

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

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WORSHIP TIMES

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

“WINNERS”

I am writing this article on the day after some amazing wins! The Buffalo Bills defeated the Minnesota Vikings, 27 to 6. Sports announcers are saying that this was the biggest NFL upset since 1995. The Bills, 17 point underdogs, clobbered the Vikings in a stunning victory. But, that's not all! Tiger Woods that same afternoon won the PGA Tour Championship, his first victory in five years. That's still not all! On Saturday the UB Bulls defeated Rutgers to move to a 4-0 season. Winners!

I suppose if you're not a sports fan these victories may not mean too much. As I listened to the Monday morning news programs and radio stations, there was almost an electric excitement! The unexpected victories seemed to give everyone a shot of adrenaline! After all, who doesn't enjoy winning? Especially when you're expected to lose!

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Christians in Rome, writes “we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!” We are winners! We were even greater underdogs than the Bills! We were lost in our sinfulness and could not pull out a victory on our own. But Jesus came and pulled off a great victory when He humbled Himself to His Father's will and died on the cross to pay for all the sins of all people. To many, including the disciples of Jesus, it looked like Jesus was going to suffer a great defeat at the hands of His enemies. He was ridiculed, mocked, beaten and crucified. Yet three days later He confirmed the greatest upset of all times. Sin, death and satan had been soundly defeated. So, now all who believe in Him and are baptized into unity with Him are conquerors and winners with Him in His death and resurrection! While we were still hopelessly lost sinners (underdogs), Christ died for us! By His grace we are saved, through faith, and not that of ourselves. It is a gift of God. We cannot boast about saving ourselves, but we certainly can boast about the victory our Lord has won for us! (Ephesians 2:8-9)

It's been interesting to see and experience the change that this huge victory of the Buffalo Bills has generated. Now there's hope! There's anticipation and enthusiasm for the up coming games, where only hours before there was disappointment and dread. Likewise, our victory and salvation through Jesus generates great hope and anticipation for the future. We are more than conquerors! We are winners! And nothing can separate us from this victory in Christ. Hopefully the Buffalo Bills will continue to win, but there's no guarantee. Our victory in Jesus, however, is guaranteed. We are already the super bowl (Baptism) winners in Jesus Christ!

To God be all the glory!

~ Pastor Dennis J. Krueger

TRUNK or TREAT

Sunday, October 28

At 6:30pm

Join us for our next family event - the 12th Annual Trunk or Treat on October 28 at 6:30pm. So here's what you can expect: Come to the Trinity parking lot; park with your trunk facing in, around the perimeter of the parking lot; have 2-3 bags worth of candy in your trunk. You and your children, in costume, will then make your way around the parking lot gathering candy! Bring your own collection containers or bags as well. Some folks like to decorate their trunk or car and you may do the same. We'll share in a family friendly devotion following the event. Great for grandparents too! Call Mark Willert with any questions 608-8907.



New Members Class

Interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church? A New Members Class will be held this Fall. Anyone interested should attend the Introduction Class on **Monday, October 1 at 7:00pm**. We will discuss future meeting times that night.



Movie Night

Trinity's Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a showing of the movie "I Can Only Imagine" on **Saturday, October 13th**. We will provide pizza, popcorn, and drinks but please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we can have an idea of the number of people attending. The event will begin at 6:30pm and we will begin the movie at 7pm. This is a great event to invite a friend or two!



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!!!



ESCAPE TO THE WILD

Hidden Valley Animal Adventure

(2887 Royce Rd, Varysburg, NY 14167)

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Arrive at Hidden Valley at 10:45am, tram tour from 11:15am - 12:15pm, followed by small animal petting area. The cost will be \$10/person (usually \$14, Men's Ministry is picking up \$4). Great for the whole family! A sign-up sheet is in the church narthex.



VS



Buffalo Bills vs. New York Jets

Sunday, November 11th

Join Trinity's Men In Ministry in watching the Buffalo Bill's away game against the New York Jets on Sunday November 11th, from 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM at the Hamburg Brewing Company (6553 Boston State Rd, Hamburg NY). All men, women and children are welcome. This is a great event to invite a neighbor or friend to. Hope to see you there! Contact Chris Kopra with any questions. Go Bills!

Old School House ... A Memory

September 4th saw the beginning of demolition to the old school house. Taking just a day to knock it down and the rest of the week to haul it away, all that remains is a leveled area of dirt. A two-room school house built in 1924, many Trinity members have fond memories of the various activities and classes in this building. There are no specific plans yet for the space. We'll wait to see where God leads.



Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Mission Trip / Teacher Installation / Backpack Blessing Sunday was an awesome way to kick-off the new school year with you! It was wonderful to see so many children singing up front. It was a testimony to the success of the VBS program (it was a VBS song) and to the families who cherish the opportunity to worship together as the Body of Christ.

We appreciate those of you have agreed to be a Prayer Partner for a school student this year. The children enjoy knowing that someone is praying just for them. The occasional cards are nice, too, but it's the prayer that counts! Please remember their families, as well. Many of our students are not regular church attendees, and we pray that God would lead their parents to an understanding of our need for worship.

October brings with it many opportunities for fellowship here at school. One of our favorite events each year is the Grandparents Day Celebration. Even though Grandparents Day is in September, we use Oct. 17th to recognize it, since our grandparents / honorary grandparents are special every day. You are certainly invited to join us! We start with a light breakfast at 8:30am, followed by classrooms activities, and chapel at 10:15am. It's a wonderful morning together and we're so thankful for our grandparents who love and lead in their own special way.

The 7th & 8th graders are back it - it's Chicken BBQ time on 10/20. They are raising funds for their class trip. It's a two-day adventure this year, location still TBD, with any overages in profits going towards next year's four-day excursion. Buy your tickets ahead of time and save \$2/meal. Pre-purchased meals for \$10 include a half Chiavetta's chicken, coleslaw, salt potatoes, roll and dessert. Donations of pans of uncut brownies are welcome and appreciated!

October is also our annual all-school (K-8) field trip. This year we're heading off to Genesee Country Village and Museum. It's quite a logistical puzzle to get all students, staff, school bus, parent drivers, lunches and snacks and bathroom breaks lined up and on the road by 8:40am! The museum guides divide us up by grades, so all presentations are pertinent to the interests and abilities of the students. It's an exciting and educational day, and we pray fervently for sunshine...

On October 5, our school staff will be participating in a staff development day sponsored by the Eastern District. Part of the agenda for the day includes a summary of the book "Joining Jesus on His Mission" by Greg Finke. As daily missionaries, our teachers must always be aware of the Kingdom at work around them and of the opportunities for mission that Jesus is placing in front of them. One of the joys of teaching at Trinity is to be able to daily act on those moments when Jesus can shine most brightly through us. As the District Education Executive, I am honored to seek out those opportunities for growth for our teachers, equipping them for service in our Lutheran schools and preschools.

Enjoy the beauty of this season: His artwork is incomparable!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue

Saturday, October 20, 2018

11:00am - 4:00pm (OR until sold out)

*** Drive -Thru ONLY ***

Tickets: \$10 pre-sale / \$12 at the door

Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, dessert

Stop in at or contact the school (674-5353) for tickets. Proceeds will support Trinity School's 7th & 8th grade class trip.



Fall Bible Studies & Ministries

It's not too late to join!!! See what fits into your schedule.

Sunday Morning Study: Meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the conference room.

Ladies' Bible Study: Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7pm in the church narthex. All women are welcome!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: Meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Meets every Wednesday morning at 10am. All are welcome!

Men in Ministry: This group meets on the second Saturday of each month from 8:30am-10am. Their next meeting is October 13th.



Trinity is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit our church website at: "www.trinitywestseneca.com"
2. Click on the "Give Now" button.
3. Click on the Create Profile button.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

A Health Note

Now is a great time to get your flu shot for the season. There will be time for the vaccine to take effect before the flu bug can get a hold on society. If in doubt, check with your doctor as to the type best for you, injection or inhalation. If your immune system is compromised because of chemo, age or other circumstances, it is good to be vaccinated. Also, if you deal with the public or compromised individuals in your work setting, you should have the vaccine. Many pharmacies offer the vaccine and it is covered by most health insurances. While you're at it, ask about the pneumonia and shingles vaccines.



The study of "**Unshakeable Hope**", written by Max Lucado, begins on **Monday, October 8 at 7 PM sharp**. We welcome all post-high school aged women. The group meets in the church narthex on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. We're usually on our way home by 8:30 PM.

HOMEWORK? Yes, but not much. You will read a chapter or two at home, think about the provided questions, maybe write down some thoughts and/or questions and comments of your own, and come to church to share time with some new and/or familiar Christian sisters. No snacks are involved, but there is hot water to brew up a cup of tea or hot chocolate - and there may even be a pot of decaf coffee!!

Any questions? Please text Nancy Hope at 716-426-9342 or call her home at 716-674-8544. She will get back to you if you leave a message. And, please put the group in prayer - asking the Lord to bless our gathering and our words as we learn more about our awesome faithful God and grow closer to Him.



Altar Flowers

We are in need of families to sign up to donate altar flowers for **November and December**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church coatroom. They are only \$10 and you get to take them home after the 10:30am service. We ask that two families sign up for each week. Thank you for helping to beautify our altar!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



We will once again be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. National Collection Week is November 12-19 but we ask that you bring your shoeboxes to church **by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11** so that they can be checked over and brought to the local drop-off station. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PICK UP A BROCHURE AND ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES WHEN CHOOSING ITEMS FOR YOUR SHOEBOX!** There are many items that are NOT allowed in the boxes and also please make sure your box can be closed easily and is NOT taped shut. You can however put a rubberband around your box if needed. Thank you!

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High Youth Night: The first Jr. High Night of the year was held on the evening of September 20 and 25 students from 5th to 8th grade gathered for a little God time and a lot of fun. Our next one is **Thursday, October 18th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the gym. Kids can expect open gym time, organize games, a brief devotion, and ... PIZZA! Don't miss out!



Sr. High Small Group: Dates for October are yet to be determined. Please refer to upcoming "Life at Trinity" weekly announcement sheets for updates.

Teen Girls Bible Study

Hope Willert the starting a Bible study for high school age girls on **Thursday, October 4th from 7:00pm-8:15 p.m.** at her house. All friends are invited to come as well. They plan on getting together every other Thursday. Contact Hope with any questions at 608-8907 / hawillert@aol.com.

Mission Corner

Haiti Update ~ Mission of Hope

Over the summer, many of you may have heard that there was a period of political unrest in Haiti. This resulted in the cancellation of mission team trips to the Mission of Hope campus. In turn, there was a large financial deficit in the essential funds for running programs. Thankfully everything is back to normal as of now, and Trinity will be making a donation to MOH from our mission fund. If you feel moved to donate to this cause, please make donations to LIFE-Mission of Hope. Thank you!

Mission Trip Interest Survey

Please remember to fill out the Mission Trip Interest Survey that was handed out on September 16. Extra copies can be found in the narthex if needed.

Mission Trip 2019

We are in the early stages of planning a mission trip to Haiti with Mission of Hope in the summer of 2019. If you are at all interested, please let Andrew Eising know and he will get you more information. Phone: 308-0770 ~ Email: trinityLIFE4christ@gmail.com

WSE Craft Show Saturday, October 27th 10:00am - 3:00pm

Members of Trinity will be participating in the West Seneca East High School Craft Show, selling Haitian artisan items (metal art signs, jewelry, and hand-bags). Please come visit us if you are interested.

Trinity Camp Out

By Mark Willert, Youth & Family Coordinator

God provided us with another great evening for our 7th annual event. Many folks came just for the evening (hotdog dinner, fellowship, devotion, songs, campfire, flashlight hunt) and we had about 9 tents set up in the field. Some folks came back for the free pancake breakfast the next morning and we served about 70. A sincere thank you to all the parents (and one teen!) who helped. We had just over 100 signed up. BIG thanks Trinity PTO for stepping up! Also, thanks to Thrivent for sponsoring.



This is the time we're settling down after all the summer fun and looking forward to the beautiful fall leaves and on to the birth of our Lord and Savior. We wanted to refresh the meaning of Stephen Ministry. It is "Christ Caring for People through People." We are ministering to those who are experiencing many challenging issues in a care receiver's life. It may be the loss of a loved one, loneliness, unemployment, illness, any life changes or anything that causes difficulties in some one's life. It could even be something that others may view "silly." As a Stephen Minister we are: trained lay volunteers, good listeners, trained in confidentiality, we don't judge, we're supervised for quality care through a caring Christian relationship on a one-to-one basis. Our Stephen Minister leaders are Don Meissner 652-1901 and Pastor Krueger 674-9188; our Stephen Ministers are Erin (Meissner) Kotowski, Pat Hartman, Josh Makey, Sue Brehm, Darlene Miller, Judy Schmidt, and Vicki Wienke. Contact any of us if you have any question or if someone you know may need a care-giver.



“Do You See Yourself in the ‘White Robed Throngs’ ?”

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

It’s a vast picture of community in the end times, provided by the Holy Spirit, through the Apostle John’s pen. The image recorded in Revelations 7:9-16, features our own immortality in these Words:

*“⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, **clothed in white robes**, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “¹⁰Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

Interestingly, the throngs were not alone . . .

¹¹“And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. . . “

The beloved disciple wondered who these people were. He received the Spirit’s answer:

“. . . And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Do you envision yourself in that ‘white robed throng’ described in this immortal destination perspective? It is a profound design for all believers to anticipate. Sadly, many who claim faith, don’t comprehend themselves in that throng. Could this shape the way people plan for (or fail to plan for) earthly life’s end?

Listen to how the Spirit describes their/our future?

*¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne **will shelter them with his presence**. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. **For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**”*

For us, who realize ourselves in this throng, the presence of Christ is again confirmed by this inspired revelation. Christ’s presence in His Word and in simple elements-Wine-Bread-Water, brings the peace that allows us to be still, living life that is truly life. Baptized believers have purpose to live with the light and preference of praise, on earth’s sojourn.

The LCMS Foundation was created by the Church-Body in 1958 to help God’s people get ready for a glorious future and leave behind a witness to the Lamb. For more information or guidance begin your journey here. *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.***

Happy Birthday

10/1 Rachel Eising	10/12 Jennifer Szeider	10/25 Karen O'Brien
10/2 Rachel Jaskier	Kaitlyn Schwab	10/26 Emily Gabel
10/3 Genevieve Carr	Liam Cosandier	10/27 Robin Makosy
10/4 Nakiya Harris	10/13 Gabriella Tripi	James Rowsell
10/6 Lisa Strong	10/14 Nancy Hope	Joanne Jaskier
10/8 Emily Lelito	David Sirgey	Duane Gabel
Jazmine Gable	10/16 Marilyn Smolka	10/28 Mary Ann Warner
Jonas Herdlein	Georgiann Busse	Karl Schultz
10/9 Emma Monahan	10/20 Annette Parsons	Michelle Ecker
10/11 Paulette Darcy	10/21 Beth McKernan	10/29 Kevin R. Kot
Sheri Courteau	Max Rodgers	Anastasia Zarbo
	10/23 Leigh Farrell	10/30 Lacey Harris
	Rebecca Hall	10/31 Tara Thompson

Happy Anniversary

10/1 Mary & Joel Havens	10/15 Carl & Carolyn Lehsten
Bonnie & Mark Schwab	10/15 Dawn & Paul Barnas
10/4 Peter & Laural Szeider	10/19 Harry & Judeen Babcock
10/7 Eve & James LoVullo	Alan & Bok Yox
10/9 Michael & Noell McKernan	10/21 Robert & Carol Cislo
10/11 Heidi & Tom Cosandier	10/24 Gary & Lenore Ecker
10/13 Christopher & Reacey Malta	Stephen & Carol Hope
	10/29 Donald & Gail Rieman

Daily Bible Reading Questions:

- A. What does the Bible section/verse say?
- B. What does it mean? Do I understand it?
- C. What does it mean to me?
 - 1. Is there an example to follow?
 - 2. Is there a duty to perform?
 - 3. Is there a new teaching about God?
 - 4. Is there a promise to claim?
 - 5. Is there an error to avoid?
 - 6. Is there a sin to confess?
 - 7. Is there a prayer to speak for myself or others?
- D. **What is God saying to me?**

Grass Cutter / Landscaper Needed

The Property & Grounds Committee is seeking 2 youths who are active members of Trinity for grass cutting and minor landscaping for next summer. The pay rate would be \$15 per hour. Interested individuals should email Dave Broderdorf at drb757@roadrunner.com.

Quilters of Trinity,

Thank you so much for the warm lap robe! It is very comfy and so appreciated. It's handy now but will be even more so once I have my knee operation. Once again, thanks a million!

~ Mary Ann Moeller

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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