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2020

TRINITY TIDINGS

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

Pastor's Corner...

A humorous sign notes: "In God We Trust... All Others Pay Cash."

It's important that we have something we can trust in... otherwise life would be filled with unending hopelessness and despair – especially when it comes to the issues of the after-life. What we discover is that the everything in this world is temporary, most importantly – us!

This makes having something absolutely trustworthy essential to having a happy life. This is where God comes in. Because He's holy, eternal, infinite, all-knowing, all-power, present everywhere, unchangeable, and the epitome of unconditional love (and a lot more), He's also perfectly trustworthy. Every promise that God has made, He's kept perfectly!

Let's consider two of those promises. The first is very personal:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. – 1 John 1:7

Jesus is that light. Through faith in him, we "walk in the light" of his love, grace, and mercy. This brings us two blessings: fellowship with each other in the body of Christ, and the complete and perfect forgiveness of ALL of our sins (past, present, and future) through faith in him who lived, died, and rose again for our salvation. Because God made this promise in His Word, we know it is true!

Second:

...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – Matthew 28:20b

This is Jesus' assurance that he is with us, now and forever – his love, grace, and mercy surround us and bring us peace unlike any other peace that the world offers. This is especially helpful to remember during this time of the pandemic and social isolation. We may have temporarily had to sacrifice some of our contact with the world around us, but not Jesus. He's pandemic proof! Jesus is impervious to COVID-19!

In the midst of unprecedented uncertainty, and endless unanswered questions, it's nice to know that our God, our Savior, can be perfectly trusted. With that trust comes the much-needed peace that we need today and every day to come.

God bless,
Pastor Mark

Our Mission:

To know Christ ...
and make Him known.

WORSHIP TIMES

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

With Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Weekend

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Trinity Lutheran Church, School & Child Care

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Pastor

Dean Frick
Principal / Grades 7 - 8

Tanille Hartwig
Grades 5 - 6 / Technology Director

Karen Trench
Grades 3 - 4

Becky Van Rixel
Grades 1 - 2

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Judy Weise
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Kaye Schwalenberg
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Principal's Message



As I have spent that last several days surrounded by the awe of God's creation in the Colorado mountains, I can truly appreciate the power and majesty of our God.

When I read our theme for this year, "***I lift my eyes to the mountains...my help comes from the Lord***", I know that we do not need to live in fear. It seems that our world is filled with nothing but fear and uncertainty. From Covid-19 to rioting and violence in the streets, there are many things in this world that can cause fear. Still, we should not be afraid!

Where does our help come from? It comes from the same God that created these breath taking mountains and canyons that I have been able to witness in person these last several days. Pictures can never do it just. But if my God can create deep canyons and sky touching mountains, I do not need to be afraid. "*My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*"

Dean Frick,
Principal



Church News & Events



June - July
Memorials

Confirmation

We've been waiting since May! The blessing of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, September 13th**, during the **9:00am Worship Service**.

Our Confirmands include Jenna Handschke, Addison Lavicka, Andrew Schaer and Paige Westaby. May the Lord bless them, not only on their special day, but every day!

Trinity Fun Food Saturday!

Trinity will be hosting **Fun Food Saturday** on August 22nd, from 11:00am through 6:00pm, or until the food is gone. Featured for take-out at Memorial Paik will be Trinity's world famous chili soup, hamburgers and pie.

Get your orders in now for chili and pies! Chili will be available in quarts or gallons. The pie list for who pie orders will include Apple, Cherry, Peach, Pumpkin, Raspberry Cream Cheese, Lemon Meringue, Coconut Cream, Peanut Butter, and Grasshopper pie. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office (715-257-7526) to get your pre-order in **before Wednesday, August 20th**.

Additional help is needed on Thursday, August 20th to cut the onions and celery, mix chili, and make pies. *Thanks!*

Trinity LWML News

Join Trinity LWML on Friday, August 7th, at Dorchester Corners (Hwy 13 & A) for a delicious **Brat Fry!** They will be serving from 11:00am – 6:00pm.

Thank you for your support!



Official Acts & Monthly News

Hospitalized: Ray Baumgartner, Bev Tiffany

Baptisms: Colton Patrick Hake – 07/05/2020
Moriah Ann Marie Eckert – 07/26/2020
Riker David Johnson – 07/30/2020

Wedding: Mike Hoff, Jr. & Jessica Frandsen – 07/26/2020

Birth: Braxton David Roesler – 07/06/2020

Death: LaVerne Freimund – 07/06/2020

In Loving Memory of John Westfall, gifts were given to the Debt Fund by Al & Michelle Natzke, Jason Natzke, and Matt Natzke.

In Loving Memory of Alice Sweeney Adams, Granddaughter of Frank & Bev Tiffany, a gift was given to the Debt Fund by Ellen Czech.

In Loving Memory of LaVerne Friemund, gifts were given to the Altar Guild and toward school operating expenses by Luann Thurs, Ken & Virginia Giese, Ken & Nancy Ellenbecker, Nathlie Venzke, Doug & Patty Riske, Ellen Czech, Jenny Hartwig, Doug & Jean Krueger, and also from other family members and friends.

In Loving Memory of Arnie Steidinger, gifts were given to the Debt Fund and General Operating Fund by Glenn & Carrie Belanger, Rick & Julie Kuck, and Al & Michelle Natzke.

In Loving Memory of Virginia Schaefer, a gift was given to the General Operating Fund by Rick & Julie Kuck.

In Loving Memory of Arlon "Pops" Balz, gifts were given to Trinity Lutheran School and the Debe Fund by Nancy Haehlke and Neil & Karen Bergmann.

In Loving Memory of Florence Punke, a gift was given to the Debt Fund by Al & Michelle Natzke.

Thank you for your gifts!

Past Trinity Graduates

Our Board of Christian Education is developing a database of graduates of Trinity Lutheran School. Information requested is the name, (maiden name also), address, telephone, email address, and the year of graduation from Trinity.

Please help spread the word! This information may be emailed to alumni@trinityathens.net Thank you.





August Acolytes



Taking a break from acolyting....

August Birthdays



- 1 - Kenesha Schug
- 2 - Austin LeMay, Jenny Passehl
- 3 - Emma Ford, Owen Kornack
- 4 - Aleah Frahm, Paul Hamann
- 5 - Stacey Thom
- 7 - Kelly Bunkelman, Kolton Niemann, Dan Punke, Kira Giese
- 9 - Styles Becker, Addison Lavicka, Nicole Rudolph
- 10 - Dina Kilinski, Sandy Marthaler
- 11 - Chase Ellenbecker, Heather Wisniewski, Jacki Gessler
- 12 - Caden Decker, Drew Haines, Christie Harder
- 13 - Cherie Boneske, Wil Strack, Heather Westfall
- 14 - Jason Christopherson, Alex Ellenbecker
- 15 - Brooke Boesl, Jordan Decker
- 16 - Zayn Engel, Evelyn Hein, Charles Niemann, Kiera Weiler
- 17 - Sofia Garcia, Savanna Frane, Sue Heckendorf
- 18 - Evan Haehlke, Kristin Rybicki, Katrina Penney, Glen Luetschwager, Jim Sodoma
- 19 - Nicholas Paul, Nancy Pecher, Giana Brubaker
- 20 - Tom Albrecht, Jr., Will Paul
- 22 - Olivia Telschow
- 23 - Bobby Scheffler, Gail Wiese
- 24 - Elijah Schaer
- 25 - Carter Meddaugh, Davis Zubke, Terrance Ford; Owen Punke
- 26 - Randalyn Ellenbecker, Elizabeth Van Rixel
- 27 - Elaine Brubaker, Tina Hamann
- 28 - Veda Ellenbecker, Brandon Zinkowich
- 29 - Cole David, Randy Kuck, Jerome Sjostrom, Darlene Strack
- 30 - Kevin Denzine, Dawn Mroczenski, Mary Wichman, Emily Passehl, Kaye Schwalenberg
- 31 - Cheri Plooy, Diane Tolk, Colt Zinkowich, Karen Zubke



August Baptism Birthdays

- 1 - Shay Boesl, David Kulas, Sr., Michael Plooy
- 2 - Bernice Hopperdietzel
- 3 - Emily Roesler
- 4 - Rick Westfall, Carmen Woiak
- 5 - Ryan Zettler
- 6 - Rob Heckendorf, JaNae Schug
- 7 - Dorothy Punke, Lane Tessmer
- 9 - Chris Czech
- 10 - Jason Kuck, Nathan Natzke, Joshua Van Rixel
- 11 - Brock Guralski, Tabitha Hartwig, Gunnar Tessmer
- 12 - Jon Bunkelman, Olive Hoff, Kevin Zubke
- 13 - Cherie Boneske, Jacob Brumbaugh, Aleah Frahm, Brent Schneveis, Courtney Schoenrock
- 15 - Taran Brodziski, Amber Rich, Brinly Stencil
- 16 - Louetta Lavin, Treyton Roesler
- 20 - Ryan Eckert; Tim Krueger; Kolton Niemann, Olivia Telschow
- 21 - Tori Halopka
- 22 - Matt Harder
- 23 - Pat Woller
- 25 - Chelsee Tessmer,
- 26 - Sandy Marthaler, Jade Punke
- 27 - Brittany Balz, Lisa Czech
- 28 - Nicole Rudolph
- 29 - Eric Tischauser
- 30 - Jozy Hardin, Grayson Kottke, Eldred Nehrbass, Giana Brubaker
- 31 - Elvera Kulas, Erica Plooy



August Wedding Anniversaries

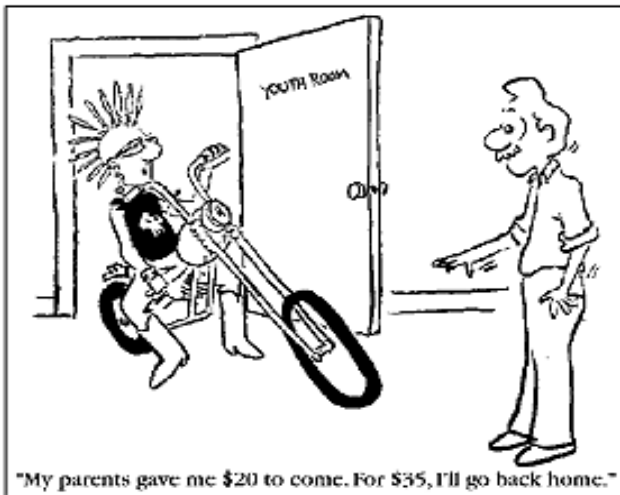
- Brian & Kim Boesl – 28 years August 1st*
Brock & Starr Guralski – 2 years August 1st
Edwin & Doreen Schulz, Jr. – 42 years August 5th
Dale & Rosalie Barkow – 60 years August 6th
Kevin & Denise Bunkelman – 9 years August 6th
Randy & Sheila Scheffler – 37 years August 6th
David & Katlyn Frahm – 7 years August 10th
David & Donna Houlihan – 7 years August 10th
Joel & Kim Mroczenski – 4 years August 13th
Adnay & Nancy Luetschwager – 43 years August 13th
Chris & Sarah Lemmer, 36 years August 17th
Matt & Many Natzke, 3 years August 17th
Jamie & Becki Bliven – 1 year August 23rd
Kyle & Bridget Kottke – 6 years August 23rd
Ryan & Chayce Fredrickson – 1 years August 24th
Nathan & Lindsey Heier – 7 years August 24th
Erwin & Kim Schoenrock, Jr. – 12 years August 24th
Tom & Lorene Mueller – 34 years August 30th

* Milestone Wedding Anniversaries will be celebrated with a special event in February, 2020.

Youth News

Crusaders for Christ 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group & Jesus is the Bread 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

It's uncertain as to when the youth groups will resume their monthly meetings. Please watch the weekly Bulletin for updates! Thank you.



Please inform the church office of your college address so we can keep in contact with you!

Sunday School Update

Right now, it's unclear what Sunday School will look like here at Trinity. What we do now is that we are looking for a new Superintendent as Key is stepping down from the position. It's time for a new face, new ideas and a new start to Sunday School when we emerge from this Covid era.

Do you have a heart for kids and faith-building? Talk to Pastor Mark or Kaye if you have questions or want to offer your services. Thanks!

Mission Trip 2021

What amazing experiences! It truly is a blessing to serve ☺

The 2020 Mission Trip was not able to be held this past June. ***But... we are trying again!*** The 2021 Mission Trip will be the week of July 11, 2021 through July 17th. During this week in Benton Harbor, Michigan, youth and chaperones will partner with local organizations to serve the city's youngest and oldest residents, along with assisting with yard work and painting homes. In the evenings the group will tour the community and learn about the fine arts revitalization in Benton Harbor from a community friend. Experience local BBQ, visit a Lake Michigan beach, and explore Benton Harbor's sister city, St. Joseph. They will also enjoy a visit from a local music group that provided a positive outlet to youth in the community.

We will continue to partner with the organization YouthWorks to make this trip possible. YouthWorks exists to connect teenagers to God, each other and communities through Christ-centered Mission Trips for over 30,000 students in 70 communities. YouthWorks have been partnering in this area since 2000.

This will be an unforgettable experience for those choosing to participate, and want to invite YOU to be a part of this life-changing experience ☺ An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 16th at 6:00pm, or call the church office for more information, and to reserve your spot. The youth previously registered for the 2020 Mission Trip have first choice to register for the upcoming trip.

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Other News & Events

Trinity Job Opportunities

Called Teacher 3rd / 4th Grade: To serve as a teacher while carrying out the Mission of Trinity Lutheran School – “To assist parents in nurturing the child spiritually and academically, while equipping each child to be responsible, effective citizens for life.”

Part-Time Teacher's Aide: *We are pleased to announce that Diane Tolk has accepted this position! Welcome to our school family, Diane! 😊*

Part-Time Hot Lunch Assistant: Assist in the school kitchen Monday through Friday, 2 hours each day (10:30am – 12:30pm).

Job Applications and complete Job Descriptions are available in the church / school office.



BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Thursday, August 27th & Sunday, August 30th

August is here! For many families that means school is just around the corner! Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes becomes a part of everyone's schedule. Here at Trinity, the weekend noted above, we will celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year.

Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks or lunch boxes to either worship service that weekend. These services will lift up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year.

Teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers...come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work!

Join us for this celebration!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer is one of the best free gifts we give & receive.



Upcoming School Date to Remember

**Tuesday, August 25th –
Back to School Night**
3:00pm – 7:00pm.

There are no scheduled times...
visit us anytime between
the hours noted above.

Thank you 😊

Hot Lunch Program

Trinity offers a daily hot lunch program to all students, staff and guests. Daily lunch prices for the 2020-21 school year will be \$2.70 for all grades; Adults \$3.40. One container of milk is provided with hot lunch. Extra milk is available, \$.35 per carton. We encourage all families to fill out the free and reduced application that was available on “Back to School Night”. Families that meet Federal guidelines will be notified as they are approved. **If your family qualified for free or reduced lunches last year, your eligibility will continue 30 days into the new school year.** After that, your status will automatically go to a full paid account. Families may apply any time throughout the school year.

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