

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

OCTOBER 2022

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am



"Peace and Hope"

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13*

I want to personally thank you all for the prayers and support you have given to me and my family during this time of loss. For those who may not know, my wife Stephanie lost her mother to cancer on September 5th. Throughout this past year we have been thankful for your prayers and continued desire to care for my wife and my family. Words are not enough to say how thankful we are to be at Trinity and to experience the care of the fellowship of believers here.

Occasions such as these are difficult reminders that our hope, our peace, comes from Jesus who died that we do not need to die eternally. In Him, we have the hope of the resurrection. In Him, we have the love of God which comforts us in our times of loss and despair. In Him, we have meaning and purpose and passion for our daily lives as we love and serve the Lord.

Thank you all again for your encouragement at this time and your patience as we recover from our grief. We are so thankful for the love we experience as part of the family of believers here.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Nyck Greig



It's not too late to join a Bible study!

Sunday Morning 9:15am Adult Bible Study:

Join us as we study "Redeeming Your Time" on RightNow Media.

Wednesday Morning 10:30am Bible Study:

We are studying the Old Testament book of Judges using materials from the J.D. Greear study on RightNow Media.

Ladies Monday Night 7:00pm Bible Study:

See below article.

Saturday Morning 8:30am Men in Ministry:

Join us for "The Quest for Authentic Manhood", a 24-session journey that equips men to live the life that God intended for them. This series meets **every Saturday beginning on Sept. 24, 2022 and ending March 25, 2023**. It's not too late to join!

Ladies Bible Study

Our Monday group is using Elizabeth George's "Loving God With All Your Mind". Each class is a DVD lesson followed by a study of several Bible verses and discussion. There are 6 sessions - each one based on a specific verse. We use our Bibles and a workbook. There is a weekly opportunity to do some private, personal study which builds on the class lesson.

The planned schedule is:

Sept. 26: Thinking on the Truth - Philippians 4:8

Oct. 10: Winning Over Worry - Matthew 6:34

Oct. 24: Pressing for the Prize - Philippians 3: 13-14

Nov. 14: - Counting on God's Goodness - Romans 8:28

Nov. 28: - Living Out God's Plan - Jeremiah 29:11

Dec. 12: - Accepting the Unacceptable - Romans 11:33

All women who have completed high school are welcome! We start promptly at 7:00PM and are usually on the way home by 8:30PM.

Diaper Collection

The Ladies Bible Study is collecting baby and toddler sized disposable diapers beginning now thru Thanksgiving. Please consider donating to this collection. There is a clearly marked box/tote in the church coatroom. Thank you!

~ Nancy Hope

All Congregation Vision Event October 19, 2022 at 6:30pm

It's finally rescheduled! Join us on October 19th at 6:30pm for an evening of dinner and conversation as we take the next steps forward in our Vision process. You are a vital part of the process, so please make every effort to be there. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many supplies we need.



Buffalo Bills

vs



Baltimore Ravens

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Join Trinity's Men In Ministry in watching the Buffalo Bill's away game against the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday October 2nd, from 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM at the Hamburg Brewing Company (6553 Boston State Rd, Hamburg NY). All men, women and children are welcome. This is a great event to invite a neighbor or friend to. Hope to see you there! Go Bills!

Sunday School

Our Sunday School program began on **September 18th and meets every Sunday at 9:15 AM**. It's not too late to register your child! Forms can be found on the table in the narthex. Place completed forms in Sarah Gabel's mailbox in the church coatroom.

We are still looking for a 1st & 2nd grade teacher for every other week. Please help make Sunday School a success! If you are interested in volunteering, email Sarah Gabel at sgabel@thinktrinitychristian.com.



Sunday, October 30

At 6:00pm

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on October 30 at 6:00pm. So here's what you can expect: Come to the Trinity parking lot; park with your trunk facing in, around the perimeter of the parking lot; have 2-3 bags worth of candy in your trunk. You and your children, in costume, will then make your way around the parking lot gathering candy! Bring your own collection containers / bags as well. Some folks like to decorate their trunk or car and you may do the same. We'll share in a family friendly devotion following the event. Great for grandparents too! Call Mark Willert with any questions 608-8907.

Trinity School News



From the Principal ...

Did you know that here at Trinity we have a “Bonus Congregation”? We do! It is our school families. When our school families attend Trinity Church for a special event they join our Trinity congregation.

Recently, in one of his sermons, Pastor told a story of a little boy coming to church. His mother had told him that the church was God’s house. The little boy looked and looked and later told his mother that God must not have been home, because he couldn’t find him anywhere in the church. Many of our school families don’t have a home congregation or attend a different congregation. Are they finding God when they come to Trinity Church? I sure hope so!

You, the members of Trinity, are so welcoming and caring. I want to encourage you to reach out to our Bonus Congregation when they are in church. Go out of your way to greet them and welcome them. Tell them we’d love to have them back anytime. You all continuously amaze me at your love and support for the school. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as, together, we minister to our Bonus Congregation.

~ Katie Willert - Co-Principal



Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ at Trinity School

October 22, 2022 11:00am-4:00pm

The 7th and 8th graders will be hosting their annual chicken barbecue fundraiser on Saturday, October 22 from 11am - 4pm (or until sold out). Presale tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in the narthex after church or from the school office until Wednesday 10/12. Presale dinners will be guaranteed until 3:00pm. You can also purchase tickets the day of the event for \$14. Dinner includes a half chicken, two sides, and a dessert. Yum! Please help spread the word. If you have any questions, see Ashley Kopra.

We are also doing an Open House from 11am-1pm on 10/22. Please encourage your family and friends to come see Trinity School and consider a small Christian school setting!



Hawks Soccer

The Hawks record goes to 2-0 on our home field vs St John. Excellent teamwork Hawks!

Gift Card Sale

The school is participating in RaiseRight, a gift card purchasing program. Buy gift cards to places you already shop, and raise money for the school at the same time! Please see Jane Sirgey (janesirgey@gmail.com) for order forms or more information.



Our 7th & 8th graders tested their engineering and teamwork skills with a fun STEM tower-building activity during the first week of school.

The mission of Trinity Christian School is to guide our children in faith, learning, character and leadership by nurturing their relationship with Jesus Christ and educating them for a lifetime of service to God and man.



Trinity's September 25, 2022 church service included the installation of the teachers, a special song sung by our school children, the backpack blessing, and the distribution of Bibles to our 3rd & 4th graders. To top it all off, there was an ice cream social to follow in the school! Thank you, God, for all of these wonderful families and staff and a great start to our school year.



Fall Event November 5, 2022

SAVE THE DATE! The LWML Fall Event will be held at St. Paul in Eden on Saturday, November 5, 2022. It will include a bible study this year. See upcoming weekly "Life at Trinity" announcements and the October newsletter for more information and updates.

MITES and Stamps

MITES and stamps continue to be collected for mission work by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Please put your contribution in Linda Meissner's message center.

Member Contact Info

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address? Does Trinity even have your email address? Not sure? If you haven't been receiving our weekly informational emails, we probably don't have it or you have changed it and we need the new one. If this pertains to you, please contact the church office (674-9188) or you can leave your new information in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom. Thank you!



You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving. Visit our church website (www.trinitywestseneca.com), click on the "Give Now" button at the top right of the page, and follow the instructions.

YOUTH SCOOP

It's going to be a great time at the free Lost and Found concert on September 30 at Camp Pioneer- see details below!

Youth Gym Night

Our next youth night is Wednesday, October 19 from 6:30pm-8pm in the gym for fun, games, a meaningful devotion and some freezie pops!

High School Servant Event Trip

Next summer (2023) we'll be making a trip to Kentucky for a servant event trip (high school students) to help out with the flooding damage they experienced a few months back (see the below Mission Trip article). Stay tuned for more info, but be thinking and praying if you would like to go!

Lost and Found Concert at Pioneer Friday, Sept. 30, 2022 at 7:00pm

Lost And Found, Michael Bridges and George Baum, two LCMS Eastern District natives, are returning to the area for a concert at Pioneer on the Lake in Angola, NY to celebrate and support the place where they began their 35 year career in music. Join us on Friday, September 30th at 7pm in Wendt Shelter and bring a picnic dinner, watch the sunset, enjoy the concert, and stay for a bonfire on the beach. A free-will offering will be taken to support the ministry of Pioneer. To book a cabin or for any questions, please call the Pioneer office at 716-383-6157.

Domestic Mission Trip Opportunity

Ready to roll up your sleeves?

Make your mission trip right here in America!

Trinity has partnered with Christian Appalachian Project to serve the people of Appalachia.

When: Sunday, July 9, 2023 thru Friday, July, 14 2023

Where: Eastern Kentucky

Age: Anyone 14 years of age or older

Service: Making homes safe, warm, dry and accessible/
home repairs/yard work

Cost: \$325 plus travel expenses

For registration/information, Please contact Kevin or Colleen Kot (716-445-5922), Mark Willert (716-601-8570) or Lisa Lafferty (716-393-9629).



Meet Yonel Damus of the Upper Room Orphanage

Date of Birth: October 4, 2001

Grade: 12th, attends the Upper Room School

Personality Trait: Bashful

Favorite Subject: Social Sciences

Favorite Game: Playing soccer

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:1

Favorite Sport: Soccer

Yonel was taken in by the Upper Room in September of 2012. He has 3 sisters and 2 brothers but none of whom attend the orphanage. He is a devoted young man who loves God and likes to sing for Jesus. His favorite Bible verse is Rom 8:1, *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* Yonel is in grade 12 this school year and he dreams of someday being a lawyer.

Time & Talents for Trinity

We're looking for volunteers to work on the gardens around the church, school and parsonage. The idea is to adopt an area and tend it throughout the growing season. At this time of year there is weeding, and possibly protecting from critters. In the spring, edging, weeding, mulching. Trimming is necessary depending on the plants in your area. In the spring, the Grounds & Maintenance crew usually get a load of mulch to use on the grounds. Inviting families, couples or single volunteers to join in. Gardening can be a time of meditation and prayer as well as a good way to enjoy God's creation. Please sign up in the Narthex or call Linda Meissner (716-648-1281) for more information.



Altar Flowers

We are in need of families to sign up to donate altar flowers for **November & December**. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center in the church narthex. They are only \$10 and you get to take them home after the 10:30am Sunday service. We ask that two families sign up for each week. Thank you!

Trinity Campfires

Trinity held campfires this year on June 3 and September 16. This was a wonderful time for people and families to come together in fellowship while enjoying some singing, a devotional time and a chance to get to know others. God blessed us with amazing weather and wonderful evenings!



Trinity's Outreach

Vi Bella Sale: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a sale of Vi Bella items after the 10:30am church service on Sunday November 6th. Start your Christmas shopping and support the Haitian artisans! We will have a variety of items available for purchase.

New School Families: The Outreach Committee made Welcome Bags for 16 new families at the school on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church. They included paper towels, tissues, folders, paper, crayons, coloring books, Trinity polo shirts, pencils, apples, and Portals of Prayer. Please join us in praying for these new families!

Pioneer on the Lake

The Friends of Pioneer are excited to share that we have recently finished our inaugural Family Camp 2022 Summer Season! We are incredibly thankful to God and to you for your support as we launched this ministry, combining some of the old history of camp that we all love with some fresh, new concepts and ideas.

A few of us have had the privilege of meeting a volunteer named George, who is a life-long Pioneer camper. He shared that his father was the "mayor" at camp when he was young, and now George comes to volunteer to clean up the grounds, paint the cabins, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Another dear friend, Ellen, also comes to paint and help out as needed. In contrast, we have some new young girls who are busily painting and are really excited to help restore Founders Court and some of the other out-buildings at camp. Come by and see the beautiful job they have all done!



After years of disrepair, another volunteer was able to repair the Bell Tower and now hymns can be heard ringing throughout camp, welcoming everyone to meals once again.

This summer, we had 6 weeks of Family Camp and were able to host local churches that led worship in the Chapel in the Woods on Sundays and then enjoyed the beautiful grounds at the Veterans Pavilion for a pot-luck lunch after the service.

Local neighbors also joined together every Friday for weekly car-shows as Pioneer shared its beautiful setting with the surrounding community. As a result, a neighbor came by the office and requested to become an annual donor. When asked what inspired them, they said that they love Jesus and realize that we all need to do our part to support camp and keep it thriving for years to come.

When you read about these Pioneer moments, you may notice a common trend - community. Without the continued support of donors like you, camp could not exist. To anyone who has donated to Friends of Pioneer, we would like to say thank you! If you haven't yet donated, please consider a gift or regular donation to support the ongoing ministry at Pioneer on the Lake. We value your financial support and prayers!

With donors like you we can continue to expand our ministry opportunities into 2023 and beyond!

With God's Richest Blessings,
Your Friends at Pioneer

West Seneca Events & News

Crop Walk **Sunday, October 23, 2022**

The CROP Walk against world hunger is open to all. Walkers will gather at Ebenezer United Church of Christ (630 Main Street, West Seneca) and walk down Union Road to West Seneca Baptist Church and then back to Ebenezer. They do not cross Union Road; West Seneca policy will provide traffic control where needed. Consider walking in this event. 25% of monies raised will go to the West Seneca Food Pantry.

Meat Raffle **October 21, 2022** **Matthew Glab Post**

This meat raffle is sponsored by Ebenezer UCC. Doors open at 6:00pm; raffle starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale / \$12 at the door and include beer and pop; additional drinks can be purchased. Bring your own snacks and a cooler for your winnings! There will also be a 50/50 and basket raffle. Call (716) 674-4566 for tickets.

West Seneca Community Food Pantry **In Search of Volunteers...**

The West Seneca Community Food Pantry is looking for several volunteers to help, on a regular basis, with food distribution and other pantry tasks, every 2nd Saturday of the month, from 9am to 12 noon, beginning October 8th. The pantry is located behind St. David's Episcopal church, near the Southgate Plaza, and currently operates weekly, on Tuesdays. We are expanding to include one Saturday a month to provide our clients an alternate opportunity to obtain food. Volunteers will be on their feet most of the time and should be comfortable doing some light lifting of grocery bags. A one-hour training session will be required at a mutually convenient time before Oct. 8th. If interested, please contact Debbie Dalessandro, by email (westsenecafoodpantry@gmail.com) or pantry phone (716) 574-4411. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

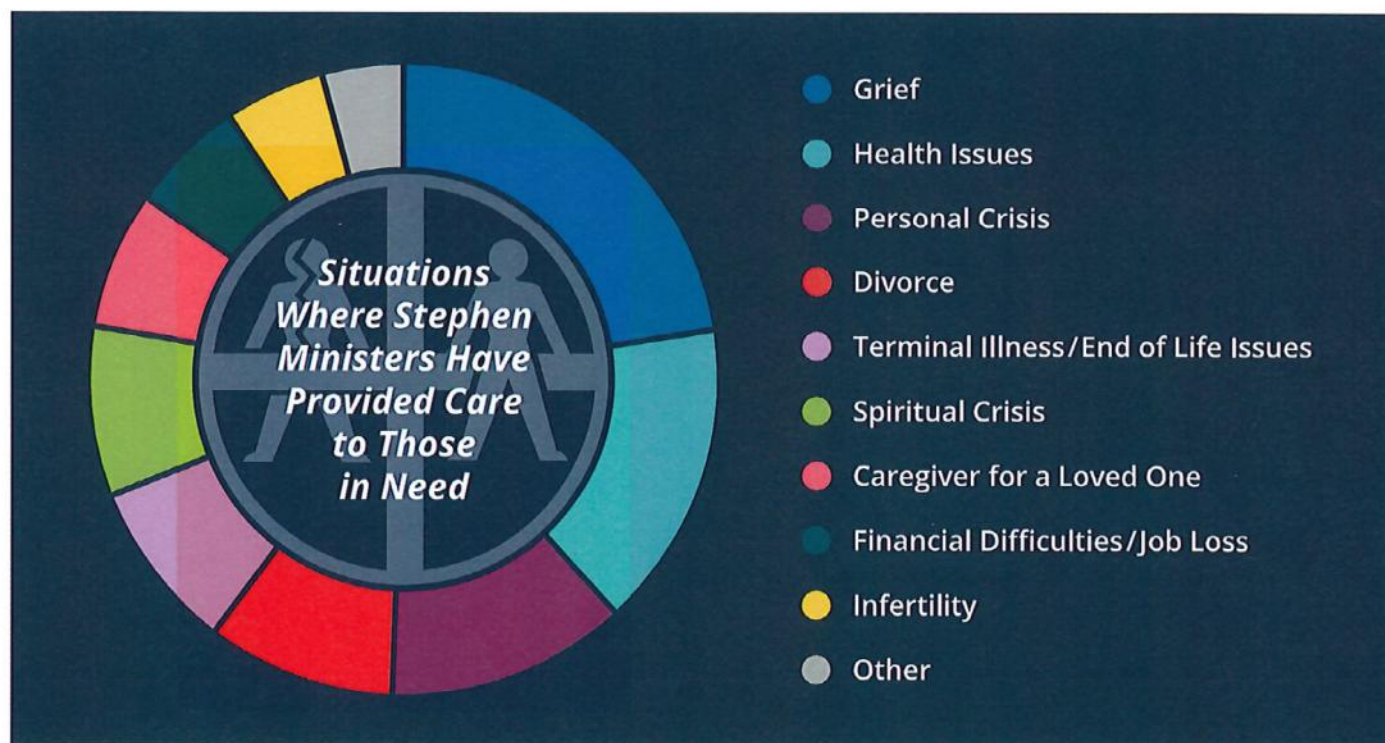
Care Receivers Share How Their Stephen Ministers Made a Difference

*Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow, my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant. She was **there at every stage of my journey**, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life—so I could begin to heal.*

Susan ●

*When things seemed like too much to handle, **my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm.** With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there.*

James ●



*My Stephen Minister was a consistent presence walking with me throughout my divorce. He would always show up, and **most importantly, he refused to give up on me.** I'll forever be grateful for the way he changed my life.*

Ralph ●

*When I was with my Stephen Minister, **I felt Jesus was with me.** I saw the love of God in her eyes while we talked and prayed, and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through.*

Ashley ●

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STEPHEN MINISTRY (Continued)

*After the death of my mom, **I needed someone who would listen**—even to the same stories over and over—and who wouldn't be afraid to say her name or bring up her memory. That's who my Stephen Minister was, and I don't know how I would have gotten through it without her.*

Molly ●

*My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. **He doesn't judge me or tell me what to do** but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I'm making it through.*

Brian ●

*I'm blessed with an amazing Stephen Minister. She's been genuinely attentive and caring ever since she came alongside me. She's kind of fearless in that way—**she'll just be there without trying to fix me** or talk me out of my feelings as I struggle with what's happening.*

Nancy ●

*My Stephen Minister's weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. **She was a steady reminder of God's presence**, helping me know I was never alone.*

Heather ●

*When someone you love is terminally ill, people often pull back because they're scared and don't know what to say. But **my Stephen Minister stood with me through it all**—listening, talking, and helping me on the journey. It was so reassuring to know he was by my side.*

Andrew ●

*My Stephen Minister loves me, listens to me, cares for me, prays for me, supports me, and **gives me a safe, confidential relationship** where I can totally share my heart. No matter how much I have to unload on her, she listens to whatever is going on.*

Celeste ●

*I needed to know that there was one person in the world who knew the good, the bad, and the ugly about me—and still cared for me. Experiencing that through my Stephen Minister was **a tangible expression of God's love**. It changed my life.*

Julia ●

*Stephen Ministry showed me the face of Christ. **God brought me exactly what I needed** through the care of my Stephen Minister, and that demonstrated to me how God cares for each and every one of us.*

Frank ●

- **Stephen Ministry** is a lay caring ministry being used by more than 13,000 congregations worldwide to increase care and outreach to hurting people.
- Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, health issues, divorce, spiritual crisis, job loss, infertility, or other life difficulties. Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people have received care from a Stephen Minister.
- Visit stephenministries.org to learn more about Stephen Ministry and see stories about the difference Stephen Ministers are making in people's lives.

Happy Birthday

10/1	Bob Bogumil Rachel Eising	10/12	Jennifer Szeider Kaitlyn Schwab Liam Cosandier	10/25	Karen O'Brien
10/2	Rachel Jaskier			10/26	Emily Gabel
10/4	Nakiya Harris	10/13	Frank Lelito Gabriella Tripi	10/27	Sheila Swart Robin Makosy James Rowsell Joanne Jaskier Duane Gabel
10/6	Lisa Strong	10/14	Nancy Hope David Sirgey		
10/7	Greg Diehl	10/15	Bennett Jelowski	10/28	Mary Ann Warner Karl Schultz Michelle Ecker
10/8	Emily Lelito Jonas Herdlein	10/16	Marilyn Smolka		
10/9	Emma Monahan	10/21	Beth McKernan Max Rodgers	10/29	Kevin R. Kot Ana Royal
10/11	Paulette Darcy Sheri Courteau	10/23	Rebecca Hall	10/30	Lacey Harris

Happy Anniversary

10/1	Mary & Joel Havens Bonnie & Mark Schwab	10/15	Carl & Carolyn Lehsten Dawn & Paul Barnas
10/3	Robert & Renee Stefanik	10/19	Harry & Judeen Babcock
10/4	Peter & Laural Szeider	10/21	Robert & Carol Cislo
10/7	Eve & James LoVullo	10/24	Gary & Lenore Ecker Stephen & Carol Hope
10/9	Michael & Noell McKernan	10/29	Donald & Gail Rieman
10/11	Heidi & Tom Cosandier		

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer (Oct – Dec 2022) devotion booklets are now available. Booklets can be picked up from the church narthex.



The Red Food Pantry Wagon

We will continue to collect non-perishable food to be donated to the food pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden and the West Seneca Food Pantry.



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.



If you know if a member of Trinity who should be on our **shut-in member list**, please let Pastor Greig and the church office know. We want to care for all!!!

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

Position

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