

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

JUNE 2022

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am (thru 6/12/22)
Sunday @ 9:30 am (effective 6/19/22)



“Stargazing”

*“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?” – Psalm 8:3-4*

One of the last outings I had with my daughter Riley before Covid shut down many public buildings was to the Science Museum. During our visit we watched a Planetarium show, which did an amazing job of recreating the night sky. It highlighted the constellations and shared some of its history. They showed where you can see the other planets in our solar system in the night sky. Riley left that experience begging for a telescope for her birthday.

There is something special about sitting outside late on a summer night and looking up at the stars. The night sky is a beautiful sight and the warm weather allows us all to enjoy it more. There is a magical feeling of being connected to something much bigger than yourself, while at the same time feeling so small in the grand scope of the universe.

This psalm touches on that feeling of seeming insignificance in the face of the glory and majesty of God revealed by the night sky. God is so amazing and wonderful and powerful, it can be overwhelming. I find it interesting that Jesus’ favorite appellation for himself was “the son of man” which is in reference to several prophecies, including Psalm 8. Jesus, as God, laid aside all of that power and humbled himself in order to die for us. When we see the wonder of the stars, instead of feeling small or insignificant, we should instead be reminded how the God who made all of the stars and the entire universe came to live, die and rise again so that we could live forever with him.

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” – Psalm 8:1

God’s Blessings,
Pastor Nyck



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning June 18 & 19

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

Sunday Morning at 9:30am



Macaroni & Cheese Contest

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Do you think you have the best mac and cheese around? Prove it! Join us for a kick off celebration of our summer schedule on **June 18th after our 5:00pm service** (around 6:00pm). Participants will be asked to bring their macaroni and cheese dish into the Church narthex prior to service and we will make every effort to keep them warm during the service. Following the service, each person can sample as many as they desire, and will be given two tokens they can place beside their votes for "best". The mac and cheese voted best will be given bragging rights for the whole year! The requirements for entry are that it be pasta (preferably macaroni) and cheese (all kinds). Everyone is also encouraged to bring a store-bought package of macaroni and cheese (unprepared) to donate to a local food pantry. During the evening, boxes will be lined up and knocked down domino style to demonstrate how many boxes we were able to gather, so the more the better. This is a great way for us to have a wonderful evening of fellowship together, as well as a way to help those in need in our community.

2022-23 Budget Requests

We need your help. It's time to continue planning our future together at Trinity. If your ministry, team board or committee would like a budget for the new fiscal year starting September 1, 2022 OR if you are starting a new ministry, a budget request form needs to be completed and returned to Dave Sirgey (djsirgey@gmail.com) **by June 1st**. Forms can be picked up from the table in the narthex or you can call or email the church office (716) 674-9188 / trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net to request a form.



Trinity Spring Campfire

Friday, June 3 at 6:00pm

After winter and Covid, we thought it'd be great to get out, get together and have our first ever family night Spring Campfire on Friday, June 3 at 6pm. We'll have a hotdog dinner (we supply the hot dogs and drink, you bring whatever else you'd like) and a campfire after dinner (bring your own fireside snacks). There will also be a family scavenger hunt lead by Mrs. Christine Harris and devotion time around the fire. All are welcome!



Trinity's Rummage / Vendor Sale

Saturday, July 16 10am – 3pm

While doing your SPRING cleaning, please save items for the rummage sale (to benefit Eight Days of Hope Buffalo). **Drop off or pick up of items** ~ contact Kevin or Colleen Kot (445-5922) for pick up. Contact Steve and Robin Makosy (430-6468) if you are interested in vendor information.



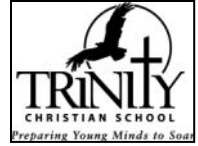
Altar Flowers

There are many open spots for altar flower donations in June and July. 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 bulletin board in the church coatroom 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*).

VBS 2022

Trinity will not be running VBS this summer. We hope to resume this activity in 2023.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is my last newsletter to you as your Principal. While I will be blessed to continue to advise your new leadership and to lead the NLSA accreditation process for Trinity next year, your co-Principals, Mrs. Willert and Mrs. Gabel, will be fully in charge. You can look for your monthly updates, as well as weekly announcements, from one of their very capable hands!

The ceremony prepared for my recognition on May 22 was extremely touching, and I am deeply appreciative of your kind words and the generous gift bestowed on me that day. The cake was good too! But truly, I was overwhelmed by the gratitude I received, and I thank you for that. It is through the grace of God - His generosity, wisdom and kindness - that allowed me to be the leader for Trinity that was needed these past eight years. He has, and will, provide the servants He knows will support the ongoing mission of Trinity Church and School. God is so good!

I am happy to report that Trinity has received a small grant to support its missions to local charities for the 2022-23 school year. The Lutheran Church Extension Society approved a grant request from Sarah Gabel (and Dave Sirgey) that will help our students choose, advertise and collect/serve the missions of their choice next year.

The Lord continues to bless our efforts through Annual Fund giving, which is now at 75% of our goal! We are desperately in need of new desks and chairs, and we're refurbishing the library, to a degree, into a students' services space. These are some of the benefits of this fund, along with supporting scholarships and future major improvements (which have yet to be determined.) Your ongoing and generous support, along with that of alumni and friends, makes this possible. Thank you, Lord!

Please don't hesitate to join for any or all of our end of the year events. There are so many excellent opportunities to celebrate the gift of Christian education! Check the school website, www.thinktrinitychristian.com, for dates.

I'll close with some of my favorite verses from Philippians 1. *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Amen. God bless you, good and faithful servants.

~ Kathleen Fretthold, Principal

School Projects

There are several school and grounds projects, large and small, that need attention within the next few months. Here is a list of them for you in case you feel led to assist in their completion. Please contact the school office or Dave Sirgey for more information. Thank you for your consideration!

- **Library renovations:** add lighting, fix heat duct, remove extra shelving, remove desk.
- **Hallways:** discard old large metal cupboard and broken extra chairs from the locker room.
- **Gym:** replace burned out light and retrieve balls from heat duct
- **Vestibule:** Install cctv
- **Classrooms:** paint PK room, install 3 new interactive panels, replace all doors or door windows.
- **Playground:** finish edging and remove extra edging, plant grass seed around pad, add more gravel, add gravel path from fire door.
- **Grounds:** add second gravel path along west classroom wall to parking lot, motion sensor lighting on school for parking lot, install new school signs, repair front bed stone wall.



"To provide men opportunities to grow spiritually, to connect relationally, and to use their God-given gifts and abilities in service to Him and to others."

Trinity Men in Ministry 7th Annual Golf Outing

Ladies and Men golfers welcome!

Sunday, August 21st, 2022

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

\$35.00 per golfer ...

includes Greens Fee, Riding Cart,
Food (on-course beverages - \$2.00 each)

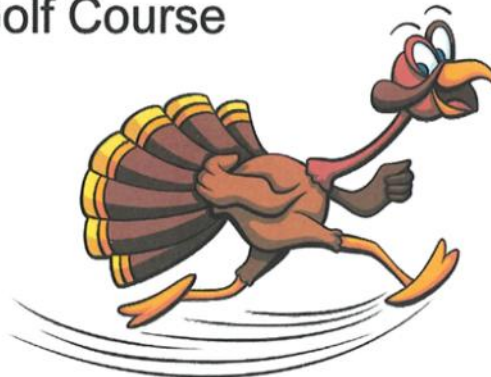
BUFFET

*Roast Beef, Rigatoni, Potato Salad,
Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Brownies
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks
Cash Bar*

- Non-golfers welcome to join us for food and beverages (cash bar) at the course at approximately 2:00 PM. (\$15.00 fee for non-golfers over age 12)
- 48 golfers maximum, sign-up as soon as possible but no later than July 31st, 2022. Sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Turkey Run Golf Course

11888 Bixby Hill Road
Arcade, NY 14009



YOUTH SCOOP

June Youth Night Kickball Tournament

Wednesday, June 8 6:30pm-8:00pm

Our next Youth night on June 8 will be a seriously competitive game of kickball. Teams will be chosen at random ... and then it's game on! Be sure to practice your kicking skills!



Firewood Available

The Youth Group is selling fire wood to benefit Ukraine. It is \$5 a bundle of 8 pieces or \$90 / cord. Bundles of wood can be picked up by the street in front of the church (place payment in the box provided); contact Lisa Lafferty, Mark Willert, or the church office to purchase by the cord. The wood is from dead ash trees from Trinity's property and has been cut into 16-18 inch pieces.

Chimney / Boiler Project

Look up as you drive into the church parking lot. You might see God but you won't see the decaying chimney. The chimney is gone and work on the roof is being completed. This completes the boiler/chimney project! The total cost of the project was \$66,000. To date, \$46,000 has been paid for through donations and the Major Repairs fund; our remaining balance is \$20,000.

Worship at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Buffalo June 12, 2022 at 11:00am

Galatians 6:2 encourages us to "bear one another's burdens". To support our black brothers and sisters, and in light of the tragedy in Buffalo, our Eastern District has invited us to send a car full of people to worship at Our Savior on Sunday, June 12 at 11:00am. I'll be going along with anyone else that would like to. Other churches have sent people and Trinity would like to reach out in love as well. I have a few spaces left in my van if you'd like to ride together or let me know if you'd like to go and meet up there ~ it's pretty much only street parking. Pastor Ron Habedank will also be preaching there that day. Our Savior has welcomed and deeply appreciated the show of love and support. What an opportunity to reach out to be the arms of Jesus.

~ Mark Willert



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 and recent events in Buffalo and Texas have 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.*



June Collection

In honor of Father's Day, the Outreach Committee will be collecting men's underwear for Harvest House. Please consider donating new men's undershirts, boxers or briefs for this local mission. There will be a collection bin in the coat room and items will be collected until Sunday June 26th. Thank you!



Pioneer on the Lake Summer Events

Pioneer Summer Worship Series

Reintroducing ... summer worship at Pioneer - and you are invited! Isn't it amazing that our Lord invites us to be near Him? We at Pioneer welcome you to join us, together in worship and fellowship with each other in this beautiful setting, The Chapel in the Woods. Local Lutheran churches will host each Sunday worship with a picnic lunch to follow. **Note that Trinity's is July 10!**

Worship services are at 11:00am:

- 6/10 - hosted by St. Paul, Eden - potluck (bring a dish to share)
- 7/10 - hosted by Trinity, West Seneca - hotdogs provided (bring a dish / dessert to share)
- 8/7 - hosted by St. John, Angola - potluck (bring a dish to share)
- 8/21 - hosted by Holy Trinity, Farnhamville - potluck (bring a dish to share)



Trinity's Sunday Worship & Picnic at Pioneer

Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 11:00am

Join your Trinity family for worship on July 10 at 11:00am out at Camp Pioneer (9324 Lake Shore Rd, Angola). After worship enjoy our church picnic - hot-dogs and buns provided, you bring a dish / dessert to share. This worship will be in place of our own 9:30AM worship - so **no worship at Trinity that Sunday.**

Camp Pioneer Eastern District Week

Join us on **July 10-15** for a week of camp we are calling Eastern District Week. Led by Pastor Nyck Greig and Mark Willert, we will be enjoying all that camp has to offer for families: days on the beach at the lake, fun and games, arts and crafts, songs around the campfire and Bible study. To sign up, go to:

<https://www.pioneeronthelake.com/summer-camp.html> Click on "Eastern District Week" to sign up for your choice of cabins. It is so great to be able to get back to camp and we hope that you are able to help us enjoy the re-launch of this important camp ministry.

Eastern District Scholarship Fund Offering

On June 11 & 12, our congregation will participate in a special offering for our Eastern District Scholarship Fund to support the preparation of future church workers from our District. Please plan now to make your contribution. You can also make a contribution today or next Sunday by placing an envelope marked "Eastern District Scholarship Fund" in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to "Eastern District LCMS" and write "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

LCMS Eastern District Convention Volunteers Needed

Your help would be appreciated for the 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, give people directions, set up and take down tables and chairs, serve beverages and snacks, 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. Thank you!



Trinity Lutheran Church and School Local Mission Outreach Opportunities

Harvest House:

Contacts – Colleen Kot/Mark Willert

Date: Wednesday, June, 29 **Time:** 9 am - 2 pm. Leave Church at 8:30

Bring a bag lunch, Beverages will be provided

716 Fest - Vendor Fair and Rummage Sale:

Contact – Vendor Fair – Robin Makosy

Contact – Rummage Sale – Colleen Kot

Date: Friday, July 15 9 am-? Volunteers needed to set up

Date: Saturday, July 16 8am – 4pm Volunteers needed for Parking, Kitchen, Basket Raffle, Rummage Sale, Clean-Up

Proceeds to benefit Eight Days of Hope-Buffalo

Eight Days of Hope:

Contact – Kevin Kot

Dates: July 16-23 (volunteer one to eight days)

More information to follow in early June

You can register at the site listed below

<https://eightdaysofhope.com>

Under – Church or Organization use **Trinity West Seneca**

National Youth Conference:

Date: July 9-13

Contact – Noel Anderson

Feed More WNY:

Contact – Mark Willert/Colleen Kot

Date: Thursday, August 18 **Time:** 1-3 pm

Pioneer on the Lake – Ongoing

Contact – Mark Willert

Haiti – Ongoing

Contact – Andrew Eising

Trinity Lutheran Church and School - Building and Grounds - Ongoing

Contacts – Linda Meissner/Dave Sirgey

A yellow sign-up form to volunteer for the Vendor/Rummage Sale, Harvest House, and Feed More WNY can be picked up from the table in the church narthex. Return completed forms to Kevin & Colleen Kot. Register for Eight Days of Hope at the site listed above.



Meet Walter Henry of Haiti's Upper Room Orphanage

Date of Birth : April 22, 2017

Grade : Pre-K 3, attends the Upper Room School

Personality Trait: Jovial

Favorite Subject: Drawing

Favorite Game or Toy: Toy Cars

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23:1

Favorite Sport: Soccer

Walter is a very intelligent boy who enjoys singing and drawing things. His favorite bible verse is Psalm 23: 1 and he knows this verse by heart:

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”



Pioneer on the Lake: Summer Job Opportunities

Pioneer on the Lake in Angola is making plans for its first summer camping season! We are looking for amazing people who love God and love Pioneer and would like to serve in a variety of ways - in the kitchen, cleaning, or on the grounds. If you or anyone you know is interested in a paid position, please contact our office at 716-383-6157. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve the ongoing ministry at Pioneer. We look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

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



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 peanut butter and jelly. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

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Youth & Family Coordinator
Church Office Administrator
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