

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

“GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE!”

I'm sure you remember the well known phrase above from the lips of "Tiny Tim" in Charles Dickens' *"A Christmas Carol."* It may seem like a strange title for an article in the July "Trinity Tidings," I suppose. It's not one of those 'Christmas in July' attempts, I assure you. Actually it is a reflection on a couple of responses from recent visitors to our worship services recently. Ironically, both of them were from Lutheran pastors. This past week we were visited by a Canadian pastor and his wife, and several months ago a local pastor joined us for worship. Both of them remarked at the enthusiasm and excitement they experienced before, during and after the worship service. They especially noted the joyful presence of so many children and younger families. They also made it a point to compliment the wonderful music and service projection on the screen.

Brothers and sisters of Trinity, we are truly blessed as a church. Our weekly attendance is up a little, approaching 200 many weeks (not quite the average yet). Our school enrollment was up to 100 this past year. The school passed its accreditation review with flying colors and has been recognized as one of the highest quality programs in the Buffalo area. As a congregation that supports a Pre-K thru 8th grade school we are meeting our budget! Beyond that we have grown in our mission mindedness and support in the West Seneca community, Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Southtowns Care Center, the Upper Room Orphanage and School, Buffalo City Mission and other new mission trips. We've been good stewards of our Trinity campus in repairing and upgrading the church stained glass windows, the leaking basement wall, the school restrooms, enhancing the church cemetery, and technology upgrades in the school and church. New programs have been added and are making good strides: the Children's Church program; Stephen Ministry; a variety of studies sponsored by our Women's Ministry and the Men in Ministry. Our website has been revamped and is increasing in the number of 'hits' it's receiving. Our Youth Ministry has received new attention and is growing. And our music program is outstanding! That's the comment I have heard from a number of visitors. Our Praise Teams each have their own character and style, but are of high quality and do a great job! The adult choir is down in numbers, a sign of the times I suspect, but still sounds great. The bell choir is a real gem that we are so blessed to enjoy. As we head into the summer months, we are also blessed to worship outdoors on Saturday evenings. And, Trinity is blessed with many quiet yet dedicated volunteers behind the scenes offering all kinds of service to the Lord in the ministry of His church.

We at Trinity are truly blessed, everyone! Let us give thanks to God – to Him be all the glory! Let us also dedicate ourselves in the Lord's service to preserve the joy and harmony of our mission and ministry together in Jesus' name!

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger

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



VBS 2018
“Shipwrecked”
July 9-13, 2018
9:00am-11:45am

All children ages 3 (potty trained) thru 6th Grade in the Fall are welcome. Registration forms can be found in the narthex, on our church website, or register on-line: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinitylutheran2018>. Please place completed forms in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom, return the to school office, or email them to "trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net".

If you signed up to donate an item for VBS, thank you! Items should be brought to church by July 5th. The office will be open Monday 7/2 8am-4pm, Tuesday 7/3 8am-12pm, and Thursday 8am-4pm.



Men in Ministry Picnic
Sunday, July 8th
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Men in Ministry is hosting an open house at Bob Rodgers' home (3282 Baker Rd.). Trinity members, relatives, and friends are all welcome! He will have his outdoor model trains running and also display some radio controlled airplanes. Refreshments will be served and parking is available in the school district office lot just down the street.

Trinity Member Needs Help

One of our members could use a little help. He has very little furniture and could use a few items. Many of us have “extra” pieces in our garage or basement that we would be more than happy to part with and see someone else get additional use out of. The furniture needed is: a queen bed frame and headboard; a clothing dresser; a living room couch and loveseat (or chair); an end table or two and a couple of lamps; a kitchen (dining) table and chairs. If you can help notify the church office and we will coordinate a pick-up time with you to deliver them to their new home. Thanks!!



Bisons Baseball Game
Sunday, July 22 at 1:05pm

Tickets: \$10

Trinity's Men in Ministry is sponsoring a day at the ball park to see the Buffalo Bisons play the Durham Bulls. Please sign up in the church narthex (sheet is on the table by the Memorial Board). All are welcome to join us at Ballyhoo (211 South Park Ave, Buffalo) following the game.



Trinity's Men in Ministry
5th Annual Golf Outing
August 11th 12pm - 4pm
Turkey Run Golf Course

Ladies and men golfers welcome! The cost is \$20 per golfer which includes greens fee, riding cart, food and on-course beverages. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for food and beverages (cash bar) at the course at approximately 2:00pm (\$5 fee for ages 12 and over). A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Trinity Church & School Picnic

Thank you to all of those who attended our church and school picnic. Yes it rained, or should we say poured, but that was a clear message from God to set up indoors. There were nearly 100 in attendance - both church and school families. The kids and adults enjoyed the several games that were set up throughout the school. The hot dog lunch hit the spot and all enjoyed their ice cream treats. We collected 14 bags of groceries for St. Luke's Lutheran Church food pantry - thank you to those who generously donated. Finally, a special thank you to all the volunteers who worked together to make this picnic enjoyable for all!

July Witness Center Idea of the Month

There are a number of events coming up during the summer months that are easy to invite your friends, family and neighbors to. Encourage a friend to check out our outdoor worship on Saturday evenings or pass along Trinity's VBS information to those with kids. As always, if you think of other ways that your fellow church family can be a witness in their communities please share with us on the cards at the witness center so that we can publicize it. Thank you and God Bless you to be his outreach.

Rent-A-Teen

Have some things you need to get done around the house? Why not have one of our Trinity high school teens do the job so they can raise some money for their trip. Contact Mark Willert 608-8907 to schedule. They will be very appreciative and do their best to help you out.



Free Community Car Wash! Saturday, August 4th

On Saturday, August 4 from 10am-12noon, Trinity teens will put on a free carwash for our neighbors and friends. Be sure to put it on your calendar and stop by for yours! They want to show their appreciation for their Trinity family and also the neighbors around us to share with them God's love in the form of a carwash.

Run 4 Life 5K Saturday, July 21, 2018

Registration: \$20 by June 20 / \$25 day of event

All runners and walkers (strollers allowed) are invited to participate in this fun 5K race to benefit the Southtowns Care Center. The is organized by and begins/ends at Life Church (4928 Seneca Street, West Seneca). Registration is from 7:30am-8:45am; the race begins at 9am. Registration includes a timing chip, t-shirt for the first 150 runners, post-race refreshments and awards. Thank you to Trinity's Outreach Committee for being a Silver Sponsor of the event this year! This is a family friendly event. For more information or to register, see Courtney Jelowski or visit their website at www.runforlifewny.com.

Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a volunteer to take over our City Mission Ministry. This would entail picking up the non-perishable food that was collected in the food wagon at Trinity and dropping it off at the City Mission of Buffalo once per month. Vicky & Harris Wienke have been doing this for over 15 years (WOW!) and can no longer continue doing it. Please contact Vicky if this is something you can help out with.

Old School House Demo Update

Geiter Done Demolition & Disposal will begin destruction work on the old school house the first week of July. \$11,000 has been donated toward this project, but more funding will be needed. Please consider making a donation if you're able.

BINGO

Seneca Manor Nursing Home

July 17th 7pm-8pm

Join the Outreach Committee in assisting residents with a game of BINGO or two on Tuesday night from 7-8pm. If interested please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Youth are encouraged to attend to share love with those young at heart. We will meet up at church to car pool at 6:15pm.

Thank You!

Thanks to all you wonderful, generous bakers!! The treats provided by you at the West Seneca West Baccalaureate service, held here at Trinity on Monday evening, June 4, were delicious. The goodies provided were overwhelming in amount. Plus, unknown to us, the teacher in charge provided pizza and subs for the hungry singers and instrumentalists. The service, planned and led by students from West Seneca West High School, was lovely and meaningful. The attendance was good, the music was beautiful, and the students and their families were appreciative of Trinity's site, warmth, and hospitality. An event like this works so smoothly only because of support from many willing volunteers. Thank you, thank you! We were able to share leftovers with Seneca Manor's Wednesday "Chat and Snack" time, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo, Pioneer Retreat center's pre-season counselor training sessions, and the West Seneca Police (for break room treats).

For your information: According to a long-time West Seneca School Board member, West Seneca Central Schools is the only public school system in New York State which annually holds Baccalaureate services for their high school seniors. West Seneca Community of Churches thanks you hosting this notable evening."



In Memoriam ...

Herbert (Herb) Jaekle was called to his heavenly rest on Jun 21, 2018.



Balance: Stability produced by even distribution of weight or forces.

Our lives are delicately balanced. A small shift in one area of life can set us off balance. There can be many changes that upset our balance. Maybe a child is going away from home to college. Maybe we have to move to a different state. Maybe our gardens don't look as good as they did when we were younger. Large or small changes can be difficult. Even if others may think it's a small issue – it may be much more to you. Talking to a Stephen Minister who are good listeners and confidential can help. Just contact Don Meissner 652-1901, Pastor Krueger 674-9188, or any of our Stephen Leaders for more information: Vicky Wienke, Pat Hartman, Erin (Meissner) Kotowski, Josh Makey, Sue Brehm, Darlene Miller, Judy Schmidt.

Stephen Ministry Training Class

We will be conducting a Stephen Ministry training class this Fall. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Pastor Krueger or Don Meissner.

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.



LWML News

LWML Eastern District Retreat At Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center September 14-16, 2018

The guest speaker will be Jan Wendorf, past president of the national LWML, on the Board of Directors of International LLL/Lutheran Hour Ministries and other LCMS positions. She has a teaching degree and is a mother of 3 grown children and 10 grandchildren. The theme for the retreat will be from Isaiah 40:31; HOPE, RENEW, SOAR. Registration forms available at <http://www.east-dist-lwml.org> or see Linda Meissner for more info.

Buffalo Zone LWML Summer Picnic At Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center August 21, 2018

Save the date and plan to attend this fun event! More details will be provided in the August newsletter. All ladies welcome.

Politics And Religion

There's a saying: "Two things you don't talk about in public: politics and religion." While I don't completely agree with this saying, there are times when the sentiment is advisable. The worship service is no place for partisan politics. Obviously it is the time and place to talk about religion. Certainly our faith ought to drive our lifestyles and decisions, so there may be an appropriate occasion to address some issue of the public and political arena – even then, very carefully. I apologize if I have said or included something in the worship service that could be taken as politically motivated. That was not my intention, but I'll be even more careful to watch for it in the future. I don't want to cause division in our church like we are sadly seeing in our country.

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



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.pioneerencamp.org).

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Jr. High Summer Youth Nights:

Fun, outdoor games (inside if it's raining), a little God time and lots of friends. Invite them - others are! Don't miss these awesome evenings: July 12 & August 9 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Parents- this could be a date night for you!

Jr. High Nights a Blast!

Our last Jr. Youth Night on June 7 was amazing. In fact, we had the whole Camp Pioneer staff (and Sarah Makosy) here... all to ourselves! What fun we had playing the big group outdoor games and the meaningful devotion time. In the pictures you see a slide full of kids, the whole group on the bleachers and one of the large group games in the field. Twenty-six Jr. High kids were present. Some were friends of youth whom they invited. This night we also welcomed the 4th graders moving into 5th grade.



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!

- **Sr. High Hiking and Picnic Day:** On **July 15** we'll head out after worship to a local park to enjoy God's great outdoors, have a picnic, possibly play some Can-Jam and place some Buffalo Sweet Rocks. Wear appropriate attire for the day and we can also attend church together that morning. Let Mark Willert (608-8907) know by the 13th if you're in so we can make sure we have enough for the picnic. Please bring \$5 for the picnic. **ADULTS ARE INVITED TOO!**
- **Sr. High Darien Lake:** Just a heads up for August that we're planning on going to Darien Lake on a Sunday after worship. Look for the date in the August newsletter and bulletins.
- **Rent-A-Teen:** Any teens wishing to raise money for upcoming trips and would like to be a part of the "Rent-A-Teen- helping church members accomplish household tasks", please contact Mark to be put on the list.
- **Sr. High Carwash:** If you'd like to be a part of the free carwash to reach out to our community on Saturday, August 4 from 10am-noon, contact Mark. Pizza for lunch!

Parent and Teen Meeting Plans: On June 10, Sr. High parents and teens got together to do some planning. Besides the other events mentioned above, possible events we're also planning for are a Camp Pioneer service event in the Fall and a Themed Party fundraiser (parents drop off their kids) in August.

Teens Fired Up: At our Sr. High camp fire and game night on June 12, there weren't only s'mores and time around the campfire but also some team building activities. In one picture (on the jungle gym) you see the teens holding sections of foam pipe insulation (cut in half) with the goal of getting a ping-pong ball to pass along without dropping. The other picture shows them in a circle standing on mall blocks of wood with the goal of moving to the right or left without falling off. Both promote teamwork, leadership, communication, and point to 1 Corinthians 12 and the importance of the Body of Christ. They could not accomplish their goal without working together, cooperating, sharing and supporting one another. Same with the Body of Christ. On this night we also welcomed new 8th graders and celebrated graduations of 8th and 12th graders with a cake!



LCMS Youth Gathering Summer 2019

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. The next Gathering will be held on July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service, and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO.

Eligible students must be entering his or her ninth grade year at the time of the Gathering. The fun, friendship and spiritual growth that can happen with these events and leading up to them can be awesome. We'll have a parent meeting of those interested on **July 11 at 7:00pm** in the church meeting room. Final decisions made and our first organizational meeting will be **Aug. 1 at 7:00pm** in the church meeting room. Here we will share expectations as well as discuss a schedule for fundraising. What an amazing opportunity this is for our teens to grow in faith and relationship with each other and Jesus!



Community VBS Programs

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

Trinity Lutheran: "Shipwrecked" July 9-13 @ 9am-11:45am *Ages PreK 3 - Grade 6. Registration forms on website or call 674-9188; walk ins welcome.

14 Holy Helpers (West Seneca): "Splash Canyon" July 9-13 @ 6pm-8:30pm. *Ages PreK3 - Grade 6. Register on their website or call 512-3221.

St. Paul's Lutheran (Eden): "Hero Central" July 23-27 @ 9am-12pm *Ages 3 - 7th grade. Registration form on their website "www.stpaulseden.com"

Queen of Heaven (West Seneca): "Rolling River Rampage" August 13-17 @ 9am-12pm *Ages PreK - Grade 5. **Cost is \$25 per child.

LCMS Foundation: Gift Planning Freedom in Knowing . . .

Adam first learned of a knowledge limitation in the Garden. He and his companion Eve were created perfectly and eternally able to know good. Knowing 'evil' was a limitation given in love.

God's creation account chronicles this limitation. God prohibited eating the "fruit of the tree of the knowledge of 'good' and 'evil.'" Knowing that evil would overcome life with death, God protected His people to live forever with Him. However, deceived into thinking they could be 'like God', people rebelliously desired equality with God.

Many Christians fail to relate this freedom in knowing to life's purpose or consequence. The God of perfect wisdom desires eternal peace for people. God didn't make a creature with limited decision making. People are given knowledge of God and 'good' as a gift.

Humankind also has a freewill to choose the knowledge of 'evil' and does. The disobedient choice of Adam and Eve, (and us), brings death. Disharmony replaces harmony, resulting in people murdering God's only Son.

Some Christians know that freedom of knowing good, is a gift of God, who fulfilled His promise to rescue and redeem the future from knowing 'evil.' Jesus lived perfectly and rescued all people from a defiant and wayward nature. Easter's glow shines the full knowledge and freedom of 'good' on us.

God gave people freedom to know. Knowledge opens daily doors of thought and action. Faith translates knowledge into a loving call to serve others. The human will's defiance, caused by the deception of knowing evil, translates into self-interest, despair and destruction.

When earthly life is over, value symbols left behind will transfer to another. Transferring life's treasures can benefit or injure. Those with faith's gift of knowing good, will plan to bless, not curse. How can your lifetime plan for giving be a 'testament for good'?

For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427.

***Contributions to the Trinity Lutheran Church and School Endowment Fund
can be made at anytime, for praise and thanksgiving or in memorial.***

Trinity School News

From the Principal ...

The end of the school year is such a bittersweet time! We say farewell and God's blessings to our graduates, knowing that we have prepared them for adventures outside of these walls and equipped them to live lives of love in Christ. Some Preschool and other students will not return for various reasons, and it's sad to say goodbye to them as well. The excitement of the end-of-the-year events has worn off, and we are left with an empty building in need of some fresh paint and organizing! I'm happy to be a (small) part of VBS and to know that, at least for a week, the halls will be full of life during the summer.

It's discouraging for me, as the Eastern District Education Executive, to see Lutheran schools and preschools closing almost yearly. As I shared with the delegates and pastors at the recent Eastern District Convention, there are only 24 Lutheran elementary schools left in the 4 northeastern districts of Eastern, Atlantic, New England and New Jersey, of the 2000+ schools nationally! The value of our own school increases dramatically each year as our society, especially in this region, pulls further and further away from the absolute truth of the Bible and the saving message of the Gospel.

Our preschool, for the first time ever, is full! God is so good! We have two classes that are full to capacity, and two excellent teachers to guide the little ones in faith. We are going to need a part-time aide at least 3 mornings per week to work with Mrs Schmidt and her students here in the church basement, so if you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact myself or Dave Sirgey as soon as possible. Thank you!

It is extremely rewarding to receive such high rankings from Business First and it speaks to the quality of your staff. The rankings are based on 4 years of New York State test scores, which we administer only in 7th and 8th grades. The hard work of Mrs. Willert and Miss Hoffmann, together with the staff, continues to prepare our students both academically and faithfully for their futures. Our mission and purpose were validated by the findings of our NLSA Visitation Team in April - those were our strongest areas - so God is continuing to shower down His blessings on our church and school in many ways. Even financially, by reaching our Annual Fund goal, we'll be able to make improvements to your school building that would not be possible otherwise. This year's project is to remove the classroom carpeting that was installed over 15 years ago and replace it with new flooring. We may not be able to afford to do all 3 classrooms and the office at this time, but we'll do as much as we can with the funds that we have. As you can imagine, there is a lot of glue, juice, crayons, pencil shavings and other unnamed detritus embedded in those carpet fibers after all this time, despite our cleaning efforts! Our Annual Fund also supports our School Endowment Fund.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of our program in the fall. We love having folks read to the children, help serve lunch, assist with projects or just be a smiling face in the classrooms. If you feel you'd like to see for yourself your amazing staff in action and feel the power of this school on our students, please let me know. You are welcome! Check out the new yearbooks on the welcome center desk for a glimpse of school life through photos. Please continue to pray for your school and the life-saving work it does among our students, their families and in our community. Through God's grace, and your prayers and support, we will continue to provide a safe and loving Christian education for our children for many years to come!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



Congratulations Trinity School!

Congratulations to Trinity School for being recognized for their excellence in the 2018 Buffalo First School Rankings. Trinity was ranked #7 out of 191 schools and was ranked the #1 middle school in West Seneca! They also achieved a perfect score of 5 out of 5 for math and English proficiency!

School Valedictorian Speech - Abigail Anderson

Good evening, parents and grandparents, families and friends, Principal Fretthold and teachers, and fellow students. Thank you for being here and supporting Trinity and the hard working students. It's unbelievable that it's already been eight years since I received my Kindergarten diploma just like the Kindergartners did recently tonight. I have enjoyed looking through old yearbooks and pictures from some of my first years at Trinity.

Sam, Julie, and I have been best friends since Kindergarten, when we were taught by Mrs. Gabel. In third grade, Kyle joined our class and Mr. Willert was our teacher along with Mrs. Willert. The next year we had a teacher who was brand new to Trinity. Our new homeroom teacher was Miss Hoffmann. Miss Hoffmann and Mrs. Willert continued to teach and guide us from fifth all the way to eighth grade.

At the end of seventh grade, we heard that there would be two new girls in our class...twins!!! Our class had been together for so long we were nervous about new people coming and we weren't sure how they would react to our crazy class. The first day was very awkward as you would expect when new people join your class. I look back now and remember the first day of eighth grade and see how much our friendship has grown. We couldn't have asked for two better girls, Abrynn and Allie, not only as classmates but as best friends too!

At Trinity I've had the opportunity to participate in many different sports, musicals, choir, and challenging academics. A small school setting has given me the confidence to try new things and to grow and develop my faith and leadership skills, like helping to lead chapel music each week. Next year I know I will have the confidence to take advantage of new opportunities and I encourage my fellow graduates to try something new.

I think that one of the things my class is worried about the most for high school is leaving our friends and having to meet new people. This is difficult any time you have to switch schools, but it will be especially difficult for me since I'll be leaving people who are like my family. Even though leaving will be difficult I know God will work through me and all my fellow classmates as we go our separate ways. Deuteronomy 31:6 says "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be terrified of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will not leave you nor forsake you." No matter who was in our class, who our teacher was, or where we are going to high school, God is with us and watching over us.

Next year there will be many more people in our class and it will be easy to stray from our relationship with God. A Bible verse that we should all remember, especially my fellow graduates, is Romans 12:2. It says "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." I have learned so much from Trinity and made many amazing memories here! Thank you parents and grandparents for driving to sports games, helping with homework, and helping with fundraisers that make the fun activities we do possible. Thank you to all the teachers who made this place so special to me and to my classmates who always challenged me. While I am terribly sad to leave I know I'll be back to visit and I am excited about what high school brings.



Class of 2018

School Salutatorian Speech - *Samantha Canazzi*

Good evening everyone. Thank you for attending the kindergarten and 8th grade graduations. I can't believe that we are already graduating! The years have flown by. I remember when we were just little kindergartners, looking up to the big 8th graders and wondering if we would ever be that old. And now we are. Being in 8th grade comes with a lot of responsibilities, but also fun privileges. We've enjoyed being the oldest in the school, getting to dress down every Friday, and having the younger kids look up to us. But we've also had to remember to set a good example, have a positive attitude, and to trust God in everything we do. Attending Trinity for the past 10 years has been very enjoyable for me. I've had my share of ups and downs but was able to work through them knowing that I was surrounded by my Trinity family.

Even though my fellow classmates and I are leaving Trinity, we have made so many memories together over the years. We've grown so close that they feel more like family than friends. I remember when I started Pre-K, I was so scared, but then I met Julie and we instantly became friends. Then in kindergarten we welcomed Abby into our little friendship circle. Later in third grade, Kyle joined our school.

In 5th and 6th grade we did a lot of fun activities. One of my favorites was the frozen t-shirts at the end of the year. It was so fun trying to break the ice and be the first to put on the huge t-shirt. Now fast forward a little bit to the end of 7th grade when we found out two new girls were coming into 8th grade the next year. We were uncertain if they would fit into our group. It worked out very well because we all remained good friends and probably couldn't survive without each other.

My favorite memory this year was obviously the class trip to New York City. We were all super crazy but it was so fun. We went to so many places like Central Park, the 9-11 memorial, and the Statue of Liberty. We also had a good time on the train rides, especially jamming out to music, talking with friends, and laughing at just about everything. This school year has definitely been one of my favorites and I will never forget these amazing people.

I want to say thank you to all of our teachers who not only taught us what we need to know but gave us advice when we needed it, listened to our problems, and were just there for us throughout all of our years. Next I want to thank my friends who have always had my back. Thank you guys for making me laugh everyday and making school enjoyable. I don't know where I would be without you and I'm gonna miss you so much. I also want to thank my family, especially my parents, for always believing in me and encouraging me throughout the school years. You have always been there for me whenever I needed you and I'm glad knowing I get to go to high school having that same supportive, loving family by my side. And finally I want to thank God for all that He has blessed me with, including being able to go to a Christian school where I get to learn about Him everyday. I want to thank Him for his eternal love that no matter what I do He will continue to love and forgive me. I am so thankful for all these amazing people that God has put in my life and am so grateful for everything they do for me.

Now as we are going into high school I have many hopes for us. I hope that we will make good friends but never forget our old ones. I hope that we will try hard and get good grades. I hope that we will make good choices and stay away from bad things. I hope we remember all the things our teachers taught us and all the love we received from Trinity. But most importantly I hope that we remain close to God in everything we do, always give Him the glory, and remember that He's always by our sides no matter what we do.

Trinity School Student Academic Excellence!

3rd and 4th Grade:

High Honor Roll - Lilly Ackley, Andrew Hunneshagen, Eleanor Horan, Peter Russo, Olivia Strzelec, Rebekah Lafferty, Anna Gerardi, Isaac McFarland, Trey Dennison, Michael Canazzi, Payton Riordan. **Honor Roll** - Elizabeth Steffens, Emma Webster, John Knapp, Louis Canastraro, Azar Lazem, Liliana Santiago Eckert. **Merit Roll** - Johnathan Holley, Lily Patterson, Maximus Goff

5th and 6th Grade:

High Honor Roll - Emma Hope, Joanna Anderson, Jeffery Knapp, Lillie Parent, Amelia Jones, Denny Glinski, Timothy Steffens, Noah McFarland, Bethany Lafferty. **Honor Roll** - Shawn Szrama, Amelia Radt, Gabriele Canastraro, Jonas Herdlein. **Merit Roll** - Jade Anderson, Andrew Bohosian, Taylor Patterson

7th and 8th Grade:

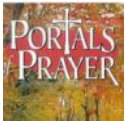
High Honor Roll - Abigail Anderson, Allie Dennison, Abrynn Dennison, Samantha Canazzi. **Honor Roll** - Joshua Owen, Juliet Paz. **Merit Roll** - Connor Patterson, Kyle Heck

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

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



Portals of Prayer

July - Sept 2018 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.

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.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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School Office Administrator

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