



2018

# TRINITY TIDINGS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Athens, WI

## Pastor's Corner...

Consider these excerpts from an article on the Internet about the origin of the word, "educate."

### **What does the word, "education" mean?**

*The word 'education' has been derived from Latin word-'Educare...'*

*The term 'educare' means to bring up, to rise, and to nourish, to train or mould. The child has to be brought up like a plant in the garden by the teacher. His potentialities should be developed with proper care and nourishment.*

*It means 'to lead out', 'to draw out' and 'to bring forth'. The innate powers of the individual should be properly cared and given scope to develop. (Article by Dilip Bhatt, Professor of English)*

The first definition sounds a lot like what Solomon wrote in the Book of Proverbs:

*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. – Proverbs 22:6*

Trinity has been blessed with a tremendous ministry opportunity – educating children. More than just the traditional: Sunday School, Confirmation, and youth group learning experiences. For 118 years we have been about the Lord's work in educating children through our Trinity school ministry. Wow!

On top of that blessing, we also have Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, LWML Bible study, Wednesday Bible Study at the Athenian Living Center, and youth Bible studies at youth meetings. Also, WOW! Learning is not just for children, it's just as important for adults. We never stop learning. We always have a need to have our minds and our souls nourished and fed. Regular learning is an important part of maintaining good spiritual health and faithful discipleship – which makes it an important part of every members' life.

Please consider making regular Bible study an important part of your life as a child of God. Please pray for God's blessings on all of our educational opportunities here at Trinity. Please take special time to pray for God's blessings on our called teachers: Dean Frick, Karen Trench, Becky Van Rixel, and Deb Frick. These teachers are special gifts from God who make our Trinity School the great blessing that it is to our children!

Also, please pray for the safety, physical health, and spiritual health of all our Trinity School students. We have been given a great trust. Let's thank God for this gift and pray for His continued blessing on the 2018-2019 school year!

And... please pray for God to lead just the right persons to come and fill the open Child Care Director and part-time Math / English teaching positions. The need is very great!

In Jesus' Name,  
Pastor Mark

## Our Mission:

To know Christ personally...  
and make Him known.

## WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

With Holy Communion  
every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend

Church Phone: 715-257-7526  
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# Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Mark Schwalenberg  
Pastor

Dean Frick  
Principal / Grades 7 - 8

Karen Trench  
Grades 4 - 6

Becky Van Rixel  
Grades 1 - 3

Deb Frick  
Grades 3K, 4K & Kindergarten

Judy Weise  
Administrative Assistant

Kaye Schwalenberg  
Custodian

Laurie Brodziski  
School Cook

Mark Schroeder  
Sarah Lemmer  
Organists

(open)  
Child Care Administrator

Debbie Balz, Elizabeth Gomez,  
Cassandra Halopka,  
Pam Mancl, Michele Meier  
Child Care Teachers

## Trinity Elders

John Punke 715-680-6668

Chris Czech 715-257-1417

Kevin Kottke 715-257-9971

Ken Punke 715-257-9312

Dwight Tolk 715-581-8090

Robert Riemer 715-257-7312

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## Principal's Message

*Where did the summer go?* The school year seems like it just ended and this week the classrooms will be filled with students again. The hallways were not quiet during the summer though. Twenty-five to thirty children spent a few days a week or all week here at Trinity for our summer Child Care program. We updated another classroom with fresh paint and new carpet. Additional changes to the building will be happening this Fall to improve school security. Some updates will go unnoticed and others will involve actual construction in the building.

We are excited to kick off our new year with our theme "**Superheroes in Christ**". Pastor will be incorporating this theme into his sermons this Fall as well. Students will see signs, posters, symbols that remind them that they are "**Superheroes in Christ**." They will also be reminded of the character traits that superheroes display on a daily basis. Old and New Testament "Heroes" will be used as examples of how faith in Christ allows us to display these characteristics. Our theme will serve as a great way to teach character traits from a Christian perspective. Throughout the year students will be reminded of the Superhero that saves us through His death and resurrection. Only in Christ can we be superheroes too.

Dean Frick  
Principal



Friends of  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 4:00pm to view Auction Items

Banquet & Auction  
Featuring Beer / Wine Tasting

Prime Rib or Chicken  
Tickets available soon! \$35 / ticket  
Only 200 Tickets Available



**Trinity Lutheran School & St. Anthony Catholic School**  
*Celebrating and Securing Christian Education*

# Church News & Events

## "Know Christ Personally and make Him Known"

This is our Mission Statement at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens. *What does that mean to me? To my family? To our Church family? How do we make our Mission Statement become reality?*

Upon becoming your Church Council President, an area of emphasis for me is **PRIDE**. We need to have pride in our church and school! How do we show that pride?

What we have here is very special, but it takes a lot of prayer, time, and effort to make it all happen. After much discussion between Pastor Mark and your Church Council, it was decided to form a new committee called a "Missions Committee". *What would be the objectives of our Mission Committee? How do we do a better job of "Joining Jesus On His Mission"?*

1. Equip our members with the tools to reach out to neighbors in our community to spread the word about Trinity Lutheran Church and School, and hopefully build membership and attendance in our church and school.
2. Connect our church with the community of Athens and the world to share the Gospel.
3. Help our congregation get involved in mission projects outside of Athens.
4. Support a missionary somewhere in the world.
5. Share our pride in Trinity, and Love of Christ in a joyful manner.

I am looking for members to join me on the Missions Committee. I am willing to do the heavy lifting, but I need people with **Pride, Energy, and the Love of God** to join me on this new endeavor.

We will start with baby steps to build the framework of our Missions Committee, but I look forward to many blessings because of this committee in the future.

If interested in joining me, please call me at 715-937-3851, or email me at

[rick.guralski@northsidelevator.com](mailto:rick.guralski@northsidelevator.com).

Thank you,

Rick Guralski  
Church Council President



# Confirmation

## Wednesday Evening Confirmation Parents Meeting

A special meeting with Pastor Mark for families of confirmands who are NOT enrolled in Trinity School, will take place Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. Confirmation Class will begin the following Wednesday. Both confirmands and their parents are asked to attend.

1 Corinthians 16:2



## LCEF Savings Program

K.I.D.S. stamp program will once again begin at the start of school! Questions concerning the program, and how to get started, can be answered by Darlene Strack.

(715-257-7376).

## Worship at Athenian Living

Worship at Athenian Living will be **EVERY** Thursday at 10:00am, with Holy Communion the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. *Please feel free to join in at any time!*

## Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML

Trinity LWML on August 1<sup>st</sup> at Athenian Living. Bible study "Finding Balance in our Identity" was led by Pastor Mark. Mites and gifts for LCMS Global Mission and Circle of Joy were gathered. The two brat fries on the Village Square netted a total of \$920 for our church worker's scholarship fund.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaye Schwalenberg, Secretary

**THANK YOU!** A huge thank you to all who helped make our Fair Stand a success again this year. Our great set-up crew, kitchen help, wait staff, cashiers, fryers, clean-up help – many of whom worked more than one shift...

Thank you all so much!

Kaye

## **Fall** Worship Schedule

Fall is here! We go back to Saturday Evening Worship September 9<sup>th</sup>, **NOTE THE TIME OF WORSHIP WILL BE AT 4:00pm.**



## August Official Acts & Monthly News



## August Memorials

**Baptisms:** Olive Rose Hoff, daughter of Mike Hoff, Jr. & Jessica Frandsen, was baptized before our altar on Sunday, August 12, 2018.

Jade Marie Punke, daughter of Dan & Brittany Punke, was baptized before our altar on Sunday, August 26, 2018.

Jozy James Hardin, daughter of Eric Hardin & Jennifer Bloch, was baptized before our altar on Thursday, August 30, 2018.

**Wedding:** Brock Guralski and Starr Graveen were married by Pastor Mark at Erbach Park on Saturday, August 4, 2018.

**New Member:** Asher Guralski was accepted by Affirmation of Faith on June 21, 2018.

**Transfers / Deaths / Released / Weddings / Births / Hospitalized:** None

**In loving memory** of Tammy Blake, gifts were given to the Air Conditioning and Debt Fund by Helen Schreiber and Doug & Jean Krueger.

**In loving memory** of Allan Szews, a gift was given to the Debt Fund by Dwight & Diane Tolck.

**In loving memory** of Harvey Zubke, gifts were given to the Altar Guild, Choir, and Air Conditioning Fund by Doug & Jean Krueger, Ken & Karen Gauerke, and other friends & family.

**In loving memory** of Ervin told, who dies 9/6/93, gifts were given to the General Fund by Dwight & Diane Tolck, Avila Tolck, and Cheryl Zimmerman.

**In loving memory** of Jean Zastrow, gifts were given to the Air Conditioning Fund, Altar Guild and School Operating by Ken & Karen Gauerke, Dennis & Nathalie Fladvid, Bruce & Connie Radloff, and Randy & Kathy Kuck.

**In loving memory** of Erv Viegut, a gift was given to the Debt Fund by Glen & Lynn Luetschwager.

*Thank you for your gifts!*

### Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project

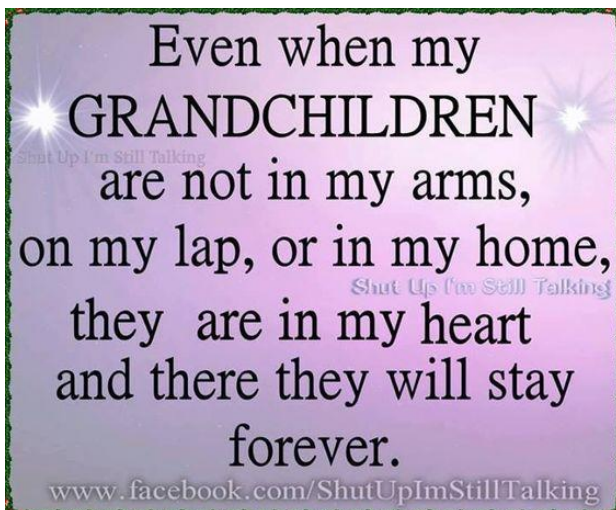
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!* He has blessed us to be a blessing to **115** children. Yes, because of your generous donations, we have been able to fill **115** schoolbags for Lutheran World Relief! A HUGE thank you to Sandy Marthaler for taking on this project for several years! She also purchased the material and sewed each schoolbag ☺

*Thank you all or helping to fill a school kit for a needy child.*



## Grateful for Grandparents

Grandparents Day is Sunday,  
September 9<sup>th</sup> ☺



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## September Acolytes

<u>Sunday, September 2</u>	9:00am
Kyren Schug & Malaina Telschow	
<u>Saturday, September 8</u>	4:00pm
Jenna Handschke & Addison Lavicka	
<u>Sunday, September 9</u>	9:00am
Blake Hein & Andy Schauer	
<u>Saturday, September 15</u>	4:00pm
Paige Westaby & Ava Zettler	
<u>Sunday, September 16</u>	9:00am
Celina Ellenbecker & Abby Diethelm	
<u>Saturday, September 22</u>	4:00pm
Aleah Frahm & Malaina Telschow	
<u>Sunday, September 23</u>	9:00am
Emma Ford & Jacob VanDerLinden	
<u>Saturday, September 29</u>	4:00pm
Ava Zettler & Kyren Schug	
<u>Sunday, September 30</u>	9:00am
Addison Lavicka & Connor Lewandowski	

## September Birthdays

- 1 - Laura Nowacki, Brant Petrie, Logan Anderson
- 3 - Chayce Gruna, Zach Lemmer
- 4 - Courtney Murkowski
- 5 - Andrew Frick
- 6 - Addisyn Kottke, Karen Weiler, Lee Woiak, Dallas Zenner
- 7 - Jane Antross, Michael Zoromski
- 8 - Korbin Kottke
- 9 - Ronda Frane
- 10 - Michelle Urmanski
- 11 - Dale Barkow, Ken Brice
- 12 - Tanya Schauer
- 13 - David Trimmer
- 14 - Nick Punke, Ethan Salber, Mike Thurs, Ashley Barttelt
- 15 - Steve Bunkelman, Ty Halopka, Lola Radloff
- 16 - Rick Guralski
- 17 - Donna Albrecht, Alvira Henrichs, Brandon Lippert, Jackie Venzke
- 19 - Mallory Lamb, Gary Peel, Judy Weise
- 20 - Libby Christopherson, Britney McCallister
- 21 - Carrie Belanger, Emma Belter, Bethany Marcott, Kelly Nowacki
- 22 - Paul Mroczenski, Angel Petrie, Cindy Thurs
- 24 - Bridget Kottke, Pete Lewandowski
- 25 - Muriel Zinkowich, John Punke
- 26 - Emily Natzke, Nancy Schwalenberg
- 27 - Korbin Kuck
- 28 - Chayce Sauter, Gavin Frahm, Susan Miller
- 30 - Ken Call, Keith Zinkowich

## September Baptism Birthdays

- 1 - Kelly Bunkelman, Russ Schneveis, Dakota Venzke
- 2 - Glen Luetschwager, Joe Weiler
- 3 - Makenna Anderson, Dina Kilinski, Robin Langhoff, Autumn Diethelm
- 5 - Brooke Boesl, Sue Heckendorf, Ashley Kottke, Jonathon Kottke, Daniel J. Punke, Richard Swoboda

(continued...)

6 - Jacki Gessler, Charles Niemann

8 - Mason Kuck, Robert Scheffler

9 - Gary Peel

10 - Grant Sodoma

12 - Nicholas Paul, Kira Schoenrock, Diane Tolk

13 - Mike Hoff, Jr., Nancy Pecher, Elijah Schauer

14 - Thomas Albrecht, Jr., Kathy Brice, Chase Ellenbecker

15 - Courtney Murkowski, Kaye Schwalenberg, Brandon Zinkowich

16 - Evan Haehlke, Drew Haines

17 - Theresa Barkow, Randalyn Ellenbecker, Kyren Schug, Corey Westfall, Jordan Decker,

18 - Alden Anderson, Alexander Ellenbecker, Savanna Frane

19 - Cassie Call, Katrina Penney

20 - Carolyn Heier, Nora Kuck, Heather Westfall

23 - Davis Zubke

24 - Carter Meddaugh, Candyn Sauter

25 - Max Hamann, Dawn Mroczenski, Mary Nowacki

26 - Lola Radloff

27 - Jerome Sjostrom

28 - Caden Decker, David Westfall

29 - Kevin Denzine, William Paul, Kiera Weiler, Judy Weise

30 - Heather Wisniewski

## September Wedding Anniversaries

*Joe & Karen Welker – 46 years September 2*

*Kurt & Colleen Balz - 31 years September 5*

*Travis & Brittany Bergmann, 3 years September 5*

*Bruce & Connie Radloff - 48 years September 5*

*David & Pam Tessmer – 21 years September 6*

*Bruce & Renell Wassmann – 31 years September 6*

*Joe & Renee Tessmer – 27 years September 7*

*Ben & Miranda Hertel, 1 year September 9*

*Kevin & Karen Zubke – 29 years September 9*

*Nick & Annette Bunkelman – 22 years September 14*

*Tony & Cheryl Eckert – 39 years September 15*

*Korey & Dina Kilinski – 2 years September 16*

*Rodney & Mary Ann Kropp – 58 years September 17*

*Shawn & Beth Steinke – 7 years September 17*

*Mike & Jacki Gessler – 14 years September 18*

*Adam & Laurel Pitzke – 3 years September 19*

*Ryan & Samantha Eckert - 4 years September 20*

***Jason & Nichole Natzke – 10 years September 20***

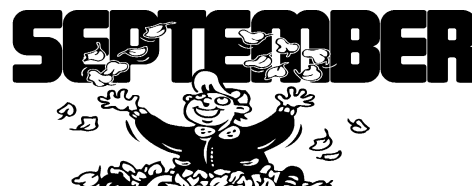
*Keith & Cara Zinkowich – 23 years September 23*

*Ken & Linda Punke – 36 years September 25*

*Steve & Stacy VanDerLinden – 22 years September 28*

*Brandon & Ashley Barttelt – 1 years September 30*

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries will be celebrated with a special event in February, 2019.



# Youth News

## Crusaders for Christ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group

The Crusaders will resume their monthly meetings on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month thereafter. Meetings will be from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Youth Center (basement stage area).

Crusader Officers will be elected at the September meeting, and be installed during worship on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The September meeting is a time to review our Crusader Pledge, and see how we can live out our pledge of doing and sharing God's love with those around us.



The past two years we highlight our Bibles, and we will continue doing so.... Youth, as well as adults long for order in their lives with completed to-do lists, busy school days, juggling sporting events and homework, along with savoring the happy times. When things are chaotic or out of control, we sense restlessness, a longing for order and calm. At one time or another we all struggle with chaos, messy relationships, and irreconcilable differences. But God brings order to our chaos, meaning to our confusion. To help us better understand the joy God can bring, we will continue to take time to "highlight our Bibles", beginning with the October Meeting. We're going to highlight how He can take the hurts, betrayals, and brokenness and turn it into something that helps us grow, change, and trust in Him. A HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs. Czech for leading this project ☺

With God's strength, we, as Crusaders for Christ, can trust that through all of life's messiness, we are in His care and all things are through Him.

Please join us!



## College Addresses

As our youth begin their school year at college, please be sure to submit their addresses to the church office. Thank you!



## Jr. High Youth Group

We have a new Jr. High Youth Group Leader! Tanya Schaer will be taking on this new venture with our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders ☺ Their monthly meetings will be the same date and time as the Crusaders for Christ Youth Group Meetings – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Be on the watch for fun activities as this youth group meets!



## LCMS National Youth Gathering

Minneapolis – July 11-15, 2019

The theme concentrates on giving thanks to God for His grace in claiming us in baptism and to know the love our our **Real. Present. God.** Young people and adults are cherished by God and the relationship they share in Christian community is one of God's wonderful gifts. The LCMS Youth Gathering is another opportunity for these relationships to be strengthened, person to person, and people to our Heavenly Father.

Are you a high school youth??? Consider participating in the Gathering with other friends. Please contact Fay Niemann for more information and to reserve your spot! The deadline to register is later this month.

## Youth Ministry Mission Statement

**Trinity's youth groups exist: to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ; to provide a place to have Christian fun; to help others; to make and strengthen friendships; and to walk together with Jesus on our journey to heaven. Our relationships with Jesus Christ grow through Bible studies, mission projects, group retreats, and service projects.**

# Quarterly Voters Meeting

## July 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Guralski and Pastor Mark Schwalenberg opened with prayer. 22 members were present.

**Secretary Report:** Motion was made by Ken Brice, seconded by Renell Wassmann and carried, to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the monthly bulletin. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Indicated total income for the second quarter was \$130,640; total expenses \$125,600 resulting in a net gain of \$5,040. Line of credit balance was \$3,946, Organ Fund was \$676, Major Building Repair Fund \$14,734, Basement Project Fund was \$2,761. Endowment fund with Thrivent is at \$104,087. Alan Mortenson sent in \$2,000 to be reinvested with Scottrade (now Ameritrade) and the balance is now \$18,690.86. A motion was made by John Punke, seconded by Ken Punke to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

**Board of Elders:** Next Sunday is church at the pond service. Church services will be moving back to Saturday after Labor Day. The board requested authority to make the decision on the services times when this change occurs. John Punke made a motion that the Board of Elders has the authority to make the decision to determine the best time for services on Saturdays, second by Wil Strack. Members discussed. Motion carried.

**Board of Christian Education and Principal's Report:** Child Care has posted two positions to replace Debbie Balz and Sharon Myszka. The FOCE money has been used for chrome books and for new computers for staff. The board members continue to work on outstanding tuition. The board members are also discussing adding a new position to the school that would be split between IT and teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Principal:** Theme next year will be, Be Strong and Courageous and will go with a superhero theme. Dean Frick provided an update on the Child Care staffing needs. Thank you to Courtney for covering extra hours during the short staffing time. Dean applied for a School Safety Grant, there were some changes that needed to be made and the grant was resubmitted. We requested \$18,000. These funds would be used to help separate the church from the school and install a panic alarm system. Dean provided members on the reasoning and background on the recommendation to consider adding a new staff member for IT and to also assist with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teaching. The plan would be to add this position for the next school year, not this year. There is a shortage of teachers and if we would like to add this position we would need to start recruiting in early 2019. We anticipate enrollment for the coming school year to be about the same as the last year. Members discussed. This will be further discussed at the October meeting.

**Board of Trustees:** None.

**Board of Stewardship:** None.

**Youth:** Crusaders complete the cancer walk. The mission trip went well. Team Trinity went to laser tag to finish out the season. Next summer will be the NYG. Two students and one adult will be going to the Servant event in Mequon.

**Pastor:** Addressed in new business.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Rick provided an update on the District Convention that he attended. Pastor Mark provided an update on installing air conditioning in the Church. Nubby's was approached for this need and a bid was received for a ductless split system. The Catholic Church has the same system. The bid was \$21,900. A Friedrich system would be \$16,900. Electric wiring would cost \$4,693 by Martin Weise. Pastor requested that we start this as soon as we raise \$15,000 for the project. Motion made by Jean Balz, second by Mark Schroeder to start discussions on installing this air conditioning system. Doug Krueger would volunteer his services for the mounting piece of this project. John Punke amended the motion that when we have 80% of funds that we proceed to adding the Friedrich air conditioning systems, second by Dean Frick. Further discussion was held. Motion carried. Pastor Mark provided a second presentation proposing modifications to the current sanctuary to omit the need to climb stairs for communion and also to be able to provide a permanent setup for the Praise band. Members discussed. Materials for this project could come out of the major building repair fund. Estimates will be gathered for this project and it will be brought up at a special or fall voter's assembly.

Motion was made by Dawn Mroczenski, seconded by Linda Punke, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanya Schaer, Secretary



## Council Meeting – August 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Guralski. Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

### Officers

President – Rick Guralski (P)  
Vice President – Neil Marthaler (P)  
Secretary – Tanya Schaer (P)  
Admin Assistant – Judy Weise (P)  
Principal – Dean Frick (A)  
Rev. Mark Schwalenberg (P)

**Board of Elders** - Present  
**Board of Christian Education** - Present  
**Board of Trustees** - Absent  
**Board of Stewardship** - Present  
**Youth Coordinator** – Renell Wassmann (P)

**Secretary Report:** Ken Punke made a motion to accept the secretary report as printed in the bulletin, second by Neil Marthaler. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Total income for July was \$40,883; total expenses were \$42,980, resulting in a net loss of \$2,097. Line of credit balance was \$7,824; Organ Fund was \$676; Major Building Repair Fund was \$15,712; Church Basement Fund was \$2,761. The balance in the checking account was \$2. Endowment Fund at Thrivent was \$104,088; Brokerage Account at Scott Trade was \$18,691; Special Interest Fund at LCEF was \$305. Motion made by Renell Wassmann to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Dawn Mroczenski. Motion carried.

**Board of Elders:** Church services will be at 4:00 on Saturdays from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Official acts- Transfer to Trinity:

Susan Miller transferred from Blessed Savior Lutheran Church in O'Gallon, Illinois, 6/13/18. Weddings: 6/23/18 Brandon Zinkowich & Briuttney Schneider, 7/1/18 Dwight Tolk & Diane Johnson, 8/4/18 Brock Guralski & Starr Graveen. Accepted by Adult Confirmation: 6/21/18 Diane Tolk & Starr Guralski. Accepted by Affirmation of Faith 6/21/18 Asher Guralski.

**Board of Christian Education:** We need a Child Care Director. There have been two applicants. Also need a 3k and 4k aide and two child care teachers. The school was awarded a school safety grant to make safety upgrades to the building. Sunday School organizational meeting will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> with Sunday school starting Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Back to school night will be August 28<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be doing peaceful warriors, active shooter training again this year.

**Principal's Report:** None.

**Board of Trustees:** The trustees will be replacing the broken water fountain in the gym soon and making some other minor repairs throughout the building.

**Board of Stewardship:** None

**Pastor:** Pastor thanked members for a successful Polka service on the pond. Thank you to Thrivent for the fundraising card. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for the next service on the pond. Both church projects were discussed at the voters assembly, the air conditioning and the chancel remodel. Pastor asked council if they would approve getting the electrical part of the air conditioning done as soon as enough money is raised. Members discussed. Motion made by Linda Punke to install the electrical component of the air conditioning unit once the money for that part is raised. Second by Renell Wassmann. Motion carried. Pastor asked council members about the possibility of moving the communion rail soon. Members discussed. Pastor will put this in the bulletin and encourage people to come to the meeting in October to discuss this.

**Youth:** Mission trip is completed. Two student and one adult when to the serving Christ conference in Mequon. NYG had their first meeting for the trip in St. Paul. They need a \$100 deposit paid down to reserve a spot. They will be doing the youth fair stand again this year. They will be doing a garbage pickup for the steam show as well. Crusaders and the junior group meetings will be starting in September. Thank you to Fritz Balz for revising the fair stand and including a third fryer.

**Old Business:** Pastor and Rick continue to discuss the missions committee. The purpose of the committee would be to connect our church with the community and the world. They would be responsible for advertising, missions outside of Athens, possibly supporting a missionary, and equipping members with tools to reach out to members in the community. We are looking for people to participate in this committee. Rick is going to include something in the newsletter as this first step to get this committee going.

**New Business:** None

Motion made by Renell Wassmann and seconded by Linda Punke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanya Schaer, Secretary