

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

JUNE 2018

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm - Blended
Sunday @ 8:00 am - Traditional
Sunday @ 10:30 am - Contemporary

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP INVESTIGATION

Over the first three weeks of June we will be exploring and investigating what Biblical Christian Stewardship truly is and means. “Oh boy! Here we go,” some might think and even say. “The church is trying to get more out of me, my money and my free time!” Sadly, too many equate “Christian Stewardship” with fund raising and giving, as well as the enlisting of volunteers to work around the church. While Christian Stewardship involves the giving of a proportion of one’s resources and time, it is inaccurate to think that that’s all it is. That’s like saying that building sandbag walls to protect a home from flooding water is simply about putting sand in a bag. It just doesn’t ‘hold water.’ This month we will be exploring what true and faithful stewardship is really all about.

We don’t use the word steward or stewardship much in our everyday life, so it’s no surprise that there may be some confusion. I can think of a couple of common references though. A cruise ship steward, or cabin steward, for example, is a key part of the housekeeping staff on board a cruise ship, responsible for servicing the rooms of passengers on board the cruise ship and making sure they were cleaned to a good standard. The role involves large amounts of customer service, and success is often measured through the feedback of guests, so making their stay enjoyable is the aim of the game. The steward, alongside a housekeeping role, would also be expected to help out in a capacity in the bar or restaurant of the ship, so they need to be versatile, friendly and willing to help out wherever they would be needed.

Another familiar use of the word refers to a shop steward or union steward. Shop stewards are elected representatives of union members in the workplace. The members of the union elect shop stewards according to the constitution of the union. These stewards are accountable to the members who elected them and they do not speak for themselves, but rather for the union they represent. Primarily they are to negotiate and oversee the approved contract between the company and the union.

What does all this have to do with Christian Stewardship? There are some similar characteristics. 1.) Christian Stewards are not the owners. They are the trusted managers of another’s resources, namely God’s. 2.) Christian Stewards are servants. They serve their Lord and Master, as they serve the needs of others. 3.) Christian Stewards, or Trustees, are held accountable for their management of the Master’s resources.

There are many aspects of true Biblical Christian Stewardship, more than can be addressed here or in three weeks this month. First and foremost though, Christian Stewardship is about being a Christian and growing in faith and discipleship. God’s stewards are GOD’S stewards! All we have, from faith to assets and talents, are gifts from God to be managed faithfully. It does not begin with our behavior. Certainly our behavior can and must be molded by whose we are and His will. Well, enough for now. To be continued in the first three weeks of June.

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger

SUMMER HOURS

WORSHIP: Beginning June 23 & 24

Saturday Evening at 5:00pm
(outdoors - weather permitting)

Sunday Morning at 9:30am

OFFICE: Beginning June 25

Mon / Wed / Thurs 8am – 4pm
Tues 8am-12pm

*** Office closed on Fridays ***



VBS 2018 "Shipwrecked" July 9-13, 2018 9am-12pm

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

Helpers are needed in order to make this event a success for the kids! If you can volunteer to help, even for just 1 day, please contact Beth McKernan (eisiba01@gmail.com).

Pierce Arrow Museum Outing Sunday, June 10, 2018

Trinity's Men in Ministry is sponsoring a trip to the Pierce Arrow Museum (263 Michigan Ave., Buffalo) on **Sunday, June 10th**. It is open from 11am til 4pm and the admission is \$10 adult, \$5 child 5-15. All are invited to join us. We will also gather at Ballyhoo (211 South Park Ave) afterward for food and drink, if interested. Contact Dan Rowsell with any questions.

West Seneca West Baccalaureate Service

Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting the Baccalaureate Service for West Seneca West High School on Monday, June 4th at 7:00pm. The school band/orchestra will be playing for the service. Everyone is invited to join in the service, even if you do not have a student graduating from High School. It is impressive to listen to the music and speeches of some of the graduates.

Following the service, Trinity will host a light reception in the Narthex-Fellowship Hall. We need donations and bakers of cookies, cupcakes ... as well as volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. Please let Pastor Krueger (or the church office) know as soon as possible if you can help out!



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Reassurance of God's love	Is
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Listening, trust, confidentiality, caring as well as many more are the qualities of your Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is important we at Trinity Church care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, or if you know someone else (even if they do not belong to our church) who is facing difficulties, suggest that they request a Stephen Minister. Sometimes you feel better just talking to someone who will not judge or try to solve the issue. Contact our Stephen Leaders Don Meissner 652-1901 or Pastor Krueger 674-9188 for more information or any Stephen Minister: Vicky Wienke, Erin (Meissner) Kotowski, Pat Hartman, 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.

Trinity's Website

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

Trinity's "new" website has been up and running for over a year now. Have you visited it? If not, please do so! The Outreach team worked very hard on this project. Please check it out and share it with your friends and family. The more you share and look at the website, the easier our website will be to find on Google searches.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!" He has blessed Trinity Lutheran Church and School with another grace-filled year of raising up disciples in His name and reaching out to those who do not know Jesus as their Savior. The people of this church and school touch so many lives with His love! We have been especially blessed this year by once again reaching our annual fund goal, with your help. As you know, these funds are used for endowment and major school improvements that would otherwise have to be budgeted and perhaps not possible at all. This year, our focus is to replace/install window blinds in the south and west classrooms and replace the stained and worn classroom carpeting with floor tile. Both of these upgrades will improve the quality and comfort of those classrooms tremendously.

We're looking forward to participating in the Family and Friends Picnic on the 24th. It's always a joy to see our church and school families come together for worship or events. Another such event is our Close of the Year Celebration, which includes Kindergarten and 8th grade Graduation, on Thursday, June 14th at 7 pm. Our graduates will be honored, the Alleluia Choir will be singing, and a reception will follow in the gym. Please join us! Check the July newsletter for copies of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches and pictures of the ceremony. Our own Abigail Anderson and Samantha Canazzi are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. The other graduates are Abrynn Dennison, Allie Dennison, Juliet Paz and Kyle Heck, all of whom earned awards, as well.

We had a great time at the annual walkathon on May 24th, and thank you to those of you who joined us for that adventure! Any monies raised are used to support our online parent portal and grading website, which is still being developed to its full potential. We very much need a school website makeover, too, so if you know anyone with expertise in that field (Jason Christ was unable to help), please let me know!

The students have been enjoying the opportunity to bring in VBS supplies for their chapel offerings this quarter. Many students are planning on attending, and the staff members are looking forward to participating, too.

Please keep our school, staff and families in your prayers as we continue to enroll for the fall. As always, we are praying for the opportunity to "Make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ"!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal

Teen Devotional

Every year, before going on their class trip (New York City this year), the 7th and 8th grade in our school write a devotional booklet they'll take along and read from daily. Here's one from Abby Anderson about transition to high school. Abby was also confirmed this year (see separate article). Thanks for letting your light shine Abby!

“High School (Oh No!)”

Next year is a big year for the eighth graders because it will be our first year of high school. I am going to Buffalo Seminary and I won't know anyone. Sem isn't a Christian school, but I will try to remember everything I learned about God at Trinity.

High school can be scary because there are a lot more people, especially people you don't know. There are more classes to choose from and more homework each night. This doesn't sound very exciting, but high school also has many opportunities. You get to try different clubs or extracurricular activities as well as meet new people who could become great friends.

God can also work through you in high school. You can share your faith with someone who is unsure about what they believe or help encourage someone who does have faith in God. You can trust in God to help you step out of your comfort zone and help you through every part of high school. Whenever you face a challenge or are unsure about something, you can remember this Bible verse. Deuteronomy 31:6 says “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Dear God, thank you for a great year and all the fun times we have had together. Please help us to not be scared about high school and to remember that you will help us through the transition from Trinity to where ever we are going next. Amen.

Welcome to Trinity!

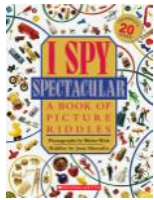
A special Trinity welcome to Paulette Darcy! Paulette transferred to Trinity from St Luke's in Cheektowaga this past November. She is retired and has two adult children - Peter and Olivia. Paulette enjoys reading, word puzzles, cross-stitching, knitting, walking, exercising, and bingo at the West Seneca Seniors Center.

Please add her contact information to your church directory: 2336 Southwestern Blvd. #108, West Seneca, NY 14224, 608-6119, bamamama53@aol.com



Trinity's Men in Ministry 5th Annual Golf Outing Saturday, August 11, 2018 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 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 maximum of 48 golfers can be accepted, so sign up as soon as possible. A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.



School Library News

Our library's collection of WHERE'S WALDO and I SPY search books is wearing out! Do you have unused and unwanted copies you would donate to Trinity School's library collection? The cost to replace them is very expensive. WIMPY KIDS titles too! Thanks for thinking on this.

- Mrs. Nancy Hope

June Witness Center Idea of the Month

The end of June starts the beginning of our summer worship schedule - being kicked off this year on Sunday, June 24th with our church and school picnic following! We would like to encourage everyone to invite their family, friends, coworkers and neighbors to church during the summer - whether it is for the picnic or one of our Saturday evening outdoor worship services. There will be handouts on the Witness center to help you with your outreach. And as always, remember to pray for those you are inviting, that God's Spirit would continue to work in them.

Cemetery News



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

- 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.
- **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.

"Trojans Take Action" at Trinity

A huge THANK YOU to West Seneca East High School's "Trojans Take Action" program for their help at Trinity on Thursday, May 24, 2018. A group of students, along with several of their teachers, volunteered their time to spread mulch around all of the Trinity properties. A special thank you to Mark Blajszczak, Dave Lein, and Ron Boersch for helping to supervise the students.



Trinity's Nursery Rooms

Nursery rooms for children up to 6 years of age are located in Trinity Church's basement and consist of an infant room and a separate toddler play area. Parents are welcome to use these areas during worship if needed. Audio and video feed of the service are available in these areas for your convenience.

Trinity Food Wagon

The Trinity Food Wagon is located by the parking lot entrance to the building. Please help fill it with non-perishables, cereals, canned goods, etc. Thank you for helping those in need!



If you know of 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!!!

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Last Junior High Youth Night:

Our last youth night of the school year will be on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. Come out for a high-energy evening of games, fun and friends. On this night we welcome any 4th graders who will be moving up to 5th grade in the Fall to join us!

4th Graders Invited!

You now get to be a part of Junior Youth! Come to our Youth Night on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. See info above! Don't miss out!

Sr. High

Sr. High End of School Party!

Celebrate the end of school and beginning of Summer on June 12th at 7 p.m. at the Willert's. Come out for a few games, chill by the campfire with friends, s'mores of course, and a brief devotion. We'll also welcome the 8th graders into Senior High Youth on this evening!

8th Graders are Invited!

Please come to our Senior High End of School Party on June 12th. You will be welcomed to Sr. High Youth on this special evening! See event info above.

Sr. High Help Needed:

After church on Sunday, June 24th will be our church and school picnic. If you can lend a hand with some kids events- games and playground supervision on that day please sign up on the board in back of the narthex or call Mark Willert 608-8907 or Don Meissner 652-1901 by June 15. Will be a fun day!

Sr. High Parent and Teen Meeting:

On June 10th at 9:15 a.m. in the youth room, we're getting together with teens and parents to do some summer planning. Come with some ideas of what you'd like to do over the summer. Parents, please come as we need your help too. 8th grade students and parents are encouraged to be a part of this as well!

Four Confirmed

On May 20 at the 10:30 a.m. worship, Trinity heard the faith statements of four girls: Abigail Anderson, Samantha Canazzi, Lacey Harris, and Nakiya Harris. Their sincere and beautiful statements of faith made some laugh, be encouraged in faith, as well as remember their confirmation back in the day. The students attended two years of class with teacher, Chris Kopra. Anderson and Canazzi are also graduates this year of our day school. Pictured are the students with immediate family members, Pastor Krueger and Chris Kopra.





Family & Friends Picnic

We Are One In The Spirit, We Are One In The Lord

When: Sunday, June 24, 2018

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church & School
146 Reserve Road
West Seneca, NY



Time:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Activities
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch
	12:30 - 2:00	Additional Games

Family Fun For All - Games Include:

- Fish Pond
- Prize Wheel
- Craft Table
- Water Balloons
- Golf Chipping
- Volleyball
- Bocce Ball
- Corn Hole
- Can Jam



Lunch includes: hotdogs, watermelon, potato chips, beverages, and ice cream novelties.
(Free will offering for missions)

Come Rain or Shine
(If it rains, lunch and games will be held in the school gym.)

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Happy Birthday

6/1	Peter Bullock Kasey Lelito	6/8	Helen Schultz Peter Szeider Jeff Gertis Cadence Jelowski	6/16	Mark Blajszczak	6/24	Shana Caldarella
6/2	Rev. David Belasic Karen Hollowood Trevor Jelowski	6/9	Shannon Heckman Jacob Ecker	6/17	Fred Schultz Henry Eismann Bruce Heckman	6/25	Marilyn Lein Gregory Ringle
6/3	Denise Meissner	6/11	Johanna Guenther Madelyn Monahan	6/20	Kristen Zawadzki Travis Barnas	6/26	Kyle McCoy
6/4	Martha Birrer	6/12	Ruth Hope	6/21	Liana Lorigo Anthony Strong	6/27	Don Meissner Trevor Wilkening
6/5	Norine Ecker Jered Cornell	6/13	Becky Mann Abigail Lelito	6/22	Larry Thompson Lenore Ecker	6/29	Lisa Osberg
6/6	Henry Jelowski	6/14	Linda Daum	6/23	Jeffrey Wackowski	6/30	Jennifer Evans
6/7	Brynn Zawadzki						

Happy Anniversary

6/3	Brad & Theresa McKernan	6/18	Joshua & Jessica Ecker Christa & Charles Wilkening
6/4	Gregory & Lindsay Ringle	6/19	Ken & Becky Mann
6/8	Charles & Eleanor Gass	6/20	Frank & Sandra Lelito
6/12	Paula & David Winkelses Ingrid & Alan Hamann	6/23	Dennis & Tricia Glinski
6/15	Rev. Ron & Carolyn Habedank	6/26	Don & Beverly Weiss
6/17	Ron & Nancy Hope	6/29	Mark & Katie Willert



Summer Camps at Pioneer

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



Stained Glass Window Update

The remaining balance for the repair of the last 3 stained glass windows is \$2,783. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by placing it in the weekly collection plate (marked Stained Glass Windows).

Emergency Need

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

In Memoriam

Called To Their Heavenly Rest:

Melba Veros on May 17, 2018

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

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Church Office Administrator
School Office Administrator

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