

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
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WORSHIP TIMES

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

“Thanks Be To God !”

Thanks be to God for you!

A look in the rear-view mirror of history brings nothing but thanks to God for His goodness and putting you and the ministry of Trinity in Carolyn’s and my life. I thank you for your patience over the past 7 months with this “re-retired” pastor. Thank you for your willingness to try new ideas, to look outside the box of tradition and see how to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ in this 21st century. Thank you for allowing me to be myself and touch your life at the same time.

On September 19th together we will turn a page of history and begin a new chapter in the life of Trinity as we welcome Rev. Nycholas Greig to be our new pastor. I can hardly wait to see what God has planned for him and his ministry to and for us. Oh, I’m sure that some of you are wondering what will happen in the months and years to come here at Trinity. Of course things will be different, and there will likely be some bumpy spots along the way, but if you have heard anything I’ve had to say during our time together I hope you know that the power you will need comes from God’s Word and He will give you all the tools you need to continue to reach out in the name of Christ. I know for sure that Trinity has been blessed with some wonderfully talented people as well as a new generation of young men and women who stands ready to multiply ministry and reach out to others in a way that is far beyond anything you’ve ever done before.

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity once again for the high and holy privilege... to hold your hand in prayer... to stand by your hospital bedside... to listen to your doubts and fears... to bury your loved ones... to bless you in marriage... to pour baptismal water over your head... to place the body of Christ into your hands... to help through this vacancy and to share God’s Word with you week after week... to celebrate sitting together in worship once again... AND to help install Pastor Grieg as the next pastor here at Trinity. For all of that I am eternally thankful to God for this opportunity to grow in grace with you. In whatever way my presence as your pastor has represented God’s love to you, I can only say... “Thanks Be To God”.

***“Now to His who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy. To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages now and forevermore! Amen.*”**

God’s Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Ron

Welcome Pastor Nycholas Greig!!!

We welcome Pastor Nyck, Stephanie and their children Riley and Henry to West Seneca and our Trinity Church and School family!

Pastor Nyck and family are planning to arrive on September 1st and then take a bit of time to get settled into the parsonage, ready the children for the start of the new school year, and get acquainted with our church and school families.

We encourage all adults and children to join us on **Sunday, September 19th at 6:00pm** as we celebrate the installation of Pastor Nycholas Greig as our new Shepherd and partner in ministry here at Trinity.



Saturday at 5:00pm

(Traditional / Blended - liturgy, hymns and worship songs)

Sunday at 9:30am

(Contemporary - praise music led by praise teams; service projected on the screen)



Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, October 3rd**! We need your help to make it a success. If you are interested in helping lead music, being a teacher or aide for a class, or are willing to be on a substitute list, please contact Sarah Gabel at sgabel@thinktrinitychristian.com. We will have an informational meeting September 12th following the Sunday morning service for all who are interested.



Readers Needed

Are you willing to occasionally read the Scripture readings during worship services? If yes, please contact the church office (trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net or 674-9188). Readers are needed for both the Sunday and Saturday services. Volunteers will be asked to read 1-3 passages from the Bible, which will be given to them in advance.



The **Monday Ladies Bible Study** group will meet in the church narthex on **Monday, September 13 and 27 at 7:00 PM**. All ladies are welcome. The topic to start the year is Women of the Bible. It is a DVD based study, focused each session on a biblical woman. The hope is to discover new insights and hear a powerful witness to God's gracious love that will leave the women in our class feeling challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued.

Please bring your Bible and a pen or pencil. Sessions are completed before 8:30 PM. **We start promptly at 7:00 PM**. Your own lawn chairs are still welcome, but not necessary at this point. We encourage you to invite your friends, too.

God willing, the class will continue meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. If there are conflicts with holidays, etc, we will adjust accordingly.

Hope to see you on the 13th!

~ Nancy Hope



Trinity Picnic, Campfire, & Campout September 17, 2021

We have one last chance for the Trinity family and friends to gather and enjoy some outdoor time together! On Friday, Sept. 17 we'll have a hotdog dinner at 7pm ~ we'll supply the grilled hotdogs and buns, you provide everything else. RSVP how many hotdogs for your family by Sept. 14 by emailing Mark Willert at mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com. We'll have a campfire with devotions at 8:00pm. Those who wish to camp out as well, feel free to bring your tent, pop-up, RV or just sleep under the stars! Camping setup begins at 6pm. Youth and teens are chaperoned by their own parents.

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.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord has blessed us, once again, with the start of another school year with a full staff, an abundance of students, and a beautiful facility in which to guide and instruct. Your school faculty met on Monday, 8/23, to begin the year with a devotion and Communion, led by Pastor Ron, and a three hour organizational meeting. Wow! We sure accomplished a lot! We are not completely back to normal routines, but nor are we at the level of precaution that we were last year. Another year of unknowns - we continue to fully depend on His grace and wisdom to guide us through it.

We are anticipating the arrival of Pastor Nyck and his family with great joy! His two children will be attending our school, and his presence among the families and children will be a wonderful mission opportunity and a blessing to us all. The staff and students are anxious to resume Prayer Partners, congregational volunteers, project collections and fundraisers, and the many fellowship events we so enjoy with the church family. Our Dress Down Dollars will once again be supporting the children of Haiti as they strive to recover from yet another devastating earthquake, and our first trimester chapel offerings will be given to LHM and LIRS as they reach out to the people of Afghanistan with the word of the Gospel, and support Afghan refugees.

We're hoping to celebrate Education Sunday on 9/26 with Teacher Installation, Presentation of Bibles and Blessing of the Backpacks. We'll see how that fits into the autumn worship schedule before finalizing the date. Whatever Sunday it happens to be, we'd love to have you share in that eventful worship service and then come and tour the school while enjoying an ice cream treat!

The LCMS national school theme for this school year is "In All Things", based on Colossians 1: 15-20. Read through those powerful verses and be comforted that our Lord is KING. Trinity has adopted "In All Things...Jesus Reigns!" as its theme, to emphasize the supremacy of Christ over all, and the incomparable gift that it is for us. In the vehement culture shifts that we are experiencing now, the daily reminder for the children that our God, the God of love, reigns over all and loves us without limits, is a comfort, a joy, and a necessity! **"(Christ) is before all things, and in him all things hold together."** (v 17) Amen!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



FREE LUNCH!

The Trinity School Kitchen is looking for volunteers! Food prep, serving, and light cleanup. No heavy lifting. Mondays and/or Thursdays. And you get a free lunch! Call Mrs. Jones at (716) 228-2762 for details.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our School Workdays in August! Your help was greatly appreciated ... and needed! The school and playground are ready for the start of the school year.

YOUTH SCOOP

Fall Schedule

Below is the combined Jr. & Sr. High youth schedule. Note that once school starts the youth nights will conclude at 8pm. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin for more details on events as they approach. Also, are there a few parents that would be able to accompany us on the mini golf night? If you can, please let Mark Willert know (mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com).

- ◆ 8/31 - Youth Night 6:30pm-8:30pm
- ◆ 9/9 - "Take a Break from School" Youth Night 6:30pm-8:00pm
- ◆ 9/17 - Camp Fire and Campout (see article on page 2)
- ◆ 9/22 - Mini Golf
- ◆ 9/26 - Books and games trade/give away after church
- ◆ 10/3 - Confirmation begins 10:30am-11:30am
- ◆ 10/3 - Sr. High Sunday School begins 10:30am-11:30am (church basement Youth Room)

Opportunity to Serve

In the Bible, the words *servant* and *minister* are synonyms, as are *service* and *ministry*. If you are a Christian, you are a minister, and when you're serving, you're ministering.

Currently, there is one opening and soon there will be two additional openings on the Board of Elders due to the expiration of existing members' terms of service. If you are a spiritually mature man or woman who desires to care for, pray for, and serve the people of God at Trinity please contact any member of the Executive Committee, the Board of Elders, and/or Pastor Ron and indicate your wish to be considered for appointment to the Board of Elders. God has a *ministry* for you in His church and a *mission* for you in the world.



The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of September, we will be collecting canned vegetables. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden.

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



Fall Retreat

September 24-26, 2021

The Buffalo Zone LWML Retreat Committee eagerly awaits your arrival at this year's Fall retreat at Lutherlyn Camp, Butler, PA. We trust that this will be a time of spiritual renewal, physical rest, encouraging fellowship and fun for you. Sharla Fritz will be the guest speaker and Tracy Gerardi will play for our entertainment on Saturday evening. See Linda Meissner for more info or go to east-dist-LWML.org/events.html for a registration form. **Sept. 1, 2021 is the deadline.**

Fall Rally

October 30, 2021 9:00am - 2:00pm

SAVE THE DATE! There will be an LWML Fall Rally at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 9 am - 2pm. After a meeting and topic by the Hearts for the Homeless speaker, lunch will be served. After lunch we will make fleece blankets for Hearts for the Homeless. There will also be an ingathering of supplies for the organization. Blankets can be made prior to the Rally and donated to the cause. See/call Linda Meissner for more info.



FREE Community Clothing Event



Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding a **FREE** clothing event for our community. Come out and browse our selection of gently used womens, mens, and childrens clothing and take home a few new outfits.

When: Saturday September 25th

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: 146 Reserve Rd. West Seneca 14224

*****EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL GYM*****

- Social distancing rules will be in place -



Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

Happy Birthday

9/2	Jessica Ecker	9/8	Roger McClellan	9/20	Jacqueline Paz
9/3	Mallory Giunta Harper Farrell	9/9	Kim McLaughlin		Wesley Pletscher Mark Zawadzki
9/4	Amy Lipinoga Jane Bookhagen	9/10	Ron Hope	9/21	David Lein
9/5	Marjorie Doan Mark Willert Faith Flattery	9/12	Michael McKernan	9/24	Megan Manzo
9/7	Travis Ecker Jennifer Sherer Brielle McKernan	9/13	Sarah Gabel	9/26	Robert Brown
		9/15	Robert Stefanik Steven Ringle	9/27	Rachel Antes
		9/16	Lisa Lopez Katie Wackowski	9/28	Neil Schueler
		9/19	Laurie Livingston	9/29	Jeremy Heckman
				9/30	Chuck Stevens Nora Eising

Happy Anniversary

9/5	Jeremy & Shannon Heckman	9/17	Mark & Michele Ganschow PJ & Kim Colson
9/6	Rev. David & Joy Belasic	9/20	Christopher & Kim McLaughlin
9/8	Neil & Sue Schueler	9/24	David & Marilyn Lein
9/10	Linda & Leslie Wrobel Timothy & Justine Monahan	9/26	John & Karen McCoy
9/11	Joanne & Craig Jaskier	9/27	Michael & Lori Hock
9/14	Paul & Kristen Zawadzki	9/28	Roger & Laurel McClellan
9/15	Steven & Maria Wrobel		

Prayer Chain

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.

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.

Property Projects

The parsonage windows have been paid off in full. Thank you for your financial support of this project!!!

Trinity’s current venture is the installation of a new boiler for the church and the removal of the existing chimney. An envelope will soon be included in our offering envelope packets for anyone wishing to make donations toward this new project. Until this happens, feel free to use the Parsonage Windows envelope or any other envelope for this purpose; please indicate “Boiler / Chimney” on them. Thank you!

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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