# **Monthly Themes IDEAS**

# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trinity Lutheran Church

# November – Celebrations begin – Veterans

Invite a guest speaker (Synodical president Rev.Dr. Matt Harrison / Concordia Seminary president Rev. Dale Maier / other...)

Honor Trinity's veterans on one of the Sundays this month.

Encourage the veterans to wear their uniforms on this day

Find out when, where and in what capacity they served

Send them a special invitation

Have a reception after the service in honor of the veterans.

#### December - Music

Encourage all the choirs at Trinity to perform at some point during this month – adult choir, bell choir, SS / Youth choir

Encourage Trinity members who play an instrument to help beautify one of the services Organ recital / concert one evening – invite organist/s to be part of the concert

### January – Holy Baptism

Decorate the narthex with baptismal gowns, water, shells, baptism certificates, and pictures of members through the years

Decorate the baptismal font with flowers this month

Place the old baptismal font in the back of the sanctuary near the entrance with water in it

# February – Holy Communion

Decorate the narthex with wheat and grapes – display of crucifix, wheat, grapes, bread, wine... Posters

Organize a "Sader meal" one evening and ask Pastor to explain the significance of it in relation to the Lord's Supper...

Ask Pastor to have a sermon series on Holy Communion this month

#### March

Create a display in the narthex to highlight Wee Disciples

Display Wee Disciples' artwork

Invite Wee Disciples children to sing in the church service...

# April

Hang up posters about the 6 chief parts of the catechism: Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Confession and Office of the Keys, Holy Baptism, The Lord's Supper Ask Pastor to do a sermon-series on the chief parts

Set up a catechism quiz afternoon / evening with a potluck Maybe call it "What Does This Mean?" Anyone and everyone can participate, divided into two teams, in a friendly Trivia-type format... fun prizes...

#### May

Set up a display of old confirmation certificates and banners

Celebrate the Golden Confirmands (50 years)

Organize this year's confirmation reception as a sit-down dinner with the whole congregation...

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Invite a missionary to preach one Sunday and then afterwards have a potluck where he shares about his work...

# July

- Host a mock wedding reception after church one Sunday. Decorate with old wedding gowns, and people's wedding pictures
- Hand out write-on stickers to all married couples so they can write the down number of years they've been married and wear it.
- Make a chart of what each year's anniversary is called: eg 1 = paper; 25 = silver; 50 = gold etc and each married couple needs to find their anniversary name and write it on their sticker.

# August

Encourage the Sunday School kids and / or youth to sing in church Rally Day...

# September

Make a quilt depicting LWML and Trinity to hang up on the back wall of the sanctuary. Create a banner...

Decorate the narthex with LWML "stuff"...

Host an reception after church with LWML cupcakes / ice-cream bar...

#### October

Invite someone to speak about the 500th anniversary of the reformation.

Show the move "Luther" after church with lunch...

Put on a skit about the reformation...

#### November

Find and hire a venue large enough for Trinity's members and guests for Saturday, Nov. 18 Cater a hot meal for that day

Compile a slide show of pictures through the years...

Invite a guest preacher for the Sunday Service

Organize a reception after the service...