

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

JULY 2023

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



"All You Can Eat"

America is gearing up for another celebration of our country's anniversary. This July 4th marks the 247th year since our country's founding and we are celebrating in style with all of the barbecues, parades, and fireworks. But one of my favorite activities this time of year is watching the annual Nathan's Hot Dog Eating competition on TV. It is fascinating, and a little disgusting, to watch men and women shove dozens of hot dogs into their mouths and watch as they gorge themselves to a world record. It is one of those things that can be hard to watch, but you can't look away. Perhaps nothing better exemplifies our drive for fame and excess.

Paul encourages us in Philippians to look for another way. "Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (*Philippians 3:17-20*)

So, this Independence Day, enjoy your hot dog and your burger, but don't be ruled by them. Our god is not our bellies! We don't chase after fame or worldly wealth because those things do not satisfy. Our citizenship is in heaven and so that means our daily activities, our allegiance, and our purpose in everything we do is for bringing glory to our God.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Nyck Greig



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

Sunday Morning at 9:30am



Trinity's Sunday Worship & Picnic at Pioneer

Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 11:00am

Join your Trinity family for worship on July 2 at 11:00am out at Pioneer on the Lake (9324 Lake Shore Rd, Angola). After worship enjoy our church pot-luck picnic ~ please bring a dish / dessert to share and your own beverages. This worship will be in place of our own 9:30AM worship service - so **no worship at Trinity that Sunday.**

June Congregational Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on June 18. The Voter's approved applying for a Line of Credit with LCEF to cover summer expenses if necessary. The Finance Committee met on June 20 and determined that a loan to cover the summer expenses would not be needed, so we will delay the application process and re-evaluate the need for a Line of Credit after we determine our budget for 2023-24.

Executive Board News

The Executive Board continues to meet monthly. Our main focus has been working on implementing our Ministry Plan. We have determined the new committees that our needed to meet our Ministry Plan, developed job descriptions for the committees and are working on finding volunteers to be on the committees. We also will be looking for volunteers to fill existing boards and committees. Please consider saying "yes" if you are asked to serve. If you have an interest in serving on a board or committee, please let someone on the Executive Board know.



VBS 2023 - Rocky Railway July 24-28 9am-12pm

Trinity will be hosting a **FREE** Vacation Bible School program this summer the week of July 24-28 from 9am-12pm! All children ages 3 (potty trained) thru 5th grade are welcome to attend. Go to Trinity's website (www.trinitywestseneca.com) to **register by July 10.**

Volunteers Needed: We also need many volunteers to make this event a success. Please refer to the poster in the narthex for a variety of different volunteer opportunities (along with their descriptions). You can also speak with Joan Kopra (thekoprafamily@gmail.com) or Pastor Nyck (pastornyck@gmail.com) if you would like to help out in any way! Thank you so much!

Grounds & Maintenance

The Grounds and Maintenance Committee can use some apprentices to help care for the grounds. The members of the committee are aging and need to pass along the knowledge of maintaining the church and grounds. By having volunteers doing this work, thousands of dollars are saved each year. Please consider pitching in. Contact Linda Meissner or any Committee member. There is still time to care for a garden on the grounds.

Trinity Facility Usage / Rental

A Facility Usage Form needs to be completed and submitted by any outside organization who requests to use or rent the church and/or school property. Requests need to be approved by the Executive Board. Contact the church/school secretary for the form and to check availability of dates. Property and Grounds must also be notified.

West Seneca VBS Schedule

- Trinity Lutheran ~ July 24-28 from 9am-12pm: Rocky Railway (www.trinitywestseneca.com)
- Agape UMC (2846 Seneca Street) ~ July 24-28 from 9am-12pm: Hero Hotline (716-825-8745)
- St. John's Lutheran (3512 Clinton Street) ~ July 31 - Aug. 4th from 9am-12pm: Rain Forest Adventure (www.saintjohnsws.org)
- Ebenezer UCC (630 Main Street) ~ Aug. 15, 16 & 17 from 5:30pm-8pm: Carnival Kids (www.ebenezerucc.church)

Trinity School News

Congratulations to Our Graduates

Trinity Christian School graduated 10 students from Kindergarten and 4 from 8th grade. We thank God for these students and their families, and pray God's blessings on them as they continue forward! It was wonderful to have Kathy Fretthold back for the day to lend a hand for Kindergarten graduation and be the speaker for 8th grade graduation!

Kindergarten Graduates: Emily Gabel, Jack Stobnicki, Easton Hedberg, TJ Barlow, Henry Greig, Finn Oesterle, Jace Shanley, Ryker Hite, Alex Farrell, Wyatt Mathewson

8th Grade Graduates: (Pictured) Lilly Ackley, Johnathan Holley, Andrew Hunneshagen, Olivia Strzelec



Summer Projects Underway

We have exciting things happening on the Trinity property over the summer. We will be putting in new doors in the church basement to improve security for the classes that meet there. We will also be installing improved lighting in front of the school and in the parking lot. New gravel is on the way for the playground, along with an outdoor mat for the gaga pit. Thank you so much for your annual fund donations, as part of that money is being used on these improvements.

Third Trimester Honor Rolls

Trinity Christian School is proud to announce the Merit, Honor, and High Honor awards for the trimester. We congratulate all of our students on an excellent year.

3rd and 4th Grade

High Honor Roll: Riley Greig, Natalie Schieber, Jayce Mathewson, Lucy Hojnacki, Sawyer Daley, John Mills, Cody Adams, Jesse Hojnacki, Lydia Schieber

Honor Roll: Brianna Burgos, Anastasia Dougherty, Elijah Holmes, Angelo Muscarella

Merit Roll: Kaidyn Ferraraccio, Mackenzie Holley, Reece Hite, Samantha Riordan, Everett Webster

5th and 6th Grade

High Honor Roll: Ethan Webster, Jayce Mathewson, Luke O'Connor, Ethan Widman, Elliana Adams, Hayden Sirgey, Katelyn Barnas

Merit Roll: Elizabeth McFarland

7th and 8th Grade

High Honor Roll: Abigail Lafferty

Honor Roll: Jayden Wagner, Luke Anderson, Jean-Marie McFarland

Merit Roll: Johnathan Holley





Men in Ministry 8th Annual Golf Outing at Turkey Run Sunday, August 20, 2023 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Ladies and men welcome! The cost is \$35 per golfer (includes greens fees, riding cart and food; on-course beverages \$3 each). We are limited to 72 golfers ~ sign up in the narthex as soon as possible but no later than 7/30. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for food and beverages (cash bar) for \$15 at approximately 2:30PM.

Payment Requirement: All fees will be collected **prior** to the outing. \$35 per golfer / \$15 non-golfer. **Payment is due no later than August 6** 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 Dave Sirgey 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 Gold Course for the amount they paid, which may be redeemed in 2023 or 2024 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 \$22 with the same guidelines outlined above.

Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2023 Lovejoy District July 15 -22, 2023

Eight Days of Hope is a family friendly event. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. You can volunteer for as many days as you like from 2 days or all 8 days. Follow these steps to register:

- Go to eightdaysofhope.com
- Scroll down to EDOH – Buffalo 2023
- Click on Event Details
- Click on Volunteer – Fill in form
- Under Church/Org. use Trinity West Seneca

Please let Kevin or Colleen Kot know when you register or if you have any questions so we can pass on additional information.

Kkot57@gmail.com or 716-445-5923
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Life can be like a roller coaster.

Summer brings all kinds of emotions. Vacations can range from spending time at home to visiting far away places. Picnics and BBQs can also be a lot of fun and fellowship. All of these can also bring “remembering.” Maybe people who are not with us any longer, good times, and many other things that can be hurtful. Loss of income or maybe you moved to a different state away from friends or it could even be kids who have moved away. These are just a few of the things that could cause us anxiety. Stephen Ministers will keep everything strictly confidential. 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).

The Red Food Pantry Wagon

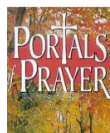
We continue to collect food to be donated to the West Seneca Food Pantry and the pantry at Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden. Non-perishable items can be placed in the red wagon in the church entry. Thank you!

Belasic Dedication at Pioneer Saturday, July 22

There will be a special dedication of benches that were donated by Southtowns LADD in memory of Joy Belasic at Pioneer on the Lake on July 22 at 2pm. All are invited to join us for this special event.

LADD News

In addition to donating benches in Pioneer on the Lake in memory of Joy Belasic, Southtowns LADD is also able to send 10 children with disabilities to camp and purchase a chair with special wheels that will enable those with physical disabilities to go on the sand and in the water at Pioneer. Thank you to all who donated to LADD to allow us to help others in need!



Portals of Prayer

July - Sept 2023 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!

YOUTH SCOOP

With the school year coming to a close it's time to talk summer! This article contains info for both Jr. and Sr. High ministries.

- **July Youth Nights:** Our July youth nights will be held on 7/5 and 7/19 from 6:30pm-8:00pm and will be without St. John as schedules didn't align. They should be back to joining us in August (8/2 and 8/16).
- **Pool Party:** In July, we've been invited to the Webster's (Ethan is going into 6th grade at Trinity) house in Orchard Park where they have a pool and a big yard for games! Date and time will be forthcoming.
- **Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake ~ July 25-27:** This is a great Christian music festival. While I will be out of town, If there are any parents/adults that would be willing to chaperone and lead this opportunity, please let me know soon so we can get that ball rolling!
- **Mission Trip:** Our summer mission trip (age 14 and up) this year is heading to Kentucky on July 9-14. Sr. High youth Faith Flattery and Nate Barnas are answering the call with a handful of Trinity adults and myself, to help rebuild from the horrible flooding there last summer. We pray for them as they will be the hands and feet of Jesus and reach out in acts of love and service to those deeply effected by the storms. Special thanks to Kevin and Colleen Kot for overseeing fundraising previous years and for making arrangements for this trip!
- **8 Days of Hope ~ July 15-22:** This is another way to get involved locally this year in the Love Joy district of Buffalo. Reaching out again in service, let me know if you would like to be involved (along with myself and other Trinity youth) and would like more info. Please let me know **by JULY 2**.
- **Pioneer Fest ~ July 22:** This is a **FREE** concert and event for the whole family! A fun-filled day, come early and enjoy swimming on our beach, bounce houses, face painting, food, and fun for everyone and so much more! Food for purchase and Perry's Ice Cream will be available at our Country Store. Laura Story will be taking the stage at 6pm. Opening acts this year will be the Christ Church Worship Band at 2:30pm and a Western NY favorite The Band Five14 at 4:30pm.

We are starting a **board for Youth Ministry** at Trinity comprised of youth, and adults (parents, church members, school parents) and will start meeting in August. This is a "doing" board which means we don't only make decisions but also help in the ministry. If you feel the call to be a part of this exciting new opportunity or want more info, please contact me ASAP.

I will be away at Camp Pioneer July 2-7 leading a family week with Pastor Nyck. I will be back for the youth night on the 5th! If there are any other events or activities we'd like to pursue, please email me at: youthministry@thinktrinitychristian.com. I'll be sending updates along the way. May God bless your summer and keep you safe ... Enjoy!

~ Mark Willert
Trinity Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

Happy Birthday

7/1	John Kern	7/18	Judy Schmidt	7/24	Thea Schultz
7/5	Ed Schindler	7/19	Barbara Halvorsen	7/26	Judy Jaeckle
7/7	Madison Jaskier		Nolan Heckman	7/27	Rev. Dennis Krueger
7/10	Leslie Tripi	7/20	Annette Neth	7/28	Diane Roncone
	Zachary LoVullo		Jessica Nickerson	7/29	Marie Thompson
7/12	Eleanor English	7/21	James Manzo		Natalie Monahan
7/14	Bryce Zawadzki	7/22	Janine Wackowski	7/30	Hope Willert
7/16	Kim Meissner	7/23	Joanie Metzler	7/31	Jenna Wackowski
7/17	Samantha Canazzi		Andrew Eising		

Happy Anniversary

7/1	Christopher & Erin Kotowski	7/8	Andrew & Rachel Eising
7/3	Larry & Marie Thompson	7/12	Ryan & Beth McKernan
	Chris & Lynnae Kvilas	7/17	Justin & Betty Jo Smith
7/5	Fred & Thea Schultz	7/18	C.J. & Lindsey Lehsten
	Dave & Noel Anderson	7/19	Leslie & Tim Tripi
7/8	Ed & Kathie Schindler		



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.

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

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