

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

OCTOBER 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

"REFORMATION BRIDGE BUILDING"

I doubt many (if any) of you have heard of the Choluteca Bridge in Honduras. I hadn't heard of it until recently. It is a suspension bridge built in 1996. It is a state-of-the-art bridge engineered and built to withstand hurricane winds that plague the region. It was very well built and survived Hurricane Mitch in 1998, in near perfect condition. It was an architectural achievement!

Even though the bridge stood its ground, there was a problem. The storm caused the river to carve a completely new path - which no longer ran under the bridge! The bridge was no longer able to transport people over the river! Imagine that ... the river shifted.

This month we celebrate The Reformation. Dr. Martin Luther and the reformers realized that the rivers of the church and culture had shifted. Briefly, they led a movement to build bridges to transport people to the Word of God, and the church back to the truth of God's Word and will.

The rivers of church and culture are shifting all around us today. As we celebrate The Reformation of the middle ages, we need **REFORMATION BRIDGE BUILDERS** today. Honestly, the church of all ages has to continually be in reformation and conformation to God's transforming Word. But the rivers of church and culture are swiftly carving out new paths.

The Gospel is often illustrated as a bridge from sin and destruction to life and salvation. The church's calling is to share this Gospel-Bridge with all people, so it has to always know where the river of separation is to be effective. Plainly, the way we've always functioned as a church needs to be evaluated and changed. We no longer live in a predominately Christian world. Churches are closing. People are not joining the church and members are no longer regularly attending. A recent survey revealed that only about 20% of Christians (believers!) are in worship on any given weekend.



Choluteca Bridge

CALL TO ACTION: Trinity, we need a Reformation Bridge Building Vision. Why are we here? What's our mission? Is our ministry bridge effective? If any of you are interested in working with me on a vision crafting process, join me on **Reformation, October 30 at 7:00pm** to begin bridge building.

~ Pastor Dennis J. Krueger



Voters Meeting Sunday, October 13, 2019

There will be a Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 13 following the 10:30am worship service (at approximately 11:45am). On the agenda is the 2019-20 Budget and election of an open Executive Board position. All confirmed members of Trinity are eligible to vote. If you would like to preview the proposed budget, a copy can be obtained from the church office.

Executive Board Position

There will be one open Executive Board position for the 2020-2023 term. If anyone is interested in running for this position, please contact the church office (674-9188) by October 6, 2019.



Altar Guild Dinner & Meeting Monday, October 7 at 6:00pm

ALL WOMEN are invited to join us for our annual dinner and meeting, which will be held in the church narthex. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. On the meeting agenda is discussion of the new candles and a question / answer session.

Deacon & Ushering Team Leader Meeting

Saturday, October 19 at 8:30am

All deacons and ushering team leaders are encouraged to attend this important meeting.



The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of October, we will be collecting canned fruit and vegetables. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden. Thank you for your support!

Pastor's Contact Information

Anyone needing to reach Pastor Krueger can do so by calling him at 674-9188 during church office hours or at 997-5666 after hours and for emergencies.



**Sunday, October 27
At 6:00pm**

Join us for our next family event - our Annual Trunk or Treat on October 27 at 6:00pm. 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.

Property & Grounds Meeting and Workday

Saturday, October 19th at 9:00am

The Property & Grounds Committee's next meeting will be on Saturday, October 19 at 9am. A work day will immediately follow at approximately 10am.



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 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the church narthex.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Friends in Christ,

The school year is in full swing as we schedule school pictures, order Trinity spirit wear, get our volunteers in place and rolling, collect dress down dollars for Haiti, and schedule field trips, among much more! The 5th-8th grade students traveled to the Lockport Caves and Locks on 9/20. We were so thankful that the weather was beautiful! The following Friday was our all-school field trip - God granted us beautiful weather and safe travels once again. The Kindergarten-2nd graders experienced the new Explore and More Children's Museum while the 3rd-8th graders toured the Buffalo & Erie County Naval and Military Park and Museum. All students enjoyed a picnic at Canalside, as well.

Have you gotten your chicken BBQ tickets, yet? The 7th & 8th graders are hosting their annual BBQ on October 19 to support their class trip. Look for more information in the announcements.

October also brings an exodus of the school faculty, from Trinity to St. Louis! We'll be spending two and a half days at the national Lutheran Educator's Association Convocation. Over 3,000 Lutheran educators participate! Your purchases of Landies Candies Pretzels and Scrip orders helped to finance registration and travel. A grant from the Eastern District for this event will also be used, so there is no expense to the congregation. This Convocation is such a blessing for our staff and our students, and we thank God for the opportunity to attend.

Grandparents Breakfast and Chapel is on October 23rd. Mark your calendar now! You are all welcome to attend - please just let Judeen know you'll be there. We'd love to share the morning with you.

Be Joy:Full! God is good!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue

Saturday, October 19, 2019

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

Drive -Thru ONLY

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

***Pre-sale dinners are guaranteed until 3pm**

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.



Sunday School

It's not too late to register your child for Sunday School! Pick up a green registration form in the narthex and return it to Sarah Gabel. Children age 3rd - 6th grade are welcome!



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

75th Anniversary Kick Off Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center

Friday, October 25, 2019

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Tickets: \$40 (online or at the door)

Join us at Camp Pioneer's Hickman Hall for our Kick Off event. Included: beer, wine, liquor, appetizers, ice cream, music by Rockabilly Steve, and a silent auction. RSVP online at "www.pioneercamp.org" before October 18.



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.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (Oct - Dec 2019) devotion booklets are now available. They can be found in the church entryway, on the Welcome Center in the narthex, and in the coatroom. Please take one for your home devotions!

LWML Mites

LWML Mites help spread the Gospel message. Please consider collecting your spare change or bottle money to put in your mite box or write a check to BUFFALO ZONE LWML and leave it in my message box. 3 of the 10 Grants chosen for the biennium have been paid. The biennium runs through May of 2020. In June of next year there will be another LWML Eastern District Convention, where other grants will be considered. The next grant to be paid is to provide food items for families seminarians at Fort Wayne, IN.. Perishable items often need to be purchased. The last 2 grants are funding for the Lunchbox Summer Program at Hop Bottom, PA and funding for the purchase of bibles for Nepal & China through the Sowers Ministry, Tonawanda, NY. Lots of pennies, nickels, and dimes add up to lasting mission efforts.

~ Linda Meissner, LWML Liason



Altar Flowers

We are in need of families to sign up to donate altar flowers for **October** and the remainder of the year. 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!

Member Contact Info

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address? Does Trinity even have your email address? Not sure? If you haven't been receiving our monthly newsletter via email, we probably don't have it or you have changed it and we need the new one. If this pertains to you, please contact the church office (674-9188) or you can leave your new information in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom. Thank you!



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!!!

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.

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. High Youth Night: Our next Jr. High Gym Night will be held on **Thursday, October 17 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the school gym. Kids can expect open gym time, organize games, a brief devotion, and a great time with some friends. Don't miss out!

Jr. High Board Game Night: This event will be held on **Thursday, October 24 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm** at the Lafferty's house (85 Cranwood Drive, West Seneca). Kids will be able to play any number of games from their large collection of board games!

Trinity School Soccer Success

Congratulations to our Trinity Hawks soccer team winning their season opener in a nail biting match that ended in a shootout breaking the tie! Final score 2-1. Much screaming and jubilation followed with one student exclaiming, "It's been years!" Perfect record so far, Hawks! Well done Coach Chris. We praise God not only for the win but especially for the heart and Christian sportsmanship our players displayed.





“Reforming Our Ways”

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

John the Baptist differentiated himself from Jesus by saying *“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”* John’s purpose was to make straight the paths and encourage us to *“Bear fruits in keeping with repentance.”* (Luke 3:8) Similarly, St. Paul proclaimed that *“God wants us to turn to God and perform deeds in keeping with our repentance.”* (Acts 26:20) Reforming our ways is not about outward alterations or a political viewpoint. Indeed, *“God has granted repentance that leads to life!”* (Acts 11:18)

In his famous 95 theses, Martin Luther wrote *“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”* Repentance is not simply a recognition of wrong-doing but being set free from sin itself. Repentance is acknowledging that all we can find about ourselves is sin, and that our rescue comes from Jesus who alone could rescue us through His life, death and resurrection. The reformers discovered the Jubilee of forgiveness, and it caught fire.

Many in our times equate God’s kindness with prosperity, good looks, health or strong ability. However, if our ways aren’t reformed in the heart, where sin emulates, then it’s not likely to be a reformation that leads to Jubilee or eternal life. Paul asked the Romans, *“Do you not know that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”* (Romans 2:4b).

Is repentance reforming your ways? When our ways are reformed by the Holy Spirit, we recognize our spiritual depravity before God. In the freedom of God’s grace received, we notice the things we manage are not ours to manipulate for our dark purposes, but are opportunities given by God so that we might show His Son Jesus through our lives. The way we plan to distribute the worldly wealth we manage for Him will characterize blessings rather than curses.

Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427. You can discover that your congregation has a trusted charitable guide available to encourage you to plan and direct your passion to give to family and beloved ministries, so others might know that your own heart is reformed and wholly devoted to God.

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

Thank You Trinity!!!

Ron Smith, Co-Director of the Food Pantry at Bread of Life Church, sent the following letter to Trinity:

“I want to acknowledge and thank you for the recent food donation your congregation has provided to the Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden. Being the recipient for your Red Food Pantry Wagon has been so very helpful to our mission of serving those with need. Your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated.

I also want to mention how we value the exposure you give our Outreach in your monthly newsletters. We exist solely on the kindnesses of others and your newsletter gives us another platform to reach others and hopefully illicit interest in the Bread of Life Outreach.

*With all that being said and on behalf of our clients, volunteers and Board of Directors, **thank you** for another wonderful donation and for having the interest of the Bread of Life Outreach in your thoughts, prayers and deeds.”*

Happy Birthday

10/1 Rachel Eising	10/12 Kaitlyn Schwab Liam Cosandier	10/26 Emily Gabel
10/2 Rachel Jaskier	10/13 Frank Lelito Gabiella Tripi	10/27 Sheila Swart Robin Makosy James Rowsell Joanne Jaskier Duane Gabel
10/3 Adriano DeMoura	10/14 Nancy Hope David Sirgey	10/28 Mary Ann Warner Karl Schultz Michelle Ecker
10/4 Nakiya Harris	10/15 Bennett Jelowski	10/29 Kevin R. Kot Ana Royal (n. Zarbo)
10/6 Lisa Strong	10/16 Marilyn Smolka	10/30 Lacey Harris
10/8 Emily Lelito Jazmine Gable Jonas Herdlein Levi Haas	10/21 Beth McKernan Max Rodgers	10/31 Tara Thompson
10/9 Emma Monahan	10/23 Leigh Farrell Rebecca Hall	
10/11 Paulette Darcy Sheri Courteau	10/25 Karen O'Brien	
10/12 Jennifer Szeider		

Happy Anniversary

10/1 Mary & Joel Havens Bonnie & Mark Schwab	10/15 Carl & Carolyn Lehsten Dawn & Paul Barnas
10/3 Robert & Renee Stefanik	10/19 Harry & Judeen Babcock Alan & Bok Yox
10/4 Peter & Laural Szeider	10/21 Robert & Carol Cislo
10/7 Eve & James LoVullo	10/24 Gary & Lenore Ecker Stephen & Carol Hope
10/9 Michael & Noell McKernan	10/29 Donald & Gail Rieman
10/11 Heidi & Tom Cosandier	
10/13 Christopher & Reacey Malta	



Are you . . .
Hurting? Struggling?
Discouraged? Stressed?
Confused? Broken?
Facing a Tough Time?

**Our Stephen Ministers
Are Ready to Care For You!**

Could you benefit from the confidential,
one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister?
If yes, then call Pastor Krueger 674-9188 or
Don Meissner 652-1901 to be connected to a
Stephen Minister.



Used Electronics Collection

Remember to bring in used electronics for LWML. Brand name ink cartridges and electronic devices can be recycled to raise funds for mission work. The recycling company does wipe all data from the phones/laptops/mp3 players, cameras, etc. If the data can not be wiped, the device is destroyed. Please put the equipment in the purple tote under the table in the narthex. Thank you!

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

Pastor
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Youth & Family Coordinator
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