

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

APRIL 2019

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

Our Mission: To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ

“Life Is Always Better When the SON is Out!”

Living in Western New York where it is chilly to freezing from Halloween thru a “late” Easter, we really appreciate a clear and sunny day. Life is always better when the sun is out! Even on a freezing cold day the sun can warm and lift one’s spirit. Likewise, as we approach Easter and the empty tomb, life is always better when the SON is out. Life is only possible through the life, death and resurrection of God’s Son, Jesus! Through the coldest of times and wintry seasons of life, faith and life in Jesus warms us and sustains us. On Easter we celebrate the victorious SON-GOD who defeated sin, death and the grave. In Him we have life and growth as His planted seeds in good soil where His Word nurtures us. Life is better and is only possible because the SON burst out of the tomb and arose in glory and victory.

As much as we enjoy the sun with its radiant beams on a clear day, we also know that it is still shining on a cloudy or stormy day. Even at night time, the sun is still out and shining even though we can’t see it due to the rotation of the earth. So, also, our Lord is always with us: in sunny good days and gloomy hard days; during the day and through the night; in big ways like on Good Friday and Easter Sunday; and in small subtle ways that we may not always notice and appreciate. That’s Easter life in the Son!

I am very thankful to you, the members of Trinity. You have been encouraging reflections of the risen Son in your friendships and partnership as the Body of Christ. It has been a cloudy, but not always gloomy time in my life for the past two and a half years. You have been God’s warm blessings to me. I want to share with you a special blessing the Lord has recently sent my way. Her name is Lynn. (I got her permission to share this.) She is a member of Trinity, Bob and Lois Rodgers’ daughter. We haven’t been seeing each other long but even in this brief time we have been so blessed! We’ve discovered a lot of common ground and mutual friends from Camp Pioneer, to our love for the Lord. She plays in the handbell choir which is where I first really noticed her. I love the bell music, but even more now. I wanted to share this new sunshine in my life, so that if you see us together you’ll know and not have to wonder why Pastor is holding some woman’s hand!

God works in mysterious ways! Sending His Son to die and rise again being the most gracious, undeserved and greatest of them all. He also sends His other sons and daughters in everyday life to bless us with His warmth and love!

A blessed Holy Week and a bright SON-shiny Easter!

Pastor Dennis Krueger





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday
April 18, 2019 ~ 7:00pm

Good Friday
April 19, 2019 ~ 12noon & 7:00pm

Easter Vigil ~ Holy Saturday
April 20, 2019 ~ 5:00pm

Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019 ~ 8:00am & 10:30am



Hymns of Faith Experience April 10, 2019 at 7:00pm At Trinity Lutheran Church

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00pm! Please join us here at church for "Hymns of Faith," a presentation of thought-provoking hymns in a variety of musical styles played on solo piano by Tracy Gerardi. During this season of Lent, it is important to "be still" and connect with our Creator. This one hour of worship provides an intentional time of meditation and reflection. There is no admission for this event. All proceeds from CD sales will benefit Trinity Christian School.

Ladies Bible Study News

The Monday night Ladies Bible Study will not meet in April. It is scheduled to resume in May. Please refer to upcoming weekly announcement sheets and the May newsletter for dates.



Vendor / Craft Sale Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:00am - 3:00pm In the Trinity School Gym

Vendors and crafters are needed! If you are interested in vendor space, please contact Kevin or Colleen Kot at knckot@verizon.net or 674-7526 by May 3, 2019. Vendor space will be limited, so please submit your application ASAP. Applications are in the church narthex and school office. Proceeds from this sale will go to support future local and domestic mission events.



Easter Breakfast For ALL

Trinity's Men in Ministry is excited about sponsoring their Annual Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 21st from 9am-10:15am** in the school gym. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!!! A freewill offering benefiting Harvest House will be taken. We hope to see you there.

Men needed! Any men interested in assisting in the above Easter Breakfast by purchasing food, setting up, cooking or cleaning up should sign up on the sheet in the narthex under the Memorial Board or contact Dave Sirgey (djsirgey@adelphia.net).



Easter Plant Orders

We will once again be selling plants to be placed on the altar for Easter services, which you get to take home after the 10:30am service on Easter Sunday. Order forms can be found in the weekly bulletins or you can contact the church office (674-9188) to place an order. The deadline to order plants is **April 7**.

Cemetery Clean-Up Day

The Cemetery Board will be holding a clean-up day on **Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00am**. All are welcome to come and lend a helping hand!



We are in need of volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on **Sunday, April 14** (Palm Sunday). Jobs include: set-up, welcoming guests, directing parking and traffic, serving food, and clean-up. Please see a member of the Outreach Team (Rachel Eising, Andrew Eising, Chris Kopra or Joan Kopra) in order to sign-up. We are expecting a big turnout and are looking forward to welcoming our community!

Emergency Contacts

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.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Partners in Mission,

Praise God for the blessings that continue to be poured out upon our church and school as we strive to glorify Him through our words and actions. School enrollment for 2019-20 is progressing very well. We continue to improve our curricula and facilities through the efforts of the staff, their ongoing professional development and the acquisition of new materials; and through upgraded safety features and capital improvements made possible through the Annual Fund and local, state and federal grants.

The Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction event was very successful. Over 600 people visited our campus that day! This event allows us to continue to meet our budgetary obligations as well as providing scholarship opportunities for families in need and keeping tuition at a manageable level. Your participation in this event was a critical part of its success, and the staff and I continue to thank our Heavenly Father for the blessing of a vibrant and supportive congregation. When a congregation's mission vehicle has been operating for as long as this school has, it is easy to take the blessing for granted. That is not the case here at Trinity! We pray that our church and school can continue to work together in His name to "raise up children in the way they should go" for many years to come. I wanted to share a quick story with you, too... A Trinity graduate, now in high school, was scouring baked on spaghetti sauce off giant pots after the dinner, even after helping serve those dinners for almost 3 hours. I asked him where he learned to be such a hard worker. He looked at me for a minute and then said "Trinity!" Well done, good and faithful servant.

The Annual Fund is underway! The past three successful years have allowed us to make wonderful improvements to our facility, and we're looking forward to being able to continue with the upgrades. Have you seen the new floors in the classrooms that had rugs? Two of the three are done, and it makes such a difference. The upper graders are desperately in need of new desks and chairs, our STEM curriculum will be expanded with hummingbird robotics kits, and we need to continue to work on building safety upgrades - these are some of the items earmarked for this year's donations. Our goal is to involve more of our alumni this year, so pray the Lord moves the hearts of those who have been touched by our school in the past. Many of you are already contributors, and we hope to reach well beyond our walls to meet our goal.

We're all looking forward to participating in the Vendor Fair, the Church/School Picnic and VBS this year. Watch for information about a new, two-week "summer camp" opportunity for incoming 4th-7th graders being offered here on campus in late July. We're still working out a few of the details, but we're excited about the academic and sports-related activities being offered. We're hoping this program will eventually become yet another way that Trinity can positively impact the community and make more and better disciples for Jesus Christ.

~ Kathleen Fretthold
Principal, Trinity Christian School



Trinity School Musical ~ "Kingdom Connection" May 10, 2019 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Come visit the **Kingdom Connection**, an interactive Bible Adventure Tour ... where the Bible comes to life! Leave the modern world behind and enter into the ancient world of kings who lived over two thousand years ago. Peek in on defining moments in Bible history one King at a time. Join us for a musical delight as we meet King David, King Saul, King Herod, and that wise ruler King Solomon. With high energy, fun filled, biblically inspired songs by Dove Award winner Christy Semsen. You won't want to miss the inspirational singing of the whole Trinity School K-8.

HELP NEEDED for Stage Set-Up:

It's school musical time again. I would really appreciate several (5-7) strong assistants to set up the stage, sound, and lights on Sunday April 28 right after the 10:30am service. Thank You in advance!

~ Noel Anderson



MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat 2019 Band of Brothers

Prayerfully consider joining us at the Men's Retreat at Camp Pioneer this year from **May 3-5**. The retreat, which will run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, is packed with group sessions, worship, fellowship and some delicious meals. A brochure with additional information is available on the sign-up table in the Narthex. Cost is \$165 for the weekend and covers retreat material, accommodations and meals on Saturday and Sunday morning. Contact Chris Kopra (phone: 207-3008, email: koprachris@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. **DEADLINE to sign up is April 14th!**



Confirmation Students' Gifts

In the last few weeks, confirmation teacher, Chris Kopra, helped navigate his students through finding some of the gifts God has given them. Almost always, to their surprise, they get to see some of those special things God has placed inside each of them for the use of furthering His Kingdom. Some students say, "Yup, that's me...", while others exclaim, "You sure this is right?" Below are the students with their top two gifts:

Denny Glinski- Discernment, Administration
 Jessica Nickerson- Administration, Love
 Ella Meunier- Mercy, Giving
 Bethany Lafferty- Faith, Leadership/Teaching
 Jacob Ecker- Faith, Leadership
 Jonas Hearline- Mercy, Pastor- Leadership/Teaching

We thank God and pray that He will continue to guide and lead them in using these special gifts. So what are your gifts you could be using for God's purpose? Ask Pastor Krueger or someone on the Inclusion Team to find out how you can discover them!

Confirmation Happenings

Over the next month or so, our confirmation students will be prayerfully working on the writing of their statements of faith, which they will share with our church on Confirmation Sunday. Please pray for them as God's Spirit leads and puts on their hearts what they will publicly profess and share regarding their faith, relationship with Jesus, and to officially join in membership with our Trinity family. Listed below are some important dates:

Family Confirmation Dinner ~ May 19 at 5pm
 Confirmation Sunday ~ June 9 at 10:30am worship



LWML Spring Event & Workshop At Trinity Christian School May 4, 2019 9 AM - 12 PM

Deborah Greatrix-Tyler, a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, will be the speaker. She founded the Buffalo chapter of **THE BURITO PROJECT**, a national organization committed to serving food to the homeless men, women, and children in communities with compassion and caring, in a nonjudgmental manner.

The program will begin at 9 AM and end at 12 PM. As the hands on project, we will tie fleece afghans. An ingathering of homemade and purchased cookies will be collected, which will be individually packaged during our time together to be included with bagged meals which will be distributed on the street to those in need.

This is a good opportunity for teens and women to come and learn what the LWML is all about. The LWML is open to all Lutheran women and their organizations within congregations served by LCMS pastors and having the same objectives as the LWML. **Please RSVP by APRIL 26 to Linda Meissner 648-1281.** Registration begins at 8:30 AM; there is a \$5 registration fee taken at the door. Snacks and beverages provided.

Show Your Support

You can show your support for the upcoming Vendor / Craft Sale, Saturday, May 18 to benefit future mission trips/projects, by donating a hand made craft, gift basket, or baked goods. At first this opportunity was suggested to only the Ladies Bible Class but why not open it to the congregation? Men are also creative and some even bake! Donations will be accepted the morning of the event. The sale begins at 11 AM and closes at 3 PM. Contact Linda Meissner for additional info, Lam.ambit@yahoo.com / 648-1281.



Trinity Church & School Picnic Sunday, June 2, 2019 Following the 10:30am Service

Save the date! Refer to the May church newsletter and upcoming weekly Life at Trinity announcement sheets for more information.

YOUTH SCOOP YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. Youth Night

If you're in Jr. High and haven't been to one of our youth nights, come and check out the next one on **Monday, April 8 at 6:30pm** in the school gym. Good times, great fun, a little bit of God and great people! We always have great games and spend about 15 minutes talking about God and neat ways He fits into our lives. Kids bring their friends from school or even their neighborhood. Open to kids in grades 5-8. We also have some of our Sr. High teens who love to come help lead and interact. It's also neat to see some of the new relationships that are forming and growing as time goes on.



Teen Girls Bible Study

We will meet on **April 8 from 7:00pm-8:15pm** at the Willert's house.

Teen Boys Small Group "Tacos and Talk"

Our next gathering will be at Mark Willert's house on **April 14 from 1:00pm-2:30pm**. We eat and talk about life and how God fits in. The guys leave well fed physically and spiritually!

Youth Lead Worship at Trinity

Thanks to all the youth and teens that used your gifts to lead us in worship on March 3. You are a blessing to us!



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Spring Jr. & Sr. High Youth Retreat At Camp Pioneer May 15-17, 2019

SAVE THE DATES! Any of Trinity's youth in 5th - 12th grade are invited. We will be spending the weekend worshipping, playing games and participating in service projects. Keep an eye out for more information and sign-up sheets! Also, if there are any parents or young adults interested in chaperoning or joining us for the weekend, please contact Mark Willert.

CAMP PIONEER EVENTS:

Easter Brunch at Camp Pioneer

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10:30am - 2:30pm

Tickets are \$18 adults, \$8 children ages 6-12, children 5 and under are free. This event will be catered by Shoreline Catering. By reservation only. Call 549-1420 by April 5 to make your reservation.

Pioneer Clean-Up

Saturday, April 13, 2019

On April 13 we're heading out to Camp Pioneer. We will leave from church at 9:00am and return at 3:30pm. Lunch is included! If interested let Mark Willert know!

Camp Pioneer's 2019 Season

Want to know about the various camps and programs being held at Pioneer this summer? Pick up a brochure in the church narthex or visit Pioneer's website at www.pioneercamp.org.



VBS 2019 - "ROAR"

July 8-12, 2019

9am-11:30am

Save the dates! Invite your friends! All children entering Pre-K 4 thru 6th Grade in the Fall are welcome. We'll sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and much more. On-line registration is now open at: <https://vbspro.events/p/trinity-vbs>



Email 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.

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.

Contact Information: If you have moved, changed your phone # or email address recently, please contact the church office so we can update your information.



When an event shakes up your world, you can either let it hurt or help you. We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord which may cause some people to be alone for the holiday. It could even be that Spring is coming and viewing all the outside work to be done can cause anxiety. If you would like help in turning a life crisis of any type into an opportunity for help, Stephen Ministers can be just the help needed.

We are:

**Trained lay volunteers ~ Good listeners
Confidential ~ Supervised for quality care
Ready to offer God's love on a one-to-one basis**

To get help or for more information contact Don Meissner 652-1901, Pastor Krueger 674-9188, any Stephen Minister (Erin Kotowski, Pat Hartman, Josh Makey, Sue Brehm, Darlene Miller, Judy Schmidt), or our church office 674-9188.

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 May 5th.

Cemetery News . . .

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.

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.

Trinity's Nursery Rooms

For your convenience, there is a lovely nursery in the basement of the church for your use during the services should you desire to use it. There are toys for your little ones to play with as well as video/audio for you to view and hear the service. If you are unsure of which area to use - the nursery is surrounded by two half-walls and very child-friendly.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE....

Easter Egg Hunt

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

When: Sunday April 14th, 2019

Time: Registration begins @ 12:15 pm
Egg Hunts start @ 12:45 pm

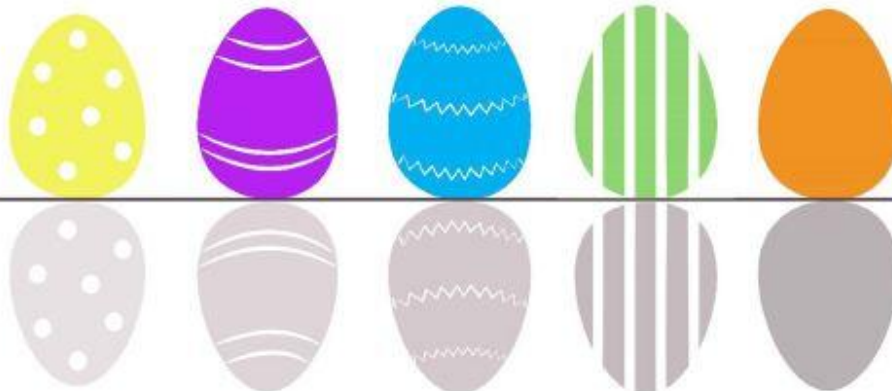
Ages: 0-10 (*Scavenger Hunt* for 11 and up)

♦ Hot Dog & Chips Lunch Provided ♦

♦ Pictures with the Easter Bunny ♦

*RSVP at Trinity Christian School's
Facebook Event*

Dress for the
weather as this is
an outdoor event



Happy Birthday

4/1	Sarah Makosy	4/13	Colleen Kot	4/24	Jennifer Canazzi
4/3	Evelyn Burger	4/17	Robbin Blajszczak	4/25	Lori Strong Bryana Haas
4/5	Robert Boldt Mary Havens	4/18	Marcia Nickerson Tim Monahan	4/26	Jean Newton
4/7	Carol McMenamin Kris Zawadzki	4/19	Heidi Cosandier Bethany Lafferty Austin Smith	4/27	Kathy Stephen Brendon Ganschow
4/9	Robert Cislo Stacy Conti	4/21	Scot Zawadzki	4/28	Justin Cornell Corbin Stefanik
4/10	Betty-Jo Smith	4/22	Mark Rodgers Lisa Berton Steven Wrobel	4/29	Anne Gurney Sandra Lelito Kelcy Strong
4/11	Brody Zawadzki	4/23	Piper Farrell	4/30	Natalie Ecker
4/12	Linda Hope				
4/13	Don Rieman				

Happy Anniversary

4/3	Sheri & Christopher Courteau	4/17	Carol & Francis McMenamin Lindsay & Jordan Iannuzzelli
4/5	Greg & Tara Thompson Duane & Sarah Gabel	4/20	Gerald & Linda Meissner James & Ryan Rowsell
4/12	Charles & Nancy Stevens	4/23	Robert & Anna Eising
4/15	Charles & Barbara Halvorsen Steve & Robin Makosy	4/24	Trevor & Courtney Jelowski

HELP NEEDED

Pastor Rob Foote (Trinity Ithaca) is working with a family from Angola, Africa who has been granted legal asylum in the US and are seeking Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR). They have an appointment with ICE in Buffalo and we are seeking some help for them. Pastor Alex Knowles (Camp Pioneer) believes he can provide them with housing while they are here, as well as a van for transportation. However, drivers are needed and possibly car seats. They have been granted legal asylum, they are seeking Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR).

The family is Melvino & Maria Chapinda (we aren't sure if that is the correct spelling) and their 4 young children (3 mo., 15 mo, 3 and 5). We don't know if they will have car seats for the bus ride up to Buffalo and want to be prepared in case they are needed. So 2 infant and 2 regular car seats would be wonderful, if they could borrow them. It is believed that Melvino speaks French and Portuguese. The itinerary is as follows:

- **April 27th 8:30 AM:** Arrival at the Greyhound Bus Station in Buffalo. TRANSPORTATION NEEDED FROM THE BUS STATION TO CAMP PIONEER
- **April 28th 9:00 AM:** Appointment at ICE in Buffalo (address not yet available). TRANSPORTATION NEEDED FROM CAMP PIONEER AND BACK. IT IS UNKNOWN HOW LONG THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE.
- **April 29th TBD:** TRANSPORTATION NEEDED FROM CAMP PIONEER TO THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION FOR TRANSPORTATION TO ITHACA. (Times may be 6:15 AM, 9:15 AM or 1:05 PM—probably the later departure)

Funds should be available to pay for any bills incurred. Please contact the office or Pastor Krueger as soon as possible if you can help.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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