

# TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

## JUNE 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church & School  
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### WORSHIP TIMES

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

## CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Congratulations! If ever there was a “word for the month,” this would be the word for June! June is a month when we think of weddings, graduations and confirmations. These events certainly happen in other months, but often times they occur this month, as they do this year at Trinity. In our school we celebrate the graduation of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are moving on to High School. We celebrate kindergarteners graduating and entering the first grade of elementary school. We celebrate our members who are graduating from High School and College. Congratulations to all of them!

This upcoming month we celebrate a wedding and marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church. This year we celebrate the marriages of many of our members who were united together here at Trinity forty, fifty and sixty years ago! Congratulations!

And, in this new month of June we bid congratulations and say, “God bless.” to our Confirmands who publicly profess their faith to God and pledge to live in that faith for the rest of their lives. Congratulations!

The word “congratulations” is the combining of two Latin root words literally expressing: “together with + give thanks / show joy = “expressing joy for (with) another in success or at one’s good fortune.” It is not a word that shows up in most translations of the Bible, however it is used in the VOICE translation in Isaiah 66:10

*“So be happy for Jerusalem; give her hearty congratulations, whoever holds her dear. Take part in this joyous celebration, especially if you remember her grief.”*

In other words, congratulate and rejoice with God’s chosen people for the good fortune that is theirs in His merciful grace! Jerusalem (God’s chosen) had rebelled and sinned against God. Yet He did not abandon them. They suffered discipline for a while but God showed compassion and forgiveness, and restored them. This very same “congratulations” is extended to us, God’s people today! Let us rejoice and congratulate one another for the loving and gracious compassion He has on us in the gift of His Son, our Savior, Jesus!

Congratulations! ...By His spirit we graduate to a knowledge and saving faith, and we commence to live a life of faith! Congratulations! ...Through Baptism and in faith we are united with Jesus, the bridegroom of the church, the family of faith! Congratulations! ...We are called, gathered and enlightened by the Holy Spirit and confirm the testimony of the faith that is within us!

Congratulations! “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another!” (Romans 12:15) Congratulations one and all in the amazing grace, mercy and peace that is ours in Christ the Lord.

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger

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## SUMMER HOURS

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**WORSHIP: Beginning June 22 & 23**

**Saturday Evening at 5:00pm**  
(outdoors - weather permitting)

**Sunday Morning at 9:30am**

**OFFICE: Beginning June 24**

**Mon / Wed / Thurs 8am – 4pm**  
**Tues 8am-12pm**

**\* Office closed on Fridays \***

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### JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND SERVICES

<b>June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Celebration of The Ascension of our Lord</b> Saturday, 5:00pm - Guest Preacher, Joshua Makey Sunday, 8:00am & 10:30am
<b>June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Celebration of the Day of Pentecost</b> Saturday, 5:00pm - Holy Communion Sunday, 8:00am - Holy Communion Sunday, 10:30am - The Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion
<b>June [15<sup>th</sup>] and 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Holy Trinity - “Unity in Trinity”</b> (Father’s Day) <i>All members are encouraged to gather for a united worship service: Sun., 9:30am</i> Saturday, 5:00pm - NO SATURDAY SERVICE Sunday, 9:30am - ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:30 A.M.
<b>June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday After Pentecost - Summer Schedule begins.</b> Saturday, 5:00pm - Holy Communion; Worship outside, weather permitting. Sunday, 9:30am - Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday After Pentecost - Summer Schedule</b> Saturday, 5:00pm - Worship Service outside, weather permitting. Sunday, 9:30am - Contemporary / Praise worship service.
<b>July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - Summer Schedule</b> (Fourth of July) Saturday, 5:00pm - Worship Service outside; Guest Preacher Sunday, 9:30am – Blended Style Worship Service with Holy Baptism



### UNITY SUNDAY: “UNITY IN TRINITY”

On Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Lutheran Church will celebrate a very special day! In the church year calendar it’s the day we celebrate **“THE HOLY TRINITY.”** Our common belief in the one and only true, “Triune God,” is one of the beliefs we hold that unites us in faith. What better way to celebrate our unity as a church and our common confession of faith than to ALL come together for worship and prayer?

So, note your calendars and share this day with everyone you know who worships at Trinity Lutheran Church! There will not be a Saturday evening service on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Nor will there be an 8:00am service on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will only be **ONLY ONE SERVICE ON JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.**

Come join together and greet one another in the peace and unity of our Triune God – especially those who attend one of the other worship services than you do and you may not have seen for some time!

## Trinity School News



### From the Principal ...

I have a confession to make. "Trust" is not always my strong suit. Martin Luther said that "Trust leads to faith, obedience and worship", and God most desires trust from His children. It's not grace, salvation, sanctification or any doctrinal truths that lead me astray - God has blessed me with assurance in those areas. My trust challenge presents itself in terms of school enrollment, space issues, budget, staffing, etc. What foolishness! He is in control!

We strive to be good stewards and worthy examples of God's love for us here where He has placed us. I firmly believe Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to those that love God, to those who are called according to His purpose". But that promise does not exempt us from pain and trials. In fact, those challenges force us to trust Him even more, as healing ourselves doesn't work at all. So where does all this leave me? God will provide exactly what He wants us to have - students, space, dollars, etc. - and "In everything give thanks.." *1 Thessalonians 5:18*. Whether we are blessed with plenty or with little, it is God's will for us, and thus is worthy of praise and thanksgiving. So as enrollment continues and plans for the next school year are underway, I'll pray for the strength and wisdom to keep my wayward and worrisome thoughts under control and "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice!" *Phil. 4:4*

Friends, please continue your prayers for your mission outpost across the lot, so that we can continue to bring the Word daily to those young ears and hearts. Our program continues to grow and improve, through God's grace (despite my worries), so together let's trust that God will continue to bless our efforts!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal

### SCRIP Orders ~ Last One Until Fall!

The submission deadline for our last SCRIP gift card order for this school year is Friday, June 7. The pick-up date will be Thursday, June 13. This is an easy way to support our school and convenient too! Forms can be picked up in the church narthex or you can email [jbabcock@thinktrinitychristian.com](mailto:jbabcock@thinktrinitychristian.com). Thanks!



### School Honors

Congratulations to Trinity member Micah Anderson for achieving Second Honors (GPA 90-94.9) at Saint Francis High School for the 3rd marking period. Micah graduated from Saint Francis on May 24 and will be attending Buffalo State College in the Fall.



### Summer Camps at 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](http://www.pioneercamp.org)).

### 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 and Mites can be put in Linda Meissner's mailbox in the church coatroom. Mite boxes for collecting your extra change can also be picked up from her mailbox. Checks can be made out to Buffalo Zone LWML. 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.



## Summer Bible Camp (VBS) "Roar" July 8-12, 2019 9:00am - 11:30am

All children ages 3 (potty trained) thru 6th Grade in the Fall are welcome to attend this FREE event. 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> or you can pick up a registration form in the church narthex. Please place completed forms in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom, return them to school office, or email them to "trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net".

This year's VBS will be called Summer Bible Camp. This is an effort to reach out to people who are not familiar with the acronym. We already have a great team of teachers ready to lead the program but we still need a lot of teen and adult helpers. If you are willing to lend a hand please contact Beth McKernan 308-9662.

## save the date . . .



The Assimilation Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on **Saturday, August 17, 2019** following the 5:00 p.m. Worship Service.

We are also holding a Food Drive for non-perishable foods. We will be handing out purple Trinity reusable grocery bags for your use. The food will benefit the food pantry at the Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden.

This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.



### The Red Wagon Has Returned!

The red wagon, located in the church entryway, will be an ongoing collection site for non-perishable food which will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden.

### Altar Flowers

Altar flower donations are needed for **June and July**. 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 Sunday 10:30am (9:30am in summer) service. We ask that two families sign up for each week. Payment can be placed in the Church Office mailbox.



### Men in Ministry & Harvest House

On behalf of Trinity's Men in Ministry, David Sirgey presents Harvest House founder Linda Tatu with a check for \$500. This donation was comprised of \$257 collected from the Easter breakfast free-will offering and \$243 being donated by our Men in Ministry.



### WEDDING BELLS !!!

As was announced in all the services on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the wedding bells will be ringing here at Trinity Lutheran Church for Pastor Dennis Krueger and Lynn Zastrow (Rodgers) on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to gather for worship and to celebrate this joyous occasion at the Saturday evening outdoor worship service. The worship service and wedding service will be blended together and led by Pastor Ron Habedank. The gift of your prayers and presence is most welcome. Cards and presents are not expected or desired. There will be a fellowship-reception following the service and opportunity to congratulate Pastor and Lynn. Light refreshments will be served including wedding cake, cupcakes and cookies, along with punch and water.

So, save the date: **AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>, 5:00 P.M.** to gather and to celebrate! Looking forward to all the Trinity family celebrating together!



## YOUTH SCOOP

### Jr. High Night Special!

You're in for some serious fun on the evening of **June 6 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm!** The Pioneer staff, along with Sarah Makosy, will be here leading the fun. Don't miss this unique evening!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up!

If you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and graduating, you are welcome to come to all the Sr. High events now. Keep your eye on the newsletter and weekly Church bulletins for events and activities. This summer you can enjoy the best of both worlds ... Jr. High and Sr. High activities!



### Teen Boys Small Group

Our next gathering will be **Sunday, June 9 from 1:00pm-4:00pm** at the Willert's house. We're takin' the grill and going on a picnic and enjoy a little nature! Discussion will be "the music we listen to - part 2," since all appreciated our talk last time. We're putting down the phones, wear appropriate clothes and be ready to have a good time!



### Girls Group Breaks for Summer

We say goodbye to seniors Victoria Hock (Houghton College - English major) and Grace Willert (Roberts Wesleyan - Bio Chemistry). We pray God's blessings and guidance as you continue His plan for your life. We also say thanks to Hope Willert for leading the group this year, for all your hard work, sharing your faith and being a light to your peers. Girls group will be back in September!



### Hidden Valley Animal Adventure ... Amazing!

The Hidden Valley Animal Adventure outing on May 4, 2019, which was sponsored by Trinity's Men in Ministry, was a huge success! Forty-one people from our church and school family enjoyed getting up close and personal with God's amazing creatures! The event included a one hour tram ride and a visit to the petting zoo. The very friendly camel was a crowd favorite.





## CONVICTIONS ; COMPROMISE ; COMPASSION

It seems that today, more than I ever remember, there is less and less patience and cooperation among people who hold differing beliefs and ideas. I happened to run across the following thought from Pastor Rick Warren that made me think. I share it with you and ask that you give it some thought too.

~ Pastor DK

*“Our culture has accepted two huge lies:*

*The first is that if you disagree with someone’s lifestyle, you must fear or hate them.*

*The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do.*

*Both are nonsense! You don’t have to compromise your convictions to be compassionate.”*



## CARING THAT CHANGES LIVES

*“I’m blessed with an amazing Stephen Minister. She’s been genuinely attentive and caring ever since she came alongside me. She’s kind of fearless in that way – she’ll just be there without trying to fix me...”* Testimony from a Stephen Ministry care receiver. If you or someone you know may need a person who cares like this to “come alongside”, contact either Don Meissner 652-1901, Pastor Krueger 674-9188, or any Stephen Minister: Erin Kotowski, Pat Hartman, Josh Makey, Sue Brehm, Darlene Miller, Judy Schmidt.

## Local Mission Opportunity “8 Days of Hope - Buffalo” July 19-26, 2019

This eight-day outreach will consist of serving 100 families in the University District in the city of Buffalo! From July 19-26, you will have a chance to experience Eight Days of Hope with your friends and volunteers from around the country. There will be something for everyone to do! We will be doing carpentry work, painting, roofing, flooring, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, clean up, food prep/serving volunteers and so much more!

Eight Days of Hope is family friendly! Every youth volunteer (under the age of 18) that comes with an adult that is not their parent must bring a notarized Parental Consent form signed by one of his/her parents. These forms can be found on our website. We are asking for one adult chaperone per four youth.

If you have any additional questions, please email [info@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:info@eightdaysofhope.com) or call 662-844-6934. You MUST sign up to volunteer on their web page ([eightdaysofhope.com](http://eightdaysofhope.com))

If interested, please sign the sheet found in the church Narthex or school entrance. This way we can make arrangements to meet with Trinity volunteers before and after the event. Organizers of this event are Colleen and Kevin Kot ([knckot@verizon.net](mailto:knckot@verizon.net) or 674-7526).



If you know of 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!!!

## Micronesia Mission

My name is Greg Kopra and I served as a volunteer in Chuuk, Micronesia. I was a teacher at Xavier High School and Akoyikoyi Elementary School for the past two years. I also recently started my new position at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center as the Family Camp Leader.

During my time of service in Micronesia, I had the great opportunity and blessing to start a bible study at Xavier High School. For the past year I had lead a boy’s bible study on Wednesday night called “Ignite”. The bible study was very successful with many attendees, due to the donation of the teen bibles donated by Men’s Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church. It was very much appreciated and impacted so many of the boys’ lives. They were being challenged to find deep meaning in God’s Word, share the Good News, and ignite the world on fire! Personally, I could not have been in Chuuk for the past two years without the ongoing prayers and support from Trinity’s congregation. As the boys say, “Thank you very much”, “Kinisou Japur”(Chuukese)”. Thank you for all your prayers and support while I was in Micronesia for the past two years. Please stop by and say hi if you are out at camp this summer!

Sincerely,  
Greg Kopra



## Youth and Teens Retreat to Pioneer

*By Mark Willert*

23 Trinity member youth, students and friends attended this year's themed retreat "Salty and Lit". Bible study and group discussions were centered around being the salt of the earth and letting our light shine where ever God has placed them. Multiple games of gaga ball, serving opportunities (raking leaves), and big group activities like Romans and Christian's were opportunities promoting Christian fellowship and healthy interaction. All of this was organized and lead by Trinity's own Sarah Makosy (Pioneer's program director) and her staff. Also on staff from Trinity are Greg Kopra, Caitlyn McLaughlin and Grace Willert. Well done!

One of the special outcomes of a weekend like this is our youth having opportunity to make new connections and building friendships with other Christian youth. This not only happens with other attending churches but also within our own group. Sometimes these new connections can have an amazing and lasting impact.

Trinity represented the largest group out of the 120 that attended this "wonderful weather" weekend. After having a beautiful Saturday night sunset campfire, the group then moved to the Chapel-in-the-Woods for a unique worship service in the dark. Thank you God for the outstanding weather (in this wettest Spring in 40 years!) and drawing us close to you in relationship, service, friends and worship.

A big thank you to Chris Kopra and Shannon Kopra (Chris's sister-in-law) for chaperoning and making the weekend possible for our youth to attend. Extra jewels on your crown in heaven!



*Happy Birthday*

6/1	Peter Bullock Kasey Lelito	6/8	Helen Schultz Mary Colwell Peter Szeider Jeff Gertis Cadence Jelowski	6/16	Mark Blajszczak	6/23	Jeffrey Wackowski
6/2	Rev. David Belasic Karen Hollowood Trevor Jelowski	6/9	Shannon Heckman Jacob Ecker	6/17	Fred Schultz Henry Eismann Bruce Heckman	6/24	Shana Caldarella
6/3	Dick LoGalbo Denise Meissner	6/11	Johanna Guenther Madelyn Monahan	6/18	Dallas Smith	6/25	Marilyn Lein Gregory Ringle
6/4	Martha Birrer	6/13	Becky Mann Abigail Lelito	6/20	Kristen Zawadzki Travis Barnas	6/26	Kyle McCoy Camden Stefanik
6/5	Norine Ecker Jered Cornell	6/21	Liana Lorigo Anthony Strong	6/22	Larry Thompson Lenore Ecker	6/27	Don Meissner Trevor Wilkening
6/6	Henry Jelowski	6/29	Lisa Osberg	6/30	Jennifer Evans		
6/7	Brynn Zawadzki						

*Happy Anniversary*

6/3	Brad & Theresa McKernan	6/18	Christa & Charles Wilkening
6/4	Gregory & Lindsay Ringle	6/19	Ken & Becky Mann
6/8	Charles & Eleanor Gass	6/20	Frank & Sandra Lelito
6/12	Paula & David Winkelses Ingrid & Alan Hamann	6/22	Adriano & Roberta DeMoura
6/15	Rev. Ron & Carolyn Habedank	6/23	Dennis & Tricia Glinski
6/17	Ron & Nancy Hope	6/26	Don & Beverly Weiss
6/18	Joshua & Jessica Ecker	6/29	Mark & Katie Willert

**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.



Deaths in Our Church Family

**Annette Parsons** was called to her heavenly rest on May 21, 2019. A grave-side service for Annette is scheduled for Friday, July 5 at 10:00am in Trinity's cemetery.

**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.

**Trinity Men's Softball**



Come out and cheer on our guys! All games are played at the Nike Base / Hamburg Rec Center. The diamond # is indicated in ( ).

June's game schedule: 6/3 at 6:30pm (#2), 6/10 at 6:30pm (TBA), 6/17 at 6:30pm (#1), and 6/24 at 6:30pm (#2)

**Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School**

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