

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday Evenings 5:00pm
(outdoors - weather permitting)

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

“FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE . . .”

As I write this “Pastor’s Article” for the newsletter, I am doing so from a different perspective than usual. I’m sitting at home with my left leg bandaged up from surgery three days ago, under the influence of pain medication (which makes me sleepy but doesn’t take too much of the pain away), and struggling to write this article. Usually I enjoy writing the front page article ‘from the pastor’ and the words flow rather freely. Actually, I have a message I want to share, but my brain isn’t cooperating very well. The message I want to share is about seeing things from a different perspective beyond what I am currently experiencing.

In the new ministry recently added to Trinity Lutheran Church, *Stephen Ministry*, we talk about “care-givers,” and “care-receivers.” Care-givers are those who are trained in the art of listening, reflecting and responding to those who are experiencing a variety of challenges and situations (grief, loss, anxiety...). Obviously care receivers are those who are receiving the confidential care and ministry of a trained Stephen Minister. Certainly pastors, counselors and other specifically trained professionals are care-givers as well. For over thirty years now I have been serving as a care-giver. Occasionally, like now, I have been a care-receiver. I like to think that I’m a pretty fair and competent care-giver, but I know that I am a lousy care-receiver! There are many programs that will train one to be a care-giver, like Stephen Ministry, but I don’t know of any that train someone on how to be a care-receiver. I suppose that sounds a little ridiculous, but I’m not so sure it really is. Not everyone who goes through a divorce or loses a loved one is open and willing to accept help and care from someone else. Unfortunately that applies to me, even when I know I could benefit from it. Anyone know of a good six week care-receiver course -or- a Saturday morning workshop?

So, first I apologize to all who have called and reached out to me in my current battle with cancer (melanoma), and I’ve not seemed too receptive. I truly am receptive and appreciative of all the kind words, care and prayer. I especially appreciate the many intercessions made on my behalf regarding grief over my wife’s passing and my recent health problem. Forgive me, though, when I have seemed unreceptive to advice and assistance. I’m not quite sure why, but I feel as though I’m imposing on people by accepting their help and assistance.

Secondly, as I view the care process from the ‘receiving perspective’ rather than the giving side, I hope I remember a few things when I am ministering and caring for others from my usual perspective. There seems to be a certain amount of power and control involved in care-giving, and vice-a-versa, a loss of power and control (perhaps) in care-receiving. We all need and benefit from the help of others from time to time. But, ask yourself, which one would you rather be? I think it takes a very well grounded and mature person to know and accept help from others! This goes far beyond my own recent perceptions. I have heard how others have felt when they found themselves needing assistance from others. It’s sometimes referred to as being “needy.” It may make one feel good to do something for another, but it may actually make them feel ‘not so good’ even though they need help! Care-givers need to keep this in mind and respect the feelings and being of the care-receiver.

Additionally we need to acknowledge that we are not exclusively a care giver or a care receiver! We are both at one time or another – sometimes even at the same time! In her battle with cancer, my late wife had many care-givers including me. At the same time she was an amazing care-giver, especially to me! In his comparing the church to a “body” with many parts, I think the Apostle Paul was saying that at times the ‘hand’ serves the body (giver) yet at the very same time it is served (receiver) by the other parts of the body.

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“FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE . . .”

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Obviously we are all care receivers of Jesus’ love and redemption when He gave His life for us. Yet Jesus calls each one of us to follow His example serving others as He did (served us). Now this is the genuinely different perspective! It’s not simply from the giver or receiver point of view. It’s from the pure, perfect and divine point of view of our Lord! Jesus calls us to serve others as He served. He accentuated this point on the last night of His earthly life when He washed the disciples’ feet. I think He also called us to “be served” as well. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet because it didn’t seem right to him. Jesus, after all, was his master and teacher, his Lord! Yet Jesus insisted that it was necessary for him (Peter) to be washed by the Lord – to be a care receiver. We all need Jesus and His redemptive care! But we also need to be receivers of others’ love and service as well. Perhaps we need to be receivers so that others can be the servers and givers too!

May the Lord help us to see and live from a “different perspective!” We need to see things from the vantage point of others. More importantly we MUST see life and ministry from our Lord’s perspective! Stephen Ministers have been trained as care-givers from a Biblical point of view and God pleasing perspective. Let us pray for their ministry among us.

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



**VBS 2017
“Rome ~ Paul and the Underground Church”
July 10-14, 2017
9am-12pm**

Register today!!! All children ages 3 (potty trained) thru 6th Grade in the Fall are welcome. We’ll sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and much more. Registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex by the Memorial Plaque or on our new website. Please place completed forms in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom.

Poster boards are on the table in the narthex listing various items that are needed in order to make this event a success for the kids. Please sign up to donate items if you are able. Thank you!

Trinity's New Website

<http://www.trinitywestseneca.com/>

Trinity's new website is now LIVE! The Outreach team has been working very hard on this project. Please check it out and share it with your friends and family! The more you share and look at the website, the easier our website will be to find on Google searches.

Here are some ways you can share:

- Post on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc)
- Leave a note with a co-worker or friend
- Word of mouth



**Walk, Stroll, & Roll
Wednesday, July 19th
at 6:00pm**

Want a night out with food, fun and fellowship? Come to Trinity’s parking lot for our Walk, Stroll, and Roll that starts at 6:00pm. Bring your bikes, scooters or roller blades, or just walk the path. We will provide the hotdogs and chips - you bring drinks and a snack to share. This is even a great event for your Senior adults! Call Mark Willert at 608-8907 with any questions.

Church & School

**Event Planning Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00pm**

If your board, committee or small group is planning any scheduled activity events, meetings or fundraisers for the 2017-18 Church & School year, please plan to attend this important meeting. Our goal is to plan the 2017-18 calendar to help make all event successful.

SUMMER HOURS
WORSHIP:
Saturday Evening at 5:00pm
(outdoors if weather permits)
Sunday Morning at 9:30am
OFFICE:
Mon, Wed, & Thurs ~ 8am-4pm
Tues ~ 8am-12pm

Children’s Church

Children’s Church will continue over the summer during the Sunday 9:30am service.





Stained Glass Windows

The renovation of Trinity's stain glass windows will cost approximately \$20,000. A little over \$9,700 has been donated for this project so far. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can do so by using the designated blue envelope in their monthly offering envelope packet or by submitting a donation in an envelope clearly marked "Stained Glass Windows". Thank you for your support!

Sr. High Small Group Adult Leader Needed

We're looking for an adult interested in being a part of our Sr. High small group nights. This is a 2x per month commitment on a week night for an hour and a half. If this sounds interesting to you and you'd like to know more, please contact Mark Willert 608-8907 (Youth and Family Coordinator) to find out more.



Bisons Baseball Game Sunday, July 30 at 1:00pm

Tickets: \$10

Trinity's Men in Ministry is sponsoring a day at the ball park! Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex or contact Dan Rowsell to reserve tickets. All are welcome to join us at Ballyhoo (211 South Park Ave, Buffalo) following the game.

Operation Christmas Child

Items being collected during the month of **July** are **LETTERS** (personalized letters for children or cards, colored pictures). Items can be placed in the Operation Christmas Child bin in the church narthex. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Haiti Mission Trip

"The prayer of the righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

That's what we, the Haiti Mission Group, need as we prepare for our trip August 2 - 9. Pray for good weather, safe travel, for God's guidance, good health, and open hearts that will receive the Gospel message. We will be asking for items to take with us to Haiti. These are items requested by Mission of Hope to help offset our stay and to use at the medical clinic. Please look for the sign-up poster in the narthex beginning in July. Thank you in advance for your prayer and generosity!

End-of-Life Seminar 2017

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2017. There will be a workshop at Trinity on end-of-life topics such as: When should you have a will written? What is the difference between a health care proxy or a living will or power of attorney? How can I avoid the Medicaid buy down? Can a funeral be pre-planned? Can I be an organ donor and still have a funeral? We will have specialists on hand to inform you and answer questions from 10am -12pm.



Trinity Men in Ministry 4th Annual Golf Outing Saturday, September 9, 2017 12:00pm - 4:00pm Turkey Run Golf Course

\$20.00 per golfer includes greens fee, riding cart, food and beverages. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for food and beverages (a free will offering will be taken at the course).

48 golfers maximum, so sign-up as soon as possible but no later than August 27. A sign-up sheet is located on the sign-up table in the narthex.

Seven Things That God Hates

Proverbs 6:16-20
(Part 2 of 7)

God Hates a "Lying Tongue"

There was a time in history,
That, without any mystery,
Men spoke the truth, and eye to eye
Made pledges, never speaking lies.
Their tongues were trained to honesty.
That's just the way it had to be.
A verbal pact, a shake of hand,
Caused righteous men to understand
That never would there be a need
For written contract or a deed.
Their eyes were clear, their honor great.
There'd be no cheating nor debate,
To mar a business deal they made.
They did not doubt, nor feel afraid.
When children still were very young,
They leaned God hates a lying tongue.
In modern times, it is not so.
Deceit now stalks the way we go.
The trust, once held in normal trade,
Is gone and evil plans are laid.
False men, false ways we are among.
But God still hates a lying tongue.



Trinity Men's Softball

Come cheer for our guys! All games are played at the NIKE Center, 2980 Lakeview Road in Hamburg. () indicates the diamond to be played on.

July 10 @ 6:30pm (1) vs. St. Bernadettes

July 17 @ 6:30pm (1) vs. Marilla First Baptist

July 20 @ 6:30pm (1) vs. Orchard Park Presbyterian

Southtowns Care Center Job Opening

The Southtowns Care Center is hiring an Administrative Assistant. For more information or if you are interested and would like to apply, please visit:

<https://sccadmin.typeform.com/to/IFcHGm>.

Applications will be accepted until July 5th.



Follow us on Facebook!

See current pictures, follow events and hear what people are saying about us! You might be surprised. We have two pages. Search for Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca OR Trinity Christian School, West Seneca, NY. Check us out and join in the fun!

Cemetery News

With summer upon us, it is important to be reminded of some of the Rules & Regulations of Trinity's Cemetery:

- **ANY** burials or spreading of ashes in Trinity's Cemetery are prohibited without pre-approval from the Cemetery Board. Both state and cemetery regulations need to be adhered to.
- Flowers and plants should be placed in rugged, sturdy containers which can be placed on either side of the monuments. They should not be planted directly in the ground. **NO** glass containers are allowed in the cemetery.
- In-ground plantings (trees, shrubs, etc.) are subject to Cemetery Board approval. Approval must be given prior to anything being planted.
- American flags placed in the cemetery for Memorial Day will be removed after July 4th.

Burial plots are still available in our cemetery.

- Members - \$700 per plot with a \$100 discount per plot when purchasing 2 or more at the same time.
- Non-members - \$1,400 per plot (no discounts given). Non-members must be relatives of a Trinity member in order to purchase plots.

Community VBS Programs

Looking for something for the "little ones" to do this summer? Check out the VBS Programs being offered in our community:

St. Luke's Lutheran (Cheektowaga): "Operation Arctic" June 25-29 @ 5:15pm-8:15pm. Call 633-6752 to register.

Winchester Community Church: "Galactic Starveyors" June 26-30 @ 6pm-8pm. *Ages PreK 4 - Grade 6.

Trinity Lutheran: "Rome" July 10-14 @ 9am-12pm *Ages PreK 3 - Grade 6. Registration forms on website or call 674-9188; walk ins welcome.

St. John's Lutheran (Depew): "Conquer the Day - Mega Sports Camp" July 24-28 @ 9am-11:30am

St. Paul's Lutheran (Eden): "Mighty Fortress" July 24-28 @ 9am-12pm *Ages 3 - 7th grade. Registration form on their website "www.stpaulseden.com"

Queen of Heaven (West Seneca): "Hero Central" August 14-18 @ 9am-12pm *Ages PreK - Grade 5. **Cost is \$25 per child.



Summer Camps at Pioneer

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center offers a variety of summer camps and family service weekends. For more information, look for the brochures on the table in the narthex or visit Pioneer's website (www.pioneercamp.org).

From the Church Office ...

E-Mail Addresses: Have you been receiving Trinity's monthly newsletter electronically? No? We can fix that! Contact the church office (674-9188) with your email address or you can write your name and email on a piece of paper and place it in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom. Help us "go paperless"!

Contact Information: If you have moved, changed your phone # or email address recently, please contact the church office so we can update your information.

Pew Sign-In Sheets: When attending services, please take a moment to sign the red attendance booklet that is located in each row's book holder closest to the center aisle.

Emergency Need

If a family member is **hospitalized** or there is an **emergency need**, please inform and phone Pastor Krueger (997-5666), the church office (674-9188), or one of the Deacons.

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Jr. High Youth Night: Jr. High students will continue to meet each month throughout the summer for an evening of fun! We will meet on **Monday, July 31 and Monday, August 21 from 7pm-8:30pm** in the school gym.

All graduated 8th Grade students are now a part of the Sr. High Youth group! See activities below!

Sr. High

Sr. High Small Group: Small group will take a break during the summer and will resume in the Fall ... but there are a bunch of fun events scheduled (see below). All recent 8th grade graduates are invited to join us!

- **Pizza Wars - July 7 at 5:30pm:** Join us in the school kitchen for a pizza making competition ... complete with parent judges!
- **Free Community Carwash - Saturday, July 15 from 10:30am-12:30pm:** Help us serve the community! We'll even have pizza for lunch!
- **Spiritual Scavenger Hunt and Dinner - Monday, August 14 at 7pm:** What is this??? You'll have to come to find out ... but you won't be disappointed!
- **Teen Campout - Friday, August 25 at 7:00pm:** Tents and all the fun stuff! Find out why you shouldn't touch the PINK APE!
- **Pioneer Service Project - date TBD:** Help us help Camp Pioneer!

LCMS Foundation

Christian Estate Planning Transfers Blessings

Estate planning is often avoided, even among Christians. No one wants to think about death. Many times, difficult choices need to be made and the process can be cumbersome. However, this end-of-life planning is as important of a time for the person who dies as it is for those who are left behind.

Spiritually, proper Christian estate planning protects, projects and transfers the blessings of God's abundant kindness. This kindness can be partially measured by wealth, but wealth doesn't begin to capture relationships, or the sense of meaning that other, more powerful factors quantify.

Each faithful Christian steward designs their charitable estate plan, their own **Lifetime Plan for Giving**, as if they were taking what is intangible (values or fervent hopes) and puts them into a plan that becomes tangible. This can be done today to provide blessings tomorrow for the people they love and the ministries they care about.

Whether naming trusted representatives to stand in for you, or naming exempt charitable entities or charitable trusts to avoid taxes, a Christian steward can take the time to coordinate his or her transfer of wealth in such a way as to bless rather than curse beneficiaries.

A gift to ministry in your plan says that you value God's Word and want to see it taught to your children's children. It communicates that, to you, faith is real, the one thing needful for people to enter in to the kingdom of heaven.

Transferring blessings involves so much more than wealth. It involves miracles that can be transferred to those we love. It fulfills the Great Commission until Christ comes again. For help with completing your Lifetime Plan for Giving, please contact . . . *Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner by email @ robert.wirth@lfn.org or by calling 716-863-4427.*

Trinity School News

School Valedictorian Speech - Alyssa Pokigo

Good evening everyone! Thank you for supporting our Trinity family by being here. I'm so thankful to be up here tonight. Congratulations kindergarteners you're a year older! You will have many memories and fun times with your class. We have learned a lot over the years here in Trinity. Miss Hoffmann taught us how to keep a room as clean as possible, Mrs. Willert taught us how to dissect sheep hearts, Mrs. Wright taught us how to say chicken nuggets in Spanish, and Mr. Willert taught us how to kill a fruit fly in our hands.

My classmates have grown so much since kindergarten. I remember in kindergarten when Mrs. H would give us candy before the timer went off when we had to clean up our mess. I also remember when the girls chased the boys with lip gloss and tried to put it on them. In kindergarten, it was so much easier to meet friends and have more fun. We didn't have to worry about exams, studying, reading, and lots of homework. We used to talk about wanting to grow up, but now that we're already getting old, I bet all my classmates want to be kindergarteners again.

I have seen so many people come and go through my nine years being at Trinity, but every person who came felt like family. We have so many great memories like when Miss Hartman locked a student out of the room because he kept asking to go to the bathroom. In third and fourth grade, I remember Lydia, Elliot, and I used to make songs about anything we thought of. Another memory was when we would make our own restaurant during recess in the corner of the playground with leaves and pinecones. I have so many other memories, but I would be talking for a really long time if I listed all of them.

My class has talked a lot about high school these past few months and to some of us it seems scary, but to some of us it seems so easy. In my opinion, I'm not very scared at all because I know God will be there with me through every step of the way. Even if things aren't working out for me, I know I can go to Him for anything. My favorite verse from psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." This verse means to me that I can go to Him for everything and He will help me through all my troubles.

In the story of David and Goliath, David was a very small guy but he volunteered to defeat a huge giant. He was comfortable with using just a simple sling as a weapon because he was skilled at using it. He didn't want to wear a coat of armor or a bronze helmet. With just a stone, David defeated Goliath by hitting it right into his forehead. David's faith in God caused him to look at the giant from a different perspective. When my classmates and I go to high school, we should act just like David and to not worry about "wearing the Kings armor" but to just be ourselves and use the talents God has given us and we can accomplish anything.

In high school I hope my classmates meet great Christian friends, and to try their hardest in all their classes. Some of us are going to a private school, but some are going to a public high school. No matter where we go, I still hope people will see our actions and realize that we are Christians and see God shining through us. God has blessed us with an amazing Christian school where we can talk about God and our beliefs and become stronger in our faith. I think Trinity has made a huge impact on my class, because if we all grew up in a public school, we might not be as good of Christians as we are today.

Now it's already time to say goodbye and move on to high school. I made so many great friendships here. It is going to be really hard to move on. There will be lots of tears and hugs, but we will try our best to stay in contact and visit the school a lot. I will really miss every person in this school. Since we only have six kids in our grade, it is so much easier to get on each other's nerves and argue a lot, but we get over it. We usually act a lot like brothers and sisters. I'm very thankful to have Lydia, Elliot, Andrew, Caleb, and Rosey in my grade to share incredible memories with. I will never forget the great time we had on the class trip to Chicago, like when we had a pillow fight in the hotel room and when we pranked Miss Hoffmann to believe the lights kept flickering out while Elliot was hiding in the closet playing with the light switches. I hope we see each other over the summer and make plenty more memories.

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School Valedictorian Speech - Alyssa Pokigo *(Continued)*

I just wanted to take time to thank everyone that have brought my classmates and I here. First, thank you family and friends for being here tonight. We really appreciate all your support and love. I would also like to thank Mrs. Fretthold for giving me great advice and being there for me whenever I needed to talk. Also I wanted to thank Mr. and Mrs. Willert, Pastor Krueger, Miss Hoffmann, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Aures. Thanks for teaching me this year and sharing great times. Also thank you to all my other past teachers including Mrs. H, Mrs. C, Miss Hartman, Mrs. Haas, and Mr. and Mrs. Mackey. All the teachers I've ever had here were all very kind, and I could always go to them to talk about anything. Also thank you classmates for making this year so much fun and all the past years. I can't thank anyone enough for all their hard work that everyone put into teaching our class and making it special.

This school has impacted me in so many ways. I've grown so much in my faith, grown academically, and in so many other ways. One of the biggest reasons I love this school is the Christian atmosphere. During school time, I see so many people being kind to each other, and everyone is encouraging to one another. Before I leave up here tonight, I just wanted to end my speech with a bible verse from Matthew 17:20. It says, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." This is a great reminder for my fellow graduates that when we have God in our hearts, we can do anything if we put our minds to it. Thank you everyone for all your time.

School Salutatorian Speech - Lydia Borzillieri

Good evening, fellow classmates, students, teachers, family and friends. We are gathered here today for the celebration of the kindergarten class and the eighth grade class of 2017. Thank you all for attending to celebrate with our graduates.

It has been quite a year. Between musicals, fundraisers and exams we have been very busy. At the beginning of the year, I was thrilled to be at the top and have more freedom as an eighth grader, but eighth grade was a lot more than just freedom. There are a lot more responsibilities, like keeping the younger kids in line, setting a good example, and being a good friend. After all of the stress of it being in my last year, I got through it. It may have seemed like a lot to keep grades up, keep a positive attitude, and remember that God is in control, but it was all worth it.

So, the new question would be, what now? Us eighth graders have spent many years surrounded by Christian teachers and classmates that we know and love. But, it is not going to be quite the same as we move on to high school and take on a lot more responsibility. Even if some of us are still attending Christian schools, it will never be the same as being a part of the loving Trinity family. It is our job to keep our faith strong no matter what happens in the next chapter of our lives.

Through my nine years at Trinity, there have been many hilarious events that have occurred. For example, one year at our school's annual spaghetti dinner, Aly and I took a walk on the path. We found a little place with water that had been turned into ice, or so we thought. Being the curious kids we were, we decided to step on it. Aly went first and of course, the ice was not thick, and she fell right in. I, on the other hand, had no idea she fell in and stepped on the "ice" as well. So then we were both hip-deep in freezing, muddy water.

Besides the funny parts of my experience at Trinity, there were a lot of really amazing things that helped our class bond so much. Like when the whole class came over for my birthday party, and we sang really loud in the kitchen. Or during the eighth grade class trip, when we all had a huge pillow fight and played a prank on Miss Hoffmann. All of these events will forever be in my mind as amazing memories with not just my closest friends, but with my family.

I have to say, my school experience wouldn't have nearly been as great without the help from my teachers, parents, and friends. My teachers this year, Mrs. Willert, Miss Hoffmann, Mrs. Wright, and Mr. Willert, have encouraged me so much not only academically, but spiritually as well. I have learned how to study properly, take notes, speak Spanish phrases, and so much more. I also learned that living a life for Jesus is extremely important. There is no other way.

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School Salutatorian Speech - Lydia Borzillieri (Continued)

I am very thankful for my parents and older siblings, who were great role models to me and never failed to show me how a proper Christian should act. I would also like to thank my friends, for being right by my side, and sharing my stress, which showed me I wasn't alone. And even though I have such wonderful family, friends, and teachers, I truly owe my thanks to God. He showed me so much in my life, and loved me even when I made mistakes. It was extremely comforting to know that the one who saved my life, was right by my side all the way and will continue to be for all the years to come.

There is no doubt about it. We will face some challenges through high school. But it is our job to show everyone the light of Jesus no matter what. It won't be easy to do the right thing, But it's so important. Another challenge will be finding friends. It is pretty easy to make a friend at Trinity, but it won't be as easy for some of us in a much larger school. I think that all of us should be brave, and be the one to start a conversation, or not wait for the friends to come to you.

As we move on from here and move on to a new chapter in our lives, I want the eighth graders and I to remember one important thing: Even though we will not be attending the same school anymore, and will feel alone, God will still always be by our side the whole time. And it will be very difficult to be brave and talk to others that we don't know yet. So, I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and trust God that when we talk to new people, it will benefit us. Thank you all for listening to my experience and words of encouragement. Congratulations to the class of 2017.

School Impact

By Mark Willert

Here's a note to you, our Trinity church family, about how our school became a blessing after tragedy. Many people synonymously use the word "family" for our student body where people feel cared for and loved by God through others. Read about the path God led Joni and her two children on after losing a husband and father to cancer. God is doing awesome things at Trinity!

Three and a half years ago my husband lost his battle with cancer. I was left to care for our then, seven year-old daughter, Gigi and five-year-old son, Louie. Learning to navigate through life as a single mother, working full time and taking care of a home had its challenges. My biggest concern always being my children.

Two years ago in July, I began feeling anxious about the upcoming school year. The thought of worldly influences, extensive homework and a recent influx of new students in the already crowded classrooms had me very concerned.

It was at that time that I found Trinity. I knew the minute the three of us walked the halls that hot July day that the Lord had led us there.

What I did not know at that time but would soon learn was that a new family was waiting for us at Trinity. A family that would wrap their loving arms around my children and care for them like a mother hen cares for her chicks. My children have grown both academically and spiritually. No words can express how thankful I am for that. Nothing is more important than giving them every opportunity to be grounded on the Word of God. I am confident their foundation is stronger because of the godly teaching at Trinity.

I want to thank each one of you for your prayer support and financial contributions. Because of this, families like ours are able to attend such a special place ... Trinity Christian School. ♥

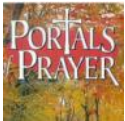
*God bless you,
Joni Canastraro*

Happy Birthday

7/1	Lois Galati John Kern	7/17	Stan Minko Samantha Canazzi	7/24	Thea Schultz
7/5	Aleta Fetzer	7/18	Judy Schmidt	7/26	Judy Jaeckle
7/7	Joshua Makey Madison Jaskier	7/19	Barbara Halvorsen Nolan Heckman	7/27	Rev. Dennis Krueger
7/10	Leslie Tripi Zachary LoVullo	7/20	Annette Neth Jessica Nickerson	7/28	James Smith Diane Roncone Greg Thompson
7/11	Trisha Sullivan	7/21	James Manzo	7/29	Marie Thompson
7/14	Bryce Zawadzki	7/22	Janine Wackowski	7/30	Hope Willert
7/16	Ken Mann Kim Meissner	7/23	Andrew Eising	7/31	Jenna Runge

Happy Anniversary

7/3	Larry & Marie Thompson Chris & Lynnae Kvilas	7/11	Richard & Karen Hollowood
7/5	Bob & Lois Rodgers Fred & Thea Schultz	7/12	Ryan & Beth McKernan
7/8	Larry & Peggy Wypior Andrew & Rachel Eising	7/17	Justin & Betty Jo Smith
		7/18	C.J. & Lindsey Lehsten
		7/19	Leslie & Tim Tripi



Portals of Prayer

July - Sept 2017 devotion booklets are now available. They can be found in the church entryway, on the Welcome Center in the narthex, and in the coatroom. Please take one and use it for home devotions! Give one to a friend who may be in need too!

Shut-In Members

If you know if a member of Trinity who should be on our **shut-in member list**, please let Pastor Krueger and the church office know! We want to care for all!!!

Shut-ins can receive our weekly Life at Trinity announcement sheet and monthly Trinity Tidings newsletter by mail. Contact the church office (674-9188) to find out more information.

LWML Buffalo Zone Picnic Wed., August 23, 2017 ~ 3pm - 7pm Camp Pioneer (Angola, NY)

Please bring a dish to pass and your own paper products and cutlery (dinner at 6pm). Appetizers, desserts and beverages will be provided. There will also be a Chinese Auction. Come and join in the fun for part of the day or the whole day. Hope to see you there.

LWML Fall Rally

Mark your calendars! This will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church (31 Washington Ave., Batavia, NY). Registration at 9am with program to follow (Chet Fery, The Bread Man); lunch at 12:30pm; business meeting at 1:30pm.

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