

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

JUNE 2021

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 9:30 am

“God Wants To Do A New Thing Here”

How’s that for a scary title to this article? Something “new” usually means change, and change is usually difficult for people to embrace. When alligators come across something new, something they don’t know, they will do one of three things: run from it, attack it, or eat it. That kind of sums up how some people react when the issue of doing something new / different is raised.

Yet, here we are as church and school beginning a process that will cast a vision for the future of our mission and ministry. And as we stand at the beginning of that process, isn’t it reassuring that we don’t do it alone? In fact, God has promised to show us a new path He’s planned for us.

I can be sure of that, for God showed that to me a long time ago as I was seeking His direction for my life. He led me to this verse:

*“Forget the former things, don’t dwell on the past. See, I’m doing a new thing!
Now it springs up, don’t you perceive it? I’m making a way in the desert
and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-19*

Did you catch it? God is saying “See, I’m doing a new thing.” That for me was a commitment to walk with Him 24/7 and let Him lead. For our church & school that means being open to new ways of getting out the saving message of God’s love for all people to all people.

The challenge of sharing Christ in this post-Christian world seems overwhelming at times. How do we bring the message of faith to a society that runs from those who have the answer? As a church/school we need to try a “new thing” to reach them.

I don’t know if you’ve talked with anyone in high school, college, or a young adult lately, but if/when you get on topics like: who is God, what does it mean to be “saved”, what do you mean when you say “worship”, and other simple things of faith that you’ve known for your whole life, it becomes really clear that yesterday’s methods will not, most likely, bear fruit tomorrow. We need to actively follow Jesus and seek His new direction for our ministry here at Trinity.

Fortunately we serve a God who loves doing new things. There’s no one more creative, with greater wisdom, than our God.. He promises to give us a new vision, a plan for our next steps in mission and ministry and a strategy for our future.

Let’s continue to keep our Visioning Process in prayer as we look forward to what God has in mind for the future mission and ministry of Trinity.

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Ron



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning June 19 & 20

Saturday Evening at 5:00pm

(outdoors - weather permitting)

Sunday Morning at 9:30am



The next meeting of the Ladies Bible Study will be on **Monday 6/7 at 7:00pm** in the church narthex. Please bring your chair or use a folding chair. All ladies are invited!

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Gertraud Warzecha at Trinity on Saturday, June 5 at 10:00am. The service will be held outdoors if weather permits; in the church otherwise. Those wishing to attend are welcome.

Altar Flowers



There are many open spots for altar flower donations in the upcoming months. Flowers are \$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. Sign-up sheets are located on the Welcome Center in the narthex or you can contact the church office at 674-9188. Please make sure to include your name and special intentions on the sign-up sheet. All 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*).

Nomination / Call Committee Update May 25, 2021

We received a second list of potential candidates from President Wicher. We have studied information on the pastors included in both lists and have talked to potential candidates. We have also contacted additional pastors that were referred to us by local pastors. Candidates have indicated that they are not able to consider a call at this time for the following reasons:

- Already accepted a call;
- Just turned down a call (please remove from list);
- Bad timing, just coming out of COVID, needed where they are;
- No, due to location;
- Not a good time for family.

Some additional candidates were deemed not to be a good fit for Trinity. We will be contacting President Wicher for additional candidates. We continue in our efforts to find the candidate that the Lord wants to bless us with at Trinity.

Please pray for our call committee team and for patience: Nevin Hope, Lynnae Kwilas, Erin Kotowski, Trevor Jelowski, Robin Makosy, Kevin Kot and myself.

~ Dave Sirgey, Chairman
Nomination / Call Committee

Financial Update

Through ten months of our fiscal budget, July 1 to April 30, our bottom line is still in the black: Total Income = \$607,000, Total Expenses = \$595,000. Regular offerings are down about 8% vs. last year. Most of the drop has occurred since November.

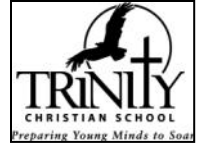
Our special ministry accounts remain in good shape. The parsonage windows will be paid off by the end of our fiscal year. Please continue to support the Building the Future Account as this is used to pay a portion of our monthly mortgage payment.

Yours in Christ,
Dave Sirgey, Finance Committee

2021-22 Budget Requests

If your ministry, team, board or committee would like a budget for the new fiscal year starting in July 2021 OR if you are starting a new ministry, a budget request form needs to be completed and returned to Dave Sirgey **by JUNE 1**. Forms can be picked up from the table in the narthex or you can call or email the church office (674-9188 / trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net) to request a form.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Friends in Christ,

While New York State focuses on reopening and restrictions continue to be discontinued, the school continues to function with the same attention to safety and caution as we have the entire school year. Masks are still in place, as are constant disinfecting and cleaning, social distancing and limited parent participation. Nevertheless, we have graduations and other events scheduled using precautionary measures. The volleyball season just wrapped up with a great student/parent match. Thanks to Sarah Makosy and Greg Kopra for coaching the team! The students had an excellent experience throughout the shortened season.

While students and staff are looking forward to the end of this challenging school year, we're also so appreciative of the fact that we were able to stay open for in-person instruction, through the dedication of the congregation, staff and parents. It took constant vigilance to maintain both safety AND academic standards in such an unusual setting. I think I speak for all of our faculty and staff when I say that we are really tired!! No one knows what next year will look like, but our school enrollment is up again and plans are already underway to find space and staffing. God is so good!

Congratulations to Harry and Judeen Babcock on the birth of their grandson, Theodore! (Now Judeen and I can compare grandson photos and swap stories regularly. Can't wait!)

Noel Anderson has a limited number of tickets available for "The Lion King, Jr." being presented on June 11 & 12. Please make sure you contact her or the school office to get some. It will be an incredible production - it was two years in the making! Also, you are welcome to attend PK Graduation on Friday, June 9 at 9am, Kindergarten Graduation on Thursday, June 17 at 9am, and/or 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, June 17 at 7pm. All of these separate ceremonies will allow family members to attend, and we are thrilled to be able to share these memorable occasions with them.

Please continue to pray for the ministry of our church and school and for the health and safety of all. May God bless you richly!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



Lion King Jr.

Trinity students in grades 3-8 will be performing Lion King Jr. on June 11 & 12 at 1:00pm & 7:00pm both days. There are a limited number (about 15) of tickets available for church members who would like to attend. There is no charge for the tickets but there will be a free will offering at the show. Please see Noel Anderson or email her (nanderson@thinktrinitychristian.com) with the date/time you'd like to attend if you would like tickets for one of the shows, or call the school office.

YOUTH SCOOP

Jr. & Sr. Youth Summer Planning Meeting

On **June 6** after worship at **10:30am**, we'll meet to share some exciting plans for summer, as well as see what we we'd like to do for the coming months. We have some great opportunities to get involved in serving and lets see what kind of fun things we can plan as well! Anyone interested in attending, please let Mark Willert know. Contact him also if you'd like to help out!

College Age Students

Any college age students who'd like to get together and do some things this summer, let Mark Willert know! There are many more opportunities than what we did last year. Thank you God!

National Youth Gathering 2022

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.

Participants must be entering their High School freshman year or graduating in 2022. Any students and parents interested in attending this event, please contact Mark Willert to schedule an information gathering time and to see where God may lead. Below are some resources to check out as well!

For more information about the 2022 Youth Gathering, head to <https://lcmsgathering.com/>. AND join our Facebook Group, "[LCMS Youth Gathering 2022-Eastern District](#)" for more updates as they become available!



Trinity's Stephen Ministers and leaders hope and pray that you, your loved ones, and the people you care for are healthy and safe. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted everyone—raising the level of fear, stress, and anxiety for people all over the world and underscoring the importance of caring.

If you are feeling stressed and/or anxious, we are here to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, and needs someone to talk to, please contact one of the Stephen Leaders: Pastor Krueger (997-5666), Don Meissner (479-4862), Kevin Kot (445-5923) or Colleen Kot (445-5922).

*Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring
God's love and care to those in need.*

Vicarage Assignment

Joshua Makey received his vicarage assignment during the St. Louis Seminary Call Day service on April 28. Beginning in August, he will be serving at Our Savior Lutheran in Washington, IL. Please continue to offer prayers of thanks and support for Josh and Sarah as they continue to grow, learn and serve this coming year!

Introducing ... Pioneer On the Lake!

The Friends of Pioneer leadership team is excited to announce that a partnership has been formed with Concordia Lutheran Ministries in Cabot, PA. Concordia Lutheran Ministries has agreed to purchase the Pioneer property with the stipulation that the ongoing ministry of camp be operated and managed by the board of the Friends of Pioneer, Inc. Both the Friends of Pioneer and Concordia Lutheran Ministries are extensions of the LCMS, and both share a passionate zeal for outdoor ministry! We are thrilled to see God's hand in this and are excited to see all that He has in store for the future of Pioneer!

Concordia Lutheran Ministries and the Friends of Pioneer are grateful to the board of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. and the leadership of the Eastern District of the LCMS for their many years of stewardship at Pioneer. Their desire to see the ministry of Pioneer continue has brought us to this exciting place in time.

The good news is that the purchase of the property allows Pioneer to begin with a fresh new start—completely debt free! This means that every dollar raised will go directly into the ministry of Pioneer as well as to restoring, expanding, and enhancing the facility and its many ministry opportunities. This partnership means that future generations will be able to come to hear the life-changing gospel of Jesus and experience the presence of God as in generations past. Pioneer on the Lake: it's a "new future: same legacy".

You can also have a vital part in the future of Pioneer! Your help and generosity can bring this plan to life. Go to friendsofpioneer.org to check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page to learn more! Join the Friends of Pioneer on Facebook to see updates and reminisce about this place we all know and love. And most importantly, please continue to pray for the board of the Friends of Pioneer, and for present and future supporters of the ministry at Pioneer on the Lake.

Pioneer on the Lake: Looking for Liaisons

Pioneer on the Lake is looking for a congregational liaison from each church in the Eastern District to strengthen its ties to those parishes. If you would be willing to receive email communications a few times a year, submit provided bulletin announcements and posters to the Pastor, and communicate the needs of your church regarding outdoor recreation to Pioneer's Church Outreach Team, please reach out to us at office@pioneeronthelake.com. Thank you for considering this position. We value our relationship with you and your parish.

West Seneca Town News Items

W.S. Police

Police report there have been several cases of false identity claims for unemployment here in West Seneca. Also several senior citizens have been victimized by con artists claiming money is needed to release a loved one from custody. Asst. Chief Ed Baker said that if anyone has any questions or concerns - please contact W.S. police **BEFORE** sending anyone any money or personal information.

W.S. police are hoping the town board approves the purchase of body cameras. The police hope to have them by the fall.

Local Congregation VBS

Winchester Community Church (909 Harlem Rd):
Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2 6:30pm-8:00pm
"Concrete & Cranes" - Register online on their website

New Hope Methodist (2846 Seneca St)
3rd week of July - details yet TBD

Ebenezer UCC (630 Main Street)
End of August - more details coming

CROP WALK Against Hunger September 12, 2021

Youth groups are encouraged to join. The walk is on Union Rd from Ebenezer on Main Street to St. John on Clinton street. The walk is open to all ages. Registration info will come soon.

Trinity Lutheran Church and School Local Mission Outreach / Opportunities

Hey, you know that good feeling you get when you help someone? A feeling of knowing that you made a difference and that maybe God used you in some neat way? This summer we have some chances to be the hands and face of Jesus. We would get to be a part of the body of Christ and do those things that he had already planned for us to do, just like it says in Ephesians 2:10. Also, Jesus said that, "If anyone gives a cup of cold water in my name he would be doing it for me also," so really we're serving Jesus too!

Pray about being a part of these opportunities. This summer we're staying local to start out, but next summer we hope to go further than local and do a trip. Fill out the below information and get back to us so we can start planning. Consider one, two or be all in. We sure are and we're excited!

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Best phone _____

Mission trips are one step in a journey of deeper engagement in the global mission of the church. Mission is God's mission. God invites us to participate. Pray about serving at one of the following outreach opportunities in the Buffalo area. PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN!

Harvest House: Friday, July 23 Time & Details TBD

Feed More WNY: Wednesday, August 25 Time: 9 – 11 am

**Eight Days of Hope (volunteer one to eight days) / Trinity School Playground /
Camp Pioneer: Dates & Time TBD**

Since Eight Days of Hope opened its first satellite location in Buffalo in 2019, we have grown to love this community and the people in it. Through meeting many citizens and visiting multiple neighborhoods, the need to help the local community cannot be ignored. We hope and pray we can be a glimpse of Jesus in Western New York through hosting an event to bring help and hope to those in need.

Please contact us via e-mail to: knckot@verizon.net, mkwillert@aol.com, lisalaff@gmail.com OR call 445-5922.

Serving in Christ,

Kevin and Colleen Kot
Mark Willert
Lisa Lafferty



Plymouth Crossroads: Non-Residential Services

PARTNERING WITH YOUTH TO INCREASE THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY, REMOVE BARRIERS, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATE AND PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE



Mentoring

Creating opportunities for our youths futures begins increasing their connections and refining their skills. Though mentoring we are able to cover a variety of things including:

- Life-skills groups
- Interviewing/job retention skills
- Transportation assistance
- Arrange for Guest Speakers/i.e. Tax prep, GLYS, and more.
- Individual appointments to enroll in school



Street Outreach (Rural Outreach is in high need)

Street outreach is vital to assisting youth out of homelessness and into safe shelters. Our connection with them and local organizations increases success in our program. This service is supported via:

- Working with Crisis Services
- Teaching Survival Care
- Referrals made to other agencies/supports



Clothing Closet/ Food Cupboard*

Having access to properly fitting clothing, a steady source of food, and hygienic items is knowing to create a sense of normalcy and eases the stress that comes from uncertainty. We create this sense by stocking up on:

- Non-perishable foods
- Gift Cards
- Hygiene items
- Household Supplies
- Clothing/Shoes

**The clothing closet/ food cupboard can be mobile*



Alumni Supports

Visualizing where one is going, is easier when you know people who have been in your shoes before. We lean on our alumni to encourage one another and also current youth. With them we are able to:

- Provide recreation activities
- Celebrate Holidays
- Organize Family Reunions
- Maintain an Alumni Facebook Group/ Message Board
- Conduct wellness checks
- Host monthly pizza nights

Visit Our Website: www.plymouthcrossroads.org/

Give Us A Call: (716) 393-3906

Happy Birthday

6/1	Peter Bullock Kasey Lelito	6/8	Helen Schultz Mary Colwell	6/17	Fred Schultz Bruce Heckman	6/26	Kyle McCoy Camden Stefanik
6/2	Rev. David Belasic Karen Hollowood Trevor Jelowski		Peter Szeider Jeff Gertis Cadence Jelowski	6/18	Dallas Smith	6/27	Don Meissner Trevor Wilkening
6/3	Dick LoGalbo Denise Meissner	6/9	Shannon Heckman Jacob Ecker	6/20	Kristen Zawadzki Travis Barnas	6/29	Lisa Osberg
6/4	Martha Birrer	6/11	Johanna Guenther Madelyn Monahan	6/21	Anthony Strong	6/30	Jennifer Evans
6/5	Norine Ecker Jered Cornell	6/13	Becky Mann Abigail Lelito	6/22	Larry Thompson Lenore Ecker		
6/6	Henry Jelowski	6/14	Linda Daum	6/23	Jeffrey Wackowski		
6/7	Brynn Zawadzki	6/16	Mark Blajszczak	6/24	Shana Caldarella		
				6/25	Marilyn Lein Gregory Ringle		

Happy Anniversary

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



Thank You Trinity's Garden Club!

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time on Tuesday evenings in May to help clean up and beautify the church and school flower beds and property. Your help was greatly appreciated!



Do you have someone that you would like to add onto Trinity's prayer chain? If so, please contact Judy Schmidt (judyschmidt349@roadrunner.com / 926-9054) with your request.

The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of June, we will be collecting pasta, noodles, and rice. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

Vacancy Pastor
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Youth & Family Coordinator
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