

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday Mornings 9:30am

“DELIVER US FROM EVIL”

Have you ever had “one of those days?” Everything seems to go bad . . . and then it gets worse! I had one of those evil days not too long ago that just seemed to draw the energy right out of me! I’m sure most of you can identify with this. Those of you who can’t, just wait! Your day may be coming!

Briefly, the day started with my email not working properly. Normally not a big deal, just an inconvenience. I contacted AOL technical help (so I thought) to resolve the problem. Long story short, it was a third party that scammed me to fix the problem and clean up my computer. I specifically asked if they were AOL technical help and they said they were. They got me for a few bucks (I feel so dumb!) and never fixed the original problem!! Later on I got in touch with the real AOL who addressed the problem. Some of you may be wondering why “AOL.” My address is still “verizon.net” but they have gotten out of the email business and shifted their customers to AOL. That actually was at the root of the email problem.

While all of the hassle with my email was going on, I experienced a problem with my bank card. I found out that it had been put on hold. I had no idea why, of course. After several calls to the bank, I found out that they put many accounts on hold who, like me, had recently received a new card with a chip in it. They said they did this to make sure everyone had authorized/validated their new card? Interesting strategy! At any rate this situation was fixed. Again, not a major crisis normally, but I was already frustrated.

Later on, though, came the real annoyance. I received a call supposedly from the IRS saying that I was being sued for fraudulent returns from 2002 through 2005. I might have been suspicious of this right away, had I not been audited for one of those years about eleven years ago. After they read me a whole lot of frightening legal charges and allegations they said I had two options.

I could either settle things over the phone to the tune of \$2,400 and change, or I could get a lawyer to represent me. If I chose the latter option, they said the police would be arriving in about 45 minutes to arrest me. Now I was getting very suspicious, although a little rattled. I did not pay anything, of course, and hung up the phone.

In retrospect I’m a little embarrassed that these things got to me, but they did. Two scams in one day along with a couple of technical clichés. FYI – If the IRS calls you like this, just hang up. And, if you need technical help for an internet problem, read the IP address very closely to make sure you are going to the right people. As far as technical clichés goes, I have no advice. They just happen! Perhaps turn the computer off and come back tomorrow! Sadly, so do scams! There are a lot of deceitful people out there just waiting to con someone and make a quick buck.

As I thought about this business of scams and scam artists, I came across a very interesting article. The writer wrote, “*I’ve been a securities regulator for twenty years, and I’ve seen more money stolen in the name of God than in any other way.*” The Pew Research people also report that many of the people leaving the church and religion today are doing so because they think that the church, religion and the Bible are a big scam. Sadly, much too often, these allegations are true – up to a point. All too many church and non-church people have used God and religion to scam away donations from well-meaning and vulnerable believers. The greater tragedy is that in the process they are scamming some people of their faith, or others from becoming believers. To me this a new facet of “evil” that we pray to be delivered from when we pray the Lord’s Prayer. In this petition we pray that the Lord would deliver us from the evils of body, soul, property, honor and faith. Lord, deliver us from deceitful scammers who may rob us of our faith and salvation!

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How great to know, believe and trust in the God of truth and His Holy Word. The great scammer and deceiver, the evil one, would cause us to doubt, disagree and reject God and His Word. Lord, strengthen our faith and deliver us from evil. Your Word is true! Unfortunately, as long as we are in this world we shall have to endure many deceptive lies and destructive evils. Through God's Word and Sacraments, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can endure and overcome such evils and threats. On our own we are in grave danger and cannot overcome the scam of sin!

Lord, deliver us from evil! May your servants depart in faith and peace according to Your Word. May our eyes behold the salvation won for us through Jesus!

Pastor Dennis J. Krueger

New Member Classes**Beginning September 27th at 7:00pm**

Interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church? Membership in a church is much more than just “signing up” so to speak. It is becoming a functioning part of the living “Body of Christ.” It is joining with others who share a common belief or confession of faith and life as we serve the Lord and others. For those who have a Lutheran church background it may only involve making a profession of faith. For others it involves attending a New Member Class to learn and understand the Lutheran faith we profess and live by. Class will begin on September 24 at 7pm at in the church meeting room and will meet on the subsequent four Wednesdays evenings through October. Anyone interested in attending should contact either Pastor Krueger or the church office (674-9188).



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

Ladies and men golfers welcome! The cost is \$20 per golfer which includes greens fee, riding cart, food and beverages. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for food and beverages at the course at approximately 2:00pm (free will offering will be taken). A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Register today!

SUMMER HOURS**WORSHIP:**

Saturday Evening at 5:00pm

(held outdoors if weather permits)

Sunday Morning at 9:30am

OFFICE:

Mon, Wed, & Thurs ~ 8am-4pm

Tuesday ~ 8am-12pm

**Sunday School News**

Sunday School will begin on Sept. 10th! We will meet in the school gym from 9:15am - 10:15am. All children who are 3 years old - 6th grade are invited to come have some fun and learn about Jesus! Please contact Sarah Gabel at sgabel@thinktrinitychristian.com for more information.

**VBS 2017****“Rome - Paul and the Underground Church”**

VBS 2017 was one of the best enrollments Trinity has ever seen! We had over 70 children attend! The children spent the week experiencing Roman culture. They visited Paul and learned about the early underground church. The children ended the week with a family picnic in the gym. We had over 40 wonderful volunteers who helped to make this VBS a huge success. There is a VBS reunion scheduled for September 17th at the 10:30 service. We will highlight some of the music from the week and have invited all the children to attend. Also, don't forget to bring your backpack to receive a blessing for a great start to the school year.

~ Beth McKernan
 VBS Coordinator

Members' Email Addresses

Does Trinity have your email address? Not sure? If you haven't been receiving Trinity's monthly newsletter via email, we probably don't have it or you have changed it and we need the new one. If this pertains to you, please 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.

Trinity School News

From the Principal ...

Next Saturday or Sunday when you are here for worship, why don't you stop in at the school for a moment and take a look at the progress on the bathrooms? It's wonderful to see the great new changes and the progress being made. Many of you helped with some demo work and many more of you helped financially, all of which is so appreciated! This work will much a huge difference in the appearance of the school!

As we prepare for a new school year, I'd like to share a poem, of sorts, written by a middle school science teacher in a Lutheran school. I hope it touches you and reinforces the importance of the school as a vehicle for Trinity's mission of "Making More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ."

I am a missionary. I work on the front lines of the mission field each and every day.

I am an encourager. I help children go further and higher than they ever thought they could. I help them see the many gifts God has given them, and think of ways they can use those gifts for His glory.

I am a shaper of the future. I have helped train teachers, pastors, missionaries, doctors, nurses, church organists, pharmacists, salesmen, police officers, businessmen and women, engineers.

I am a disciplinarian. I show children what responsibility is and how to embrace it. I not only teach children to say "I'm sorry", I teach them how to mean it.

I am a scientist. I keep alert to changes in my field, and stand in awe of the God that made this world and everything in it.

I am a student. Learning is part of my being. I can no more stop learning than I can stop breathing.

I am a dispenser of love. I love every student as if they were my very own. I cry for them, pray for them, cheer them on, and give them wings to succeed when they leave this school.

I am a counselor. I listen to parents and assist them in the hard decisions involved in raising children. I listen to children and assist them in making the hard decisions involved in being a kid today.

I am an all-year worker. I spend my evenings grading papers, my weekend writing lesson plans, and my summers researching new trends in my field, cleaning and preparing my classroom, and contacting new parents and students.

I am a hugger, a wiper of tears, an applier of band-aids, a tier of shoes, a zipper-upper, an opener of all things lunch related, a backpack fixer, a friendship mender, and a finder of lost items.

I am not in this for the money. I am in it for eternity. I want to see all of my students in Heaven someday, and I want them to bring others with the, as well.

I am a teacher. This is not my job. This is my life. It is in my soul. It is as much a part of me as my heart and lungs. God made me a teacher - I am not able to be separated from it. It is my calling, my ministry, my passion - what I do *matters*, and it is *important*.

~ Kathleen Fretthold
Principal, Trinity Christian School

PG Rated DVD's

Do you have any PG rated DVD's which are no longer watched or wanted? If so, please consider donating them to the Trinity School library. Some of the kids enjoy borrowing a DVD along with books. DVD's can be given to Nancy Hope or dropped off at the school.



2017-2018 School Year Enroll Your Child Today!

Trinity Christian School offers Pre-K 3 & 4 in addition to grades K-8. Before and after school care is also offered! Contact the school today at 674-5353 or trinity@thinktrinitychristian.com to enroll or to get more information.



Haiti Mission Trip

8 members of Trinity (Rachel Eising, Chris Kopra, Kevin & Colleen Kot, Brad & Theresa McKernan, Ryan Manzella, and Linda Meissner) will be leaving on a mission trip to Haiti on August 2. Please keep them in your prayers for a successful and safe trip.

The Haiti mission team wants to thank everyone who participated in donating supplies for the trip. You may not have been able to make the trip, but you have made the trip possible. A big thank you to a couple of community donors who supplied medical supplies for the Haiti mission trip. They are Wegman's McKinley Pharmacy in Blasdell and Union Medical Supplies on Union Rd in West Seneca. Thanks for sending us to be ambassadors for Christ.

Operation Christmas Child

Items being collected during the month of **August** are **GAMES** (playing cards, puzzles, etc.). Items can be placed in the Operation Christmas Child bin in the church narthex. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Seven Things That God Hates

Proverbs 6:16-20
(Part 3 of 7)

“Hands That Shed Innocent Blood”

God made our hands that we might be
Servants of His, eternally.
He gave us strength, He gave us skill
To build and heal, not crush or kill.
He did not say we could not be
Strong soldiers in His infantry.
If needful, we can stand and fight,
Defending truth and all that's right.
Our hands were never meant to kill
The innocents, or their blood spill.
We have no unction any day
His precious lambs to maim or slay.
Within His plan, there cannot be
Room to destroy a small baby.
And no approval does he give
That children shall no longer live.
Great is the sin of those who take
Small lives for but convenience's sake.
God listed of the things He hates,
(A subject not for strong debates)
“Shed not the blood of innocents” -
It is a law that makes good sense.
If God hates this (and it is true)
Should not His people hate it too?

Back to School Camp Out September 15-16, 2017

Bring your tent, pop-up, or RV and set up in the soccer field. We provide the hotdogs and buns, you provide the rest. Sit by the fire-side with your favorite camping snack and enjoy some great fellowship in the outdoors. There will be a free pancake breakfast the next morning. Sign-up forms will be available in the narthex soon. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event!



Music Ministry

Do you enjoy singing? Do you play an instrument? Can you ring a bell (or would like to learn)? As we look forward to September and our regular worship schedule, please consider serving in our music ministry. Opportunities include:

Singing Choir - sings about once/month during the 8am service and for festival services (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter); rehearses Sunday at 9am as needed.

Bell Choir - rings about once/month at various services; rehearses Thursday evenings at 6:30pm as needed.

Praise Band - leads worship Sunday morning at 10:30am; rehearses Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.

Please contact Ellen Makey (961-8378, esmky23@yahoo.com) or Pastor Krueger for more information.

Memorial Plaques

You can remember deceased loved ones who were once members of Trinity in a special way by purchasing a small engraved tab plaque to go on our Memorial Board located in the church's fellowship area. The cost is \$25. Please contact the church office (674-9188) if you are interested in purchasing a plaque. Orders will be accepted until September 3rd.

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.

COMING THIS FALL

By Pastor Krueger

Even though we're still in the midst of summer, the start of our academic and parish year are only about six weeks away. I'm excited about this Fall and our programming of studies and activities. Here are a **few** of the plans that are being worked on:

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

- Our Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will be focusing on Martin Luther and the Reformation that was sparked by his bold challenge to the Church and the Pope five hundred years ago.
- Reformation Sunday, October 29th, we will celebrate the Reformation in special festival worship services, followed by a congregational German-themed dinner ... the details on the dinner are not worked out yet.
- Dr. Paul Maier will speak at a special Friday evening celebration on Luther's birthday. Dr. Maier is one of "the" authorities on church history and archaeology! The event is hosted by Trinity and being held at the Orchard Park Country Club.

Mid-Week Bible Classes

- **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** and **Wednesdays at 10:00am** (if enough interest); **Classes begin on September 12, 2017**. Plan your Fall calendar now and commit to faithful study of God's Word.
- A couple of programs are being considered which will focus on the theme of "Discipleship." We want to consider what it means to truly follow Jesus today. Should be interesting and helpful to all!

New Member Class

- A basic "New Member Class" introducing the Lutheran faith and Trinity Lutheran Church to prospective members will be offered on Wednesday evenings starting on **September 27th at 7pm**. The class will continue on the subsequent four Wednesday evenings through the month of October.
- Current Trinity members are invited to attend for a "refresher" course!

Worship Services

- We will return to our regular schedule of services on the week-end after the Labor Day Holiday, September 9th and 10th.
- We will continue the Saturday 5pm services offering a variety of music and worship formats.
- Our 8am Traditional/Blended Service resumes on September 10th.
- The Contemporary-Praise Services resume on September 10th as well.
- Sunday School Classes and Bible Studies resume on September 10th, in between the morning worship services.
- On Sunday, September 17th we will have Installation of Officers and Teachers and the School Back Pack Blessing. There will be an ice cream social following the 10:30am service sponsored by the school.

September Specials

- Trinity Christian School begins the new academic year on Wednesday, September 6th. Trinity members are invited to welcome the new and returning students as they arrive to school that first day!
- The School & Church Family Camp Out is scheduled for September 15th-16th.
- Men's Ministry Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from Noon to about 4pm or so.
- A special "End of Life" Seminar is being offered on Saturday, September 23rd from 10am-Noon. This can be VERY HELPFUL for making one's own plans or helping other family members at the time of a death.

LWML EVENTS

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.

Eastern District Fall Retreat

September 15-17, 2017

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center

This year's theme is "Rejoice Always" (1 Thessaonians 5:16-18) and the speaker will be Jan Struck. For a registration form or more information, visit the Events section at "www.east-dist-lwml.org". Registration deadline is September 1.

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.



Altar Flowers

Altar flower donations are needed for September thru December. A sign up chart is posted in the church coatroom. Flowers are only \$10 per arrangement and can be taken home after the 10:30am service. We ask that 2 families sign up each week. Payments should be clearly marked "**Altar Flowers**" and placed in the **Church Office's message center** (cash or checks payable to "**Trinity Lutheran Church**").

Cemetery News . . .

Burial plots are available in our cemetery. The cost is:

- 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 to purchase plots in Trinity Cemetery

Children's Church

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



Trinity's New Website

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

We have a new website! Take a minute to check it out. Let us know what you think.

Secretary Needed

Salem Lutheran Church (10 McClellan Circle, South Buffalo) is seeking a part-time secretary Monday through Friday 9am - 1pm. Strong computer skills necessary (MS Windows, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook). Salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please call Salem's church office at 824-2787.

Thank You WSCC!

The West Seneca Community of Churches unanimously voted to donate half the offerings collected during their 2017 Lenten Journey series of worship services to Haiti. A check was recently received from them in the amount of \$1,197 (wow!) to help with our mission team's efforts. God is good! Thank you!



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!!!

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (July - Sept 2017) devotion booklets are still 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!



Recycle Old Crayons

A.C. Moore is collecting old crayons now until 8/2/17 for The Crayon Initiative (TCI). TCI recycles them into new ones and provides them to children's hospitals throughout the country. 1 lb of used crayons creates 5 packs of new crayons! Used crayons can be dropped off at any A.C. Moore location.

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Jr. High Youth Night: For grades 6-8 ... come out for a night of fun and games **July 31** and **August 21** at the Trinity gym from **7:00pm - 8:30pm**. Activities will be outside if the weather cooperates!

Sr. High

Spiritual Scavenger Hunt: Our first ever Spiritual Scavenger Hunt and Dinner will be held here on the Trinity Campus on **August 14 from 7pm - 9pm**. Clues will be found all over our buildings and property relating to faith, God and our relationship with Him. What will it be like??? You'll have to come and find out but you won't be disappointed! We start with Pizza at 7:00pm!

Sr. High Campout: Held on the Trinity Campus on **August 25 @ 7:00pm** and ends the 26th @ 10:00am. Bring your tents, sleeping bags and all the fun stuff! Or sleep under the stars if that suits you! And find out why you shouldn't touch the PINK APE (a new campout tradition)!

Sr. High Parent Meeting: **September 17 @ 11:45am** (after worship) in the meeting room to plan for the first semester activities!



Pizza's ready for the oven!

Pizza Wars!

Sr. High Pizza Wars event happened for the first time on July 7 in the school kitchen. Teens were broken up into two groups — each making hand-made pizza to be judged in two categories, taste and appearance. Each team won a category, so it was a tie! Thanks to our wonderful adults who judged, Ingrid Haman, Gertraud Warzecha and Pastor Krueger! For their devotion time, the teams were challenged to come up with ideas or ways how God, our relationship to Him, or our faith is kind of like pizza. Wow, did we get some interesting answers! We also shared that like the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12, there are many parts and each serve a purpose; much like pizza and how the many ingredients make up a wonderful thing to eat. But one ingredient by itself would not make a pizza; all that are put together form it.



Sign them up for hot-lunch!

Sr. High Campfire Kickoff

On June 21 Trinity youth, Trinity school alumni and their friends gathered at the Willert's house for an evening of fellowship, games, devotion and ... smores! Their devotion, "Little by Little", centered around Exodus 23:30 when God tells the Israelites He will drive out the enemies little by little because they couldn't inhabit the entire land all at once as the wild animals would move in and take over. So we asked the teens, "What are you looking forward to, or waiting for God to do?" They were reminded that sometimes God doesn't do things all at once but in steps so that we'll be able to handle it.



Aly and Katie at the smore table



Zack double fistfisted smores!



Sr. High Campfire June 2017



Smorelicious!



Calling in cars!

Carwash for the Community!

The Sr. Youth wanted to give back to God for all the blessings they've been given so they decided to do a free carwash for the community. Prior to the carwash they walked the neighborhood and distributed about 150 flyers inviting the neighbors to the event. On July 15 they held the carwash, putting big signs "FREE Carwash" out by the road, waving them in and washing the cars. Thanks to Trinity's Outreach Team for supplying the faith tracts and service times to pass out to cars and neighbors that stopped by! We made some neat connections with some folks that came. The weather was great, the teens felt good about their service and had fun doing it (albeit a little wet!). Thanks also to Dave Lein for supplying the soap and the lessons!

Placing the worship time stickers on the tracts



A little fun while we work!



Mark chatting with one of our neighbors while his truck is washed

Happy Birthday

8/1	Bitsy Colson Paul Zawadzki Amelia Babcock	8/12	Paula Winkelses Bradley McKernan	8/19	Paul Veros Michael Zarbo Ben Makosy Jamie Dirrigl	8/28	Ann Collord Levi Kotowski
8/2	Adam Zawadzki	8/15	Lori Hock			8/29	Mary Ann Moeller Jayden Ecker
8/3	Andrew Kosicki	8/16	Keith Tober Mike Farrell	8/20	Sara Lipinoga	8/30	Mark Ganschow Aaron McClellan
8/6	Nancy Ehlers	8/17	Joan Kopra	8/22	Ron Boersch		
8/7	Beverly Kinton Barbara Monahan Liam McKernan	8/18	Mildred Levy Michele Ganschow Alan Tedesco	8/23	Harris Wienke Ellen Makey	8/31	Taylor Blamowski
8/10	Carol Cislo		Lynnae Kwilas Jeffrey Kopra	8/25	Lauren Jaskier		
8/11	Sue Schueler Harry Babcock		Kathryn Berton Blakelyn Hall	8/26	Reed Courteau		
				8/27	Loretta Miller		

Happy Anniversary

8/1	Dan & Linda Rowsell	8/19	Harris & Vicky Wienke
8/2	Stanley & Carolyn Minko	8/20	Ronald & Judy Boersch
8/3	Mark & Robbin Blajszczak	8/22	Julie & David Blamowski
8/5	Jeffrey & Sandra Gertis	8/23	Travis & Michelle Ecker
8/6	Peter & Janet Bullock	8/24	Shirley & Charles Lorigo
8/8	David & Heidi Kosicki	8/26	Lars & Lisa Osberg
8/15	Carolyn & Kevin Flattery Jason & Marie Nappo	8/27	Mark & Corine Rodgers
8/16	Kevin & Colleen Kot	8/28	Don & Kim Meissner



Stephen Ministry

Are you ... Hurting? Struggling? Discouraged? Stressed? Confused? Broken? Facing a Tough Time? Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you. If you could benefit from confidential, one-on-one care and support, please contact Pastor Krueger (997-5666) to be connected to one of our Stephen Ministers.

The Lutheran Witness

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