

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

FEBRUARY 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:30 am

“A MINISTRY CONCLUDING – A MINISTRY CONTINUING”

There's a saying: *Pastors never retire, they just get put out to 'pastor.'* I suppose, in a way, I am retiring from serving as the called pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. I am being sent out to a new pasture, The GreenFields, to pastor! For me it is both an emotional and exciting time. My pastoral ministry is concluding at Trinity, but the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church continues on! As a church we continue to serve our Lord as His disciples and ambassadors in West Seneca and the world.

When the Apostle Paul bid farewell to the Ephesian church (Acts 20), he “commended them to God and to the message of His grace, a message that was able to build them up and to give them the inheritance among all who are sanctified.” (v.32). There was much grief and sadness among them because Paul told them he would never see them again. Likewise, I commend all of you to our Lord and the grace of His Gospel! While I am not planning on leaving Trinity, it will be different than the past six years as your pastor. And, I am committed to encourage and support whomever God leads to Trinity as our new pastor.

Thank you for your generous care, love and support! You have seen me through some very trying times, the passing of Ruth Ann and a bout with cancer myself. You have celebrated with me in the blessing of Lynn, my wonderful new wife, a few years later. You have always encouraged me in the leading of worship and the preaching of somewhere around 400 sermons, as well as the teaching of about as many Bible Classes. It's been my privilege to serve many of you in administering baptisms to your children, conduct funerals for your loved ones, confirm your teens and join couples in marriage. I've been honored to lead chapels and teach religion in our school – and attempt to coach basketball. A special word of thanks to my staff and co-workers in the church and school for all their help and prayers. It was a joy to see the addition of the Stephen Ministry program and the adopting of our Haiti Mission. I'll always remember the summer of 2020 and our drive-in worship services! So many wonderful facets of our ministry service together! I regret that we never got the vision process under way in my tenure, but we're poised and committed to see that through once we get through the restrictions of COVID.

I truly believe that God has great plans for-and-through Trinity Lutheran Church and School. It is my joy, along with Lynn, to be a part of the continuing ministry of Trinity in the new chapter that is unfolding. To God be all the glory!

~ Pastor Dennis Krueger



Ash Wednesday and Lent

Trinity will hold one Ash Wednesday service on **February 17th at 7:00pm**. Due to Covid distancing policies, ashes **will not** be disbursed.

Music ministry is preparing mid-week Lenten video services based on the music of Lent that will be posted to our church website for all to view. There will be no in-person mid-week Lent services.

Church Business

Executive Board: Effective February 1, 2021, Kim Meissner will be stepping down from her position on Trinity's Executive Board. The Board has voted in Brian Makey to serve the remainder of her term, which expires later this year.

2021 Eastern District Convention: Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the 2021 District Convention has been delayed for one year. This action was suggested and supported by the LCMS Board of Directors and Council of Presidents.



Altar Candles/Oil & Flowers

We are in need of families to sign up to donate altar flowers and candles/oil.

Flowers: \$10 per vase and you get to take them home after the Sunday service! Flowers can also be picked up from the church on Mondays from 8am-3pm. We ask that 2 families sign up for each week. Upcoming openings: 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, and 3/21.

Altar Candles / Oil: \$25 per month. Available months for 2021: July, August, September and December.

Payments should be placed in the Church Office's message center or can be mailed to the church. Checks should be made payable to **"Trinity Lutheran Church"** (*memo: Altar Flowers or Altar Candles*).

**Please make sure to include your name and special intentions on the sign-up sheets.*



The members of Trinity would like to extend their heartfelt thank you to Pastor Krueger for the ministry he has provided for us over the past six years. For his counsel, leadership, compassion and devotion to his flock, and his Heavenly Father. We wish him guidance in the new path he will follow at Greenfields and wisdom for all the counsel he will provide there. God's blessings on your new calling.

Effective 2/1/21, we welcome Pastor Ronald Habedank as Trinity's Vacancy Pastor. We would like to thank him for once again leading us in worship during this time of transition ... it will be like coming home again. We offer open arms and hearts to the leadership he will provide and the love and support he will offer. May God bless you in your time here at Trinity.

Nomination / Call Committee Update

Eastern District President, Chris Wicher, is currently developing a list of candidates for Trinity to consider. We expect to receive the list within the next couple of weeks.

Any Trinity member can also provide the Nomination/Call Committee with the name of a suggested candidate to consider. Nomination forms are available in the church narthex. To date, the Nomination/Call Committee has received one completed nomination form.

Please keep the Nomination/Call Committee in your prayers as we work through the process.

Sincerely,

Dave Sirgey, Chairman
Nomination / Call Committee

Thank You!

A heartfelt Thank You to all the Trinity members whom sent us cards and house warming gifts to our new home in South Carolina. We keep Trinity and it's Ministry in our Prayers.

~ Laura & Dave Broderdorf

School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you were able to attend worship on January 24th, you would have had the joy of celebrating Lutheran Schools week with videos of all of the students and a song by a small group of them attending. You would have heard Pastor Krueger give his last sermon as the Called Pastor of Trinity, and enjoyed another Adventure of the Clothespin People. You would have heard the Word of God, taught in truth and purity and received the Body and Blood of our Savior in Holy Communion. It was an uplifting and enriching morning! The events of Lutheran Schools Week continued throughout the week at school. They included a school-wide collection of just about every kind of snack and treat imaginable for goody bags for essential and front-line workers, the annual "Trinity's Got Talent" Show, and zoom calls with called workers and a seminarian (Josh Makey!) We are so very blessed to be in school each day!

Re-enrollment has begun, and we are praying fervently that the Lord will bless us with a "normal" school year for 2021-22. The staff and students alike dearly miss all of the group activities and family fellowship events that are the 'trademark' of our program! Our fundraising opportunities have also taken a hit, of course, but we are doing our best with our yearly Easter Chocolate sale and an on-line auction in May instead of the usual Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Raffle. We may have another drive-through Chicken BBQ in May, as well, to help publicize the auction. You'll certainly get all of the information once it's compiled and approved. Please tell your friends and family about the unique opportunity that an education at Trinity offers. Our focus on Christ, first of all, along with aggressive academic standards, relationship-based learning and community care combine to offer a setting that promotes confident, caring children. Our mission statement says it best : 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.

~ Kathleen Fretthold
Principal, Trinity Christian School

Trinity School 1st Trimester Honor Roll 2020-21

Grade 3/4

High Honor Roll - Logan Ferraracio, Vanek, Goodwin, Luka McCutcheon, Luke O'Connor, Rylie Parry, Hayden Sirgey, Ethan Webster.

Honor Roll - Katelyn Barnas, Avery Snyder, Ethan Widman, Isabeau Strzelec

Merit Roll - Elizabeth McFarland

Grade 5/6

High Honor Roll - Lily Ackley, Gavin Daley, Andrew Hunneshagen, Rhys Jones, Ethan Webster, Olivia Strzelec, Elizabeth Steffens, Abigail Lafferty

Honor Roll - Luke Anderson, Aubrey Worthington, Jayden Wagner, Beverly Nicholas, Cindy Nicholas, Jean-Marie McFarland

Merit Roll - Johnathan Holley

Grade 7/8

High Honor Roll - Joanna Anderson, Anna Gerardi, Emma Hope, Amelia Jones, Rebekah Lafferty, Isaas McFarland, Lillie Parent, Payton Riordan, Shawn Szrama

Honor Roll - Jade Anderson, Annalese Patsalides

Merit Roll - Nathan Barnas, Louis Canastraro, Emma Pirro



Congratulations! Keep up the hard work!

Financial Update

Through six months of our fiscal budget, July 1 to December 31, our bottom line is still in the black, Total Income - \$358,113, Total Expenses - \$348,760. Regular offerings are, however, down about 7% as we missed out on the usual increase in attendance over the holidays.

Our special ministry accounts are in good shape. We were able to borrow the second half of the needed funds for the parsonage window project from these accounts. The window project is now complete. Please continue to support the Building the Future Account as this is used to pay a portion of our monthly mortgage payment.

Keep God's work, through Trinity, in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Dave Sirgey, Finance Committee



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.

Parsonage Windows Update

The parsonage windows were installed on January 18-20 by Modern Windows of New York, Inc., an Orchard Park based company. They did a great job and the windows look fantastic! Modern Windows is offering a \$200 bonus to the church if a referral results in the purchase of windows (minimum purchase of \$2000). If you are looking at replacing your windows, please keep this in mind. In order for Trinity to get a referral bonus, you must mention the church when placing your order. Modern Windows' hot line is 1-800-884-5846. Even if you are only getting quotes to get started on a project, call and mention Trinity Lutheran Church.

HELP WANTED: Timothy Faries, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, is looking for assistance to type up some of his writings. He is estimating it will take about four days (32 hours) to accomplish this, for which he's willing to pay \$100 per day. For more details, if interested, please call 716-361-4736 and ask for Tim.

YOUTH SCOOP

College & Sr. High Zoom Meetings

For ongoing college and high school zoom gatherings, contact Mark Willert for the zoom link and time: mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com.



Are you experiencing a Winter in your life? Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care!

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with **Stephen Leaders**: Pastor Krueger: 997-5666, Don Meissner: 479-4862, Kevin Kot: 445-5923, ColleenKot: 445-5922.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of February, we will be collecting cans of tuna and chicken. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden. Thank you!



2020 Giving Statements

Statements were generated and mailed out to all members in mid January. If you didn't receive yours, please contact the church office.

Trinity Mission Support

As outlined in our January 2021 Trinity Tidings Newsletter, Trinity has been setting aside 2% of our general offerings to enable us to participate in additional mission opportunities. This month we will highlight two more of our \$700 donation recipients: The Buffalo City Mission and Bread of Life Outreach Center.

Buffalo City Mission

The Buffalo City Mission offers a variety of services to the hurting and homeless, and helps to pull poverty and homelessness out of their lives. In 2020 they provided: 120,462 meals; 66,242 safe nights of sleep (shelter); 1,025 commitments of faith (spiritual); 76 in "Dream" (housing). The City Mission is more than just food and shelter. They offer:

Rescue Services:

- 3 Hot Meals
- Emergency Shelter & Showers
- Health & Wellness
- Clean Clothing and Laundry Services
- Chaplaincy
- Case Management & Referrals

Children's Services:

- Early Child Care Services: Onsite NYS Licensed Day Care
- Afterschool Program
- Summer Camp Program

Restoration Services:

- Dream Transitional Housing
- Socialization Skills Training
- Financial Literacy
- Housing Management
- Employment & Career Development
- Education- (HSE, Pre-Collegiate & Certification Programs)
- Health & Wellness
- Substance Abuse & Recovery Services
- Spiritual Growth

Men's Ministry: Each year, more than 1,916 men seek services at the Buffalo City Mission's Men's Community Center. It's often found that, once a man has received basic care services such as- food and shelter, he will consider making a more transformative choice such as joining the Mission's Dream Transitional Housing Program – a program that offers freedom from the past and hope for the future!

Women's Ministry: Their Women and Children's Shelter (Cornerstone Manor) is not simply a place which offers food and shelter to those in need, it is a place that provides a safe haven for which women and mom's with children can have the opportunity to transition safely and successfully through the Mission's Dream Transitional Housing Program, where sorrows can be turned into joy so hope for a better tomorrow can begin.



Bread of Life Outreach Center

Bread of Life Outreach Center is a Christian ecumenical ministry of love and compassion which recognizes the dignity of all. Their source of inspiration is found in the Gospel message "to feed the hungry and clothe the naked." BOLO is located at 8745 Supervisor Avenue, Colden, NY which was formerly Bread of Life Church. Those who have been certified are given the opportunity to shop at the food pantry and receive groceries twice a month as well as a yearly credit of \$100.00 per individual to use toward clothing at BOLO's thrift shop - Gabe's on the Hill, which is located in the same building. All are invited to shop at Gabes - you are sure to find something! BOLO accepts donations of food and gently used clothing. For more information, visit their website at www.breadoflifecolden.org.

“UNITED WE STAND – DIVIDED WE FALL”

Here’s a quick summary of only some of what’s been going on recently in our beloved nation:

- A pandemic called coronavirus has brought our face-masked country to its knees.
- Hundreds of thousands have died.
- Many businesses have closed. Millions have lost jobs.
- A stock market crash was followed by a V-shaped record breaking recovery. What’s next?
- Highly organized, well-funded, and violent protests have hit major U.S. cities.
- A scary, fatality-producing invasion of the U.S. Capitol building occurred last week.
- Apple, Google, LinkedIn, Twitter, Amazon, *et al.*, have blocked online media freedom of speech.
- Ongoing battles have disrupted and distracted U.S. political parties and their leaders.
- Seven days before he leaves office the U.S. Congress has voted to impeach Donald Trump.

It looks like the devil is having a heyday stirring up sin-filled hearts of human beings. Consider what the Bible says: *“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: ... hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy ... and other sins like these. Anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.”* Gal. 5:19-21. *“If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.”* Mark 3:24

Opinions abound about where the fault really lies. It seems the primary problem is sinful Republicans blaming sinful Democrats and sinful Democrats blaming sinful Republicans. Please join me in praying for our nation and our people:

“Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of actions. “Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in you fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

From *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 313—“A Prayer for the Nation”

Job Opportunities

West Seneca Youth & Recreation is now hiring for the following part-time positions:

Year Round:

- Youth Service Coordinator / Assistant Recreation Supervisor: \$16.00 per hour / Part-Time seasonal (up to 35 hours per week) for up to 19 weeks a year and regular part-time; (up to 19 hours per week) for up to 33 weeks per year / weekdays, weeknights, and weekends.
- Clerk Typist: \$12.50 per hour / On average 12 hours per week / Weekdays
- Recreation Attendant: Starting at \$12.50 an hour / Hours vary based on our program schedule / Weekdays, week-nights, and weekends.

Summer:

Summer rates of pay are \$13.00 - \$16.00 per hour (based on years of service, leadership level, certifications, etc.). Hours vary and are based on departmental and program needs.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Pool Supervisor • Certified Assistant Pool Supervisor • Head Certified Lifeguard • Certified Lifeguard and Swim Instructor • Certified Lifeguard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Camp Director • Assistant Day Camp Director • Camp Counselor • Assistant Camp Counselor |
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More Information & How to Apply:

Visit: <http://www.westseneca.net/departments-and-services/youth-recreation/youth-gym-3#gsc.tab=0>



Happy Birthday

2/1	Lynn Krueger	2/11	Heidi Kosicki	2/18	Carolyn Flattery Lucas Eising
2/2	Eric Osberg	2/12	Loren Pletscher Tonia (n. Minko) Besch	2/19	Janet Bullock Lisa Lafferty
2/3	Lois Rodgers	2/13	Robert Moeller Alan Yox Sarah Makey Landon Heckman	2/20	Bok Yox Elena DeMoura
2/5	Luke Anderson	2/14	Gay Nichols River Rowsell Morgan Ringle	2/22	Lori Lorigo
2/6	Laurel Szeider	2/15	Gregory Kopra Jamie (n. Makey) Smith	2/23	Amelia Iannuzzelli
2/7	Sue Brehm	2/17	Nathan McClellan	2/24	Gary Ecker
2/9	Florence Bogumil Kathie Schindler Zachary Powers	2/25		2/27	Olivia Wilkening Geraldine Swart
2/10	Steve Meden Kris Heckman Chris Kwilas				

Happy Anniversary

2/7	Nevin & Linda Hope	2/25	Bruce & Kristen Heckman
2/11	Richard & Helen Schultz	2/26	George & Linda Hodge
2/14	Michele & Edward Baun		

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (Jan-March 2021) devotion booklets are still available. They can be picked up in the church narthex or at any time from the clear plastic box located outside the church doors. Please take one and use it for home devotions. Feel free to take one for a friend too!



Cancelled Stamps & Electronic Devices

LWML is still collecting cancelled stamps and unwanted electronic devices. Please consider taking a moment when opening your mail to cut off the cancelled stamp (leave a 1/2 inch border) and place them in Linda Meissner's mailbox in the church coatroom. Electronic devices can be brought to church and placed in the purple tote that's located in the coatroom.

Emergency Contacts

If a family member is **hospitalized** or there is an **emergency need**, please inform Pastor Habedank 585-902-6005, the church office, or one of the Deacons.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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