

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2017

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm - Devotional

Sunday @ 8:00 am - Traditional

Sunday @ 10:30 am - Contemporary

“ THE FIVE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION! ”

This year, especially this Fall, we are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the nailing of Luther's 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. Many see this as the beginning of the Reformation that unfolded and evolved over the next several decades. The Reformation was not about a new theology per se, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth of God's Word. So it remains for us today. The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is a time to review and perhaps return to the truth, the basics, the foundation of our faith.

I'm sure most of you remember the Small Catechism. Many of us were made to memorize the catechism (or at least part of it) during our Confirmation classes. Some of us might have even suffered through a public examination over its contents. How much do you still remember? It's time to remember and emphasize the basic truths and teachings of God's Word. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the instruction of laypeople. He intended the Small Catechism to be used at church and in the home to instruct children in the faith and to reinforce the faith in the hearts and minds of adults. The catechism teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys and Confession. This small book is well worth your time to re-read and study. It still serves as a basis for teaching the faith today!

This Fall we are going to take an overview look at the Reformation movement in our Sunday morning Bible classes, specifically Dr. Martin Luther: The Man; The Moment; The Movement. After that, probably this next winter, we will review Luther's Small Catechism. Hopefully many of you will join us on Sundays at 9:15am to review and celebrate the blessing of the Reformation!

On Martin Luther's birthday, Friday evening November 10th, we will gather together at the Orchard Park Country Club for a special program remembering Dr. Luther and the Reformation. Noted author and historian, Dr. Paul Maier will speak about the continued significance of the Reformation 500 years later. This should really be a very special evening that you won't want to miss! If interested in attending this function you MUST sign up on the 'sign-up' sheet in the church narthex or email Teresa in the church office. Seating is limited and invitations have gone out to the area Lutheran churches. If you just show up that night and did not make a reservation, you could possibly be out of luck! Reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time when we recommit ourselves to the basic truth of God's Word and Sacraments, and turn to Christ and His love. It's *still* all about Jesus.



~ Pastor Dennis J. Krueger

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9th & 10th

Saturday at 5:00pm

(Devotional - variety of worship and music)

Sunday at 8:00am

(Traditional / Blended - liturgy, hymns and worship songs)

Sunday at 10:30am

(Contemporary - praise music led by praise teams; service projected on the screen)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

8:00am – 3:00pm

New Member Classes

We plan to kick off a new (prospective) members' informational class on **Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7pm**. The class will meet on the Wednesday evenings of October (4, 11, 18 & 25) from 7pm-8:30pm. We will cover the basics of Lutheran doctrine and the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our first class on Sept. 27 will be an introductory session and discussion of the informational course. Please contact either the church office or Pastor Krueger if you plan to attend.



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) Pastor Krueger for more information.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be held during the Sunday 10:30am service beginning on September 10.



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.

End-of-Life Seminar

Saturday, September 23rd

10am - 12pm

Are you prepared for a Bon Voyage? Living life abundantly is being prepared for the future. Providing for loved ones, having a plan for distributing your wealth and goods, and communicating those plans to those who need to know are all important steps to end of life preparation. Do you have a *health care proxy*? Or would a living will or *Durable Power of Attorney* be a better option? When is a good time to plan a funeral? Would Long Term Care insurance protect my assets from the *Medicaid buy down*? But, you say, I'm *too young* to worry about these things! What if something catastrophic happened today or tomorrow? Who would inherit your material items, or would a loved one inherit a headache of legal problems? Do you have parents or elder relatives for whom *you* will be responsible when they are no longer able to live independently? Come to a seminar **September 23, 2017, from 10am-12pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church, to learn from four knowledgeable resource people. We'll have Peter Leslie, funeral director from Sieck, Mast & Leslie; Robert Moeller, real estate and estate lawyer; Brian Makey, Thrivent Representative; and Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner on hand to speak and answer questions. There will be time allowed for general questions between each speaker. Please contact Linda Meissner @ 648-1281 or meisshaus@gmail.com to make a reservation by **Monday, September 18**.

Confirmation Classes to Start Up

We're excited to share that on September 17, we'll begin our classes for those in 7th and 8th grade. Held in the school in the 5th and 6th grade classroom, classes will run every Sunday except holidays during the Sunday School and Bible Study hour from 9:15-10:15am. We're blessed to have Chris Kopra teaching once again as he has for about 8 years now. The kids love him as he tries to keep interest using technology, music, and group discussion. Confirmation is to help our teens say, "Yeah, this is what I believe, and I'd like to be a member of this church." Families will be mailed information regarding the program this week.

Trinity School News

From the Principal ...

Many congregations and schools have developed or are establishing Endowment Funds. Trinity, both church and school, are implementing endowment programs to help ensure the continuation of the facilities and mission that were first established over 150 years ago. Trinity, however, has actively been involved in endowment since the school began! Dear brothers and sisters, your "endowment" to your school has reaped, and continues to produce, benefits far beyond our comprehension. The thousands of students who have walked these halls heard the Gospel message over and over, saw examples of Christian living everyday in the staff and volunteers, and learned what it means to be a child of God. Of course, not all students accepted or embraced that message. However, we cannot fathom how many lives have been touched by the word or example of our staff and students.

A recent study showed that a large majority of public servants (including politicians) in the Chicago area attended parochial or private schools. The leadership, accountability and respect they experienced everyday in those schools led them towards lives of public service. How many of our students went on to be Christian leaders, either in the public or private sector, or Christian parents, supporting and perpetuating the Gospel in both children and adults? We don't know, but we DO know that Trinity Lutheran Church and School has affected thousands of lives here in Western New York and probably nationally, as well. We know that we have supported our teacher missionaries throughout the years, brought children and families to faith through the hearing of the Word, and trained Christian leaders for communities across the country. That is an AMAZING endowment!

Your school is growing! With that growth comes additional responsibilities and challenges, and even greater opportunity to fulfill your mission. I know that there are limited opportunities for "hands on" in the school, but this year, I am going to ask the congregation to consider taking a greater responsibility for the actual sharing of the Word among our school families. While many of our school families are active church goers and, through them, we are building "better" disciples, there is also tremendous opportunity for making "more" disciples among those families who are not actively living as Christians or don't even know what that means. This is a very challenging request! Pastor Krueger, the school staff, your Outreach committee, the Board of Christian Education and I will be looking at ways that all of us and you, as a congregation and disciples, can personally engage with our school families in meaningful Christian conversation. Are you willing? Will you prayerfully consider being involved with reaching out to our families who have yet to experience the joy of a life in Christ? Our first priority at the school is to be the vehicle to provide the Word to as many people as possible, and we can be most effective with your help!

I am daily blessed to work among the incredible school staff and volunteers and the loving people of this congregation. Please continue to pray for your school, support it generously, and prayerfully consider how you can be "hands on" through word or action within the school itself, through volunteering or as a family missionary. God Bless you, good and faithful servants!

~ Kathleen Fretthold

Garden Produce Welcome!

Do you have a garden? So many tomatoes, cucumbers, or any other vegetables or fruits that you just don't know what to do with them? Trinity School's lunch program is your answer! If you have any produce that you would like to donate, please contact the school at 674-5353. All items are welcome!

Backpack Blessing

As we look forward to the beginning of a new school year, we will be offering "Backpack Blessings" to all of our students on **Sunday, Sept. 17th** in our Sunday morning services. All invited to join us at the school following the 10:30am service that day for icecream and to see our classrooms and newly renovated bathrooms!



**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!

**Deacons & Ushering Team
Leader Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the deacons and ushering team leaders on **Saturday, September 30th at 9:00am** at church. Those unable to attend should inform Mark Ganschow or Bob Eising.



**Trinity Campout
September 15-16, 2017**

Bring your tent, pop-up, RV or just sleep under the stars! Setup begins at 6pm; hotdog dinner at 7pm (we supply the hotdogs and buns; you provide everything else); campfire w/ devotions at 8:30pm; pancake breakfast from 7:45am-8:45am. Non-overnight campers are invited to come back and join us.

Register **by Monday, September 11**. Forms can be found in the church narthex or call the church office (674-9188) or school office (674-5353). We have LIMITED SPACE, so sign up early!

Stephen Ministry

Calling all trained Stephen Ministry Care Givers! Our first meeting / supervision will be on **Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7:00pm**. We'll discuss how often and when we'll meet for subsequent sessions.

Health Ministry: Flu Vaccines

The best time to get the flu vaccine is late September to October according to William Schaffner, MD and professor of preventative medicine and infectious diseases, but if you are traveling or think you might forget to get the vaccine, do it sooner. It takes at least two weeks for antibodies to develop to fight off the flu. There will NOT be a clinic here at Trinity because the VNA has discontinued its flu clinic services due to the high number of drug stores offering the vaccine. Ask your primary doctor about the shingles vaccine, or if you have asthma or other breathing problems or are 65+, ask about getting a pneumonia vaccine.

2017-18 Time & Talent Survey Update

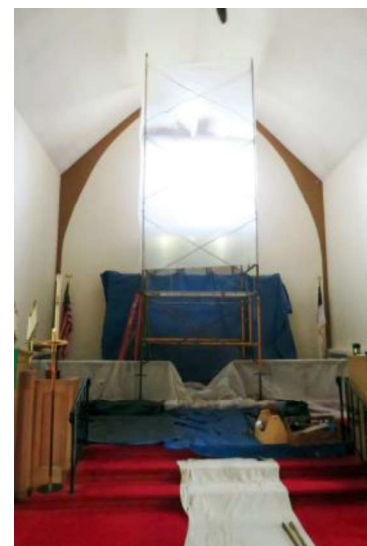
Thank you again to those who participated. Trinity truly is blessed! It is amazing to see how many of our members are currently using their time and talents to further the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School as well as those who have shown an interest in hearing more about a particular ministry. The survey results have been compiled and reports have been distributed to the various ministry/committee chairs. The Inclusion Committee has asked all chairs/leaders of the various committees/ministries to contact those members who indicated an interest in their particular committee/ministry.

What's Wrong with This Picture?

Have you noticed anything different in front of church? Yes, the stained glass is missing! At a cost of about \$20,000 we're finally getting the badly needed repairs done. The stained glass was buckling so badly the repair man said we were lucky (blessed!) they didn't actually break. He also mentioned they were of very high quality. They'll be gone for a few months while being worked on and then reinstalled once finished.

How does it feel missing them in front of church? It's one of those things that you don't really appreciate or realize the impact they have until they are gone. Yes, we are blessed that long before we were alive, our forefathers designed and intended these to be an enhancement to our worship. All praise to God!

But the work isn't over and neither is the cost to repair them. Currently Trinity members and friends have given about \$12,400 and we still need \$7,600 more. If you can even chip in \$50 or \$75 that'd be a great help. Please help us ensure the look of our worship space for generations to come!





Sunday Morning Bible Class

This Fall our Sunday morning Bible Class will focus on the meaning and history of the Reformation. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, we will survey the context and substance of what we call the Reformation. Throughout the Fall we'll specifically cover the Reformation through *Dr. Martin Luther: The Man; The Moment; the Movement*. All members are encouraged to join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15am** in the church meeting room **beginning on Sept. 10**. After the holidays, we'll follow up with a review of Luther's Small Catechism.

Mid-Week Bible Class

Our Mid-Week Bible Class will once again meet on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm** and possibly **Wednesday mornings at 10am** if there is sufficient interest / attendance **beginning September 12 & 13**. We will embark upon a discipleship journey as prescribed in the Bible. We'll wrestle with what it means to be a completely committed disciple and follower of Jesus. Our Lord called us to "follow" Him and to love and serve as He did. It is not His will that we merely join His "fan club" so to speak and cheer for Him. Your first step to "following" Jesus may be to join us on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Hope to see you this Fall and follow Jesus together!

Ladies Bible Study

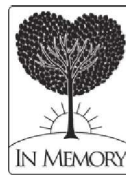
We will have an organizational meeting meet on **Monday, September 25 at 7:00 PM**. After that meeting, our schedule and title of study will be established. Any ladies of Trinity are welcome, as are their friends. If anyone is interested in this group, please send your contact information (home and/or cell number and e-mail address to Nancy Hope at nandr.hope@verizon.net or 674-8544.

Men in Ministry

Trinity's Men in Ministry group meets the second Saturday of each month from 9:00am-10:30am. Their next meeting will be on October 14. There will no be a meeting in September due to the golf outing. All men are invited to attend!

Griefshare

Grief is a normal and necessary experience that we all go through when we lose a loved one or suffer some other change or loss. This Fall we want to offer the "Griefshare" process to assist our members who are dealing with grief and loss. Bruce & Kris Heckman have led many people through the Griefshare program and are willing to do so once again if we have some people who are interested and willing. We would meet weekly on Monday evenings at the Heckman's home. Please contact Pastor Krueger as soon as possible if you'd like to attend.



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.



Called To Their Heavenly Rest:

Robert Johnson on August 11, 2017

Betty Osborne on August 23, 2017

John Ehlers (husband of Nancy Ehlers) on July 17, 2017

LWML Upcoming Events

Eastern District Fall Retreat

September 15-17, 2017

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center

This year's theme is "Rejoice Always" (1 Thess. 5:16-18) and the speaker will be Jan Struck. Registration forms can be found at "www.east-dist-lwml.org" under the Events section. The cost for full time attendance, Friday thru Sunday is \$155. Part time depends on required lodging and meals desired. After September 1, a \$25 late fee is added to the cost of the retreat. For more info, see or call Linda Meissner (648-1281).

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.

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Jr. High Youth Night: All teens grades 6-8 are invited to come out for a night of fun and games at the Trinity School gym. Refer to upcoming weekly "Life at Trinity" announcement sheets for our September meeting date.

Sr. High

Small Group: The dates for September's Sr. High Small Group meetings have yet to be decided upon. Please refer to upcoming weekly "Life at Trinity" announcements sheets for meeting dates.

High School Youth Group Devotions: Weekly devotions will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Youth Group Room **beginning on September 10.**

Sr. High Parent Meeting ~ NEW TIME: **September 17 @ 9:15am** in the youth group room in the church basement to plan for the first semester activities!

Trinity Teens and Friends Get a Clue!

On August 13, the Sr. High gathered for a spiritual scavenger hunt. Split into two teams, they were given a sheet of questions that caused them to search the Bible for answers, find the object somewhere on the Trinity campus and take a picture of it. After all pictures were taken and questions answered, both teams shared their findings with the adult judges. They were evaluated on who finished first, correct answer, and creativity of the picture which had to include at least one of the team members and the item. Boy were there some creative pictures!

This event was not only fun but also got them working together searching the scriptures for answers. Mark shared a brief devotion that evening based on 2 Timothy: 16-17, which is about having God in our hearts, and His Word being a great impact through all of life. The same way we were searching for answers in scripture for the hunt, we can search also for his Word and apply it in our life through good and bad times. Students were asked what Bible verses they remember from heart and how God has worked through those verses. It was so neat to hear some of them share how He has made a difference and encouraged them through passages they have clung to.

We'd like to thank Bill Miller for his suggestion on doing this activity and also Linda Meissner who shared ideas with us for the hunt! Also a big thanks to the Outreach Team for the witness wear backpacks and pencil/pen pouches that contained cool verses for the teens to take!



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.



Readers Needed

Are you willing to occasionally read the Scripture readings during Sunday worship service? If yes, please contact Robin Makosy by **September 3rd** at makokofam@roadrunner.com. Readers are needed for both services and will be asked to read 1-3 passages from the Bible, which will be given to them in advance.

Operation Christmas Child

Items being collected in **September** are **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** (pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books). 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 4 of 7)

“A Heart Devising Wicked Imaginations”

When you are freed from the tiring tasks
And you are granted an interlude -
When you relax where the porpoise basks,
When you are in a vacation mood,
What do your thoughts in the leisure dream?
What kind of action invades your mind?
Does it embrace a cool mountain stream?
Where, for a day, you'll a respite find?
Or, in that place where no one can see,
Hidden from blame, on a secret screen,
Do you devise things that should not be -
Evil-imagined, you wish could have been?
God hates a heart that deviseth wrong,
One who pretends to be holy and clean -
One who quotes Scripture and breaks forth in song,
Yet, nurtures evil and actions unclean.
People around you see what you portray,
Never discerning an unholy part.
From the beginning, God's perfect x-ray
Accurately pictures the thoughts of the heart.

They're Coming to Us!

So maybe by now you've heard of the Pokémon Go game that's been out since last summer. Well here at Trinity we have people coming onto the Trinity campus to regularly play the game. I caught a few pictures of some of the groups that have come to get in on the action. Why here? Because Trinity has a few locations on its grounds that are included in the game. We get single folks, families, neighbors, couples, groups of friends and folks that get word who don't even know each other to group up and play. They even come in the rain!

God has really provided an opportunity for Trinity to reach out to folks that are coming our way. Like He's saying, "Here you go... would you please share my love with them?"

What does this mean? Well, let's start simple ... feed them. For less than \$25 we could set a date, advertise that we're going to have an event (I have a big sign already made), feed them hotdogs and interact with them while they're here. The beauty of it is we don't even need to know how to play the game (or even have a desire to). Just be willing to interact while munching on a hotdog or drinking some lemonade and let God lead. Give them a chance to think, "Hey, these people at Trinity are pretty cool folks. What a neat thing."

"Whom shall I send...?" We sing these lyrics in church a few times a year in the song "Here I Am Lord". Great song. Here's your chance. :)

I'd also like to propose we get some benches for people to sit on under those trees by the cemetery and make it even more welcoming. A \$250 Thrivent action grant would get us going with those for this event. I bet we even have some folks that could build some. ;)

So please give me a call (Mark Willert 608-8907), send me an email mwillert@ThinkTrinityChristian.com, or send up some white smoke, and I'll be in touch. I'll wait 2 weeks after this newsletter is out and schedule a time for a brief meeting. Let's just get this one-time event going and see where God leads us. I sincerely believe God will honor and bless our efforts.



Trinity School Exciting News!

"God is doing something great at Trinity..." These words were shared on June 15, by the graduation speaker, Chris Kopra (2003 grad.), who addressed the 2017 graduating class and school families. Little did he know that with our closing ceremony that evening, we would begin a new school year 2 months later with God doing exactly that. So much has happened within those two months we want to give God the praise and shout those good things from the roof tops!

First, our **K-8 enrollment has increased from last year by over 20%**! Personal testimony, encouragement and word of mouth continue to be our best advertisement. Our school family (parents) is not only made up of owners of local businesses, presidents of businesses and professional sport team staff, but also stay at home moms and dads, home school families who decided to give Trinity a try, church/ministry worker parents, public school teachers, families that wanted something other than what public school was offering or the experience they were receiving, those that want a Christian Education but can't afford it, and those who put Christian education as a first priority. Simply, Trinity is a ministry that shares the love of Jesus through the process of education.

Next, the June **Business First 2017 Schools Guide** has ranked Trinity #17 out of 194 (top 9%) middle schools, ranking higher than Orchard Park, St. John Vianney, Hamburg, and Christian Central Academy to name a few (we were only one point lower than East Aurora). They gave us a 91.7%. We rank 8 out of 43 private schools. Their ratings are taken from four years of collected data.

Our Pre-K age three program has grown from 2 to 7 students! That's a 350% growth. Our preschool program is what helps feed into the rest of our school (K-8). The class this year will be separate from the four year olds for the first time this program started 3 years ago! We are growing and expanding.

Our **school bathroom** upgrades are almost completed! The construction guys and Dave Sirgey (school board president) have been hard at it for a month now. Come and see the new bathrooms and new handicap accessible bathroom next to the school office - big difference! Thanks to Dave and all the folks that volunteered their time (many, many hours) to help keep the cost down.

It's the long-term goal of the school to **become more self supporting financially**. This will in turn allow the church to broaden it's Gospel reach through it's growing ministries such as the work in Haiti, Stephen Ministry, Youth and Families, Sunday School, Children's Church, VBS (what a week it was!), etc. For the last two years, the school accomplished that goal of coming under budget - sharing back with the church some of what it brought in financially.

There's certainly much to be thankful for, especially in a time where Christian churches, schools, camps and ministries are shrinking, struggling and closing. God will continue to do "something great" through Trinity Church and School. It is not us, but Him. Thank you for allowing God to work through you and your continued support of this 164 year ministry. He is doing **great things** through you!



Did You Catch the Eclipse?

Devotional thought by Hope Willert

Recently there was an eclipse and the moon went in front of the sun, blocking some of the light from shining down. I kind of compare the sun being like God and the moon is like sin and the devil. The Bible says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12. This verse tells us that Jesus is the light of the world- just like the sun! But the darkness is sin. When we sin we feel far away from God and we live in darkness, just like the moon covering the sun. When we are lost in the darkness of sin, we feel alone. But we don't have to because God is still there even if we aren't able to see Him. Just like when the moon covers the sun, we can see darkness. But we know that the sun is still there even though it is behind the moon. Now, this was a partial eclipse, and that can represent a not as bad sin, where there isn't as much darkness, but we know that no matter how much darkness there is, God is always there. John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." So sin and darkness can't cover up God. No matter how much we sin, God will always be here for us, welcoming us back into His light all because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Prayer:

Dear God, Thank you so much for always being there no matter how many bad things we do. Thank you for creating really cool things like eclipses for us to see. Please help us to resist sin and to live in your light. Amen

Haiti Mission Trip August 2017

We hope that many of you have been able to follow our team's daily activities while in Haiti via the Facebook L.I.F.E. page or via email. There are many photos on Facebook, we encourage you to look! After one week in 95+ degree heat, our team safely returned home on August 9th. Time was spent serving the Upper Room Orphanage as well as two families in Fovo - a farming community about 1 hour outside of the country's capital. In Fovo, we joined with Fair Haven Baptist Church of Michigan to break ground with pick axes and shovels preparing the foundation of two homes. On our second work day in Fovo, we were able to lay much of the foundation of one of the homes. Despite lacking machinery, it was amazing to see what many helping hands were able to accomplish over the course of two days! We learned that one of the homes would house eight people!

Our days spent with the Upper Room were incredible. The children were treated to a beach excursion during which they each received their own bottle of pop. One of the special moments of the trip was watching the children sit shoulder to shoulder on a wall ledge overlooking the ocean drinking their pop and just taking it all in. That day concluded with cinnamon buns on the bus ride home as well! Another day was spent at the orphanage hosting a VBS program themed around Noah's Ark. Many of the local school children were able to join in the fun and devotions as well. On Sunday we were once again able to worship with Mama, Papa, and the children at the Mission of Hope Campus Church.

Seeing the children of the Upper Room and having new Trinity Church members build relationships with them was truly heartwarming. Since returning, our group members have to cope with not only missing the children, but the drastic differences between our two worlds. As difficult as that may be, the experience of showing love to those children made it all worth it. The children, Mama, and Papa all know why we were there, and *Who* we were there on behalf of - Jesus Christ. Being able to make them smile, hold them, and give a hug in His name brings true joy and covers any sorrow.

Please know on behalf of Papa Josy and Mama Kerlin how grateful they are for you and your support. Our monthly sponsors relieve the incredible burden of worrying how many meals the children will receive and whether they can afford to pay teachers for school. The countless donations received for this mission trip allowed us to provide the special days we spent with children. Those days are undoubtedly cherished by the children and help to build self-value knowing they are loved in God's eyes. The donations also enabled The Upper Room to receive a new mattress for each child. Seeing firsthand the sleeping accommodations, we can only tell you how much of a blessing this will be! The mattresses are being manufactured in Haiti and delivered soon. Because of the generosity of donations, we additionally are able to bless The Upper Room with solar panels, inverters, and batteries to give them electricity! Not only will this benefit the children directly, but it also is allowing The Upper Room School to expand their education to include computer classes - an incredibly impactful asset to Haitian schools! Josy continues to have success in growing enrollment in the Upper Room School and this continues to be a means of income.

For years with modest means, Josy and Kerlin have stayed faithful to God caring for the children of the Upper Room as best they could. They have stayed faithful knowing that God would provide. Please know how much your gifts these past couple years have answered their prayers and shown God's glory and faithfulness to them! We encourage you to stay tuned for updates regarding the Upper Room and encourage you to ask any of our team members about the ongoing mission and needs. We are hoping to send another mission team this January/February. If interested please contact us at trinitylife4christ@gmail.com. Please continue to pray for Upper Room. Thank you!



Happy Birthday

9/1	Laura Broderdorf	9/9	Kim McLaughlin	Wesley Pletscher	
9/2	Jessica Ecker	9/10	Ron Hope	Mark Zawadzki	
9/3	Harper Farrell	9/12	Michael McKernan	9/21	David Lein
9/4	Amy Lipinoga Jane Bookhagen	9/13	Ruth Walczak Sarah Gabel	9/24	Megan Manzo
9/5	Marjorie Doan Mark Willert Faith Flattery	9/15	Steven Ringle	9/26	Robert Brown Lauren Tober
9/7	Travis Ecker Jennifer Sherer	9/16	Lisa Lopez Jesse Fenton Katie Wackowski	9/27	Rachel Antes
9/8	Richard Hollowood Roger McClellan	9/19	Laurie Antes	9/28	Neil Schueler
		9/20	Jacqueline Paz	9/29	Jeremy Heckman
				9/30	Chuck Stevens Nora Eising

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9/5	Jeremy & Shannon Heckman	9/17	Mark & Michele Ganschow
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9/8	Neil & Sue Schueler	9/24	David & Marilyn Lein
9/10	Linda & Leslie Wrobel Timothy & Justine Monahan	9/26	John & Karen McCoy
9/11	Joanne & Craig Jaskier	9/27	Michael & Lori Hock
9/14	Paul & Kristen Zawadzki	9/28	Roger & Laurel McClellan



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Hurting? Struggling?
Discouraged? Stressed?
Confused? Broken?
Facing a Tough Time?

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