

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

MAY 2022

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am



“Changing Seasons”

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Despite the snow on Easter morning, the season outside seems to be changing. The days are getting longer, the skies are sunnier, and we are getting back to going outside after the long winter months. But with this passing season comes the rush to get things done before summer vacations and the end of the school year. It seems as if there is not enough time these days to get everything done.

Many people think they're organized and use their time efficiently but, in reality, most of us work according to external pressures, with the most demanding things getting done first. It's called tyranny of the urgent.

Author Larry Burkett calls about doing some interviews before one of his books, doing a survey of stay-at-home moms and how they dealt with time management in their homes. The most common comment was something like, “It seems like I never get everything done now. I don't know how I was able to work and keep a home, but I did.”

Not using time wisely usually results from being disorganized. Disorganization is an accumulation of little bad habits all strung together and it is the major enemy of getting stuff done. It is important to keep a good balance. As important as good organization of your time is, don't go overboard. We all need down time, and quiet time to be with our God in prayer. Ask God to help you budget your time so you can keep a good balance in your everyday life. And of course, that includes spending time with Him.

Psalm 37:23 ~ “The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way.”

God's Blessings,

Pastor Nyck

Psalm 23 Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Beginning May 4, 2022

Many people are familiar with Psalm 23. But because we all know it, we often breeze through the psalm without slowing down long enough to rest in the assurance it offers. In this 6-part series on Psalm 23, Pastor Matt Chandler introduces us to the great shepherd, the Lord, who promises to provide for every need of his flock. Though only six verses long, this psalm teaches us profound truths about our loving and protective God. By studying Psalm 23, we'll encounter a life-transforming question: Do you trust the Lord to care for your needs? Join us in this RightNow Media Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.



Trinity's Rummage / Vendor Sale

Saturday, July 16 10am – 3pm

Mark your calendar!!! While doing your SPRING cleaning, please save items for the rummage sale. Rummage sale proceeds will benefit Eight Days of Hope Buffalo. Pick up of items will be available ~ details to follow. Contact Steve and Robin Makosy (430-6468) if you are interested in vendor sale information.

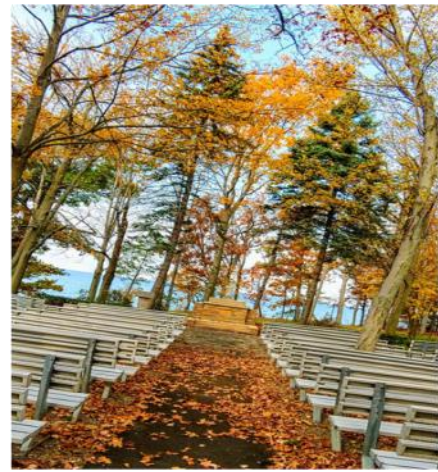


Trinity Garden Club

Trinity's Garden Club is in need of volunteers on Tuesday evenings during the month of May from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. We will be cleaning up the church lawn and flower beds. Bring your own tools. No experience necessary!



Eight Days of Hope will be announcing the summer project for Buffalo in mid May. Please mark your calendars for **July 16-23**. Volunteers of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to attend. More information on registration will be coming soon. Any questions about EDOH, contact Kevin or Colleen Kot.



Pioneer's Trinity Day of Service

Saturday, May 7, 2022

On May 7, join your Trinity family for a time to serve out at Camp Pioneer in Angola. Work along side each other to help camp prepare for it's first summer of programming in this special year of it's rebirth. Lunch will be provided and we will start at 9:30am, out at camp. Contact Pastor Nyck with any questions. We look forward to lending a hand to such a special place!



Altar Candles & Flowers

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.

Altar Candles: \$25 per month.

Sign-up sheets are located on the Welcome Center in the narthex or you can contact the church office at 674-9188. 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 or Altar Candles*).

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



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.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was wonderful to come to the school last Monday and see all of the work that had happened on the grounds by hard-working volunteers over the weekend. The playground border was a huge project and it looks great!! I'm so thankful for the many willing hands that help make Trinity school a beautiful facility and a welcoming community.

May is kicking off with our Open House and Learning Fair on May 4 from 4:30pm-6:30pm. The students are busy constructing projects to display that evening, and we'll have the J&L Boulevard Barbeque food truck and the Pink Cow Ice Cream truck too! It's exciting to host an open house again and welcome families and friends into the building. I sincerely hope you'll stop by to tour the school and say hello. We've missed seeing you since events have been cancelled, and it's time to re-establish the connection. Hopefully, the students will be over to sing (in person!) for worship before the school year is done, too! And while the past several months have been quite a trial, the school has benefitted in many ways from 3rd source funding. All classrooms now have new flat panel view boards - the latest in classroom tech; we have purchased new chromebooks for almost the entire school so every single student is equipped with a current device; we now use the GoGuardian service to oversee ALL interactions on school devices; and we have reached many new families with the Gospel last year and this, through His grace. We have been blessed with some wonderful new employees and have expanded our lunch program to 5 days again. We have updated our entire K-5 ELA curriculum at no expense to the church or school. God truly works in mysterious ways!

You are most welcome to participate in any of our upcoming year-end events. We are hosting instrumental and piano / percussion recitals; the school musical - "Spend Awhile on the Nile"; PK, Kindergarten and 8th grade Graduation Ceremonies; Closing Awards Chapel; the Walk-A-Thon and more! Check the school website for a calendar of all the upcoming activities.

Thank you again to all of our wonderful Prayer Partners. Your remembrances for the children at Easter were appreciated and enjoyed! As always, your prayers and support are so deeply appreciated. Our students are surrounded by loving, Christian adults in positive and caring classrooms. What an awesome blessing for us all!

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal



Trinity School Musical "Spend Awhile on the Nile"

**Friday, May 20th
1:00pm & 7:00pm**

All aboard ... for the Mighty Ancient Hero Cruise! Come hear Grades 1-8 sing about God's enduring love and faithfulness to His people. A free-will offering will be taken.

Church at Home

By Mark Willert

Not my preferred way to worship, but super thankful to our church for the opportunity to attend in my living room while in quarantine. Thanks Pastor Ron Habedank for your impactful message and filling in, the Anderson Family for your heartfelt music, Ben Makosy for your technical magic, Dave Sirgey and family for your always entertaining and meaningful children's message, and everyone else who helped in worship. You are all a blessing!

It's been a while since I've had to go to church in my living room. I sure haven't missed it. But having this experience of going through Covid and yet being able to still see the familiar faces, sounds and worship overall, was such an appreciated experience, especially in a time of need. And it was different this time, because it was not recorded, but live. And so often we either forget or take for granted the value of being in person. But when the virtual version is a necessity, it was still an awesome way to be fed in worship and feel connected to my church family. So valuable!



Collection For Cornerstone Manor

Trinity will be collecting women's underwear, women's PJ's and women's bath robes during the Month of May to be given to Cornerstone Manor in honor of all mothers. A blue bin has been placed in the coatroom for collected items to be placed. The Monday night Ladies Bible Study, with the support of Outreach, is sponsoring this event.



Immediate Needs at Pioneer

With camp set to start it's summer program in less than 2 months, Pioneer is in need of many things. Below is a list of needed items:

- Washers & Dryers (used but in good condition ok!)
- Fuel storage tank (\$2,000 is needed for this purchase. This will save an incredible amount of time for maintenance running to the gas station every time gas is needed for equipment!)
- First Aid kits, medication and First Aid supplies for the nurses station
- Computer and printer for the Welcome Center office
- Baby high chairs (2) (less than 5 years old)

Craft Supplies:

- Tie Dye materials (white t-shirts all sizes, buckets, dye, clothes pins, rubber bands, clothesline)
- Paint and brushes for painting rocks
- Boondoggle string/clasps
- Stained glass craft with paint/brushes
- Other general craft supplies!
- Shelving and tables for our new craft shed area!

We would greatly appreciate monetary donations to go towards the purchase of these items! (Physical donation of used but working washers/dryers requested). Email office@pioneeronthelake.com or call (716) 383-6157 if you are able to make a donation.

Thank you so much!

~ Pioneer on the Lake

YOUTH SCOOP



Youth Gym Night

Our next Youth Gym Nights for grades 5-12 will be on **Wednesday, May 25** and **Wednesday, June 8** from **6:30pm-8:00pm**. We've really enjoyed being outdoors for the beautiful weather! Games, snack, a devotion and time to hang-out with friends! Our next night will have a competitive game of kick ball!



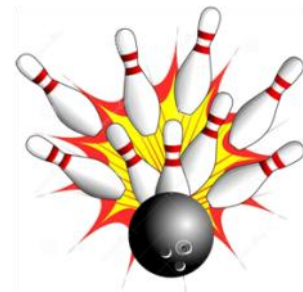
Thanks to the Kot's, we have some great service opportunities lined up for the summer! Harvest House, Feed More, and 8 days of Hope! We'll also have a chance to help out at the Trinity rummage and vendor sale. Lots of ways to choose from to be used by God!

Save the Date ~ Saturday, May 7

We're also heading back to Pioneer this Spring! They've asked us to come back to help pick up sticks, rake, clean and whatever else they might need. Those of you that went in the Fall were a mighty force! Parents are invited and needed as well - actually, our whole church is invited this day. More info coming.

Thank You!

Thanks so much to the youth, teens and parents who helped out during our annual Spring church and school work day on April 23! You are a blessing!



Upcoming Sr. High Events:

Bowling at Strikers Lanes and a board game night! Lisa Lafferty will send info soon!



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: 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.

Emergency Contacts & Shut-Ins

If a member is **hospitalized** or there is an **emergency need**, please inform Pastor Nyck (804-382-6199), the church office (674-9188), or one of the Deacons.

Are you or another member of Trinity no longer able to attend services for some reason (medical or other) and would like home visits from Pastor Nyck and our elders? Is so, please contact Pastor or the church office to a make arrangements.



The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of May, we will be collecting cake, brownie and pudding mixes. Items can be placed in the red wagon in the church entryway and will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden.

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 for this period will be accepted **until May 8th**.



MITES For LWML

Mites are the important way mission projects of the LWML are supported. Each year many grants are issued to provide for those in need. Please consider writing a check (Buffalo Zone LWML) or filling a MITE BOX with your pocket change as a donation. You can drop the check in the offering plate or leave a mite box in Linda Meissner's message center. Many small donations combine to cause great blessings.

Other Ways to Assist LWML

You can also help by donating cancelled stamps with 1/2 inch border and used ink cartridges. In the coatroom is a purple tote for collection of ink cartridges. These are redeemed for money which is put into the mite funds. Stamps can be put in Linda Meissner's message center.



Cemetery News . . .

Burial plots are still 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 our 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.



Firewood Available

Dead ash tree wood from the property has been cut into 16-18 inch pieces, split and stacked next to the school and playground. It is for sale for \$90 / cord or \$3 for a bundle of 8 pieces. Please place cash or check in an envelope marked "Firewood" in the offering plate.

Trinity's Work Day

"Praise the Lord it was a nice day to work!"

Those were the words of Linda Meissner, who co-lead our annual spring church and school work day with her husband Jerry (such a dynamic duo!) on Saturday, April 23. So much was accomplished! Linda also said, "God gave us a great morning to work and the weather was perfect, only a few drops." On top of that she shared that more people showed up to help out than were expected. She also said that the fellowship aspect and the chance to work alongside other people to get to know them is one of the greatest aspects of the work days.

Here are some of the many things that were accomplished: leaves were raked around the church and in the cemetery; sticks were picked up from all over the place; grape vines were pruned and hauled away; school flower beds were weeded (more yet to be done - please join our Garden Club on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-7pm in May!); all outside church windows washed; playground border installed (thank you Sirgey / Lafferty / Gable extended family!).

A sincere thank you to all who helped out, and especially to our church property crew, who already donate so much of their time and efforts to keeping things safe, working and beautiful! We see the effects of your work and labor. ♥ (Photo credit: Bethany Lafferty)



**OPEN
HOUSE**

**Come and Enjoy
good food and good fun at
Trinity
Christian School
OPEN HOUSE
and
ACADEMIC
EXPO**



**FOOD
FRUITS**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022
from 4:30—6:30pm**

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Happy Birthday

5/1	Esther Schuster Julie Blamowski	5/16	Arlene Burger Peggy Wypior Chris McLaughlin Rebekah Lafferty	5/21	David Brown
5/2	Amanda Kern	5/17	David Kosicki Renaë Makey Jackson Ecker	5/22	Stephen Hope
5/6	Vince Canazzi Rachel Colson Grace Willert	5/18	Linda Meissner Theodore Rood	5/23	Ingrid Hamann
5/10	James Conti	5/19	Joshua Ecker Nathan Ecker Matthew Lafferty Henry Greig	5/24	Carson Wackowski
5/11	Victoria Hock	5/25	Rev. Ron Habedank	5/26	Christopher Kopra Sarah McLaughlin
5/14	Laurel McClellan Axl Farrell Ethan Kopra	5/27	Carl Lehsten Justine Monahan	5/28	Michael Canazzi
5/15	Katie Willert	5/30	Neil Halvorsen		

Happy Anniversary

5/1	Peter & Bisty Colson	5/14	Dave & Jane Sirgey	5/28	Roger & Denise Meissner
5/9	Marcia & Daniel Nickerson	5/16	Robert & Paulette Bogumil	5/30	Joshua & Sarah Makey
5/10	Robert & Joan Kopra	5/23	James & Lisa Manzo	5/31	Lisa & Matt Lopez
5/11	Geraldine & William Swart				

Trinity’s Men’s Softball

Come cheer on our guys as they compete in the Southtowns Church Softball League! All games are played at the Nike Base (2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg). The diamond is indicated in () after each date.

- Mon. 5/2 at 6:30pm (1) vs Big Tree I
- Mon. 5/9 at 8:15pm (2) vs Angola Wesleyan
- Mon. 5/16 at 8:15pm (2) vs Revive Wesleyan II
- Mon. 5/23 at 8:15pm (1) vs St. John Lutheran II
- Thurs. 6/2 at 6:30pm (4) vs Life Church
- Mon. 6/6 at 6:30pm (4) vs Winchester Community
- Mon. 6/13 at 6:30pm (3) vs Life Church
- Mon. 6/20 at 6:30pm (3) vs St. John Lutheran II
- Mon. 6/27 at 6:30pm (2) vs Big Tree II
- Thurs. 7/7 at 8:15pm (2) vs Revive Wesleyan II
- Mon. 7/11 at 6:30pm (1) vs Winchester Community
- Mon. 7/18 at 6:30pm (4) vs Big Tree II

New Members

We welcome the following people into our church family here at Trinity!

- Joan Metzler**
- Bill Carr**

Volunteers Needed

Your help would be appreciated for the LCMS Eastern District Convention at First Trinity (1570 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda) on June 17-18, 2022. Youth or adults are needed to help do things like hand out lunches, serve beverages and snacks, give people directions, set up and take down tables and chairs, etc. Please email Marty Doster at m.doster6@gmail.com or Carolyn Doster at adoster@verison.net if you can volunteer some your time to help.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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