

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
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WORSHIP TIMES

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

“BIBS -or- APRONS?”

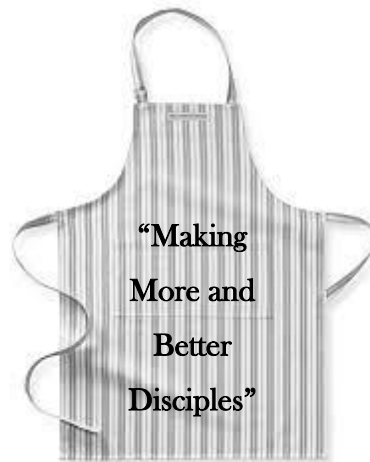
On the night when Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples and instituted the New Covenant meal of Holy Communion, He also taught them with an object lesson of sorts. He wrapped a towel around His waist and washed the disciples’ feet. At first Peter ‘objected’ to this until he understood the object of the lesson. Jesus said, *“I have just given you an example to follow.”* You might say that Jesus was teaching them about the call of discipleship. They were called to wear aprons (or a towel around their waist) and not bibs. Like Jesus had modeled over the course of His entire ministry and earthly life, He had come to serve – even to give His life as a ransom for all sinners.

Bibs are worn by those who only want to be fed. They are for those who seem more interested in being served than in serving. Bibs are for those who believe that the church exists for them and their needs. Bibs are for babes in the faith, those who have not caught God’s vision for the church and call of discipleship (yet).

Aprons are for those who have a heart to serve others in Jesus’ name. Aprons are for disciples who understand that **THEY ARE** the church! They don’t mind rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty. Aprons are worn by those who are growing and maturing in the faith and hunger to help others grow. Aprons are also worn by those who know they need to take time to be nourished spiritually in God’s Word and Sacraments.

It’s no mistake or after thought that this lesson on servant discipleship was one of Jesus’ last teachings to His disciples. He was emphasizing this core characteristic of true cross-bearing discipleship. And in a matter of hours He would be bearing His cross to Calvary for all sinful mankind. The timing of this lesson was ordained and intentional. The proper time had come. God sent His Son, born of a woman, to redeem those who were subject to the Law and to confer upon them the adoption as His own children! (Gal. 4:4-5)

Friends and fellow disciples of Christ, let’s put our aprons on! Perhaps we ought to have a Sunday where we ask everyone to come to worship wearing an apron. As we are fed in God’s Word in worship and Bible class and/or a small group, as we are nurtured in prayer and fellowship, let us get up from the table and wash feet in Jesus’ name. We are all parts of the Body of Christ, the church, called to share and teach the Good News and to wash away sin in the waters of Holy Baptism. Let us be built up and build one another up in the unity and fellowship of the Spirit. Amen? AMEN!



~ Pastor Dennis J. Krueger

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8th & 9th

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 Members Class

Interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church? A New Members Class will be held this Fall. Anyone interested in attending should contact either Pastor Krueger (997-5666) or the church office (674-9188).



Trinity Campout

September 14-15, 2018

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 with 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 10**. 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!

Deacons & Ushering Team

Leader Meeting

There will be a meeting of the deacons and ushering team leaders on **Saturday, September 29th at 9:00am** at church. Those unable to attend should inform Mark Ganschow or Bob Eising.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be held during the Sunday 10:30am service beginning on September 9.



Sunday School News

Sunday School will begin on Sept. 9th! We will meet in the school building 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.



FALL PREVIEW:

Sunday Morning Bible Class ~ 9:15am-10:15am

September 9-30: "Living the Faith"
(study review of James)

Oct. 7 - Nov. 18: "Living By Faith"
(study review of Hebrews)

Nov. 15 - Dec. 23: "An Unexpected Christmas"
(study by Andy Stanley)

Midweek Bible Studies ~ Tuesdays 7pm-8:15pm **Wednesdays 10am-11:15am**

"The Power, Purpose Pattern and Practice of Prayer"

September 11/12 & 18/19: Introduction to Prayer

September 25/26: No Class

October 2/3 - 23/24: "Too Busy NOT To Pray"
(study by Bill Hybels)

October 30/31: Luther on Prayer (Luther's Small Catechism)

Nov. 6/7 - Dec. 18/19: Lord Teach Us To Pray
(Lord's Prayer)

Ladies Bible Study ~ 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7pm

Our first meeting will be on September 24, which will be an organizational type meeting with a devotion. All post-high school ladies are welcome!

Men in Ministry ~ Meets the **2nd Saturday** of each month from 8:30am-10:00am. Their next meeting will be on **September 8**. All men are invited to attend!



Backpack Blessing

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018

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. 16th** in our Sunday morning services. All are invited to join us at the school following the 10:30am service that day for icecream and to see our school updates.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another school year is upon us: Praise God! Your continued dedication to the mission of Christian education allows our school to raise up more and more young Christian leaders each year. Our enrollment has again increased, and we are blessed to have to make continual adjustments to accommodate our students! A very exciting aspect of this year's enrollment is the opportunity to serve TWO classes of 4 year old preschoolers. If you recall, we served combined 3 and 4 year-olds for several years, and last year was the first time we were able to separate into the two age groups. This year we only have two 3 year-olds enrolled this year, but twenty-four 4 year-olds! The classroom in the church basement continues to improve and grow, and now it will serve preschoolers every day, with Mrs. Karen Schmidt teaching and Mrs. Darlene Miller as her aide. Our second preschool class will be in the school with Mrs. Angela Aures. Both classes will be using a Kindergarten Readiness curriculum, which exceeds NY State standards for preschool. Most importantly, the children will be loved and led by Godly women who share the Word of God with the children throughout the day and model Christ's love for them in their actions. The rest of the school staff are continuing to serve here, as well, and the consistency greatly benefits the students. I'm always impressed by the efforts of the staff throughout the summer to improve their educational and faith-based practices and prepare their classrooms for the school year. Harry Babcock and his family have again gone above and beyond to ready the facilities, and Dave Sirgey has also been a steady presence. Bob Boldt's stone wall out front looks great, too!

We were blessed this past year with a music grant from the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, which allowed us to purchase a quality electronic keyboard for use in the school, several rhythm instruments, music, more ukuleles, and a portable sound system suitable for community presentations by our Alleluia Choir and other groups. We are planning on expanding our musical presence in the area through this gift. If you have a suggestion of a seniors, health care or other facility which may enjoy the talents of our Alleluia Choir, I'd welcome it.

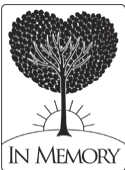
The funds from the Annual Fund have been put to use replacing the carpet in the school office area and replacing carpet with tile in three classrooms. While only the office and Mrs. Kopra's (!!) classroom have been completed so far, the others will be done over the Christmas break. The new flooring looks so much cleaner. We now have Chromebooks for all of our students in 3rd-8th grades. The PreK and grades K-2 have laptops and tablets for their technology use. We also acquired a large set of student robotics kits (at an awesome price!) and are looking for an adult to lead an after school robotics club to make use of them. If you are technologically savvy and would be interested in taking a look at the kits, please let me know! We always welcome Christian adults to serve as role models for the students. We would also love some more volunteer help in the kitchen OR in the classroom as a reader or helper, even for an hour. The school, just like the church, depends on its volunteers.

Please plan on joining us for ice cream and a look at the school after worship on Sunday, September 16 when Pastor blesses backpacks, the school children sing, and the 3rd grade Bibles are distributed. It's the school's first opportunity of the year to interact with the congregation, and we always appreciate visitors in the school building. The floors are still shiny and the walls still relatively free of fingerprints, so the place is ready for company! Next month's newsletter will include a schedule of the events for the year, including the evening Christmas Celebration here at church, the Taste of Trinity, the Easter Chocolate sale, and our stupendous annual Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Raffle. The 7th/8th grade Chicken BBQ will be coming again this fall, again as a drive-through only. I'll share that date as soon as it's verified.

Many thanks to those of you who continue to support, or have accepted a new, Prayer Partner. The students truly enjoy your care and look forward to any correspondences. Please pray for the families of those students, too! The Lord brought them to Trinity for His purposes, and we can't always know the ways in which the Lord will use us to do His work. Knowing that you are praying for them may be the very key that unlocks a heart.

God bless you, friends, in your mission and ministry here at Trinity Lutheran. Your love and dedication to your primary mission vehicle, the school, has already touched thousands of lives, and may God continue to bless us with the joy of doing His work through the school for many generations to come.

~ Kathleen Fretthold



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.

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.

Thank You!!!



Thank you to all of Trinity's knitters/crocheters who participated making granny squares. We ended up with ten lap robes for our shut-ins! Special thanks to Sally Clark who made 40 squares! But thanks also to Sue Schueler, Kathy Stephan and anyone else who left squares in my mailbox with no name! You all used your God given talents for a good cause!

~ Vicky Wienke

Get Well Cards

Family members have requested that "Get Well" cards be sent to Dennis Boldt from his long-time Trinity friends. Dennis is battling lymphoma and a lung infections. Cards would give him great encouragement. They can be sent to:

Dennis Boldt
2220 Cyprus Court
Midlothian, Texas 76065

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

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



Mission Trip Presentation

On **Sunday, September 16** during the **10:30 service**, we will be making a brief presentation about our mission trip to Syracuse and will discuss future mission dates. Please plan to attend.

~ Kevin & Colleen Kot



A Walk to Remember At GreenField Manor (5953 Broadway, Lancaster)

Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00am

For a second year, the GreenFields Continuing Care Community will unite with the Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to fight back against the devastation caused by Alzheimer's disease. Be a part of the fight and join us for 'A Walk to Remember' on **Tuesday, September 11th at 11:00am** as we honor a very special group of people - the residents and families who are living with Alzheimer's disease. We will walk a ceremonial lap around the campus to recognize those who are fighting and to remember those that we have lost too soon. Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ will be available via drive-thru pick up for \$10 per meal. All proceeds raised will help the Alzheimer's Association fund groundbreaking research, and to provide education, free information and supportive services to those who need them.

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.

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Jr. High Youth Night: Our Jr. High Nights are for grades 5-8 and are held on a Thursday evening from 6:30pm-8:00pm once a month. We start with open gym time, then play some fun organized games, and close with a little time focused on God and how He fits into our lives. Our next one for September will include laser tag! We're still trying to nail a date so keep your eyes peeled on the bulletin. We're super excited about this opportunity and know the kids will have a blast (they always do)!

Here you see a few pics of our summer nights playing games or just hanging out. God blessed us with beautiful weather! Did you know the game pictured on the slide is called Pineapple? Each person takes a turn going from bottom to top and it's a challenge, as you can imagine, being the bottom person and not getting pushed off!



Sr. High

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.

Sr. High Sunday Morning Devotions: Our senior high will once again begin gathering on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the youth room on the lower level of the church. We'll be sharing about the National Youth Gathering next Summer and parents can sit in as well if they like.



Newsboys Concert Thursday, September 27, 2018 At The Chapel At Crosspoint (Getzville)

Newsboys are well liked and known in the Christian music scene since the late 90's by youth, teens and adults alike. Their **United** tour will feature also former lead singer Peter Furler which will make for an extra special event. Also performing will be Zealand and Adam Agee. For the **Thursday, September 27, 7-10pm** concert, Jr. High, Sr. High, and families are invited to attend. Group tickets are \$18. Jr. High students need to be accompanied by a parent. Sr. High parents will not need to attend, and Mark Willert can drive a few (first interested). We'll leave Trinity at 5:15pm as doors open at The Chapel At Crosspoint in Getzville at 6pm. If interested, please let Mark Willert (608-8907) know **by September 1**, as this concert is expected to sell out (and they always do!).



Music Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

THANK-YOU!

Thank you to all who were so helpful around the parsonage property at separating the wheat from the tares (the flowers from the weeds)! A year ago I dove into the gardens pulling up weeds and hauling them away. But, a few days later I developed a rash and allergic reaction that kept me itching for the next 8 months or so. So, I have been very hesitant to dive in again, as you'd expect. The gardens and the yard look so much better. Thank-you!

Also, thank you for the new doors and storm doors. They look fantastic! The storm doors have screens in them and it has been great to be able to open the house up more for a cross breeze from front to back. My goal now is to paint the side door to match the color of the front doors.

~ Pastor Krueger



"My prayer for you is that you will overflow more and more with love for others, and at the same time keep on growing in spiritual knowledge and insight." Philippians 1:9

Summer is fading and all the routines are getting back into swing. Work, school, doctor appointments, after school activities, shopping, cleaning and many other tasks are starting. All of these things can be overwhelming. These may seem to be just "little things", but if it hurts it isn't such a "little thing." Sometimes we forget to get the spiritual knowledge that can help. We can get the knowledge from Bible classes and church services to help the anxiety. If it just doesn't seem to be enough, Stephen Ministers can help. We are good non-judgmental confidential caring listeners. Contact our Stephen Leaders Don Meissner 652-1901 / Pastor Krueger 674-9188 for more information or any Stephen Minister: Vicky Wienke, Erin (Meissner) Kotowski, Pat Hartman, Josh Makey, Sue Brehm, Darlene Miller, and Judy Schmidt.



Youth Gathering Meeting

Our next meeting for the National Youth Gathering will be September 23 after the 10:30 worship. Those interested should attend as we'll be making plans for fundraising as well as other preparations.

Community Car Wash Outreach

August 4 saw our 3rd annual free car wash to the community. With a beautiful sunny day, we serviced about 35 cars in the two hours we were open. While we had some neighbors return from last year, there were many new folks who would ask the question, "Is it really free???" Or, "Why would you do this for free?" So we'd say, "Well, God has blessed us and now He's blessing you today!" Of course they'd be very thankful but one woman became teary eyed when we told her. Still, some insisted on giving a donation (totaled almost \$100) which we put toward the teen's trip next summer to the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota. Thanks to the parents and teens who participated in this annual outreach event!



“Seasons Change as Love Endures” LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

As the cooler Fall temperatures and winds blow in the northern hemisphere, people begin to prepare for the impending seasonal changes. Our closets and our seasonal migrations reflect preparation.

Closer to the Equator, the changes are subtler. Yet the God-given cycles remind us that the winds of change are inevitable.

These changes remind us that one thing doesn't change. It's truth is based in all of Creation. History gives evidence of the irrefutable truth of God's Word; that His love in Jesus Christ endures forever. His love is the eternal constant, the only thing that doesn't change!

Changing seasons don't only apply to the weather. It also applies to circumstances where we manage life and all of life's resources. Whatever season of life you are in, God's love motivates we who recognize and believe by faith, that faithful stewardship of material and spiritual blessings cares for what is loaned to us for our life's seasons.

This stewardship reflects Creation's First-Fruits. With God as the priority among earthly concerns, our decisions reflect how we spend time, use talents and share wealth entrusted to us. During our life we give the first-fruits to the Lord in keeping with the gift of faith given to us by God's Holy Spirit's Gifts.

When our earthly life changes from mortality to immortality, we can continue the planting of love that endures forever. Our own 'lifetime plan for giving', expressed in our estate and financial plans, can care for people we love and further ministries we care about.

Yes, change is a reliable constant in life's sojourn. But God's great eternal love in sending His Son Jesus to rescue us from being eternally forsaken by God, compels us to not keep His grace to ourselves. For guidance to reflect faith in your earthly plans during the seasons of life, contact us.

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 Prayer Ministry

Judy Schmidt has offered to take over the Trinity Prayer Ministry! This is an important ministry and one that you all make happen by forwarding prayer requests. You can contact her at 926-9054 or judyschmidt349@roadrunner.com. Some of you may not know Judy, as she had transferred to Trinity only about a year ago from Faith, Elma, but feel free to contact her at any time.

Thank You Vicky Wienke!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Vicky Wienke, who headed up this ministry for many years, for all her caring devotion!

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 Pastor Krueger or the church office if this is something you can help out with.



Old School House Demolition Update

The preliminary work has been done and all the permits are in place. The demolition of the old school house is now scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 4.

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

9/5	Jeremy & Shannon Heckman	9/17	Mark & Michele Ganschow PJ & Kim Colson
9/6	Rev. David & Joy Belasic	9/20	Christopher & Kim McLaughlin
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



Are you . . .
 Hurting? Struggling?
 Discouraged? Stressed?
 Confused? Broken?
 Facing a Tough Time?

**Our Stephen Ministers
 Are Ready to Care For You!**

Could you benefit from the confidential,
 one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister?
 If yes, then call Pastor Krueger 674-9188 or
 Don Meissner 652-1901 to be connected to a
 Stephen Minister.



Members' Email Addresses

Does Trinity have your email address? Not sure? If you haven't been receiving Trinity's monthly newsletter via email, we probably don't have it or you have changed it and we need the new one. If this pertains to you, please contact the church office (674-9188) with your email address or you can write your name and email on a piece of paper and place it in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

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