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## 2016/2017 MINISTRY PLAN

*“Commit your work to the Lord,  
and your plans will be established.”*

*Proverbs 16:3*

40 W. NICHOLAI STREET  
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## TRINITY'S HISTORY

Back in the far reaches of eternity, before the foundations of the world were created, God planned a glorious destiny for His Church. In His wisdom and mercy, God determined that He would send His Son to redeem His people, and that one day His faithful people would become Christ's Body here on earth. Our congregation has survived, grown, and flourished only because it has been what God wanted it to be: the Body of Christ.

Trinity saw its inception on May 3, 1850, as a German Lutheran Church, served by "circuit riders" and pastors from Brooklyn. Worship was held in the Frederick Heyne homestead – located on the west side of Newbridge Road midway between Old Country Road and Hempstead Turnpike – and then later in the Union Chapel on Broadway.

In 1864, Rev. A. Weisel became the congregation's first pastor, and a house of worship was planned, dedicated and built on the south side of West Nicholai Street, where our current school playground lies.

After many short pastorates, Rev. P.G.L. Matschat, having served from 1867-68, returned in 1876 serving until 1919. During those years, the congregation foresaw the need for future expansion, as both Hicksville and Trinity were growing. Land was purchased on the north side of West Nicholai Street, adjacent to the parsonage.

For the first time, an assistant pastor was called to Trinity in 1915. The Rev. W.D. Rusch filled the pressing need for an English service. He later became pastor of Trinity. During his pastorate, in the early 1920's, two daughter congregations were founded which are still in existence: Trinity Lutheran Church, Glen Cove, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bethpage.

In 1930 the cornerstone was laid for a new stone building, to replace the old wooden church. On November 14, 1931, the final service was held in the old church and the first service in the new church.

The Rev. E.H. Stammel was ordained and installed as Trinity's assistant pastor in 1942, and became pastor a year later, serving until 1974. During Pastor Stammel's thirty-one years at Trinity a dynamic ministry in the name of Christ thrived.

A parochial school was started in 1954. Dr. R.H. Engebrecht was the first principal, serving from 1954-65. Mr. W.W. Endorf, his successor, was principal of Trinity School from 1965-92.

During the late 1960's, the need was felt for an expanded worship facility as the existing building was unable to accommodate the number of worshippers. The renovated church structure, now featuring the spectacular Gates of Paradise doors, was dedicated in 1971.

The years of Rev. Stammel's pastorate were fruitful ones for the congregation and for the Church-at-large. Trinity was instrumental in the founding of Long Island Lutheran High School and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plainview.

Following Rev. Stammel as pastor of Trinity was Rev. J.H. Krahn, who was called to be pastor and served from 1974 until March, 1988. The years of Pastor Krahn's leadership featured a strong evangelistic outreach to the community. Again the congregation expanded its facilities, as a multi-use East Wing was dedicated in November, 1986.

In 1986, Rev. Wayne Puls was called to be pastor and served Trinity until 2012. The years of Pastor Puls' leadership saw Trinity growing once again, as we added a parish center and expanded our nursery/pre-K programs.

In 2008, Rev. Michael Henn was installed as Trinity's youth pastor and served the congregation in this capacity for 6+ years, growing Trinity's youth program. He served Trinity as senior pastor from October 2014 until February 2016. During this time, he updated the church and school's technology and spearheaded the Weldon and Gail Endorf Library project.

Currently, Rev. Charles Froehlich is serving as Trinity's Interim Senior Pastor along with Rev. Gregory Dwyer. Ms. Ife Lenard is our school principal.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 6:30 PM  
Traditional Worship

Sunday 9:00 AM  
Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:30 AM  
Traditional on the 1st and 3rd Sunday  
Contemporary on the 2nd and 4th Sunday

*(Holy Communion is celebrated at all  
worship services)*

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### CHURCH COUNCIL (2015/16)

1. Dan Pugliese (President)
2. Curt Fogarty (1st VP)
3. Les Francis (2nd VP)
4. Donna Haines (Treasurer)
5. Karen Apgar (Secretary)
6. Warren Breuer
7. Jeanine Davis
8. John Plank
9. Fred VonBargen Sr.
10. Vacant
11. Vacant
12. Vacant

*Council members may be elected by the voters to serve for no more than two consecutive three year terms. These twelve positions, together with the Pastor(s) (ex-officio), constitute the Church Council.*



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## Why do we need a ministry plan?



Proverbs 16:3 charges us to “Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.” This document is the result of countless hours of brainstorming, analyzing, and planning by our many boards and leaders, to establish Trinity’s desired ministry path. It is our desire to organize our ministry efforts in a deliberate and strategic way so that the Lord will enable us to carry out His work effectively.

In the church, just as it is in our personal lives, we are more effective if we commit to what we want to do, involve others to keep us accountable and motivated, and evaluate our progress as the year progresses. By sharing what each board intends to do over the coming year, we are holding ourselves to a standard that is befitting of the great mission we carry out.

Trinity’s ministry plan is designed to push ourselves to accomplish everything we can, year after year.



## Our ministry planning process



This three-year ministry plan is a journey, not a destination. This document provides a structured approach for a multiyear plan that we believe will guide Trinity to strengthen our spiritual life, and our ministries, grow our school and outreach to our community and church at large.

Trinity's Ministry Plan is a living document which will be updated yearly at the end of our school and budget year.

Many people were involved with this process. Inputs were received from our pastors, principal, church council, committees, boards, staff and church and school families.

This plan is not intended to be an all-encompassing, inflexible blueprint for the coming years. Trinity's Ministry Plan will be divided and distributed as an annual "master plan" to the individuals and boards responsible for implementation; to be altered and reviewed on an annual basis for accountability; to be amended as new opportunities and ministries arise; to be updated annually to maintain a fresh planning approach.

Congregational round table meetings will be held every three years to survey the congregation for input and suggestions. These will be incorporated in the master plan.



# 3.1 BOARD OF OUTREACH



## **Board of Outreach Ministry Description**

The Board of Outreach leads Trinity’s efforts to reach out to the community with the message of the Gospel and invite them to church. In addition, the Board of Outreach also sponsors fellowship events here at Trinity to encourage our members to grow together as a unified body of Christ. Congregational education in the area of witnessing and evangelism is also an area that the board is eager to expand into.

## **2015-2016 Board of Outreach Members**

<b>Chair:</b> Scott Galdo	Joe Braconier	Denise Pugliese	Carol Gross	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!
<b>Council Rep:</b> Karen Apgar	Judy Braconier	Joyce Rausch	Karen Mann	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!

## **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- Unity Sunday Worship Celebration
- Two Christian Movie Nights
- Set up a booth at the Hicksville Street Fair
- Marched our float in the 2015 Memorial Day Parade
- Four post card mailings (25,000 total mailings!)
- Hosted Invite-a-Friend Sunday

## **2016-2017 Board of Outreach Members**

<b>Chair:</b> Karen Mann and Karen Apgar	Joe Braconier	Denise Pugliese	Carol Gross	Scott Galdo
<b>Council Rep:</b> Karen Apgar	Judy Braconier	Joyce Rausch	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!



## 3.1 BOARD OF OUTREACH (cont'd)



### **2016-2017 Goals**

- Create a program to train and provide outreach materials to church members and school families to help them invite people to Trinity
  - *Specific Goal:* Provide church & school take-home materials geared towards "word of mouth" and "personal recommendation" style of outreach
  - *Specific Goal:* Hold a workshop to teach people to take the first step in talking to their friends about Trinity and their faith in Jesus Christ
- Be a presence at the 2016 Hicksville Street Fair; Hand out yard sticks/pens
- Host Unity Sunday 2016 in cooperation with the School Admissions and Alumni
- Host a game at Fall Festival and hang banner across Old Country Road
- Host Invite-a-Friend Sunday with an Advent craft and potluck dinner
- Christmas tree sale handouts
- Host a Seder or Indian cultural type meal for Lent
- Create a banner and invite youth to walk in parade and toss out Trinity materials for the 2017 Memorial Day Parade
- Invite in a qualified guest speaker to talk to the congregation about how to share the Gospel with our local Indian population (perhaps for a traditional holiday dinner)
- Christmas and Easter Newsday Ads
- Re-Join Hicksville Chamber of Commerce and have a rep attend the monthly meetings
- Investigate reviving nursery care during church services for younger families

### **2017 and Beyond**

- Look into the possibility of putting an elegant carved wood sign in front of the Church with service times and contact information.



## 3.2 BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP



### **Board of Stewardship Ministry Description**

Stewardship is realizing that everything we have is a gift from God, everything we have belongs to God, and everything we have is to be used to serve God and to celebrate together in His joy. The goal of the Board of Stewardship is to foster spiritual health and education in the use of the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talents, and treasures both in the congregation as a whole and as individuals.

### **2015-2016 Board of Stewardship Members**

<b>Chair:</b> Kathy Funfgeld	Peg Ruhs	Anthony Cavaliere
<b>Council Rep:</b> Les Francis	Carl Probst	ADD'L MEMBER WANTED!

### **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- Spring Stewardship Drive: Living Generously
- Good Friday Prayer Vigil
- 2015 Advent Devotional Book (Written by congregational members)
- Distributed 28K in missional aid (AKA Church at Large)
- Completed 3 week Fall pledge drive
- Promote envelope calls
- Encourage greater participation in Bible Study
- Distribution of funds from budget
- "COFFEE" notes

### **2016-2017 Goals**

- Encourage greater participation in Bible Study
- Encourage daily Prayer and Scripture reading
- Promote Consecrated Stewards
- COFFEE cards
- Use of Lenten Cross
- Host Ascension Day Service
- Host Servant event
- Promote envelope calls
- Host Volunteer Sunday
- Support Youth Sunday
- Promote and event for our Missionary Partners
- Host a Health and Wellness Workshop (Funerals and Estate Planning)
- Increase budget line for giving to missions
- Coordinate and host congregational Sedar Meal
- Update our volunteer database





### 3.3 BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



#### **Board of Christian Education Ministry Description**

The Board of Christian Education supports, promotes, and advises the school administration in developing school policy. As a group of individuals who value Christian Education, we are committed to supporting and developing our school ministry in concert with Trinity’s administrative team.

#### **2016-2017 Board of Christian Education Members**

<b>Chair and Council Rep</b> John Plank	ECC Director Carolyn Gallagos	Staff Representative Nancy Perovich	Tina Deer
Acting Principal Tammy Mazza	Pat Fama	Lauren Straub	
Admissions Director Charles Henle	Pat Francis		

#### **School Communication Protocol**

The Board of Christian Education has developed a communication protocol to help our parents know who to go to when an issue arises. The following list describes appropriate communication sequences:

<b><u>Instructional Issues</u></b> Classroom Teacher Principal Pastor	<b><u>Special Education Issues</u></b> Classroom Teacher Learning Center Teacher Principal Pastor	<b><u>Athletic Program Issues</u></b> Coach Director of Athletics Principal Pastor	<b><u>After School Activity Issues</u></b> Program Director Principal Pastor
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#### **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- Professional development for all staff members now headed by the principal
- The Disciplinary Code will be revised by the principal
- Established an Evangelical Plan
- The board developed and published a School Communications Protocol
- Approval of the 2015-2016 School Handbook
- Completion of CPR for 13 staff members
- Held 3 coffee hours
- The board began the school reaccreditation process
- The board was directly involved in the interviewing and hiring of a permanent school principal



## 3.3 BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (cont'd)



- The board was directly involved in the interviewing and hiring of a new admissions director
- The board updated our ministry plan

### **2016-2017 Goals**

- To evaluate the Board of Christian Education (BOCE) role and involvement in the ministry education at large (i.e. Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Studies).
- To adopt term limits within the board
- to continue to work on the accreditation process
- Approve the 2016/2017 Student Handbook

### **2017 and Beyond**

- Bridging church and school



## 3.4 TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL



### **Mission Statement**

"Where Christian values and academic excellence prepare children, motivated by their faith and love of Christ, to live productive lives in service to others."

### **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- Strengthen methods to meet Trinity Lutheran mission and philosophy
- Build common, daily practices and conversations to advance school culture
- Close the achievement gaps of students performing below or far below grade level
- Fortify teaching methods toward quality instruction
- Perfect New York State and national standards via quality teaching methods and academic language
- Refinement of a system of higher level questioning, problem-solving practices & activities
- Strengthen relationships between sister Lutheran schools

### **2016-2017 Goals**

- Implementation of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) program
- Complete the NLSA Accreditation within Accreditation Committee
- Improve school-wide behavioral management system (with merit acknowledgement)
- 75% of students at or above grade level based upon analysis of current data (with 2-5% yearly improvement)
- Reinstitute and grow student teaching partnerships with Concordia, Adelphi, Hofstra, CW Post, and the SUNY system
- Reinstitute 8th grade Earth Science
- Institute Robotics K-8 program with Middle school competition club
- 85% parent satisfaction and 15% growth participation in PTFA
- Develop strong relationships and a referral program with sister Lutheran Preschools
- Develop relationships and a referral program with area Preschools, private schools and churches, including working with associate pastors and the Board of Outreach
- Development of student exchange program
- Development of strong Pre-K retention program
- Development of a consistent Alumni Outreach program



## 3.4 TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL (Cont'd)



### **2017-2018 Goals**

- Create student portfolios (ELA/SS and Fine Arts, Science, and Math)
- Re institute K-5 Spanish
- Raise fundraising by 40 percent from 2015-2016 totals
- Increase student enrollment by 15-20 percent
- Facilities upgrade of shades, windows and ceilings



## 3.5 BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY



### **Board of Technology Ministry Description**

The Board of Technology guides and directs the technology for Trinity’s church and school. Technology influences and supports every aspect of our ministry, and keeping not only current, but forward thinking is critical to spreading the gospel effectively. The board of technology provides support and helps coordinate talent and resources for other ministry groups, including church & school marketing and design.

### **2015-2016 Board of Technology Members**

<b>Chair &amp; Council Rep:</b> Jeanine Davis	Charles Henle	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!
Tom Perovich	Robert Stainkamp	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!

### **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- Develop a timeline and budget for planned replacement of computers and other technology as they become obsolete.
- Evaluate the possibility of a BYOD (Bring-your-own-device) program for the school.
- Upgrade all network infrastructure to gigabit hardware.

### **2016-2017 Goals**

Monitor both WiFi and Bandwidth infrastructures. Review printer



# 3.6 BOARD OF PROPERTIES



## Trinity’s Board of Properties Description

Provide structured timeline to accomplish major church projects in the effort to improve the property and upgrade aging systems and continue to perform general maintenance tasks of all properties. Complete small capital projects.

## 2015-2016 Board of Property Members

<b>Chair:</b> Carmine Chiariello	Carl Probst	Fred vonBargen Sr.	Dan Pugliese	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!
<b>Council Rep:</b> Warren Breuer	John Haines	Fred vonBargen Jr.	Carl Osmundsen	ADDITIONAL MEMBER WANTED!

## 2015-2016 Accomplishments

- Refinished doors throughout facility
- Painted all offices in Stammel Center
- Refurnished Senior Pastor and Administrative Assistant offices
- Refurnished kitchen, electrical service and painted the teacherage
- Repaired plaster damage to the church, Narthex and Nave
- Replaced kitchen stove
- Relocated and updated school library
- Assisted in school classroom realignment
- Moved staff lounge
- Updated lighting in the church, Nave and gym
- Replace exit door hardware by pastor’s office
- Update ECC playground

## 2016-2017 Goals:

- Refinished doors throughout facility
- Complete the handicap entrance concrete project and add automatic doors
- Work with the Finance Committee in the creation of a 5 year capital plan
- Define proper responsibilities of the team, as well as generate a hierarchical system of communications and responsibilities of persons within the team and with other groups, council, boards



## 3.5 BOARD OF PROPERTIES (cont'd)



- Generate a yearly operational calendar with defined times for certain annual functions; including, but not limited to: fundraisers, cleanup events, maintenance events, periodic system checks, etc.
- Generate a centralized properties systems, plans, vendors, and product purchases binder for future reference and cross-board reference
- Recruit more members to the board
- Dry well cleaning of leaders from church
- Evaluate exterior project work
- Repair and sealing or replacement of parking lot with associated curb work and striping
- Evaluate school and church basement (choir, band, kitchen rooms) renovations and repairs
- Overhaul east door in Narthex
- Add fencing to teacherage yard
- Investigate effort required to add additional ventilation to art room to accommodate the additions of kilns

### **2017 and Beyond**

- Seal exterior of church stone
- Evaluate any school capital projects to be performed
- Renovate interior of church, in conjunction with possible organ upgrade
- Property renovation of new paver area in front of handicap lot
- Evaluate needs of Stammel Center interior
- Renovation of Stammel Center exterior
- Renovate exterior entrance of church, to include installation of raised flower beds on each side of the Gates of Paradise, and replacement of the pavement with new inlaid design within concrete or other suitable material (pavers, etc)
- Redesign of ECC air conditioning system
- Begin executing projects for the school



## 3.7 BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY



### **Board of Youth Ministry Description**

The Board of Youth Ministry, along with our Youth Program Coordinators, run a youth program to encourage Christian fellowship and spiritual growth among Trinity's youth. Trinity has three youth groups, our Sr. Youth group for youth in grades 9-12, our Jr. Youth group for youth in grades 6-8, and VOTY (Visions of Tomorrow's Youth) for youth 5th grade and lower.

### **2015-2016 Board of Youth Ministry Members**

<b>Chair:</b> Laura Denning	<b>Youth Coordinator:</b> Erika Skoch	Dave Specht	Debbie Tarone	Debbie Vergara
<b>Council Rep:</b> Debbie Tarone	<b>Youth Coordinator:</b> Bobby Stainkamp	Liz Denning	Tracie Bolland	Susan Mittler
	<b>Youth Coordinator:</b> Jennifer Pugliese	Katie Mittler	Andy Risi	Vacant

### **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- Reformed the staff structure from a vacant full-time youth pastor role, to a system of three part-time youth coordinators.
- Participated in the 1st Tri-annual Atlantic District youth gathering.
- Attended the Sharing God's Love event at Camp Pioneer. Led our high school youth in a week of serving the community in God's name.
- Registered 22 youth for the 2016 National Youth Gathering.
- Hosted a local week long day camp for our Jr. Youth called Summer X.
- Held an event filled summer program.
- Reached out to school kids to encourage attendance at weekly events.

### **2016-2017 Goals**

- Grow and maintain our program concentrating on the following
  - Increasing the appeal to the Sr. Youth age groups
  - Branching out with more service opportunities for the Sr. Youth
  - Offer a Winter Retreat weekend for the Jr. Youth
  - Collaborate with other Churches, both Lutheran and Non-Lutheran, to bring together like aged children to share the faith with each other and grow in Christ





## 3.8 BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY (cont'd)



- Update and repair the facilities in the YSR
  - Look into updating window coverings
  - Repair Closets
  - Clean and update chairs, couches, and tables
  - Repair and clean the Table Games (Ping Pong Table, Pool Table, and Air Hockey Table)
  - Repair wiring to speaker system in front of room.
- Increase Board Participation in Youth Events
- Rebrand "FUEL" and "Crave/Rec Night" into our own events
- Take a group of Sr. Youth to Camp Pioneer in Summer 2017
- Explore an upgrade to the Youth Bulletin Board in the Hallway



## 3.8 Board of Parish Ministry



### **Board of Parish Ministry**

The Board of Parish Ministry is to foster the spiritual welfare of the congregation by encouraging prayer and the development of all members (children, confirmed youth and adult members) in the Divine and eternal truths of God.

### **2015-2016 Board of Parish Ministry**

<b>Chair:</b> Kathy Funfgeld	Pastor Froehlich	Pastor Dwyer	Doug Brosky
<b>Council Rep:</b> Jeanine Davis	Peg Ruhs	Lynn Waldeck	Debbie Vergara
Betsy Lazarek	Anthony Cavaliere		

### **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- Assisted Pastor with funerals
- Prayed daily for congregation, council, school, facility and staff
- Assisted in weekly worship services, Tre-Ore on Good Friday and Palm and Easter Sunday services.
- Visited the sick and shut-ins
- Assisted in the teaching of confirmation instruction
- Ran Closer Connections course
- Ran acolyte training
- Assisted in the implementation of 2016 VBS.
- Assisted Sunday School Superintendent to provide opening worship and training of teachers.
- Coordinated Bible Study Program with leaders
- Assist in Lent Pray Vigil
- Assist in National Day of Prayer

### **2016-2017 Goals**

- Continue to provide assistance and support to the pastoral office as accomplished in 2015-2016.



# 4.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE



## Finance Committee Ministry Description

Trinity’s Finance Committee assists the church council treasurer and the church and school administration in the management of the Trinity’s finances and cash flow.

## 2015-2016 Finance Committee Members

<b>Chair:</b> Donna Haines Council Treasurer	Council President Dan Pugliese	Curt Fogarty		
Director of Finance Doris Gargan	Pastor Froehlich	Les Francis	Fred von Bargen	

## 2015-2016 Accomplishments

- Completed review of staff health insurance
- Completed the generation and committed to a 2016/2017 balanced budget
- Provided a two-step salary increase to the teaching staff in the 2016/2017 budget
- Rented gym to third party for basketball practice
- Registered with the Town of Oyster Bay the use of our facilities for film, movies, and TV shows
- Developed a better management control system for the budgeted spending and cash flow
- Reduced the monthly account charges; transferred church operating accounts to another financial institution

## 2016-2017 Goals

- Finalize the Member in Good Standing Policy
- Continue to review staff health insurance plan
- Review all investment accounts to see if we are getting best interest rates
- Support a five year capital improvement plan
- Provide oversight and guidance in the development of board budgets and manage cash flow in order to support the ministry of the congregation
- Look into school mandated services to make sure we are getting our full entitlement
- Continue to examine additional revenue and rental sources
- Continue to investigate the startup costs of a daycare center



## 4.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd)



### **2017 and Beyond**

- Present a balanced budget in 2017/2018
- Present a surplus budget in 2018/2019



## 4.2 CONFIRMATION



### **Confirmation Program Description**

Trinity's confirmation program prepares our youth grades 6-8 to be adult members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Students who attend our school receive their instruction in the classroom, while non-Trinity students meet on Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:30pm.

### **Midweek Class Curriculum Overview**

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Pastor Gregory Dwyer	Deacon Debbie Vergara	Deacon Kathy Funfgeld
<u>Curriculum Overview:</u> New Testament First Communion The Lord's Prayer	<u>Curriculum Overview:</u> Old Testament Creation and The Exodus The 10 Commandments	<u>Curriculum Overview:</u> The Apostles Creed Baptism Preparation for Confirmation

### **2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- 16 Church and School Students confirmed
- 40 Church and School Students attended confirmation classes

### **2016-2017 Goals**

- 33 Church and School Students enrolled in confirmation classes
- Involve congregational family "Sponsorship"
- This year's confirmation program will see a number of changes and improvements. First and foremost will include a new curriculum plan for the midweek students as seen above. This new plan provides a more logical progression through Christian basics and Lutheran doctrine in light of our reduced number of hours with the students as compared to TLS religion class. We are also re-working the Confirmation Cards (Sermon Notes) to dive deeper into the worship service and will be incorporating them into class discussions.



## 4.3 CHURCH ATHLETICS



### **Church Athletic Program Description**

In order to promote church fellowship and the stewardship of our bodies (the temple of the Holy Spirit), Trinity provides athletic opportunities to grow both physically and spiritually.

### **Men's Softball**

Every summer, Trinity participates in a Lutheran church softball league. Games are played Sunday afternoons and evenings from May through August at Town Hall Park in Lindenhurst. Call the church office (516-931-2225) for contact information for team managers.

### **Bowling**

From September through May join Trinity members for fun and bowling. Second Saturday of the month, 7:00pm, \$25 per month. AMF Plainview Lanes, 500 Old Bethpage Rd., Plainview. Email Scott Galdo for more information at: [SGaldo@TrinityHicksville.org](mailto:SGaldo@TrinityHicksville.org).

### **Basketball**

**Children and Youth** – Trinity enters several teams in the Long Island Lutheran Church Basketball league every year. This program is open for children and youth in Kindergarten through high school. Sign-up begins in September, and league play is from November to March. Trinity's gym is a busy place during basketball season, and it's a great family atmosphere. Parents and volunteers help run the kitchen for home games, providing food and snacks. For more information, go to [TrinityBasketball.net](http://TrinityBasketball.net)

**Men and Women** – Kids aren't the only ones who love sports! Trinity sponsors teams for both men and women in the same Lutheran church league. Sign-up begins in September, and league play is from November to March.

The Men play weekly pick-up games in the gym throughout the year, as well — Wednesdays at 9:00pm.

Women from the congregation and school community also hit the court with both the open gym opportunity as well as teams in the league. The Women's weekly pick-up games in the gym are Wednesdays at 7:30pm. On those Wednesdays when we have worship services, such as during the seasons of Advent and Lent, gym time for the Women begins closer to 8:15 PM, after the worship service, and goes to 9:15 or so. For more information, go to [TrinityBasketball.net](http://TrinityBasketball.net)