

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

AUGUST 2018

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SUMMER
WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday Mornings 9:30am

“I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER!”

"For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them" 2 Peter 2:21

Have you ever uttered these regretful words: "I should have known better!"? On Wednesday, July 18th, when an emergency message popped up on my laptop computer, I would soon anxiously speak these words. Maybe something like this has happened to you. The pop-up message looked official enough and the technician I spoke with on the phone swore that he was from Microsoft. As I discovered later, he was a con man who scammed me and locked me out of my computer. Oh, he said he could fix it for \$299, which meant he could undo what he had done to lock me out. The Microsoft technician at the store in the Walden Galleria Mall said my computer was infected with "ransomware". The \$299 was the ransom payment to pretend to fix my computer. Long and frustrating story short, the "real" Microsoft technicians are going to try to retrieve my data and files and then completely wipe out and restore my operating system. I will then have the joy of installing the programs back onto my computer. You got it, "I should have known better."

Just imagine the eternal pain and regret for those who have known the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His gracious righteousness by faith, and have turned their back on it and walked away from the faith. That would be the ultimate "I should have known better!" I have thought of this precise situation often in my years of parish ministry. I've seen too many believers drift off into apathy, indifference and unbelief. While I can't look into their hearts and judge their faith, the lack of fruit is reason for alarm.

And, sadly, there are some who clearly declare that they don't believe in God anymore. It can, and does, happen to fellow church members, family members, and friends. It's about the most terrible tragedy imaginable. If you're diagnosed with cancer, or have a sudden heart attack, what's the worse outcome? Death, I suppose. But, at least that's only physical death and not eternal spiritual death! Certainly many have felt that they should have known better when their health goes bad because of an unhealthy lifestyle. How tragic for those who knew of "the way of righteousness" but turned their back on it and stopped believing.

What can we do about it? We must pray that we never turn our back on the Holy Spirit and abandon our faith. We need to be in the Word and stay close to the fellowship of believers so that our faith is nurtured and supported. We also have a responsibility to pray for the faith of others and to build one another up in their faith. God will never abandon us, nor can anyone or anything separate us from Him. We can, however, turn our back on the Lord and abandon Him.

Lord, may that never happen! Keep us strong in the faith! May we and our loved ones never say, "I should have known better", and have to face the eternal consequences of sin!

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



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



Ladies Bible Study News

The Monday Evening Ladies Bible Class will meet starting Monday, September 24. We will have an organizational type meeting with a devotion. If you are interested and/or willing to lead a single or multiple session class, please let me know before the end of August.

I hope you are all looking forward to spending time with your "sisters" in this relaxed setting. All post-high school ladies are welcome. My contact information is: Nancy Hope 674-8544 / Text: 716-426-9342 / Email: nandr.hope@verizon.net or nandr.hope@gmail.com. Enjoy the rest of the beautiful summer. See you in church!

On-Line Offerings

Beginning in September 2018, members will be able to submit church offerings on-line via Trinity's website. Look in September's church newsletter and upcoming weekly announcements sheets for more details.



Readers Needed

Are you willing to occasionally read the Scripture readings during Sunday worship service? If yes, please contact Robin Makosy **by August 12th** at 430-6468 or 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.



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.



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.

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.



Sunday School News

Sunday School will begin on Sept. 9th at 9:15am in the school building. All children age 3 - 6th grade are welcome to come and learn about Jesus in a fun and interactive way! Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. We are also looking for volunteers! Please contact Sarah Gabel (sgabel@thinktrinitychristian.com or 982-2586) if you would like more information.

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.



VBS 2018 "Shipwrecked"

We had a terrific week at this year's VBS! Over 100 children had the opportunity to praise our Lord and Savior through song, crafts, snacks and much, much more. We had many returning families as well as tons of newcomers. VBS is a great opportunity to share our love for the Lord with people outside of our church community. We had over 40 volunteers who were incredible and extremely generous with their time. Trinity is a great place to be and VBS is a great way to show others who we are and WHOSE we are. Thank you for supporting this very important ministry in our church!

~ Beth McKernan
VBS Coordinator

LWML EVENTS

Buffalo Zone Picnic Wed., August 21, 2018 Camp Pioneer (Angola, NY)

We will meet in Wendt Shelter. Those who wish to help make surgical caps for Children's Hospital may come beginning at 3 PM. Bring a sewing machine if you wish to sew casings for elastic, or scissors to help cut circles of fabric or just come to help put elastic into casings. Prewashed, 100% cotton fabric free of glitter is needed. Super hero or other popular cartoon characters go over well with the children. Those who wish to come for supper and the Chinese auction should arrive prior to 5 PM. Pre-used treasures you no longer want in your stash will be auctioned off (used books, knick-knacks, re-gifted items, etc). Please bring your own paper products and cutlery and a dish to pass. Board will provide appetizers, dessert and beverages. Come on out and meet some other women in mission!

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.



"Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

As summer begins to "run down", there are many things that may cause anxiety. Some examples are: our children going off to college; maybe they have a job that causes them to leave home; smaller children are going to a new school or starting school for the first time; returning to work after vacation may cause worry or even fear. It may be difficult to talk to a family member or a friend, but Stephen Ministers are here to 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 . . .

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



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**").

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (July - Sept 2018) 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!

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Jr. High Summer Youth Night: August 9 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Fun, outdoor games (inside if it's raining), a little God time and lots of friends. Invite them - others are! Don't miss this awesome evening! Parents - this could be a date night for you!

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 Darien Lake:** We're planning on going to Darien Lake on a Sunday in August after worship. Look for the date in upcoming weekly 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. There will be pizza for lunch!

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 2nd.



2018-2019 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.



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) or you can write your name and email on a piece of paper and place it in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom.



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 (674-9188 / 997-5666) for more information.



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!!!

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

8/1	Dan & Linda Rowsell	8/19	Harris & Vicky Wienke
8/3	Mark & Robbin Blajszczak	8/20	Ronald & Judy Boersch
8/5	Jeffrey & Sandra Gertis	8/22	Julie & David Blamowski
8/6	Peter & Janet Bullock	8/23	Travis & Michelle Ecker
8/8	David & Heidi Kosicki	8/24	Shirley & Charles Lorigo
8/15	Carolyn & Kevin Flattery Jason & Marie Nappo	8/26	Lars & Lisa Osberg
8/16	Kevin & Colleen Kot	8/27	Mark & Corine Rodgers
8/18	Dan & Stacy Conti	8/28	Don & Kim Meissner



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

The Lutheran Witness

The Lutheran Witness, the official magazine of the LCMS, can be purchased for \$19.99 per year. Order it by calling Concordia Publishing House 800-325-3040 or by E-mail: lwsubscriptions@cph.org

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

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School Principal
Youth & Family Coordinator
Church Office Administrator
School Office Administrator

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