\$40,111

Monthly amt. needed
to fund 2025-26
Ministry Investment Plan:
\$45,080

Substation Donations



Donations received

July - **\$315**

August - **\$275**

Our substation is consistently
in need of supplies.

You can drop off items
during office hours

Monday - Thursday 8am to 3pm

Friday 8:45am to 3pm

OR on Sunday's before
church services (8am & 10:30am).

Thank you for your continued support!



If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will
my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26

Update From the Call Committee

On the weekend of July 24th, we hosted our first Call candidate, Pastor Ross and Mireya Johnson. Thank you to everyone who participated in the weekend which included Friday night meeting and dinner with the Church leadership groups, Saturday morning breakfast meeting for the whole congregation, and Sunday morning worship schedule.

Although their decision was to decline our call in order to return to a previous congregation in Fairhope, Alabama, we learned much in the process and as a committee we were particularly encouraged by the support, participation, and enthusiasm of the congregation.

The Call committee has met to continue the process of finding our next Pastor. We have acquired and submitted additional names to the District President for consideration and biographical profiles.

We ask the congregation to continue to pray for God's direction, discernment, and guidance.



Oktoberfest

Join us for
food, fellowship, and fun

Sunday October 25th

9:30am Unity Service



Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

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Back to School



As summer comes to a close and a new school year begins, the halls of Holy Trinity Lutheran Ministries are once again filled with the sounds of little voices, busy classrooms, and joyful learning. We are incredibly grateful for the many hands, hearts, and prayers that helped prepare our campus to welcome our preschool families back for the 2026–2027 school year.

Our back-to-school season began with an incredible Campus Cleanup Day, where more than 25 volunteers came together to care for the place so many of our children call their second home. Church members, preschool teachers, preschool parents, and their families rolled up their sleeves and worked side by side throughout the campus. Together, they painted hallways, pressure washed buildings, windows, and playgrounds, refreshed our gardens, deep cleaned classrooms and bathrooms, and gave the Family Life Center a fresh start for the year ahead. It was a wonderful reminder that Holy Trinity is more than a church and more than a school, we are a ministry family serving as the hands and feet of Christ, together.

On Sunday, August 9, we continued our back-to-school celebration with our annual Backpack Blessing. During worship, Pastor Paul lifted our Sunday School and Preschool teachers up in prayer and blessings as they begin another year of teaching, nurturing, and sharing Christ's love with our children. Ms. Lauren also shared a special message with our children during the services, reminding them that God goes with them into their classrooms, friendships, challenges, and adventures throughout the year.

We begin this school year with so much for which to be thankful. Every one of our 11 preschool classrooms is filled to capacity, and we once again have a waitlist for every age group. This year, Holy Trinity is blessed to serve 135 students and their families alongside 34 dedicated faculty members. These numbers represent much more than enrollment; they represent 135 children entrusted to our care and hundreds of opportunities each day to teach, encourage, comfort, nurture, and share the love of Jesus.

Our theme for the 2026–2027 school year is “Faith Can Move Mountains,” inspired by Jesus' words in Matthew 17:20: “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you.” Throughout the year, we hope this message reminds our children, and all of us, that faith does not have to be big to be powerful. With God, even the smallest seed of faith can grow, and the mountains before us are never too great for Him.

As we begin this new chapter, we invite our entire congregation to join us in praying over our 34 faculty members, our 135 students, and all of our Holy Trinity Lutheran Ministries families. Please pray for a school year filled with good health, joyful learning, meaningful friendships, patience, growth, safety, and an ever-deepening faith in Christ.

Thank you to our congregation and the Pastors currently serving our flock for the many ways you continue to support this ministry, from volunteering your time and caring for our campus to providing resources and, most importantly, surrounding our children, families, and staff in prayer.

We are excited to see the mountains God will move at Holy Trinity Lutheran this year!

GROW IN GOD'S WORD

Sunday Bible Studies & Christian Education

Sundays • 9:15 AM • Family Life Center

Adult Bible Study

"Psalms, Conversations with God"

Facilitator - Rich Gutekunst

Come explore the Psalms and discover how these inspired prayers teach us to trust, worship, and grow closer to God.

Sunday School

9:15am in the FLC

Preschoolers will meet in
classroom #1

Kindergarten - 2nd grade in
classroom #2

3rd - 5th grade in classroom #4

Young Families Bible Study

Various Video Based Studies

Sundays at 9:15am in the FLC

Facilitator - Rotational

Connect with other young families while growing together in God's Word.

Nursery/Child Care Available

8:00am service - Nursery in the front hallway (Main building)

Bible Study hour and 10:30am service - 1st classroom (FLC)

Confirmation 2026-2027 Class

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students that are already enrolled in confirmation or would like to be!

- Confirmation class will meet on Sundays at 9:15am in the Student Ministry Center.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Simon Martin martinalto2@gmail.com.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:29-30

THE LIVING ROOM SERIES

WHAT LOVE IS

Sign up here



The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John

kelly minter

**SIGN UP
STILL
OPEN**

Women's
Bible Study

**Mondays
Sept 14 - Nov 2
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

<https://grasshoppersignup.com/s/wcpj3g>

For info: Lisa Sowerwine

985-249-1713 lsower@bellsouth.net

The Letters of 1, 2 & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Join us as we are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. This 7-session study not only reveals the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus.



A huge thank you to everyone who helped us pack Rapid Response Boxes for Forged By Fire Ministries!

With your help we were able to pack over 200 shelf-stable food boxes that will be used for future disaster relief.



**Join LMM for their
One Year to Live Men's Retreat!**



Mar. 12-14, 2027

Feliciana Retreat Ctr

10274 Hwy 422 Norwood, LA 70761

COST

Registration: \$199

Last day to Register is Mon, Mar. 8, 2027

Includes lodging, 5 meals & materials.

Register Early - SPACE IS LIMITED

Registration is non-refundable, but is transferrable. Scholarships are available!

Register NOW to save your place!

Pamphlets are located in the church lobby under the bulletin board or email office@htlministries.org for a digital copy



For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45



Sept 14: 9:30 am Monthly meeting at Holy Trinity in the SMC. Activity: greeting card crosses.

Sept 26, Saturday 10-3 Phil's Friends Servant Event at St. Paul in Hammond. Come in the morning or the afternoon or all day. If you attend the full time, bring a brown bag lunch and drink. Activities include fleece tie blankets, journal decorating, Cards of Hope, Cards of Encouragement, knitted or crocheted hats (bring your own materials) and port pillows. Visit www.philsfriends.org for information about this wonderful ministry. Make plans to attend to make these items for their Care Packages. Bring a friend; make new friends. Contact Rhonda Jackson at 985-276-4017 for more information.

Oct 10, Saturday 9 am Southern Zone Fall Rally at Zion, Bogalusa sharing food and fellowship among our area church societies.

Oct 12: 9:30 am Monthly meeting at Holy Trinity in the SMC. Activity: Assemble gift bags for infusion patients at Mary Bird Cancer Center.

September through October we are collecting the following items for Fair City Health and Rehab Center, located in a low economic area in Franklinton, for Thanksgiving gift bags. * items are also for the infusion cancer patients at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center gift bags. All donations are much appreciated. Place in marked boxes in the narthex.

- Men and women's socks, some with gripper bottoms
- Combs
- Purse size Kleenex packs*
- Emery boards
- Small cookie or snack packages*
- Small hand sanitizers*
- Chapstick*

We are also collecting black and white composition books (about 7"x9") for decorating journals for Phil's Friends.

Mite Donations help fund the 7 Mission Grants for our LA-MS District along with 33 National Mission Grants. Please continue to put your mite offerings in the box on the LWML table. You are an integral part to support these missions. We are making a difference in lives around our states and the world by bringing the wonderful Gospel message to them in these various ministries. Thank you for your donations. Every penny adds up.

Please continue to donate the "front page" of used greeting cards-birthday, sympathy, anniversary, Christmas, etc. We repurpose them for bookmarks and crosses to give to residents in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, cancer infusion centers, etc. The beautiful pictures on these cards make great crosses or bookmarks. **Please place your card donations in the boxes at worship locations labeled Greeting Cards. Thank you!!**

SAVE THESE DATES:

April 30-May 2, 2027 LA-MS District Retreat at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Loranger with the theme "God's Quilt of Comfort: Wrapping UP in the Psalms" Invite a friend to join you for this awesome experience in a tranquil setting. Go to www.lwml-lams.org to register and for information.

July 8-11, 2027 42nd Biennial National Convention Oklahoma City, OK with the theme: "Transformed in Christ"

All women are invited and welcome to participate in every LWML activity and event. Bring a guest.

LWML National @ www.lwml.org Info on mission grants, national news and upcoming convention information.

LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District @ www.lwml-lams.org Information on the retreat, mission grants funded and much more. Read "The Mission Voice" at www.lwml.lams.org/mission-voice

LWML Young Women in Mission @ www.lwml.org/young-women See how young women, ages 20s-30s, can get involved with LWML





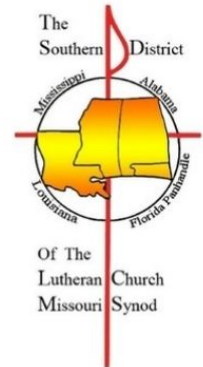
V O U N T E E R

is a meaningful way
to serve communities affected by disasters.

How to become a LCMS-LERT Volunteer:



- Go to <http://www.LCMS-LERT.org> or scan here
- Click on the **SIGN-UP** button at the top of the page. Submit the required information. (Couples will need different emails since the USER ID is the email address.)
- Once registered, Complete the required profile, disaster profile and any waivers.
- Then click on **DISTRICTS** at the left side of the page.
- Find Southern District and select FAN at the top of the district logo.



As a FAN of the Southern District, you'll receive email notifications about volunteer opportunities within your area!

Follow these steps to volunteer for an event that interests you:

- The Southern District page will display active events.
- Click on the event that interests you.
- On the event page, you will find details and a **SIGN-UP** button.
- If shifts are available, sign-up for a **SHIFT**.
- If there are no shifts, click on the SIGN-UP button instead.
- Fill out the requested information.

The LERT system offers opportunities to assist during crises. Sign-up to choose from various interest categories that match your skills and passions.

**For more information contact
Paul Ernewein, So. District DDRC at
forgedbyfireservices@gmail.com or 985-607-4332**

**For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and
to give his life as a ransom for many.**



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

~ Ian Ohler

~ Paul Navo

~ Brittini Sowerwine Hawkins



Send prayer requests to
office@htlministries.org



Blessings Box

Our Community Blessings Box is in need of
constant replenishing
(No clothing items or books please).

Check the following site to see what items are
most needed and donate to the Blessings Box or
the Food Bank

<https://northshorefoodbank.org/view-our-most-needed-items>



WOMEN'S MINISTRY SEWING PROJECT

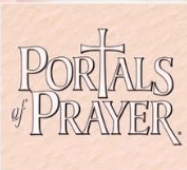
Would you like to be part of a group that sews
bereavement pillows for parents who have lost their
newborn child?

This may be the project for you. Partnering with the
Sewing Servants from 1st Baptist Church of
Covington we will sew decorative pillows for St.
Tammany Hospital for their Grief Program. Some
basic sewing skills are preferred but not necessary.

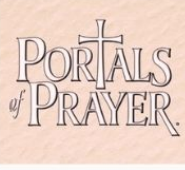
When: 2nd Thursday evening of
every month, 6:30-8 pm
(next meeting : September 10th)

Where: Student Ministry Center

Interested? Contact Gigi Laciura
504-228-8839 for more information



**Pick up a free copy of the newest version of Portals of Prayer
which provides a daily Bible reading, meditation and prayer.**



Other ways you can obtain this resource: Follow "Portals of Prayer" on Facebook.
Purchase and download the "Portals of Prayer" app on your smart phone by visiting
cph.org/portalsapp.

Subscribe and purchase the "Portals of Prayer" access on your laptop or desktop PC by visiting
their website <https://www1.cph.org/portals/default.aspx#options>

NOTE: both the desktop version and phone app require you to purchase a yearly subscription for \$10 per year.

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Page 10





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Growing in Christ... Serving with Hope

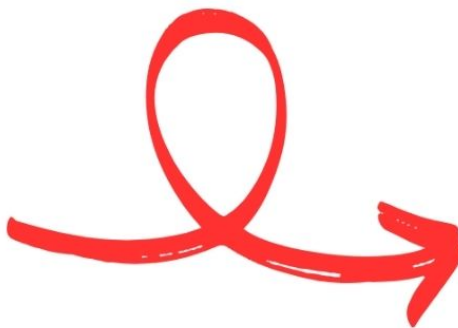


FIRST RESPONDER SUBSTATION

We provide a safe place for our community's bravest and finest to:

- ▶ grab a snack
- ▶ charge devices
- ▶ use facilities
- ▶ be encouraged

MORE
INFO



SCAN HERE



985-892-6146



htlministries.org

Things to Note



Any articles or information regarding Holy Trinity that you would like to see included in our weekly announcements or bi-monthly newsletters should be emailed to Devyn Moss at office@htlministries.org.

Weekly announcement info should be received
NO LATER than 12 noon on Wednesdays of each week.

Newsletter info should be received **NO LATER** than one week prior to publication.
(Newsletters are published at beginning of the odd months -
Jan, March, May, July, Sept, and Nov)

Welcoming Visitors to HT

One of the best ways to welcome visitors is to greet them with a warm and friendly "hello", introduce yourself and thank them for joining us for worship. Offer assistance if needed-such as making sure they have a service bulletin, ask them to sign the attendance folder, direct them to where they can get a cup of coffee, let them know where Bible classes meet and where the nursery and restrooms are located. After service encourage them to come back again.

We now have welcome bags for visitors. These bags are the perfect size to hold a Bible and include a magnet with a QR code directing them to the website, a mug and pen with the HT logo, and a packet of marigold seeds- (being that we are located at the corner of 1 N Marigold and Hwy 21)

We have extra mugs available if you would like one too. They are \$10 each with proceeds going to cover the cost of items in the welcome bags)



**Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God**

Romans 15:7

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