

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

MAY 2019

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WORSHIP TIMES

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

“BUILT on the ROCK the CHURCH doth STAND”

How sad it was on the Monday of Holy Week, April 15th, to see the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, engulfed in flames. Watching the television coverage of the fire unfold felt like Christ and the Christian church itself were being attacked! Many news commentators wondered if that actually was the case on the part of anti-Christian terrorists that have claimed to be responsible for numerous other attacks on Christian churches in France. From what I have read, it has been determined to not have been an act of terrorism. It has been ruled as an accident of some sort.

As I watched the flames consume the aged and famous landmark, especially when its noted spire fell, I was reminiscent of the hymn: *“Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand.”* Following the first line title the lyrics continue: *“... Even when steeples are falling; Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are chiming and calling.”* As news anchors and their expert guests went on and on about the tragic loss of this old and beautiful architectural icon, especially in the days of Holy Week, I couldn't help thinking how sad it was that the depth of their grief was limited to that of an old gothic structure and its beautiful artwork inside. Don't get me wrong, that truly is sad and a great loss. Commissioned to be built in 1160 AD, it took about 100 years to complete. That was 232 years before Christopher Columbus sailed to the Americas! Some quick math reveals that Notre Dame was in the process of being built some 900 years ago! A lot of history was going up in smoke and ash. But, even as old and beautiful as it is (was), God's church was not being destroyed!

The great hymn continues, *“Surely in temples made with hands, God, the Most High, is not dwelling; ... We are God's house of living stones, Buildded for His habitation.”* God's church was not being destroyed. A very old and beautiful man-made structure called a cathedral was burning. How much more tragic and sad is the decline of Christendom in France, Europe and around the world! Why do we not see “Breaking News” - Christianity is Rapidly in Decline! While Christianity remains the largest religion in the world with the most adherents, it is declining. And many so called “Christians,” are nominal at best. They are Christian in name only. There in lies a real and honest to goodness tragedy! That's the church that needs to be restored and rebuilt. Our Lord has called us to proclaim His Law and Gospel and, by His Spirit, build up the church.

Even while the fire was still burning up the cathedral, the French president was promising that the structure would be rebuilt. A week later about 1 billion dollars has been pledged to fund the restoration of Notre Dame. Just imagine what a billion dollars could do for expanding and building up God's church of “living stones” (believers)! Our Lord commended Peter for his rock solid confession of faith in “Christ, the Son of the living God.” He said that upon this “rock,” this faith in Jesus, He would build His church. And He promised to go and prepare a mansion for His believers and to take them one day to live with Him there! Certainly that divine mansion will eclipse that of Notre Dame!

Grant, then, O God where'er men roam, That, when the church bells are ringing, Many in saving faith may come – Where Christ His message is bringing!”

~ Pastor Dennis J. Krueger



Excellent Easter Breakfast

Once again this year, Trinity Men in Ministry cooked up a free breakfast for about 100 people on Easter morning which consisted of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, danish, and beverages. \$257 was raised from a free-will offering to benefit Harvest House. A special thank you to Thrivent for the Action Grant which was used to buy the supplies and to all the men who worked to help make this event a success!



Easter Egg Hunt Success!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped out and contributed to this year's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday! Although the weather wasn't the best, everyone had a great time and it was so wonderful to see all the children's smiling faces as they found and opened their Easter eggs! We had about 200 people come for our afternoon of fun and saw many new faces this year. We hope that this event continues to be a way for Trinity to reach out to our neighbors in the community. Thank you again for all of your help Trinity, this event would not have been possible without it!

~The Outreach Team

Attention Seniors!

The Golden Agers of Salem Lutheran Church in South Buffalo invite Trinity's seniors to join them at their monthly meeting on **Thursday, May 2 at 11:45am at Salem**. Bring a sandwich for lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be furnished. Call Fred Schultz (675-2144) with any questions.

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 for this period will be accepted **until May 5th**.



Altar Guild News

The Altar Guild will be purchasing 2 new candelabras and candles for the altar. \$4,000 will be needed to cover these expenses. Donations towards this purchase would be greatly appreciated.



Vendor / Craft Sale May 18, 2019 11am - 3pm 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. Applications are in the church narthex and school office. Proceeds from this sale will go to support future local and domestic mission events.

Help Support the Sale: If you are crafty but don't want a space of your own, you can show your support for the Vendor /Craft Sale by donating a hand made craft, gift basket, or baked goods. Donations will be accepted the morning of the event. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.**

Property & Grounds Meeting and Workday Saturday, May 18th at 9:00am

The Property & Grounds Committee's next meeting will be on Saturday, May 18 at 9am. A work day will immediately follow at approximately 10am.

Hidden Valley Animal Adventure May 4, 2019

Trinity's Men in Ministry is sponsoring this event and will keep the ticket prices affordable at \$10 per person (children 2 and under are free). We will meet at Hidden Valley (2887 Royce Rd., Varysburg, NY) at 10:45am sharp and check in with Dave Sirgey to make payment (includes safari tram ride and petting zoo). Sign up in the church narthex or contact Dave Sirgey (863-7403 or djssirgey@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.



VBS 2019 - "ROAR" July 8-12, 2019 9:00am - 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>

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Each month as I begin writing this newsletter, I prayerfully consider the information that would benefit our mission partnership most effectively at this time. I'm always ready to fill you in about upcoming events, thank you for your support and praise our students for accomplishments in the classroom, church or community. This month, I'll share three philosophies of Lutheran Education in the LCMS that embrace almost all of our almost 2000 schools nationwide. I wonder which one(s) you feel best represents Trinity?

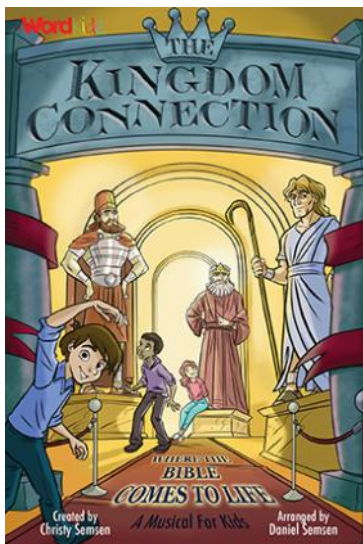
1. Based on Proverbs 22:6, the school partners with congregational families to continue and enrich the Lutheran teaching taught within the home. The families desire a safe and protective environment for their children that does not allow non-Christian ideas within the walls. The school is considered a training ground for future church workers.
2. Heeding the Great Commission in Matthew 28, the school is both the Lutheran family support system and also welcomes other churched and unchurched students. Student families know that Christianity is the primary focus of the school, bringing the Word to all students every day in order to make more disciples for Christ.
3. Taking Matthew 25 to heart, the school strives to feed not only its students and families, but desires to be a blessing to its community and the missions it has the means to support. The community appreciates the excellent academic and social environment for its students, but also the availability of the buildings and grounds, for example, or the ongoing food and clothing drives, the community-based children's events or the senior center visits.

Can you see how valuable all three of these philosophies can be for a church and school? Each provides a sound Biblical basis for school programming and development. Here at Trinity, I believe that we are always striving to fulfill all three of these Godly commands. Do you? They all provide valuable services for almost every child and family with whom the Lord blesses us, as well as our surrounding community. Our mission statement reflects that belief: "The mission of Trinity Christian school is to guide our children in faith, learning, character and leadership by nurturing their relationship with Jesus Christ and educating them for a lifetime of service to God and man."

On to May flowers ... Praise the Lord!

God's blessings to you!

Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



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.

Hope Willert in Guyana

As of the writing of this article, Hope is in Guyana at a boys orphanage run by the Sisters of Mercy. In the picture, Hope is flying a kite with one of the boys, a traditional event the day after Easter. This trip, organized by her school Mt. Mercy, is their first mission trip ever - and Hope's as well. We look forward to the June newsletter for her to share her experience.



**CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP
LISTENERS
ENCOURAGES
KEEPS CONFIDENCE
PRAYS
SUPPORTS**

Stephen Ministers are trained in all these areas. If you or someone you know is having some difficulties and could benefit from talking with one of us, contact either Don Meissner 652-1901, Pastor Krueger 674-9188, or any Stephen Minister: Erin Kotowski, Pat Hartman, Josh Makey, Sue Brehm, Darlene Miller, or Judy Schmidt.

Attention All Leaders

If your ministry, team, board or committee would like a budget for the new fiscal year starting in July 2019 OR if you are starting a new ministry, a budget request form needs to be completed and returned to Dave Broderdorf **by May 30**. Forms can be picked up from the Broderdorf mailbox in the church coatroom.



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

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

LWML Supporters

You can be a passive, yet valuable LWML supporter by donating **Mites**, collecting cancelled **first class stamps** from envelopes (there must be at least ¼ inch border around the stamp), or donating **used electronic equipment or empty brand name ink cartridges**. Stamps or Mites can be put in Linda Meissner's mailbox in the church coatroom. Used phones, cameras, tablets, cartridges, etc. can be put into the purple bin in the narthex. All data from used equipment is wiped clean by the recycling company. Donations are redeemed for money and used toward district and national mission projects voted on at the LWML conventions.

Save the Date: LWML Eastern District Retreat at Pioneer will be September 20-22, 2019. More info to come.



Words of Enlightenment From the Endowment Committee

Charitable Trusts offer multiple benefits. Created by the US Congress to avoid capital gain taxes when appreciated assets are transferred, they offer tax deductions while generating lifetime income and preserving remainder values to bless ministry.

Charitable Gifts of Appreciated Assets are economically effective in supporting the Lord's Work during life. If given to ministry before selling, these gifts conserve taxable gain and provide deductible gifts valued at full market value.

Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427 to learn how a fellow believer can help you plan and direct your passion to give to your loved ones and ministries you care about through your estate and financial gift plans.

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High Youth Night: For students in grades 5-8, our next meeting is on **Thursday, May 9 from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. This high energy event includes games, open gym time, a devotion and great time with friends (or making new ones). God willing, we'll have it outside! Make sure you keep an eye out for our June date as we plan on having Sarah Makosy and the Camp Pioneer staff here to lead!

Boys "Tacos and Talk" Small Group: On **Sunday May 5 from 1:00pm-2:30pm**, our boys' high school small group will gather at the Willert's for some yummy Cinco de Mayo tacos and the topic of music, "What are we listening to?" We've had some pretty meaningful talks and the guys' ears perked up when this topic was picked. What could be better ... food, talk and hanging with some great guys.

Teen Girls Bible Study: Our high school girls small group, led by Hope Willert, gathers once or twice each month to learn, share and grow together. They've been on the topic of Esther and have enjoyed seeing the parallels of this Biblical example to their lives. Keep an eye out for the May dates in upcoming weekly bulletin announcements.



Boys Small Group Helps!

On April 13, our Teen Boys Small Group spent the day at Camp Pioneer raking leaves, painting, and hauling things. We also saw Linda Meissner there who was cleaning out flower beds. Great job boys and Linda! Thanks also to the parents and grandparent that helped out too! The teens look forward to being back at Pioneer this month for the Spring Retreat!

Thanks to the boys also for helping at our annual Easter egg hunt and then right after, setting up the musical stage in the gym. You are a blessing!

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

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



All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join us at Camp Pioneer for this fun-filled event which runs from May 17 at 7pm until May 19 at 12noon. The cost is \$85 for the weekend or just attend on Saturday 9am-9:30pm for \$30. Male and female chaperones are needed! Trinity will pay for them. Forms can be picked up in the church narthex or school office and must be returned with payment to Mark Willert by May 1 (includes T-shirt) or by May 9 (no T-shirt). Make checks payable to "Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center".



Ride for Roswell June 22, 2019

Visit their website "rideforroswell.org" if you want to register to ride or to sponsor someone you know who is riding for this worthwhile cause.

Pastor Krueger is riding as part of the "Remission Commission" team. If you'd like to sponsor him, go to the above listed website, click on "Donate to a Rider", and enter his name "Dennis Krueger".

Kid's Coloring Page



Happy Birthday

5/1	Esther Schuster Julie Blamowski	5/16	Peggy Wypior Arlene Burger Chris McLaughlin Rebekah Lafferty	5/22	Stephen Hope
5/2	Amanda Kern			5/23	Ingrid Hamann
5/6	Vince Canazzi Rachel Colson Grace Willert	5/17	David Kosicki Renaë Makey Jackson Ecker	5/25	Charles Halvorsen Rev. Ron Habedank
5/10	Bradley Ganschow James Conti	5/18	Linda Meissner	5/26	Christopher Kopra Sarah McLaughlin Joseph Thompson
5/11	Victoria Hock	5/19	Joshua Ecker Nathan Ecker Matthew Lafferty	5/27	Carl Lehsten Justine Monahan
5/14	Helen Beckedorf Shirley Lorigo Laurel McClellan Axl Farrell	5/20	Cynthia Carlson Ken Klopfer	5/28	Michael Canazzi
5/15	Katie Willert	5/21	David Brown	5/30	Neil Halvorsen

Happy Anniversary

5/1	Peter & Bisty Colson	5/11	Geraldine & William Swart	5/28	Roger & Denise Meissner
5/5	David & Laura Broderdorf	5/14	Dave & Jane Sirgey	5/30	Joshua & Sarah Makey
5/9	Marcia & Daniel Nickerson	5/17	Dick & Gigi LoGalbo (50 th)	5/31	Lisa & Matt Lopez
5/10	Robert & Joan Kopra	5/23	James & Lisa Manzo		

Cemetery News . . .

Burial plots are still 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 our Cemetery

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.



Summer Camps & Services Weekends at Camp 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).



Called To Their Heavenly Rest:

Richard Hollowood on April 1, 2019

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

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