

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

JULY 2022

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



“Love In Deed”

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this feels like a tumultuous time of cultural tension and change following the Supreme Court decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Center*, and the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. For some this has been a greatly sought-after moment for years and years, a preservation of life at its earliest stages. There are certainly others who feel this decision is an imposition on women’s rights. And there are probably many others who feel conflicted about the whole issue. As with any other issue, there are many different opinions with people investing a lot of themselves and their emotional energy in the outcomes.

Given these realities, I find myself with two main takeaways for the church at this moment. Firstly, I am reminded of Paul’s words in Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” Unfortunately, a good deal of the anger I see presented in social media is towards Christians, but there is a fair amount of anger displayed by Christians as well. This is an opportunity for us to show the love of Christ in our interactions with others, our speech full of grace.

Secondly, we need to continue to support young families, and young men and women from all backgrounds. Elective abortions continue to remain legal in the state of New York and that doesn’t seem like it will change anytime soon. There continues to be men who pressure women in relationships. There continues to be women forced to make difficult decisions. There continues to be families that are in desperate need of support and resources to care for their children. There continues to be prenatal health issues. The work of our care ministry doesn’t stop because *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. The commission remains for us today, “Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Nyck Greig



SUMMER
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

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

Sunday Morning at 9:30am



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.



Help is needed on Friday, July 15th to remove heavy items from the garage and possibly church for the rummage sale. If you can help, please contact Linda or Jerry Meissner 716-648-1281 with times you are available.



Summer Saturday Outdoor Services Return!

We had our first outdoor Saturday service of the season on June 18! We celebrated with our first EVER macaroni and cheese cook off event. Our souls and bellies were fed! Please join us on Saturday evenings at 5 PM for worship!

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.



Volunteers Needed!

Our Sunday School program will begin September 18th at 9:15 AM! Please contact Sarah Gabel at sgabel@thinktrinitychristian.com if you are interested in volunteering. We provide all the materials and curriculum. All that is required is a love for children and sharing Jesus with them!



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.

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.

Trinity School News

Can you believe another school year is over already? We enjoyed many exciting end-of-the-year events, including Field Day, our school picnic at Pioneer on the Lake, and the Walkathon. We concluded our 2021-2022 with 17 Pre-K graduates and 6 eighth grade graduates. We pray for God to continue to bless their journeys!

Preparations are already underway for our next school year. We have to say goodbye to our beloved principal, Mrs. Fretthold. Kathy is retiring after 8 years of joyful service. We thank her for all of her energy, dedication, and above all, her focus on our Lord. Mrs. Katie Willert and Mrs. Sarah Gabel will begin as co-principals beginning July 1st. We are excited for this opportunity and to see how the Lord will bless our mission! We have established a theme for the 2022-2023 school year - "Kids Under Construction", focusing on the verse from Phillipians 1:6 - "I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ". We know that God continues to mold us each day! Using funds from an LCES grant, each classroom will choose a mission to support throughout the school year to bless our community.

Thank you all for your continued support! Please email principal@thinktrinitychristian.com if you would like to be a volunteer in our school next year. We have opportunities in our hot lunch program, as guest readers, making copies for teachers, and as prayer partners. May God bless your summer!

~ Sarah Gabel & Katie Willert
School Co-Principals

Congratulations to Our 8th Grade Graduating Class of 2022!

We are proud of each and every one you! We are praying for God's blessings as you continue your journey.



Our graduates (from L to R): Emma Pirro, Payton Riorday, Anna Gerardi, Isaac McFarland, Louie Canastraro, Nathan Barnas. Here are the awards our 8th graders received: West Seneca Police Benevolent Association Award - Emma Pirro; NYS Triple C Award - Nathan Barnas and Louie Canastraro. President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Payton Riordan and Emma Pirro. President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence - Anna Gerardi and Isaac McFarland. Christian Athletes - Nathan Barnas and Payton Riordan. Christian Citizenship Award - Anna Gerardi.



Trinity Church Graduating Class of 2022!!!

A shout out to Trinity's graduating seniors heading into the next chapter of life. May God continue to guard and keep you! "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."

- **Nakiya Leanne Harris** graduate of West Seneca. Wants to be a teacher! Still making finally decision on which school she will attend in fall.
- **Lacey Harris** graduate of West Seneca West Senior. Will be working several jobs in the community. Currently works at Marriot and DSW Shoe Warehouse. In the summer she'd like to volunteer at LADD and Goodwill.
- **Abigail Anderson** graduate of Buffalo Seminary. Will be attending Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH as a possible Spanish major, with a music minor.
- **Samantha Canazzi** attended Trinity Christian School from preschool-8th grade and recently graduated from Iroquois Central High School in Elma, NY. She plans on attending the University at Buffalo in the fall where she'll be majoring in public health with a minor in Spanish. She's hoping to work in the medical field in the future, potentially a biostatistician or epidemiologist. She's excited for what the future holds and so grateful for Trinity Christian School providing a strong educational foundation and helping her get to this point in life.

Car Wash

Thanks to all who supported our teens going to the National Youth Gathering in Texas this month. The car wash raised \$200 for the trip! God's blessings Abby and Joanna Anderson, Emma Hope and Mrs. Anderson!



7th Annual Men in Ministry Golf Outing Sign-Up

Regrettably, the sign-up sheet for the Trinity Men in Ministry Golf Outing on August 21st, 2022, was inadvertently disposed of. Fortunately, a copy of the sign-up sheet was made a short time prior to the disappearance of the original. The copy contains only the names of the first 40 people to sign-up. If you intend to play and/or attend the dinner, please check the center table in the narthex to determine whether your name(s) appear on that copy. If not, please add your name(s) to the list. Remember, play is restricted to no more than 48 golfers. If you would like to be added to the "waiting list" (in the event that one or more golfers cancel prior to the outing) please sign-up on the form entitled "Waiting List". Thank you for your understanding.

Executive Board

The Executive Board meets monthly, typically on the third Monday of the month. Along with regular reports and business, we are working on growing our church's mission and ministry. We are currently working on the following:

- **Ministry Clarity Process (Vision)**
 - Currently gathering data
 - First Church event scheduled for September
- **Job descriptions**
- **Budget and Elections**
 - Congregational meeting to take place in August
- **Staff recognition**

Stephen Ministry

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.

Trinity's Outreach

Thank you to all members that donated items in the month of May, that were given to the women at Cornerstone manor in honor of all mothers and a thank you to all members that donated items in June, that were given to the men at City Mission in honor of all fathers. They were greatly appreciated.



Cemetery News

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

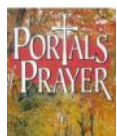
- **ANY** burials or spreading of ashes in Trinity's Cemetery are prohibited without pre-approval from the Cemetery Board. Both state and cemetery regulations need to be adhered to.
- Flowers and plants should be placed in rugged, sturdy containers which can be placed on either side of the monuments. 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.

Recycled Cards

Thank you everyone for all types of cards donated for recycling and those for Christmas booklets. Please remember, only the cut card front can be used (check back side is clear of any writing). For recycling, **NO** Hallmark, Disney, or American Greeting, But, those are OK for Christmas booklets. Place in Linda Rowsell message box at church.



Portals of Prayer

July - Sept 2022 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!



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.

The Red Food Pantry Wagon

For the month of July, we will be collecting canned fruit. Items will be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden. Thank you for your on-going support!



Altar Flowers

There are many open spots for altar flower donations in July and August. 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*).



Shut-In Members

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

YOUTH SCOOP

Summer Schedule

- **Youth Movie Night - 7/6 @ school:** Watch a movie outside and enjoy snacks and the night air!
- **Pioneer Church & Picnic - 7/10:** Join us out at Pioneer on the Lake for an outdoor church service and congregation picnic! Can't wait!
- **716 Fest - 7/16 8:00am-4:00pm:** Vendor Fair & Rummage sale! Proceeds to benefit 8 Days of Hope.
- **8 Days of Hope Servant Event - 7/16 - 7/23:** Volunteer 1-8 days. [Register here!](#)
- **Campfire Night - 8/2:** More info to come, but expect a night of fun & fellowship.
- **Pool Party! - 8/17 4:00pm-8:00pm @ the Kots' pool:** The Kot's have agreed to host all us crazies for a pool party! Should be tons of fun!
- **Feed More WNY Servant Event - 8/18 1:00pm-3:00pm:** Space is limited, so let us know asap if you're interested! It's basically packing up boxes of packaged food. Kind of mindless yet fun. Think Tetris.

For any questions contact Lisa Lafferty lisalaff@gmail.com or Mark Willert mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com.

College and Sr High Camp Fires

If anyone in college or Senior High would like to get together for a summer campfire, let Mark Willert know and we'll set a date!



June's Youth Night Fun

Last month's Youth Night was quite an exciting one! We held our first annual kickball tournament with teams split up under captains Pastor Nyck and Mark Willert. It was quite competitive with the kids giving their all. Pastor Nyck's team edged steadily and consistently ahead with the final score somewhere in the ball park of 75 to 23. Much fun was had by all, ending with a devotion and freezie pops.

More School News

(By Mark Willert)



School Playground

Our playground project is finished! Our new concrete pad has an awesome basketball setup thanks to a generous donation from the Lehsten family, as well as two four square courts. Our property and grounds committee worked hard to place and seed soil around the perimeter of the pad (thanks guys!). The kids love their new playground options! Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered their time and talents. This is your Annual Fund dollars at work! Thanks also to Principal Kathy Fretthold for your vision planning and leadership in this project.



School Picnic at Pioneer

On June 15 we returned to Pioneer on the Lake this year for our school picnic! Everyone enjoyed games, sun, and God's creation.

Thank you Trinity ...

Below is a heartfelt letter from Joni Canastraro, mom of Gigi and Louie. The younger pic is of their family in 2016 a few years after they came to Trinity School (2014) and after dad's passing. Praying hard for God's guidance in their lives, He lead them to Trinity. Gigi graduated Trinity in 2020 and Louie a few weeks ago. Not only did they make meaningful friends and connections, they were also involved with so much of what Trinity had to offer- after school events, sports, youth group, family events...

Dear Trinity Family,

How do I sum up seven years of incredible teaching, strong and wise leadership, spiritual guidance, and friendship all in one note? It is impossible! I am so full of appreciation for the years you have guided my children. We came to Trinity at a time when our hearts needed healing from the loss of my husband. You welcomed us with such joy and love and it continued on throughout our time at Trinity, growing with each passing year.

I have often felt that you co-parented with me in many, many ways. I believe coming to Trinity was one of the greatest gifts the Lord gave our family. I will be forever grateful and will miss you all so much.

*Love and friendship always,
Joni Canastraro*





Trinity Lutheran Church and School Local Mission Outreach Opportunities

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

Sign-up forms to volunteer for the Vendor/Rummage Sale, Harvest House, and Feed More WNY are in the church narthex. Register for Eight Days of Hope at the site listed above.

Meet Coby Beaubrum of the Upper Room Orphanage

Date of Birth : June 15, 2014

Grade : 1st, attends the Upper Room School

Personality Trait: Jovial

Favorite Subject: Creole

Favorite Game: Potato sack racing

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

Favorite Sport: Soccer

Both of Coby's parents are deceased. He has two brothers and one sister. He and one of his brothers, Kender, came to the Upper Room in October of 2016. He recently needed medical attention and was able to receive care due to the generosity of a couple from our congregation. Please keep Coby and all the children at the Upper Room in your prayers and thank you for your support.



Coby holding sign that says: "I'm Beaubrum Coby, I say thank you to Trinity Family for the funds to send me to the hospital. I love you."

Thank You!

Thank you to the Trinity members for the cards, well wishes and especially the prayers during my illness and treatment.

I recently received a care package from the organization **Phil's Friends**. Anyone battling cancer can receive a care package at no cost. If you know of anyone battling cancer, a care package can be requested by contacting philsfriends.org. Care packages may include a Bible, inspirational material, journal, soft blanket, hat/cap, soft socks, deck of cards, lip balm, lotions, and/or a puzzle book. All items are new as recipients may have comprised immune systems. Phil's Friends is an official RSO of LCMS.

~ Claire Carlson
(mother-in-law of Pastor Nyck)



Grand Opening Celebration



Pioneer on the Lake invites you to our grand opening celebration! Join us for a free worship concert by Christian recording artist Aaron Shust.

DATE: Saturday, July 9, 2022

3-6 pm Food (available for purchase) and Fellowship/Tour the facilities

6 pm Outdoor Concert

8 pm Country Store ice cream

Bring your own lawn chairs, and enjoy the sunset as we come together to worship!

See what God has done!

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Much thanks to those who helped us purchase all this NEW and some used kitchen equipment at Pioneer on the Lake! So much more than what is pictured. Our first ever hosted retreat was with St. John and Holy Ghost schools at the end of May. Some great cooking to be had for another generation of campers. Thank you God!



Lakeside Car Cruise Nights

Weekly "Lakeside Car Cruise In" will be held at Pioneer on the Lake. On our first week we had 10 cars, second week we had 24 and the third over 40!! Stop in any time Friday evenings 6pm-9pm. Hot dogs, pop and chips \$5. As always, Perry's ice cream for sale too in our reopened and refreshed Country Store! Thanks to all our friends that have come out to support! 9324 Lake Shore Rd., Angola, NY 14006





TRINITY MEN IN MINISTRY

INVITES ALL MEN, AGES 19 – 90,
TO JOIN US IN

“The Quest for Authentic Manhood”

WHERE : TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
146 RESERVE ROAD
WEST SENECA, NY

WHEN: EVERY SATURDAY MORNING @ 8:30 AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2022
ENDING MARCH 25TH, 2023

The Quest for Authentic Manhood is a 24-session journey that equips men to live the life that God intended for them. During this journey, men learn how to overcome some of life's painful wounds and move forward embracing a clear definition of manhood and end up developing a personal manhood plan.

Men's Fraternity™ hits men where they are more than anything I have ever seen in a biblical curriculum. It is more than a Bible Study, it is a process that enunciates what men have been feeling for years, but not talked about.

Charles Ficks
Chattanooga, TN

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX
OR TALK TO CHRIS KOPRA,
JOHN CLARK, DAVE SIRGEY,
OR NEVIN HOPE TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THE SESSIONS

MEN'S
FRATERNITY
JOIN THE JOURNEY

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	Diane Roncone
7/12	Eleanor English	7/21	James Manzo	7/29	Marie Thompson Natalie Monahan
7/14	Bryce Zawadzki	7/22	Janine Wackowski	7/30	Hope Willert
7/16	Kim Meissner	7/23	Joanie Metzler 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	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



Rev. John Pingel Elected As Our New LCMS District President

The Rev. John Pingel of West Seneca, NY was elected to his first term as president of the LCMS Eastern District at the district's 100th Convention, held June 17-18 in Tonawanda, NY. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher on Sept. 1, 2022, who is retiring after serving four terms as district president. Pingel was elected on the second ballot.

Since 2010, Pingel has served as the pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Buffalo, NY. Since 2015, he has served as the First Vice President/Buffalo Regional Vice President, and has served on the Eastern District Board of Directors. He is married to Diane (Giddens) for 30 years. John and Diane were married by Rev. Dr. David Belasic. Their marriage was blessed with two sons: Bryan, who is an engineer for Chrysler, currently living in Ann Arbor, MI; and Timothy, who works for a firm in Depew, NY. Both graduated from the University at Buffalo. For pastime, John enjoys gardening, reading, walking, choir, boating, fishing, cutting firewood, firearms practice, and riding his motorcycle. John and Diane lived in Beaver, PA and New Brighton, PA before moving to the Buffalo area. Their favorite vacation spot is the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Please join us in welcoming President-elect Pingel and thanking President Wicher for his many years of service in the district.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

Pastor
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School Office Administrator

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