

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

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Trinity Lutheran Church & School
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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am



“God in the Dog Days of Summer”

We’ve made it to the “dog days of summer,” although I don’t know if anyone is celebrating. Sure, it could be worse. We have enjoyed warm weather so far this July, and our A/C units may have been working overtime. According to the *Farmers’ Almanac*, “The Dog Days of Summer describes the most oppressive period of summer, between July 3rd and August 11th each year.” “Some say that [the term] signifies hot sultry days ‘not fit for a dog’; others suggest it’s the weather in which dogs go mad” (farmersalmanac.com). In actuality, the term “dog days of summer” has to do with the position of the Sun. During this time of year, it is in the same region of the sky as Sirius, the Dog Star, which is part of the constellation *Canis Major*, the Greater Dog.

Admittedly, heat and humidity may be the least of your concerns. Family conflict, financial stressors, a health crisis, and the unrelenting reminders from a guilty conscience can be far more damaging, and ticking the thermostat down a few degrees won’t bring the desired relief. The apostle Paul talks of all creation groaning under the effects of sin in this world, and we too cry out for release (Romans 8:22-23).

The good news in these dog days of summer (and all year ‘round) is that God hears our pleas and responds with grace and mercy. He is at work in the world undoing the devil’s destructive influence. As the message of Jesus Christ, who was crucified and resurrected for you and for all, is preached and taught and as Christians demonstrate the love of Jesus, God reverses the dogged downfall of our lives and this world, and He brings rebirth and renewal. Through our Savior, we have peace that surpasses what our human reason can comprehend (Philippians 4:7), faith that defies what our senses tell us (Hebrews 11:1), and a hope that when all is said and done will not disappoint (Romans 5:3-5).

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Nyck Greig



SUMMER
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

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

Sunday Morning at 9:30am



Sunday School News

Our Sunday School program will begin **September 18th at 9:15 AM!** Registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex. Place completed forms in Sarah Gabel's mailbox in the church coatroom.

Volunteers Needed: 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!

Music News

Trinity's Handbell Choir: Can you ring a bell (or would like to learn)? Trinity's Handbell Choir rings about once per month, October through June, at various services. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, beginning in September. Please contact Ellen Makey (961-8378 or esmky23@yahoo.com) for more information.

Lutheran Chorale: Are you a singer looking for a chorus? The "open to all" Lutheran Chorale invites you to come to an Open House on Tuesday, August 16 from 7pm-8:30pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Union Rd. & Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga. Meet their new director, Ms. Julia Cordani, and current Chorale members, sing along on several pieces typical of the Chorale's repertoire, learn more about the Chorale and the plans for their 36th year, and enjoy some light refreshments to end the evening. They'll be expecting you!

For more information, see their website: www.thelutheranchoraleoftheniagarafontier.com or call (716) 741-4573 for more information.



7th Annual Men in Ministry Golf Outing Update

Payment Requirement: All fees will be collected **prior** to the outing. \$35 per golfer / \$15 non-golfer. **Payment is due no later than August 7** and may be given to Nevin Hope, Dave Sirgey, or Teresa in the church office. If cash, please place it in an envelope along with a list of the names of those from whom you are paying; If check, make it payable to Nevin Hope and place it in an envelope along with a list of the names of those from whom you are paying.

Refund Policy: If the outing is cancelled due to weather, golfers will be issued a gift certificate from Turkey Run Golf Course for the amount they paid, which may be redeemed in 2022 or 2023 and applied toward green fees, cart rental and/or food and beverages in the restaurant. If a golfer is unable to participate due to illness or some other unforeseen circumstance, he/she will be issued a gift certificate from Turkey Run in the amount of \$20 with the same guidelines outlined above.



Altar Flowers

There are many openings for flower donations for the remainder of 2022. Arrangements are only \$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. Remember to list your special intentions, which will be printed in the Life at Trinity announcement sheet on the date you sign up for.



Worship Readers

Are you willing to occasionally read the Scripture readings during worship services? We have a wonderful group of individuals who currently volunteer to read each week, but there's always room for more. If you would like to be a part of this rotation, please contact the church office (trinitylutheranchurch146@verizon.net / 674-9188). Readers are needed for both the Sunday and Saturday services. Volunteers will be asked to read 1-2 passages from the Bible, which will be given to them in advance.

Trinity School News

Introducing Our Co-Principals ...

As most of you are aware, Kathy Fretthold retired from the principal position at Trinity Christian School in June. Sarah Gabel and Katie Willert, two of our current teachers, will be co-principals, as well as teaching, for the upcoming school year. They have both written a short biography below, so you can get to know them a little better!



Sarah Gabel: My name is Sarah Gabel, and I have been a called teacher at Trinity Christian School for 15 years and a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Being part of a place where our mission is to share the love of Jesus with young children every day is so rewarding. I love the verse from Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." This is a great daily reminder for me that God has everything in control and will bless the work we do for Him. This year, I will teach first grade ELA and math, and first and second grade religion. When I'm not working, you can usually find me with my husband and 5 wonderful kids. We spend tons of time enjoying God's creation - hiking, camping, kayaking ... you name it! In the rare moments I get some time to myself, I like to go for a run or read a great book. I am looking forward to the adventure of being a co-principal and serving Trinity in a new way.

Katie Willert: My name is Katie Willert, and I have been a called teacher in Lutheran schools for 26 years. The last 16 of those years have been at Trinity. While at Trinity, I have taught every grade from 1st through 8th in some way. I currently teach middle school math and science. I love helping students see the hand of God in his creation and the laws of science. I repeat over and over throughout the year, "The more you learn about science, the more you learn how awesome God is!" My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!" This is a great reminder to me to rejoice ALL the time, not just when things are going well. My husband, Mark, and I have two daughters - Grace and Hope. They are both in college, so we are empty nesters during the school year. Mark and I love to do things outdoors like boating, hiking, biking, and picnicking. I also love to read and bake when I have free time. I am truly looking forward to this year as a co-principal. It is exciting to have an opportunity to use my gifts in new ways here at Trinity.



Trinity School Work Day

Calling all helping hands! School will be having a work day on **Saturday, August 13 from 9am-12pm**. We will be working on projects listed below. Please consider volunteering to help get our school ready for the upcoming school year! Families welcome! Contact Sarah Gabel (principal@thinktrinitychristian.com) with any questions. Thanks for your help.

- **Library renovations:** add lighting, fix heat duct, remove extra shelving, remove desk, paint - **DONE - THANK YOU!**
- **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, fan untangled from ribbon
- **Vestibule:** Install cctv
- **Classrooms:** install 3 new interactive panels, wash all windows
- **Playground:** finish edging and remove extra edging - **DONE!**, plant grass seed around pad- **DONE!**, add more gravel
- **Grounds:** motion sensor lighting on school for parking lot, install new school signs, repair front bed stone wall
- **Painting:** men's bathroom, PreK room, closets in 5/6 room, touch up hallways

YOUTH SCOOP

- **Campfire Night:** Tuesday, 8/2 - look for emails from Lisa and/or Mark for more info, but expect a night of fun & fellowship.
- **Pool Party:** Wednesday, 8/17 from 4:00pm-8:00pm at 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:** Thursday, 8/18 from 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!

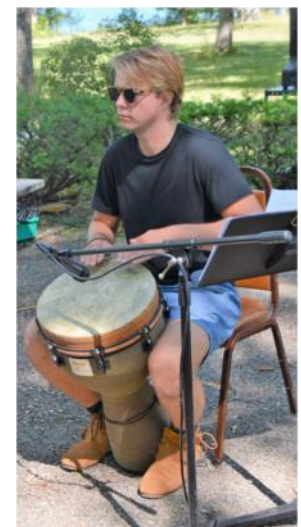
For any questions contact Lisa Lafferty lisalaff@gmail.com or Mark Willert mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com.

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!

Trinity's Worship & Picnic at Pioneer

Members and friends of Trinity headed out for a fantastic day at Pioneer on Sunday, July 10! We enjoyed worship in the Chapel of the Woods (120 in attendance), a hot dog and potluck picnic in the Veterans Pavilion (thanks for grilling Chris Kwilas), and some great beach time. Thank you God for the rebirth of Pioneer!



Trinity Helps Local Missions!

Harvest House

Lots of fun and service was had on June 29 at Harvest House. We cleared a fence from lots of overgrowth (yay ... power tools!), cleaned, weed wacked the premises, and organized clothing and toys. Although Nate and Jonas tried evading work (see hiding and running pics) they really did put in a lot of effort on the fence. Good times! Thank you Kevin and Colleen Kot for organizing this event.



Eight Days of Hope

Eight Days of Hope Buffalo 2022 is in the books! 1,300 volunteers from 30 states worked on 197 homes, and from July 16-23 Trinity had a crew of people there helping out. Over 1.2 million dollars of work was completed ... all in Jesus' name! We are already counting down the days until next year. Praise God!

FeedMore WNY

August 18 at 1:00pm-3:00pm

The last volunteer opportunity is on Thursday, August 18 at FeedMore WNY, 91 Hoit Street. The link to sign up is:

https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0113&console_type=event_list&event_id=203&ht=1&res_code=057

New volunteers will need to create a profile during the sign up process and returning volunteers will need to log-in. All volunteers are required to sign-up prior to their volunteer shift. Trinity has a total of 8 slots for August 18 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Please contact Colleen Kot if interested (445-5922).



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: 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.

Meet Wilbenson Jean-Baptiste of the Upper Room Orphanage

Date of Birth : December 24, 2009

Grade : 4th, attends the Upper Room School

Personality Trait: Bashful

Favorite Subject: Math

Favorite Game: Sac Race

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 46: 1-7

Favorite Sport: Soccer

Wilbenson is a very intelligent boy. He likes to go to Church and sing songs for God. His favorite Bible verses are from Psalm 46: 1-7. He dreams to become a doctor when he gets through school. Please pray for Wilbenson that he obtains the resources he needs to help him reach his dream.



THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to the 716 Trinity Fest and supported our Haitian artisans by purchasing items from Vi Bella. We raised almost \$500 to help support our Haitian friends!

Voters Meeting

Sunday, August 28, 2022

There will be a Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 28 following the 9:30am worship service. All confirmed members of Trinity are encouraged to attend and vote. On the agenda will be the 2022-2023 Church/School Budget and open Executive Board positions. Copies of the budget will be available in the church narthex for your review prior to the Voters Meeting.

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 4th.

Trinity's "716 FEST" 2022 Rummage Sale & Vendor Fair

716 Fest was put into motion by Colleen Kot, Robin Makosy, Christine Harris, Jane Sirgey, Nancy Hope, Kim Meissner, and Stephanie Greig after finishing Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven Life" Bible study held last year. At the initial planning meeting in the fall of 2021, the committee members chose EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE to be the recipient of the money raised. After months of planning, 716 Fest went off without a hitch! This would not have been possible without the support of the all the volunteers who put in countless hours before, during, and after the event. The committee members cannot thank you all enough! With that said, we raised over \$4,000!!!!





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

8/1	Bitsy Colson Paul Zawadzki Amelia Babcock	8/10	Carol Cislo Renee Stefanik	8/18	Michele Ganschow Alan Tedesco Lynnae Kwilas	8/22	Ron Boersch Ellen Makey
8/2	Adam Zawadzki	8/11	David Winkelses Sue Schueler Harry Babcock	8/18	Jeffrey Kopra Kathryn Berton Blakelyn Hall	8/25	Lauren Jaskier Reed Courteau
8/3	Andrew Kosicki	8/12	Paula Winkelses Bradley McKernan Audrey Diehl	8/19	Paul Veros Michael Zarbo Ben Makosy	8/26	Levi Kotowski Mary Ann Moeller Jayden Ecker
8/6	Nancy Ehlers	8/15	Lori Hock	8/20	Sara Lipinoga	8/29	Mark Ganschow
8/7	Beverly Kinton Barbara Monahan Liam McKernan	8/17	Joan Kopra	8/31	Taylor Blamowski		

Happy Anniversary

8/1	Dan & Linda Rowsell	8/18	Christopher & Ashley Kopra
8/3	Mark & Robbin Blajszczak	8/20	Ronald & Judy Boersch
8/5	Jeffrey & Sandra Gertis	8/22	Julie & David Blamowski Rev. Nycholas & Stephanie Greig
8/6	Peter & Janet Bullock	8/23	Travis & Michelle Ecker
8/8	David & Heidi Kosicki	8/24	Rev. Dennis & Lynn Krueger
8/9	Matthew & Lisa Lafferty	8/26	Lars & Lisa Osberg
8/15	Carolyn & Kevin Flattery	8/27	Mark & Corine Rodgers
8/16	Kevin & Colleen Kot	8/28	Don & Kim Meissner
8/18	Dan & Stacy Conti		

The Ladies Bible Study will be collecting baby and toddler sized disposable diapers starting September thru Thanksgiving. Please consider donating to this collection. There will be a clearly marked box/tote in the church entryway near the food wagon. Thank you!



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.



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

Position

Name

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