

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

AUGUST 2019

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday Evenings 5:00pm
(outdoors - weather permitting)

Sunday Mornings 9:30am

“REFLECTIONS”

Brothers and sisters in Christ and fellow members of Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca. I am writing this article from the LCMS Convention in Tampa, Florida. While I am many miles away from you, my heart, my thoughts and my prayers are with you - especially one of you! (Can you guess?) This article may be a little different than usual. I want to share some thoughts and reflections on my heart with you.

By the time you read this article I will have celebrated another anniversary of my birth. (OK the 66th!) I remember thinking how far away this day seemed when I could receive full social security retirement benefits. That day has come and gone, but I have no desire to retire quite yet. In fact I've never been more excited about ministry and serving as a pastor in God's church than I am now. I am thankful to God for granting me relatively good health and seeing me through a few challenges over the years. I look forward to more years at Trinity serving in ministry partnership.

This Fall will mark my 5th year as the pastor at Trinity. In spite of my wife's death and a bout with cancer, they have been the best years of my life and ministry largely because of your love, care and prayers. I thank God for all of you. I may not always express my gratitude for all that you do and I apologize for that. Trinity Lutheran Church is a wonderful congregation that is richly blessed - and a rich blessing to many, especially me! I look forward to the next 5 years serving God, serving you and serving with you. These will not be years to 'coast' to retirement. Not at all! These will be important years of planning and praying for the future ministry of Trinity Church and School.

Another thought on my heart, as you might expect, I am thankful and very excited about my upcoming wedding and marriage to Lynn Rodgers. She has become a precious blessing to me and I love her dearly!! As most of you know, about 3 years ago God called my wife, Ruth Ann, to heaven after 21 years of marriage. Once again God has put another wonderful Christian woman in my life - and she said "yes!" On August 24th she will become my wife! I am humbled at God's grace and loving care. Lynn and I invite all of you to rejoice with us on Saturday, 8/24 at the 5pm outdoor worship service/wedding. Pray for good weather so that we can worship and fellowship together outside.

The theme of our recent Summer Bible Camp (VBS) was: "Roar! Life is Wild - God is Good". Life can get a little wild at times for all of us! But God is always with us and always good to us. God has been especially good to me and I give all thanks and praise to Him. God has been very good to all of us in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, and His Spirit among us. Let us go forth in that joy and peace!

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



SUMMER HOURS

WORSHIP:

Saturday Evening at 5:00pm

(held outdoors if weather permits)

Sunday Morning at 9:30am

OFFICE:

Mon, Wed, & Thurs ~ 8am-3pm

Tuesday ~ 8am-12pm



Ice Cream Social & Food Drive

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Trinity's Assimilation Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on **Saturday, August 17** following the 5:00 p.m. Worship Service. All are welcome to attend!

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.



Trinity's Men in Ministry

6th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, August 10, 2019

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Turkey Run Golf Course

Ladies and men golfers welcome! The cost is \$25 per golfer which includes greens fee, riding cart, and food. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for food and beverages (cash bar) at the course at approximately 2:00pm (\$12 fee for ages 12 and over). A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.



Church Greeters

New greeters are needed for the Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am services beginning in September. If you have not done this in the past but would like to volunteer, please contact Don Meissner (652-1901) **by August 20**. Returning greeters will be contacted soon to set up a schedule.



Joyous Celebration!

All members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church are invited to the joyous celebration of the marriage of Pastor Dennis Krueger and Lynn Zastrow (Rodgers) on August 24th in the Saturday 5:00pm outdoor (weather permitting) worship service. As usual, please bring your lawn chair(s) with you. If you can, please bring an extra chair for those who might not. A fellowship-reception will follow the service at Trinity and all are invited to attend. The service will be a worship service with the Rite of Marriage included in it. A Sunday service will also be offered on August 25th at 9:30am.

Reminder: Wedding gifts and cards are not expected. Your presence and prayers are truly appreciated! Thank you!

~ Rev. Dennis Krueger



Sunday School News

Sunday School will begin on Sept. 8th at 9:15am in the school building. All children age 3 - 6th grade are welcome to come and learn about Jesus in a fun and interactive way! Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. We are also looking for volunteers! Please contact Sarah Gabel (sgabel@thinktrinitychristian.com or 982-2586) if you would like more information.

Trinity's Men in Ministry

Trinity's Men in Ministry will not meet in August. Beginning in September, the time and format of their meetings will be changing. Refer to upcoming weekly announcement sheets and September's newsletter for details.



Ladies Bible Study News

The Ladies Bible Study will not meet during the summer months. We will start up again on September 9 promptly at 7:00pm and will meet in the church narthex on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Topic(s) to be determined. All women are welcome!

Trinity School News

From the Principal ...

The summer is flying by, as usual! Thank you and well done to the many, many folks who helped make VBS such a success. It was great to see church and school students, families and staff working together to make it happen. Beth did an incredible job coordinating the myriad details necessary to pull it together!

The Outreach Committee provided the school with the opportunity to put our new school flyer and a coupon in 200 race packets for the Run for Life 5k here in West Seneca last week. You never know where or when the Spirit will move a family to seek us out. Thank you, Joan!

The new window shades were installed in 4 of our classrooms in July. They look GREAT. The Annual Fund provided this opportunity! Along with the new floors, fresh paint, the beautiful memorial garden out front and some other improvements, your school building is looking better all the time.

Despite the expansion of the West Seneca UPK program, our preschool enrollment continues to grow. We are very blessed to have past and current school families sharing the news about our great teachers and programs, so new families keep calling! Please continue to pray for God to bless us with many students with whom we can share the wonderful News.

Our theme for the 2019-2020 school year is “**Joy: Full!**” Each month we'll focus on another aspect of the Joy we experience through life in Christ, like Joyfully Serving, Joyfully Giving, Joyfully Grateful. I pray that you find joy and peace each day through the love and mercy of our Gracious Father!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



2019-2020 School Year Enroll Your Child Today!

Trinity Christian School offers Pre-K 3 & 4 in addition to grades K-8. Before and after school care is also offered! Contact the school today at 674-5353 or trinity@thinktrinitychristian.com to enroll or to get more information.



VBS 2019 ~ “Roar!”

We had a tremendous Vacation Bible School this year! Over 80 children and 30 volunteers shared in Christian fellowship. This ministry continues to reach out to our community and share the love of Jesus with those who have never been to our church. Many thanks to our amazing VBS team and weekly volunteers who make this event possible! Check out the video of our amazing week on the Trinity Church website!

~ Beth McKernan

Stephen Ministry

FORK IN THE ROAD



One path that people can take in a crisis is likely to lead to greater brokenness, and another path is likely to lead to greater wholeness. The pause at the fork in the road, when people are choosing which path to take, is when a Stephen Minister can help. Listening, exploring feelings, and prayer along with confidentiality are all skills used by a Stephen Minister to help. If you or someone you know is at the fork, contact Don Meissner 652-1901, Pastor Krueger 674-9188, or any Stephen Minister: Erin Kotowski, Pat Hartman, Josh Makey, Sue Brehm, Darlene Miller, Judy Schmidt, Kevin Kot, Colleen Kot, Joan Sullivan, Linda Hope.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (July - Sept 2019) devotion booklets are still available. They can be found in the church entryway, on the Welcome Center in the narthex, and in the coatroom. Please take one and use it for home devotions! Give one to a friend who may be in need too!

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High

Jr. High Summer Youth Night: The next Jr. High Night date is yet to be determined. Please refer to upcoming weekly Life at Trinity announcement sheets for information.



Readers Needed

Are you willing to occasionally read the Scripture readings during worship services? If yes, please contact Robin Makosy **by August 11th** at s.r.makosy@gmail.com or 430-6468. Readers are needed for both Sunday services and will be asked to read 1-2 passages from the Bible, which will be given to them in advance.

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 8th.



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. Simply visit our church website (www.trinitywestseneca.com), click on the "Give Now" button at the top right of the page, and follow the instructions.



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!!!



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.

Solo/Small Group - do you sing or play an instrument and want to participate in a service occasionally? Let us know and we will use your talents!

Please contact Ellen Makey (961-8378, esmky23@yahoo.com), Pastor Krueger (674-9188 / 997-5666), or Kathy Herman (481-1805) for more information.



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.

From the LCMS Convention . . .

I share with you quite alarming news regarding the diminishing number of pastors in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod which may significantly affect the future of Trinity. Currently, half of the ordained pastors serving in the LCMS are over 55 years old (including yours truly). The current enrollment trends suggest that the active pastor population could decrease from the current 6,000 to 3,000 active pastors over the next decade or so. This means that it will become increasingly difficult to call a pastor in the near future. With that in mind, I'm going to discuss this matter with Trinity leadership to explore what we might do to prepare for this challenging situation.

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



Altar Flowers

Altar flower donations are needed for September thru December. A sign up chart is posted in the church coatroom. Flowers are only \$10 per arrangement and can be taken home after the Sunday 10:30am service. We ask that 2 families sign up each week. Payments should be clearly marked "*Altar Flowers*" and placed in the **Church Office's message center** (cash or checks payable to "*Trinity Lutheran Church*").

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



The Red Food Pantry Wagon

The red wagon has returned and is located in the church entryway. We will be collecting items on an on-going basis which will be donated to the pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden. For the summer months we will be collecting toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, Kleenex, paper towels, and toilet paper. Thank you for your support!

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.

LWML EVENTS

Buffalo Zone Picnic

Thurs., August 8, 2019

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center

ALL LADIES are invited! Bring a dish to pass and your plate, cutlery and cup. The Board will supply appetizers, dessert and beverages. Come early around 3PM to enjoy the camp surroundings, play cards or board games (brought by you), or bring supplies to construct surgical hats. There will be a Chinese auction, so bring a White Elephant item or used paperback book. An "Ingathering" of colored pencils, crayons, colored & white paper, markers, scissors, play balls, jump ropes, hula hoops will be collected for Our Savior Lutheran Church Summer Camp. 3PM-5:30PM sewing, fellowship, Chinese auction; 5:30PM-7PM Auction winners announced, dinner and short meeting. If you want to car pool, call Linda Meissner, 648-1281.

LWML Eastern District Retreat

At Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center

September 20-22, 2019

SAVE THE DATE! Cost is \$155 for the whole weekend or pay for a part-time registration based on what you will be attending. Registration forms can be found in Linda Meissner's message center box. Speaker for the retreat will be Katie Schuerman, author and pastor's wife, speaking on the theme: "Listen, Look, Leap" based on Proverbs 3:5-6. See or call Linda Meissner for more info. *Dead line for registration is September 1.*

About the Speaker: Katie Schuermann is an author and a pastor's wife. Her "earthy and joyful" voice is a refreshing and invigorating as the Midwestern sunshine in which she was raised. Writing in vignettes which so perfectly suit the charm of small-town life, Schuermann's words call to mind the warmth and realism of Montgomery's *Avonlea* and Herriot's Yorkshire countryside. No doubt, Schuermann's cornfield roots and curriculum vitae factor heavily in her stories, but it is her confession of faith in the Triune God that readers have come to expect and trust in her writing.



"8 Days of Hope" Brownies

Thank you to everyone who baked brownies and made snack donations for the 8 Days of Hope volunteers and to my helpers who counted and individually packaged them. We donated approximately 1,400 brownies! Your generosity to this project was awesome and God-blessed!

~ Nancy Hope



“Rejuvenation”

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

Throughout our world, winds of restlessness bring change to cultural landscapes. These conditions are captive to corrupt hearts, leaders or cultural circumstances dictating the plight of masses.

Within the U.S., the debate seems centered on whether ingenuity and capital markets are just, or whether the government is obligated to intercede and reallocate wealth according to social expediency. Political transformation causes resulting innovation that is hotly debated. Does such struggle result in progress or regression?

Meanwhile, the daily patterns and responsibilities of homelife, work, social, emotional and spiritual concerns continue in a dynamic reconstruction cycle. Our lives circulate through a daily loop of replenishment or depletion. Although our bodies are subjected to the curse of our own refusal to follow God’s will, opportunities for regeneration and restoration are available from an infinitely kind Spirit.

Thanks to the work of Jesus Christ in God who formed and redeemed all creation, the ever-present comfort of the Holy Spirit is ours. Those who live by faith in God’s Word know that renewal and rebirth result in repair and restoration of the mind, body and soul.

Despite differing motivations, people of faith recognize the undeserved favor given to reform their wayward tendencies. This miracle adds luster to the manna of time that transforms life’s experience with an inner conversion. Only when God’s reinvigoration occurs does a person find the restitution and revitalization that awaits in freedom’s Jubilee.

As summer vacations also provide a time to rejuvenate, it’s also time to consider renovating your own plans for when life’s final renewal transforms us to eternal life. A *‘Lifetime Plan for Giving’* with a will, trust or beneficiary designations can communicate your intent clearly, signaling a renaissance to rebuild the future.

Family gifts well planned can regenerate their lives for God’s purposes. Renovation that remembers the Lord’s work gives opportunity to leave assets to advance the Kingdom of Grace.

Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427 to learn how a trusted charitable guide can encourage you to plan and direct your passion to give to loved ones and cherished ministries so others might know that the rejuvenation is your hope.

TRINITY’S ENDOWMENT FUND

*Contributions to the Trinity Lutheran Church and School Endowment Fund
can be made at anytime for praise and thanksgiving, or in memorial.*

Happy Birthday

8/1	Bitsy Colson Paul Zawadzki Amelia Babcock	8/11	Sue Schueler Harry Babcock Renee Stefanik	8/18	Lynnae Kwilas Jeffrey Kopra Kathryn Berton Blakelyn Hall	8/25	Lauren Jaskier
8/2	Adam Zawadzki	8/12	Paula Winkelses Bradley McKernan	8/19	Paul Veros Michael Zarbo Ben Makosy	8/26	Reed Courteau
8/3	Andrew Kosicki	8/15	Lori Hock	8/20	Sara Lipinoga	8/28	Ann Collord Levi Kotowski
8/6	Nancy Ehlers	8/16	Keith Tober Mike Farrell	8/22	Ron Boersch	8/29	Mary Ann Moeller Jayden Ecker
8/7	Beverly Kinton Barbara Monahan Liam McKernan	8/17	Joan Kopra	8/23	Ellen Makey	8/30	Mark Ganschow Aaron McClellan
8/10	Carol Cislo	8/18	Michele Ganschow Alan Tedesco	8/31	Taylor Blamowski		

Happy Anniversary

8/1	Dan & Linda Rowsell	8/18	Dan & Stacy Conti Christopher & Ashley Kopra
8/3	Mark & Robbin Blajszczak	8/20	Ronald & Judy Boersch
8/5	Jeffrey & Sandra Gertis	8/22	Julie & David Blamowski
8/6	Peter & Janet Bullock	8/23	Travis & Michelle Ecker
8/8	David & Heidi Kosicki	8/24	Shirley & Charles Lorigo
8/9	Matthew & Lisa Lafferty	8/26	Lars & Lisa Osberg
8/15	Carolyn & Kevin Flattery Jason & Marie Nappo	8/27	Mark & Corine Rodgers
8/16	Kevin & Colleen Kot	8/28	Don & Kim Meissner



Children's Church will continue over the summer during the Sunday 9:30am service.

The Lutheran Witness

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Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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