

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

AUGUST 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
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AUGUST WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Mornings at 9:30am
(outdoors drive-in service)

Thursday Evenings at 6:00pm
(In church)



“TOUCHED BY ‘HIM’ !”

There are numerous references in the Bible where Jesus touched someone, or someone touched Him, and they were healed. The blind were able to see, the deaf hear, and demons cast out. Touching someone can encourage and comfort. I miss not being able to shake a hand or console someone through a connecting and caring touch, as we “distance” ourselves from one another because of the coronavirus.

Connecting with people and touching their lives with the love of Jesus is a vital part of our calling and mission as the church of Christ. It goes far beyond physical touching. As followers and disciples of Christ, we touch people by the power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, prayer and fellowship. That’s why we go to Haiti, we gather together for worship, and we want children to return to school. It’s not the same when we upload online services, “zoom” together for meetings, and broadcast over the FM radio band. We’ve done what we had to do in order to “stay in touch” with one another. But it’s not the same.

One ministry that has touched thousands of lives over the last 75 years has been Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. Sadly, this ministry is drawing to a close in the next six weeks or so. Many of our Trinity members have been deeply touched by this “warm place in the Son”, including me. Along with the Lutheran schools I’ve attended, Camp has significantly impacted my life. Thanks be to God for this wonderful ministry! May the Lord open new doors and opportunities to “touch” lives in the years to come.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, August 23rd for one last worship service in the Chapel in the Woods and our congregational picnic following. Also, please pray that we are able to safely reopen the church and school this Fall.

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



AUGUST HOURS

WORSHIP:

Sundays at 9:30am*
(Outdoors Drive-In Style)

*No outdoor service at Trinity on 8/23

Thursdays at 6:00pm
(In Church)

Worship services also streamed weekly
online on our church website
"www.trinitywestseneca.com"

OFFICE:

Tuesday & Thursday ~ 8am-12pm**

**Office closed 8/17-8/21



Trinity Church Picnic & Worship At Camp Pioneer

Sunday, August 23, 2020

We have the approval from Camp Pioneer to have a worship service and congregational picnic there on August 23rd. The service will be at **11:00am** with a picnic to follow. Every family is asked to bring their own picnic lunch. No services, other than one restroom facility, will be offered. Pioneer has little to no staff to accommodate and serve groups. Distancing and masks are still required! There will not be a Drive-In service offered on that Sunday at Trinity. The Thursday service/recording and the online service will be offered.

RSVP - We have to know who and how many are coming to Pioneer that day for worship and the picnic! Please email Teresa at the church Office (trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net) if you plan to attend! Note- if we don't hear from you, we will take it that you do not plan to come. If a very small number of people are interested and plan to attend, we may cancel it and stay at church instead. So please respond!!



Golf Outing Cancelled

In light of the ever-increasing threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and after much consideration, we have decided to cancel this year's **Trinity Men in Ministry Golf Outing originally scheduled for August 8th, 2020.** If the pandemic intensifies (as is expected) we could not blame anyone for not wanting to expose themselves to the risk associated with an event such as this, where 50 or more people gather. The management at Turkey Run understood our concerns completely and look forward to hosting the outing again in 2021.

In lieu of the outing and on behalf of **Trinity Men in Ministry**, we have a limited number of discount coupons available at **no charge...good for \$5.00 off any 9 Hole or 18 Hole round of golf at Turkey Run.** If you played in the outing last year and have a reasonable expectation of playing a round of golf at Turkey Run this year, please contact **Nevin Hope (Phone: 716-674-3479, Email: nevinhope@outlook.com, Text: 716-361-2352)** and he will make arrangements for you to receive your coupon(s). Limit of one coupon per previous participant. Members of Trinity will be given priority. Non-members who participated in last year's outing as guests of members, will then be considered pending availability.

Outreach Update

During the pandemic, the Outreach Committee has been trying to reach out to those in our community in a supportive way through two service events. The first was a grocery bag giveaway. Members from the Outreach Committee went to the Tops parking lot, while wearing their masks, and gave away 100 re-usable Trinity grocery bags with the simple message of "You Are Loved". A flier was also included with more information regarding our website and our drive-in style worship service.

The second event was to reach out to some of our local essential workers by providing sub trays to the West Seneca and Orchard Park Police Stations on July 16th for lunch. They were both very appreciative. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



Altar Flowers

Altar flower donations are needed for August 30 and September 6 & 27. Flowers are only \$10 per arrangement and can be taken home after the Sunday 9:30am drive-in service. If anyone would like to sign up for any of these dates, contact the office (Email: trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net / Phone: 674-9188). Thank you for your support!

Trinity School News

From the Principal ...

God-willing, dear friends, your school is open for business come September! It has been an extremely challenging summer so far, as you are well aware, but our plans are in place and precautions are being implemented. Just as in the church sanctuary and among congregants, many safety measures and the diligence of participants is of utmost importance. These will allow our school to teach the Word and the academics to our students, in-person, daily. While no setting is 100% safe, the extensive precautions in place will provide our students with a measure of security AND comfort that will, with effort, allow for positive learning and growth. The social and emotional needs of students at this time are high on our priority list. The constant assurance of God's power and grace, and the love and friendship of Jesus, will surely provide the children with the most important comfort possible! Social/emotional curriculum and professional development also equip our staff with the means to guide our children in both heart and mind.

I welcome your questions and concerns. The District and other LCMS schools nationally, your staff, the Board of Christian Education, our parents and I have all played a role in establishing the safety protocol following the recommendations of the CDC, New York State Education Department and the NY Department of Health. This protocol will guide our school forward in both wellness and confidence, by the grace of God. Your ongoing support, in so many ways, enables our mission of eternal importance to continue for our children and their families. Thank you, and God bless you! "Eat chickin!"

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



Chiavetta`s Chicken Drive-Thru Fundraiser Saturday, August 8th 3:00pm-6:00pm

Tickets: \$11 pre-sale / \$13 at drive-thru

Come to our drive-through Chiavetta's BBQ! Quick and easy, AND delicious! All proceeds will support tuition aid and expenses. Purchase your tickets prior to August 8th through the school website or Facebook and save \$2 per meal.

LADD News

Thank you for your generous monetary donations to LADD Thrift Shop. We were able to pay for 2 months rent for the 3 months we were closed. What a blessing. God is Good!

We are in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering even 1 day monthly, please let one of us know.

Again, a heartfelt thank you for your financial help. God Bless you all.

~ Judy Jaeckle and Lois Rodgers
LADD Co-Chairwomen



E-Mail Addresses: Have you been receiving information from Trinity via email? No? We can fix that! Contact the church office (674-9188) with your email address. Help us "go paperless"!

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



Thank you for your ongoing financial support of Trinity during this difficult time! If you are unable to attend any of the services that are currently being offered, other options are available:

On-Line 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.

Mailing Offerings: In addition to in-person and on-lining giving, members are also welcome to mail their offering envelopes to the church.

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 6th.

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



If we live long enough, we will find ourselves resenting change, at least in some ways. We must adjust as loved ones are called home to Jesus, no longer by our side in this earthly life. Institutions that were dependable are long since gone. Social graces and signs of respect we learned as children may no longer be present.

Change is inevitable here on earth. Part of the reason for this is that we live in a world that bears the curse of our sin. That curse will remain until our Heavenly Father brings about the new heavens and the new earth, through His powerful Word, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some change is great! A vaccine for polio changed fear of disease to confidence to live life again. Technology gives us access to speedy information and entertainment we could never have dreamed.

But much change bears the stain of decay. That is the kind of change that causes us to hurt and grieve. Yet with all Christian grief, we do not grieve without hope. We have our Lord Jesus Christ who is going to give us our place that He has prepared for us.

Wouldn't it be great to put down into words that hope that resides in your soul? The Spirit has used the Word to call you to faith and now you have something very special to share. You can share that as a preamble to your Last Will and Testament, or as a family blessing apart from your legal documents. Creating this message is your way to make sure that your children or their children know exactly what you have believed, and they receive the charge from you to continue in that faith from generation to generation. This can be a great encouragement, especially in these times of rapid change. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started on creating this gift to your family and friends. Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427.

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

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	Rev. Dennis & Lynn Krueger
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

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.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (July - Sept 2020) devotion booklets are still available. Booklets can be picked up at any time from the box located outside of the church doors.



Shut-In Members

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!!!

Shut-ins can receive our weekly Life at Trinity announcement sheet and monthly Trinity Tidings newsletter by mail or email. Contact the church office (674-9188) to find out more information.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

Pastor
School Principal
Youth & Family Coordinator
Church Office Administrator
School Office Administrator

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