

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

JULY 2021

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

“Herrrrres Summer !!”

For many years, my day often ended by watching Johnny Carson do his monologue. Just before Mr. Carson came on stage, the show's host would receive the now famous introduction – HERRRRRES JOHNNY! To all of you I say, “HERRRES SUMMER!” What a wonderful word: summer. It brings back great memories for me of camping with my family, cook-outs, and vacations in Minnesota or Wisconsin. Summer meant time to make new memories with family and friends and so much more.

Even though we are just coming out of a long struggle with issues from Covid, most of us still run our lives at an exhaustive pace. Our spirits are worn out and our patience frazzled. We get up tired and come home exhausted. Our “quality time” with family and friends turns into a chore instead of a time of joy. Even in the church, you sometimes have the feeling that you’ve been sentenced to some sort of Christian rat race! I can tell you that this isn’t what the Prince of Peace had in mind for His people.

Read His words from Matthew 11:28, *“Come to me, all you who are weary and I will give you rest.”*

God gives that to all who believe in Him. Rest from the burden of sin; rest from the constant attacks from Satan; and rest from the guilt that comes from all that we think we should have done for our Lord but didn’t.

God’s rest is simple; it is sure; it is free to all that come to him in need of this rest.

As to our everyday lives, God knew that we would need a time to rest there too. So He made summer! Take a time to “rest”:

- Take a vacation
- Go on a picnic
- Enjoy working in your yard / garden
- Look at the stars
- Roast a marshmallow
- Make a memory for your child or grandchild.

However, over the summer don’t rest so much that you forget to worship the One that created the season and gives you peace and rest for your spirits. **Our services this summer are held at 5:00pm on Saturday (bring a lawn chair and a friend) – weather permitting these are outside. And Sunday morning, contemporary worship, at 9:30am.**

May you enjoy the summer; rest in His peace; grow in His love; and enjoy the wonders of His creation. God’s richest blessings to you and all those you love.

In Him,

Pastor Ron



SUMMER
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Saturday Evening at 5:00pm
(outdoors - weather permitting)

Sunday Morning at 9:30am

July Free-Will Offering

In the month of July, Trinity will hold free-will offerings at our worship services to help offset the Concordia Seminary tuition expenses for Joshua Makey. Joshua 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!



Finance
Update

Through eleven months of our fiscal budget, July 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021, our bottom line is still in the black: Total Income = \$650,258, Total Expenses = \$649,160. General offerings are projected to be down about 10% vs. last year.

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

Emergency Need

If a family member is hospitalized or there is an emergency need, please inform and phone Pastor Ron (585-902-6005), the church office (674-9188), or one of the Deacons.

Nomination / Call Committee Update June 23, 2021

We received a third list of potential candidates from President Wicher. We have studied information on the pastors included in this list and have reached out to candidates we wish to speak to. One meeting is scheduled for later this week.

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



Altar Candles / Oil

We are still in need of altar candle / oil donations for August. The cost is \$25 per month. A sign-up form is on the Welcome Center in the church narthex or you can contact the church office (674-9188). Please indicate what your special intentions are. Thank you!

LWML Retreat September 24-26, 2021

Think Positively, Save the Date! The Eastern District LWML is planning to hold its annual retreat **September 24-26, 2021**, at Lutherlyn Camp in Butler, PA (Lutherlyn.com). The theme will be "**Can Do - With Jesus**", "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." *Phil.4:13*. The Buffalo Zone is hosting the retreat. More details to follow.



Portals of Prayer

July - Sept 2021 devotion booklets are now available. They can be found on the tables and Welcome Center in the church narthex. Please take one and use it for home devotions! Give one to a friend who may be in need too!

The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of July, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden.

Trinity School News



Congratulations to the Trinity Graduating Class of 2021! The 8 graduates have been the rock of the school, handling all of the changes and requirements of this challenging year with maturity and leadership. The faculty and staff have been richly blessed to have shared in the lives and growth of these children of God!

The Graduates are:

- **Jade Anderson** - NYS Attorney General's Triple C Award (Character, Commitment, Courage)
- **Joanna Anderson** - Salutatorian, Christian Athlete, President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award,
- **Emma Hope** - Valedictorian, President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
- **Amelia Jones** - Christian Citizenship Award, NYS Attorney General's Triple C Award (Character, Commitment, Courage)
- **Rebekah Lafferty** - President's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- **Lillie Parent** - President's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, State Comptroller's Award for Academic Excellence & Leadership Potential
- **Annalese Patsalides** - West Seneca PBA Award
- **Shawn Szrama** - Christian Athlete, State Comptroller's Award for Academic Excellence & Leadership Potential

May the Lord continue to guide and protect these students on their journey of life. *"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

The school faculty and staff are so thankful that this year has come to end positively and with joy. We have been thoroughly blessed this year, again, and are overwhelmed with His grace to us. Our enrollment has risen considerably for next year and we are rejoicing at the opportunity to share the Gospel with even more children and families! With the relaxing of the COVID guidelines in churches, we are anxious to again partner with the congregation to build and strengthen spiritual relationships with our students. We are praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the congregation formulates a Vision statement and takes the steps to implement it; as well as for God's direction in finding a new pastor for Trinity.

Our teachers are enjoying a well-deserved summer break after a very stressful year, and I hope that you find ample opportunity in these warm weather months to enjoy the blessings of summer and the beauty of His creation!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



Shut-In Members

If you know if a member of Trinity who should be on our **shut-in member list**, please let Pastor Ron 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.

From the Church Office ...

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.

YOUTH SCOOP

Youth Grades 6-12 Summer Schedule

We're super excited to share the below schedule for students entering 6th grade thru graduating 12th grade. To make sure you don't miss a beat this summer, keep an eye on the weekly Life at Trinity announcement sheet for more info. Make sure you're on our church email list to receive this weekly to stay up to date! Send your email address and first and last name to our church secretary Teresa in the church office at trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net. Also, feel free to contact Youth and Family coordinator Mark Willert mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com, Youth Leader Lisa Lafferty lisalaff@gmail.com, or our servant event coordinators Kevin and Colleen Kot knckot@verizon.net.

6/30 - Youth night grades 6-12 (6:30-8:30)

7/8 - Fall event planning zoom meeting (Jr & Sr parents & kids)

7/12 - Youth night grades 6-12 (6:30-8:30)

7/23 - Harvest House servant event

7/17-7/24 - Eight Days of Hope servant event with your parents/family

8/17 - Youth night grades 6-12 (6:30-8:30)

8/25 - Feed More WNY servant event

8/31 - Youth night grades 6-12 (6:30-8:30)

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!

Family Summer Event Schedule

Camp Fire Evening - For any families that would like to get together for a camp fire and some s'mores some evening, email Mark Willert (mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com) to let him know. He'll figure out a time that works for everyone. Summer schedules are always so crazy, especially now with Covid restrictions down. Let's make the most of this summer!

Hands and Feet of Jesus! - Families can get involved with Eight Days of Hope too! See details in the "Local Mission Outreach Opportunities" article on page 5 of this newsletter.

You Name It! - If there are other activities you'd like to see happen (a family group ride at a bike trail, a picnic somewhere, etc ...), email Mark so we can coordinate and let's get the word out in the bulletin and announcements.



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 US!

Harvest House: Friday, July 23 Time & Details TBD

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

Eight Days of Hope (volunteer one to eight days): July 17-24

Register at: <https://eightdaysofhope.com> Group/Organization: Trinity West Seneca

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.

Trinity School Playground / Camp Pioneer: Dates & Time TBD

Please contact us via e-mail to: knckot@verizon.net, kkot57@gmail.com, mkwillert@aol.com, lisalaff@gmail.com -OR- call/text Colleen at 445-5922 or Kevin at 445-5923.

Serving in Christ,

Kevin and Colleen Kot, Mark Willert, Lisa Lafferty



We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry 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.



Cemetery News

With summer upon us, it is important to be reminded of some of the Rules & Regulations of Trinity's Cemetery:

- **ANY** burials or spreading of ashes in Trinity's Cemetery are prohibited without pre-approval from the Cemetery Board. Both state and cemetery regulations need to be adhered to.
- Flowers and plants should be placed in rugged, sturdy containers which can be placed on either side of the monuments. They should not be planted directly in the ground. **NO** glass containers are allowed in the cemetery.
- In-ground plantings (trees, shrubs, etc.) are subject to Cemetery Board approval. Approval must be given prior to anything being planted.

Burial plots are still available in our cemetery.

- 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 in order to purchase plots.

Pioneer Update: Building a Firm Foundation

The great news is that the sale of the grounds of Camp Pioneer is in process and currently in the hands of the State attorney General for approval of being sold to Concordia Lutheran Ministries out of Cabot, PA. However, the camp programming will be run by Friends of Pioneer inc. (FOP) who will lease the land from Concordia. This all has been in the works since the end of last year and has been a great orchestration of God. This way, FOP will begin ministry debt free and any donations will go into facility expansion/improvement and programming.

With donations already received, FOP has hired 3 part time maintenance workers to begin upkeep and making repairs. While there won't be any programming held there this summer, in 2022 there certainly will be. The plan is to increase programming and operations over 5 years bringing it back to it's full ministry. But for now, it's all about building a "Firm Foundation". Once the property is purchased, soon folks will be invited to help out physically doing cleanup, repairs and improvements.

In the next six months the FOP Board of Directors will go through a visioning process as well as be trained in board governance. Please pray for this process!

For those who wish to become connected and receive updates, join the Friends of Pioneer Facebook group page. Email office@pioneeronthelake.com and ask to join the email list to receive a weekly newsletter which shares more detailed photos and info. If you would like to give and help out, there are a few ways to do that. Once you're at friendsofpioneer.org, you can click the link "Give", or go to the "Wish list" link to donate toward a specific item. Either option will provide an opportunity to make a difference in building our "Firm Foundation". Besides paying the maintenance workers, there is also insurance and many other fees and costs (like the visioning and governance training mentioned above). Right now we are operating purely on donations which God is supplying and we are truly thankful for!

Pioneer's 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.

Happy Birthday

7/1	John Kern	7/17	Samantha Canazzi	7/24	Thea Schultz
7/5	Ed Schindler	7/18	Judy Schmidt	7/26	Judy Jaeckle
7/7	Joshua Makey Madison Jaskier	7/19	Barbara Halvorsen Nolan Heckman	7/27	Rev. Dennis Krueger
7/10	Leslie Tripi Zachary LoVullo	7/20	Annette Neth Jessica Nickerson	7/28	James Smith Diane Roncone Greg Thompson
7/11	Matthew Schreiner	7/21	James Manzo	7/29	Marie Thompson
7/14	Bryce Zawadzki	7/22	Janine Wackowski	7/30	Hope Willert
7/16	Ken Mann Kim Meissner	7/23	Andrew Eising	7/31	Jenna Wackowski

Happy Anniversary

7/1	Christopher & Erin Kotowski	7/8	Andrew & Rachel Eising
7/3	Larry & Marie Thompson Chris & Lynnae Kwilas	7/12	Ryan & Beth McKernan
7/5	Bob & Lois Rodgers Fred & Thea Schultz Dave & Noel Anderson	7/17	Justin & Betty Jo Smith
7/8	Ed & Kathie Schindler	7/18	C.J. & Lindsey Lehsten
		7/19	Leslie & Tim Tripi



A BW's chicken BBQ to benefit the Plymouth Cross-roads program will be held Thursday, August 5 in the parking lot of Ebenezer United Church of Christ on Main Street in West Seneca from 4 PM til sold out. The meal is \$12. Tickets can be purchased from Nancy Hope. Please call her at 674-8544 or see her after church on Sunday mornings.

Why are we supporting this fundraiser? Trinity is a member of the West Seneca Community of Churches (WSCC). Half of the offerings given during the 2019 WSCC Lenten Journey were given to Plymouth Cross-roads, which is a program for homeless youth in Western New York. Our financial support was and is greatly needed and appreciated. Thanks for your support of this community ministry in advance!

West Seneca Farmer's Market & Summer Concert Series

These events are held on the West Seneca Town Hall grounds Thursday from June 24 - August 18. The Farmer's Market is from 4:00pm-7:00pm; the concerts are held at 7:00pm in the Lion's Bandshell behind town hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy!



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.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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