

August 2019

Dear Friends of Trinity,

The internet and social media always provide good fodder for newsletter articles such as this one. Something I saw the other day prompts me to respond. It's supposedly a quote from actor Keanu Reeves (but I sincerely doubt that) that says, "When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test."

Whoever said this probably had good intentions and was trying to bring some comfort during tough times, but here's the problem: God is never silent. This does not mean that we will hear an audible voice coming from seemingly nowhere.

God's mouthpiece is the church speaking God's word of forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus Christ. This voice continually speaks throughout the world.

If you want to know what God says when He speaks, read the Scriptures. If you need God to speak in an audible voice, read the Scriptures out loud. The message never fails. The voice goes out with us into everyday life. It extends to the ends of the earth and never ceases to accomplish its purposes for the life of the world.

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## August 2019 Newsletter

*Hope you are enjoying your summer. Students will be heading back to school soon. Our church organizations are still on summer breaks, but will start again in September.*

Our summer church service schedule will continue through Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, with the Saturday contemporary services at 5:00 p.m., and the Sunday traditional worship services at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be served on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends.



### Our fall/winter schedule will resume on Sunday, September 8, 2019

Saturday contemporary service – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday traditional service – 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Class – 9:15 a.m.

Also resuming on September 8, 2019 will be the fall/winter usher schedule.

#### Trinity Lutheran Church Usher Sunday Schedule 2018

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8:AM	Tom Kaun	815 485 9604
		Larry Wennlund	815 274 2213
10:30AM		Brett Carr	815 370 6651
		Paul Krol	815 575 1315
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday*	8:AM	Edward A. Tatro**	815 485 5760
		Tim King	815 463 0415
10:30AM		Anthony Lopez	815 722 5594
		Tom Buell	815 4853769
		Tommy Buell	"

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	8:AM	Mike Gardner Gary Purnell	815 485 9623 815 485 9017
	10:30AM	Jeff McDonald Mike Lyman	815 462 2454 815 485 4637
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday*	8:AM	Al McCullough Steve Tomany Randy Varju	815 739 0301 815 485 3163 815 485 7204
	10:30AM	John Buell Phil MacFarlane	815 726 3601 815 806 1219
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	8:AM	Rex Toepke Diane Sewing** Greg Honiotes	815 485 2638 815-592-3911 "
	10:30AM	Paul Krol Jeff Lorenz	815 575 1315 815 463 0833

A minimum of two ushers needed each service. **Please call a fellow usher to take your place if you are not able to serve on your Sunday, also call your counterpart to make them aware.**

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before service and follow the procedures noted in the usher's loose-leaf notebook in the narthex. Thanks in advance!

Alternates: Robert Stark      815 478 4069                  Duncan Bachmann      815 485-3787  
 Bill Jackson 815 485 8431                  Bob Jackman                  815 464 2650  
 Les Lindholm

\*Communion Services (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at Late service, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at early service)

\*\* Co-chairs Worship and Spiritual Life

### **Thrivent News:**

Kim Burbank and Rick Madal, Thrivent Representatives, invites the congregation to a presentation about Thrivent Choice Dollars, Thrivent Action Teams, and the opportunities they present to help our church. Coffee and donuts will be provided. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend. Sunday August 4 after the service.



**Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.**

If your child enjoyed VBS please bring them to Sunday School. We have classes for preschool – high school. Many of the VBS staff members are also involved in our Sunday School.



**Updates from Jeff McDonald, Council President:** Our permit for the kitchen remodel project was approved at long last, so we are officially moving forward with that project. If you have seen the kitchen in recent weeks, you'll be very relieved with this news as it is literally down to the studs in that room so going back to what we had wouldn't really be an option. And as with any project in a building the age of ours, there are some ongoing challenges that we continue to find. The latest is that much of the existing plumbing is going to have to be re-run, which means we will need to break up more of the floor and cut through (and later repair) the radiant heat in the floor. We knew this was a possibility going in, but we were hoping we could keep this type of repair to a minimum.

Dan Bay was able to sell the stove we had in the kitchen for \$850 and it was taken out of the basement last week. He was also able to help some scrappers dismantle and remove the large refrigerator from the basement, so our two large appliances are now out of the kitchen and we were able to get a bit of salvage value from them – a plus from my perspective as I wasn't sure we'd find someone willing to buy them. We have some additional wiring of alarms that is needed and the sale of the stove will offset much of this cost, so that worked out well.

Tom and Tommy Buell have invested many, many hours taking the existing kitchen down to the studs and doing a lot of exploratory and investigative plumbing work for us. Please take a moment to thank them for their efforts, as it has been a significant undertaking. In fact, if you get time in the next week or two, go down and poke your head in that room and see for yourself. It isn't pretty, but you will appreciate the amount of work they have done already on this project. Dan Bay and Jeff Lorenz have also invested considerable time and effort into this project and there is much more to do. We owe all four of these individuals a debt of gratitude for their efforts.

Aside from the kitchen, I wanted to speak briefly about the recent National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. I had the privilege of attending this with two other adult leaders and six of our youth (seven if you count Cam Hoag, who was a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) at this year's gathering). We learned all about our real, present God and came away from this event energized and excited about our faith. We were part of a group of more than 22,000 members of LCMS churches from around the world and we joined this group in a four-day gathering that was incredibly rewarding. I know many of you

helped support the funding of this trip and now that I have experienced it personally, I can say first hand that it's hard to put a price on this experience, but I will support sending our youth to this gathering for the rest of my days as a result of my experience there. You really need to be there to fully appreciate it, but I wanted to thank you for giving this group the opportunity to attend. If you didn't see this yet, check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dd-U731K8aA&list=PL0h3LCUpjISCPdNe7ogxkTWFe5jdkuzS&index=3&t=0s> for a short video from our trip.



#### MEMBER UPDATES FOR JULY 2019

##### Deaths:

Patricia Czerwinski (July 9,2019)



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS.** The Youth will continue with *the Scrip Fundraiser Program.*

Please direct any questions you may have to Angie Minett at [minett411@yahoo.com](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or [\(815\)467-2537](tel:8154672537). **The next order deadline date is August 5<sup>th</sup>. Between now and August 5<sup>th</sup>, you may place your order/payment in the gold envelope which is the counter in the old church office.**



(Anna Minett, Ryan McDonald, Alex McDonald, Cameron Hoag, Michael Bay, John Buell, and Audrey Minett. Youth Leaders not pictured were Michelle Buell, Angie Minett, and Jeff McDonald)

Those who attended the National Youth Gathering would like to thank the congregation for their support as they prepared for the event! Whether you participated in a fundraising activity, provided a donation, or prayed for the youth and leaders, it was all very much appreciated! We are grateful to have had this opportunity. It was a wonderful experience! Thank you all!



**Vacation Bible School** – Vacation Bible School was held June 17-21, 9:30-Noon. Our theme was Miraculous Mission and we invite children age 3 up through 5th grade to join us.

We had 117 children registered this year and numerous volunteers! Without all of you, VBS would not continue to be successful.

We supported our theme “Jesus Saves The World” by supporting Jamielynn Tinkey. Jamielynn is a nurse who serves in the Dominican Republic through LCMS. Below is a little more information about Jamie and her mission.

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Greetings in Christ! I have news I've been wanting to share with you...

It is with a thankful heart that I write to you today, as it is **you** who sustained me in the mission field. When I received my missionary appointment three years ago, **you** welcomed me into your churches, homes, and schools; gave of your time, energy, and talents to assist me in the task of raising support in order to deploy to serve in the Dominican Republic and throughout the Latin America and Caribbean Region. After moving to the field, **you** held me in prayer and cheered me on in successes, trials, transitions, and more... and we are not finished yet!

Our Lord has been faithful in His promises throughout our region over the past several years. A seminary was opened in Santiago, Dominican Republic, where men are given the opportunity for theological formation in order to head back to their respective countries to spread the Gospel. New missionaries have been sent out into the field to plant new Lutheran churches and mentor young men who are training to be pastors. Other missionaries have transitioned back to their home country and continue serving God's people in their new vocations. Over 100 deaconesses are being trained to serve their congregations and communities in acts of mercy. The Lord is faithful.

The Latin America and Caribbean Region of LCMS Mission continues being active in **Spreading the Gospel, Planting Lutheran Churches, and Showing Mercy** and I am excited to continue serving alongside this region.

In June, the Board of International Mission met and extended a new appointment to me as a Career Missionary. God's work continues! My new position, the **Regional Life Coordinator**, will hold many of the same responsibilities, with an added emphasis in **promoting life** throughout the region. This will be a new initiative, and I look forward to sharing with you the details as it develops!

As always, I welcome questions and am always available by email ([jamielynn.tinkey@lcms.org](mailto:jamielynn.tinkey@lcms.org)). In addition to your prayers, please consider continuing your financial support. I praise God for His faithfulness, and trust in Him for the future.

I am planning to return to the United States this fall to visit, re-connect, and share in person with churches, schools and individuals about the mission work taking place throughout our region. Please let me know if your church, school, or small group would welcome a visit!

In Christ,

Jamielynn Tinkey BSN, RN  
LCMS LAC Regional Life Coordinator

We gave each of our VBS families a lovely book and we have some extras available to congregational members for a small donation to the mission project. The book was written and the photos taken by an astronaut. Stop in the office to take a look at the book.

The total raised so far with VBS giving is \$315.00.

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to this mission project!!**



**Church Humor:**

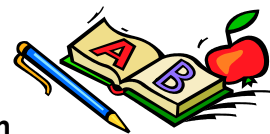
A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus"!



Preschool News and Information



**2019-2020 Trinity Pre-School begins on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Spots still available for both 3 and 4 yr olds - please tell your friends and neighbors!**

**There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2019 the tuition per month will be \$110 for two day students and \$135 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2019. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973. Pre-School begins on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**





**Feed My Starving Children:** On August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, a MobilePack event will be held at Lincoln-Way West High School. This event will pack meals that will be sent around the world to help children in need.

If you would like to find out more about this event or participate in one of the 2 hour sessions, please go to [fmsc.org/mobilepack](http://fmsc.org/mobilepack) . If you can't participate in the packing event, you can donate through this website also.



## I ♥ MEETINGS

**Our organizations will be back in full swing in September. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend one of our groups.**

Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the library  
Chancel Guild will meet on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the church gym  
Social Ministry will meet on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



**Confirmation Orientation – will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the church.**

All seventh and eighth grade students that will be attending Confirmation Classes should be in attendance at this meeting.



**Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the library. It is a very interesting group and everyone is welcome to join.**

**Thursday night Adult Bible Study will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Come and join us.**



**Choir will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Choir is open to men and women. Everyone is welcome.**



**Chancel Guild:**

We invite all women of Trinity to come visit our meeting and find out what we are about. We are a devoted, fun group of ladies who enjoy giving a little time to our church in a meaningful way.

The next meeting is September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Flowers are placed on our altar every weekend to enhance and beautify our altar area in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings. **The 2019 Altar Flower Calendar is now completely filled. If you would still like to sponsor a weekend and missed signing up, we have some sponsors who would be willing to share their weekend. With their permission, you could share the cost and the arrangements.** The sponsor forms are attached to the cabinet in the hallway. If you have any questions, please call Kay Purnell at (815) 485-9017 or email her at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com). Altar Guild members would like to thank those of you who signed up this year to sponsor a weekend. A new 2020 calendar will be posted in the fall.



**Matthew 25: Ministries** - There is a charity through the Oley Foundation that recycles empty pill bottles (both RX and OTC) and redistributes them to **“disaster relief victims or the poorest of the poor”** according to their website.

Matthew 25 Ministries (M25M) is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor locally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion. By rescuing and reusing products from major corporations, manufacturers, hospitals and individuals, Matthew 25: Ministries provides basic necessities, skill development and disaster relief across the US and worldwide. Since its founding in 1991, M25M has shipped more than 170,000,000 pounds of aid across the US and into more than 60 countries worldwide.

They receive 0 federal dollars. All donations flow out - rated 4 star on charity navigator.

Please join Kim Blecke and Trinity Lutheran in collecting these bottles. It is a simple step to help those in need. Kim will set up a box in the hallway for the empty bottles. Thank you all ☺



**Help Needed** – We are in search of a few volunteers to help us keep the flowers at Trinity watered. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Sandy Peters at 708-471-2910.

**Social Ministry ----- Coffee Fellowship**



*Thanks to our “coffee hosts” who are continuing to serve during the summer following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Please stop in the gym for coffee and fellowship.*

*September 8<sup>th</sup>, the coffee hour will return to the original time after the 8 AM service.*



**St. Matthew's.** We are continuing to support St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Chicago by collecting donations of non-perishable food items (see list of requested food items on the poster next to the collection box), as well as household goods. Please place the food items in the collection box by the parking lot door. The household items should be placed in the storage closet area at the far East end of the church basement. Please place items neatly so they do not block the aisle to the boiler room.



Thanks to everyone who signed up last month as a reader, greeter or a volunteer for the MorningStar serving. Your help is greatly appreciated.



**Greeters and Readers:**

Have you ever gone somewhere where you didn't know anyone? Imagine you are looking for a new church home and one of the churches on your list is Trinity. You show up on Sunday morning and no one speaks to you except the Pastor. Will you be coming back? Take a turn at greeting at one of our services and the result might be very surprising.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS.** Please take a turn to be a Reader or a Greeter at our worship service. Sign-up sheets for the month of August are on the hallway table for Readers and Greeters Stop and sign up!



**MorningStar Mission.** The August sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. Servings will be August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.



If you do not presently receive our monthly newsletter electronically, but would like to be added to our email list, please email [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) or call the office at 815.485.6973

Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 2PM.

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