

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

“For by [God] all things were created ... and in him all things hold together” (Colossians 1:16a, 17b).

In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed we confess we “believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.” As Martin Luther explains this in his Small Catechism, he says that in this statement of faith, we confess God has created all things and continues to preserve His creation. This is the teaching expressed by the Apostle Paul in the first chapter of his letter to the Colossians: “For by him all things were created ... and in him all things hold together.”

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln used the following proclamation to create the national Thanksgiving holiday we celebrate this month:

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they can not fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. ...

It has seemed to me fit and proper that [our blessings] should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

It need not take a national holiday to remind us that we do indeed have a loving and generous God. God has created all that is in existence, and He continues to hold all this together with His unimaginable power because of His immeasurable love. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it is appropriate to be reminded of all the blessings of our God and give Him praise and thanks for our creation and preservation. However, let the last Thursday of November simply be one day among the 364 others upon which we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us—especially His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever” (*Psalms 118:1 NIV*).



God's Blessings,

Pastor Nyck



Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 6th at 2:00am.
 Remember to turn your clocks back!



Thanksgiving Worship

Wed. November 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Trinity will hold only one Thanksgiving Worship Service, which will be on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. There will not be a service the next morning on Thanksgiving Day.



Altar Guild Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00pm

There will be a meeting for all Altar Guild members on November 8 at 7:00pm in the church narthex. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

New members are always welcome!!! Are you interested in joining the Altar Guild or would like to know more information about what we do? If so, please plan to attend this meeting or you can contact Ruth Zawadzki or Gerry Swart.



2023 Altar Flowers & Candles

The 2023 sign-up charts are on the church coatroom bulletin board. Sign up for your special occasion today!

Flowers: \$10 per arrangement and you get to take them home after the Sunday service! We are asking that 2 families sign up for each week. Payments should be placed in the **Church Office's message center** - make checks payable to **"Trinity Lutheran Church"** (memo: **Altar Flowers**).

Altar Candles: \$25 per month (per family). Two families should sign-up each month to cover the total cost. Checks should be made payable to: **"Trinity Lutheran Church"** and placed in the Church Office message center.

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



Operation Christmas Child

Outreach will once again be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. National Collection Week is November 14-21 but we ask that you bring your shoeboxes to church **by SUNDAY, NOV. 13th** so that they can be checked over and brought to the local drop-off station.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Also please make sure your box can be closed easily and is NOT taped shut. You can however put a rubber band around your box if needed. If possible, please include a \$10.00 check (made out to Trinity) or cash to pay for shipping. Thank you!



Advent Celebration

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:00pm in Trinity School's Gym

Looking for a great way to kickoff Advent? All ages are invited to come together for an evening of food, worship and fun that will include a FREE pizza dinner, a brief family friendly worship, and festive activities. All this within an hour and a half to get you back home for your evening. All ages are welcome! Be sure to sign up **by December 1st**! Let us know your name, phone #, how many children, and how many teens/adults. Email Youth and Family Coordinator, Mark Willert "MWillert@thinktrinitychristian.com" to sign up or use the form included in upcoming worship bulletins. Thanks to Thrivent for sponsoring this event!

Advent Celebration Help Needed:

We have some great events for families at Trinity and we could use your help for this one. If you would be willing to help run one of the fun centers or crafts — we provide all the materials -- please let Mark Willert know mwillert@thinktrinitychristian.com. Thanks!

Ladies Bible Study

In November, the Ladies Bible Study will meet on **Monday Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 at 7:00pm** (instead of the 2nd and 4th week of the month). All ladies past high school age are welcome!

Trinity School News

Exciting and New



We have added some new things to our program this year at the school. We started a **Lego Club** for students in grades 1-3. We have 20 students participating. Last week they made islands of legos and then adjusted their island to accommodate different disasters, such as an exploding volcano or a visiting friend that needs a hut. Next week will find them building lego bridges to cross painted rivers.



We have also started getting **SPCA Paws for Love** comfort dogs twice a month. The dogs visit every classroom and then spend more concentrated time in specific classrooms where the kids take turns reading to the dogs and talking to the dogs. Of course, lots of petting goes on as well!



The West Seneca Fire Department visited grades PreK-2 this past month. October is fire safety month, and all of our young students enjoyed learning from the fire-fighters and Marshall, the fire dog! They also enjoyed seeing the fire truck and hearing the siren.



Undefeated Soccer Season

Our Trinity Hawks soccer team had an amazing season! They were undefeated and brought home the championship trophy. This is the first soccer trophy to be in our trophy case. We are very proud of our players and coaches. However, even more than the championship, we are proud of their Christian sportsmanship, praising God in their words and actions. Way to go Hawks!

Professional Story Teller to Present at Trinity School

Denise Chapman-Acosta is a national award winning professional storyteller. She will be doing chapel on **Wednesday, 11/2 at 9:20** for the Trinity students, as well as any guests that would like to attend. As a former Buffalo Bills cheerleader, current praise dancer, Zumba instructor and djembe drummer with the women's drum ensemble, Daughters of Creative Sound, Denise often incorporates her dancing and drumming passions into her storytelling performances. Her favorite "claim to fame" is being a child of God. She is an alumna of Martin Luther School, and we are anxious to have her share her message. **Please consider joining us.**

Virtual Open House

We recently had a professional video made to promote our school! Click the links to view it on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). Please share it with friends and family or on your social media page!



Sunday, October 30 at 6:00pm

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat! 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.

Property & Grounds Work Day

We will be holding a work day sometime in November, after the leaves drop. Anyone willing to help out is welcome! Refer to upcoming weekly "Life at Trinity" announcement for more information. Also, have you considered signing up to take care of a garden area on the property on the Time & Talents board? You can be your own boss or ask someone to partner with you.

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.



Recycle Greeting Cards

If you'd like to recycle your holiday or special occasion cards, please save them and place them in my message box at church. Cut off the front cover of your card (NO personal writing allowed on the flip side). NO Hallmark, Disney or American Greetings cards are accepted. They will be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Thank you.

~ Linda Rowsell



Domestic Mission Trip

Ready to roll up your sleeves?
Make your mission trip right here in America!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Sunday, Nov. 13 immediately after the 10:30 service

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).

LWML Bible Study

The Buffalo Zone LWML will host a Bible study, *Steps of Faith*, at St. Paul Lutheran Church (3487 North Boston Road, Eden) on **November 5th from 9am-2pm**. Registration of \$5.00 will be taken at the door. Morning refreshments will be provided by the Zone and lunch will be hosted by the ladies of St. Paul. Bible study materials will be provided, but please bring your Bible and a pen. This event's Ingathering will benefit the Eden North Collins Food Pantry. Please bring canned goods and dried food products. A brief meeting will also be held to elect new officers. Please RSVP to Sharon Wolff at swolff3@rochester.rr.com or (585) 721-0713 by October 31st. We hope to see you there!

Cemetery News

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.

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.

YOUTH SCOOP

Youth Gym Night

Our next youth night will be **November 16, from 6:30pm -8:00pm** in the school gym! Bring a friend and you get an extra scoop of ice cream! Games, a devotion and LOTS of fun. This is a chance to make some new friends as well! Thanks to the Sr. High for helping out too. Extra scoop for you!

We had a crazy Youth Night in October! A pretty competitive game of trainwreck (you can see in the pic why it's called that!). Some yummy Blue Moon ice cream. Then for our team building and devotional time, kids had to make a "track" for a pingpong ball to roll across without falling off. The track is made of 8 foot pieces of foam pipe insulation cut in half — a serious challenge! We talked about being the body of Christ in 1st Corinthians and the importance of working together. Join us for the November one - more ice cream!



Youth On A Mission ... Trip!

Next summer we're planning on going to Kentucky to serve and help people who have been affected by the flooding this past year. The need is great and we get to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Come to the informational meeting after church on November 13th, to find out more. If you can't make it please let Mark Willert know!

Musicals, Plays, Sports ... Oh My!

If any of our youth have dates or schedules of events they are involved in for November or December, please give the information to Teresa in the church office and she can include them in the newsletter and bulletin. Our church members love to support our youth in what they are doing!

Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care!

By Rick Warren — 09/30/2020

“Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.” Job 2:13 (NLT)



If you're always in a hurry, then you're never going to be a great listener. To have great conversations, you start by looking with love at the other person, but then you must invest as much time as needed. Why? Because you can't listen well in a hurry. Great listening takes time.

Job was a wealthy man who lost virtually everything, including his money, health, and even his children. *“When three of Job's friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him . . . Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words”* (Job 2:11, 13 NLT).

This is called the ministry of presence. When you're ministering to someone in pain, you must remember this: The deeper the pain, the fewer words you use. If somebody's having a bad hair day, then you can talk about it for 30 minutes. But if that person has a major crisis, talking about it for a long time is probably not going to help. The truth is that you don't need to say anything. Just show up and shut up. You can't talk people out of their pain. Some pain is beyond words. This kind of investment takes time. Notice how many days Job's friends sat on the ground with him . . . seven. Do you have anybody in your life who'd sit on the ground with you for seven days without saying anything?

Stephen Ministers are members of Trinity who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. If someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Meissner, Kevin Kot or Colleen Kot.

Participants in Jesus' Ongoing Work

God calls us to be His stewards (Genesis 1:28; 2:15), and we become faithful stewards when we understand and act upon our role as participants in God's plan to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He wants us to be active, involved, and willing participants in His plan of salvation. He *“desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”* (1 Timothy 2:4). As participants with the Lord, we become His hands, feet, and mouth through whom He works. In the Great Commission, Jesus tells us that we are to *“go”* (Matthew 28:19). Our Lord's mission becomes our mission so we are to be more than spectators.

Our involvement in the Great Commission is motivated by the Holy Spirit Who takes from us our hearts of stone and gives us our hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). With these new hearts, we can begin to understand how much God loves us and all people. Through faith, we know that He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross for our redemption, which prompts us to commit our time, talents, and money to His service. We live lives with a new perspective, meaning, and purpose. Because of God's saving activity, we willingly surrender our lives and become participants in Jesus' mission to share the life-saving Gospel with all people.

God's Word is clear that we are saved by grace through faith and not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9). However, our mission efforts and works are part of God's plan so they are important to Him. *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:10). We are not saved by works but for works. As we participate in God's mission to seek and save the lost, we know that all of our works are merely responses to what God has already done for us.

By grace, Jesus has redeemed us, and we are a temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in us. We are not our own (1 Corinthians 6:20). He saved us for the purpose of being participants in His plan of salvation. He has gifted us so we can spend our lives serving and glorifying Him. We are not all called to be pastors nor are we all traveling to foreign mission fields as missionaries, but we are all called to serve God in some capacity. If we don't have a sense of mission, we are probably living for ourselves. In the words of the Apostle Paul, *“And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised”* (2 Corinthians 5:15).

May God help us all be eager and willing participants in Jesus' ongoing work.

Happy Birthday

11/2	Dawn Stroh Bonnie Schwab	11/12	Linda Hodge Michael Hock Dawn Barnas	11/23	Paulette Bogumil Courtney Jelowski
11/3	Carole Jaekle	11/15	Lauren Berton	11/26	Debra Howard
11/4	Caitlyn McLaughlin	11/16	Dick Schultz Dennis Glinski	11/28	Corrine Rodgers Ryan McKernan
11/5	Jane Sirgey Christian Tripi	11/17	Charles Gass Abigail Anderson	11/29	Renata Schultz
11/6	George Hodge Gary Haas Linda Wrobel	11/18	Nathan Barnas	11/30	Christine Hawkins Christine Harris
11/7	Riley Greig	11/20	Theresa McKernan		
11/8	Gail Rieman Lisa Manzo	11/21	Aubrey Conti Joshua Barnas		

Happy Anniversary

11/26 Vincent & Lucille Zarbo



Christmas Poinsettia Plants

We will once again be placing poinsettia plants on the altar for the Christmas services this year. Order forms can be found in the weekly bulletins or you can contact the church office (674-9188). Orders are **due by Sunday, November 27.**

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!



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.



Emergency Need

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

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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