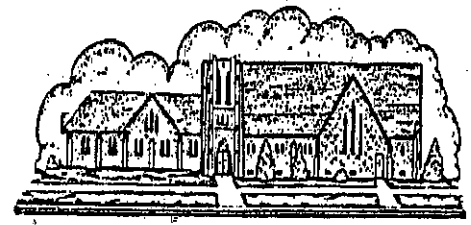


TRINITY NEWSLETTER

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Trinity Lutheran Church—ELCA
225 Cty Hwy 6—PO Box 374—Clinton, MN 56225

And so, our journey together begins...

I am excited to be here, serving Trinity and Holden churches. I can't imagine any better place for me to begin my path.

So, a bit about this path I am on. I have entered into what the ELCA refers to as the TEEM program (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries). To enter into this program you must declare to the synod office an intention that you wish to look into this path. They then have you write 4 papers on your history, your faith, your service in the church, and your relationship with Jesus. You then have to do a psychological evaluation with a licensed center and submit to a background check. Then you meet with the candidacy committee, which is made up of a pastor from the SW Synod, a lay person from the SW Synod, a representative from the ELCA Region 3, and a leader from the SW Synod office. You go through an interview process, and they make the recommendation to the 16 person committee whether they think you are ready to enter or not. Then, if you are ready, the bishop sends a letter to Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa to enter me into studies. The program requires you to take 16 courses in a 3 year period (most online) and to serve a church or churches for on the job training. At the end of this, the committee evaluates you again and decides if you are ready for ordination.

Things will stay mostly the same as you have been doing before I got here. I will add a Wednesday service with communion each week for those unable to attend on Sunday or wish to attend again. It will be similar to the previous Sunday service without music, but that may evolve as we go along.

My style will be to teach according to the scholars that I put my trust in (especially Luther) and their interpretations of the readings. You may not always agree, but my hope is that you consider other views and think through them, and help you find your way on this journey of the Christian life.

Again, excited and happy to be here.

God's peace to you all, Jim





Trinity 2019
Confirmation Students

Isabell Davis
Carter Gibson
Hunter Gibson
Jessica Moberg
Jayla Patterson
Hayley Ward
Tyler Wills

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 27, 2019
10:30 Communion Worship

- † Wishing you all God's blessings on this very special day. Congratulations.
- † May God is all His goodness bless this special day with true happiness, and may you always keep the memory of your Confirmation Day and let it and your faith be a guide.
- † May you always love Jesus as He loves you; trust in Him, pray to Him, make time for just the two of you. Listen to Him, ask Him, invite Him along on your dreams. Celebrate with Him, thank Him, believe in Him and share His wisdom.
- † As the sun brightens the world, so may God's graces brighten your understanding and add beauty to all your days.
- † Confirmation is a time to profess your faith in the Lord, to pledge your love to Him and to promise to serve Him faithfully throughout your life.
- † Let your faith shine brightly so that all your friends, family, and everyone you meet can see Christ.

On Trinity Rally Day the following received Bibles:

3 year olds Bibles

Landen Arndt	Scarlett Gillespie	Owen McLain
Paige Morrill	Jayde Maurice	Isaac Stattelmann

Second Grade Bibles

Aubrey Ebnet	Lilyana Wiegman
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Seventh Grade Bibles

Garrett Basta	Greta Botker	Chloe Cardwell	Brianna deNeui
Brayden Deutsch	Jareem Patterson	Addison Ward	

2019-2020 Sunday School Staff

Preschool & K: Lindsee Gustafson, Chelsea Hauschild, Carly Benson
 Gr. 1, 2 & 3: Sara deNeui, Sherry Jipson, Hannah deNeui
 Gr. 4, 5, & 6: Melisa Benson, Ashley Smith, Lora Botker
 Gr. 7 & 8: Beth Bohlen, Donnette Herberg
 Music: Donnette Herberg
 Substitutes: Kristi Moberg, Haley Zimmer, Heidi Basta, Joanne Vangness(7th & 8th), Jessica Moberg



TRINITY WOMEN'S

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, October 14th
10:00 in the
Trinity Fellowship Hall
Pot Luck 10:00 lunch

Gather Magazine

October Lesson
Copies available if needed.

Upcoming Area Happenings...

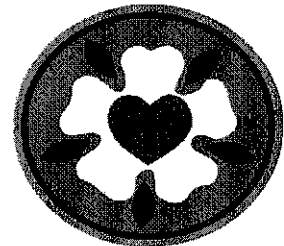
- › **Lutefisk & Turkey Supper** is Wed., October 2nd at Zion Lutheran in Appleton – 4:30-7:30.
- › **26th Watertown Quilt Festival** is Sat. & Sun., October 5-6 at the Codington County Extension Complex.
- › **2019 Senior Expo** is Wednesday, October 9th from 9:00-2:00 at the Montevideo Community Center. More information can be found at the churches.
- › **Norwegian Smorgasbord** is Wed., October 23rd at Our Redeemer's in Benson – 4:30-7:30. **VELKOMMEN!**
- › **CAMP GK BEAR** is a one day camp for children who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life. Saturday, Oct. 26th from 10:00-3:00 at Rice Hospital. Register forms can be found at: carrishealth.com and deadline is October 18th.
- › **HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING** is Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 1 & 3 at Lakeland Health Center, Willmar, MN

REFORMATION

MARTIN LUTHER was a German monk and Professor of Theology at the University of Wittenberg. Luther sparked the Reformation in 1517 by posting his "95 Theses" on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. These theses were a list of statements that expressed Luther's concerns about certain Church practices – largely the sale of indulgences, but they were based on Luther's deeper concerns with Church doctrine. Notice that the word Protestant contains the word 'protest' and that reformation contains the word 'reform' – this was an effort at least at first, to protest some practices of the Catholic Church and to reform that Church.

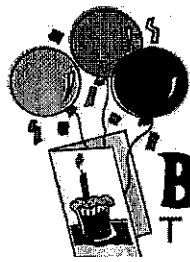
The sale of **INDULGENCES** was a practice where a church acknowledged a donation or other charitable work with a piece of paper (an indulgence), that certified that your soul would enter heaven more quickly by reducing your time in purgatory. If you committed no serious sins that guaranteed your place in hell, and you died before repenting and atoning for all of your sins, then your soul went to Purgatory – a kind of way-station where you finished atoning for your sins before being allowed to enter heaven.

FAITH ALONE... Martin Luther was very devout and had experienced a spiritual crisis. He concluded that no matter how 'good' he tried to be, no matter how he tried to stay away from sin, he still found himself having sinful thoughts. He was fearful that no matter how many good works he did, he could never do enough to earn his place in heaven. This was a profound recognition of the inescapable sinfulness of the human condition. After all, no matter how kind and good we try to be, we all find ourselves having thoughts which are unkind and sometimes much worse. Luther found a way out of this problem when he read St. Paul, who wrote "*The just shall live by faith*". Luther understood this to mean that those who go to heaven will get there by faith alone – not by doing good works. In other words, God's grace is something freely given to human beings, not something we can earn.



REFORMATION
Sunday

October 27, 2019



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

October

- 1 Darin Cardwell
- 2 Dillon Bork, Erika Chase, Nicole Hansen
- 3 Sara deNeui
- 5 Mary Jo Huselid
- 7 Kari Finberg, Brennen Herberg
- 9 Luann Kleindl
- 10 Joshua Arndt, Jamie Cardwell
- 11 Jen Haukos, Shelby Paulsen
- 13 Emma Botker
- 15 Kelly Arndt, Laura Hagelin
David Thomson, Tyler Wills
- 16 Aiden Smith, Ashley Smith
- 17 Emily Davis, Heidi Torgerson
- 18 Aubrey Ebnet
- 19 Becky Pansch
- 20 Jamie Nilson
- 21 Hannah Thorson
- 22 Bruce Moberg
- 23 Cheyenne Arndt, Sydney Hynnek
- 24 Cormick Comblick
- 25 Terry Gillespie, Dale Stein
- 26 Elizabeth Athey, Antonio McLain
Kristi Moberg, Hunter Turner
- 27 Kayla Peterson
- 28 Denese Gustafson
- 29 Blaze Herberg
- 30 Connie Monson
- 31 Samantha Fischbach, Mackenzie Wills

These birthdates come from the computer membership program, *Revelations*. Please give your information to the office if your name has been missed.

LUTHER CREST BIBLE CAMP

LC Marketplace & Apple Bakery...Saturday,
October 19th at Carlos Creek Winery – Marketplace in the Barn, LCBC Cookie Tent, Apple Bakery, Live Music, Wine Tasting, etc. For more info: jodyj@luthercrest.org

LC Fall Creative Retreat...Fri-Sun, 11/15-17
Registration deadline: Friday, Nov. 1, 2019
Scrapbooking, Stamping, Quilting, and other creative projects that you are working on – come to LC for the weekend to spend 3-4 days with nothing but Creative Time to yourself! LUS – hiking, massages, food, fellowship, laughter, etc.!!! luthercrest.org for info.

Back to School Hygiene Drive

Benefitting CGB Elementary
and High School Students

Coffee hour donations for the month of October will be sent to CGB School for their

PAW PANTRY project,
sponsored by Holden Women.

Trinity Church is holding a hygiene drive to collect items for students who need them in the CGB schools. There is a collection site at the church where donated items can be dropped which started on Rally Sunday, September 15th. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make your check out to: Trinity Lutheran Church and write **PAW PANTRY** on the memo line.

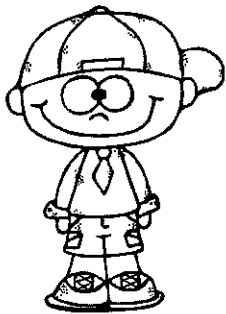
Suitable items:

- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Dental floss
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Soap/body wash
- Mouthwash
- Pads/tampons
- Socks
- Hand sanitizer
- Chap stick
- Q-tips
- Comb/brush
- Nail clippers



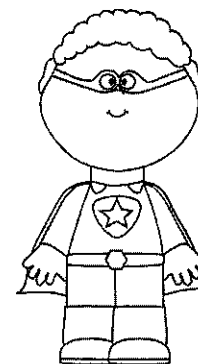
Non-suitable items:

Please notify the church office
(325-5178 or
trinity008@centurytel.net)
with updates and changes to
addresses, phone numbers,
and/or memberships.



TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.



The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

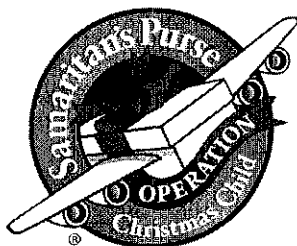
At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Now is the time to start collecting and gathering items for your Christmas Shoe Boxes. **Gift ideas** for the Christmas Shoe Boxes can be found at: samariitanspurse.org. Watch the bulletin & newsletter for when the deadline is to have them at the church.

If you wish to make a monetary donation at Trinity, items will be bought to complete the Christmas boxes. A collection box can be found in the church narthex for donated items.

Checks may be made to Linda Brandt.



Trinity Council Meeting – August 14, 2019

Present: C Folkens, K Stattelman, H Zimmel, D Maher, J Bohlen, J Morrill, R Stotesbery.

Also present: Bonnie Stotesbery, Mike Trulson, Randy Erickson

Call to order by Josh

Secretary's report approved as submitted. Motion Kelly, second Haley

Treasurer's report approved as submitted. Motion Jodi, second Kelly

Committee Reports

- Education: Rally Sunday is planned for September 15 with an outdoor worship service and a potluck to follow. Sunday School supplies have been ordered. We will co-ordinate with Jim for confirmation materials.
- Evangelism & Worship: none
- Property: none
- Stewardship: none
- Outreach: none
- Parish board: none
- St Pauli: There has been positive response for the Sunday morning worship at St. Pauli. Our final one is Sept. 8 at 10:30 at St. Pauli.

Old Business:

1. Discussion on interim: Jim has expressed interest in remaining as our interim pastor. He will be starting online classes in September and has agreed to start at 3/5 time. He will be staying in the parsonage for the time he is here. He is able to do confirmation, funerals, visitation, outreach and Bible study. As of now, he is not able to do baptism or weddings. We are in the process of putting together a contract and a benefit package with guidance from Pastor Katherine. Motion Randy, second Kelly.
2. Church properties: At this time, we will be utilizing the parsonage, so it will not be actively shown. There was an offer on the Nelson property, but at 50,000 it was quite low. We will counteroffer at 65,000, which is what it is appraised at. Motion Randy, second Jodi
3. Jim has offered to take care of member visits and shut in visits, and Pastoral Care.

New Business:

1. Luther Crest: We agreed to contribute \$1,000 to Luther Crest which is the amount in the 2019 budget.
2. "God's Work, Our Hands" is on Sunday, September 8. We chose to support Paw Pantry at the school, which puts nutritious food into backpacks of children who do not have access to them at home. A list will be coming out of items, and donations can be left on a designated table at the church. The donations will be accepted thru September 29.
3. Confirmation Sunday in October 27, 2019. Everything is being arranged.
4. Women of the GRC: It was agreed upon that they will pay .10 per copy for black and white, and .25 per copy for colored.
5. We will work on getting the Pastor's office cleaned and painted as soon as possible.
6. There is the wedding of Marissa Dahl and Ramsey Roscoe on November 9, 2019. We will Check with Pastor Tonn to see if he can officiate.

Close with the Lord's prayer.

Motion to adjourn Chuck, second Haley

Next meeting September 11, 2019 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Maher, secretary

Trinity Activity of Funds

August 2019

General	Bal. 8/1	50,903.74
	Income	5,993.60
	Expenses	- 3,438.63
	Trans. to Special Funds	- 230.00
	Bal. 8/31	53,228.71
Chaperone	Bal. 8/31	3,652.95
Discipleship	Bal. 8/31	10.28
Long Range Repairs		
	Bal. 8/1	- 595.46
	Income	230.00
	Bal. 8/31	- 365.46
Olai Steen Scholarship		
	Bal. 8/1	5,311.54
	Income/Exp.	0.00
	Bal. 8/31	5,311.54
TLC Scholarship		
	Bal. 8/31	1,484.66
Memorials	Bal. 8/1	4,206.05
	Income	0.00
	Expenses	0.00
	Bal. 8/31	4,206.05
Thrivent	Bal. 8/1	9,220.21
	Income	0.00
	Bal. 8/31	9,220.21

Total balance of all special funds: \$23,520.23

Combined General & Special Funds: \$78,748.94

St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:

Bal: 8/1	\$ 9,893.44
Income	185.00
Interest	.41
Bal. 8/31	10,078.85

Memorial Money Market

Bal. 8/1	\$ 105,165.37
Income	.00
Interest	17.29
Bal. 8/31	105,182.66

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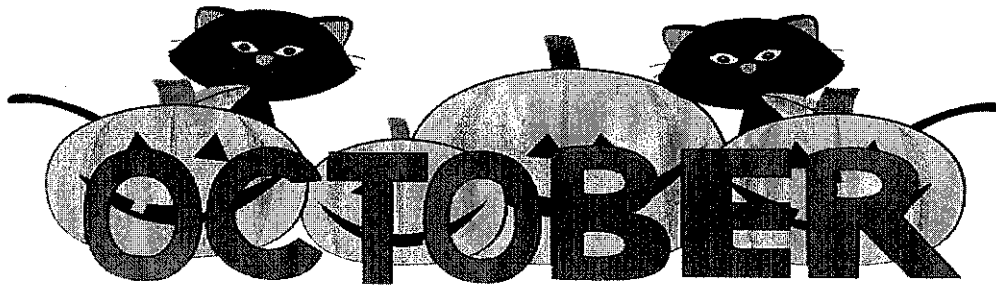
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Confirmation Schedule 10/2, 9, 23, 30 4:00-4:45 7th Grade Conf. 4:45-5:30 8th Grade Conf.</p>	<p><i>FALL</i> <i>for Jesus.</i> He is truly unbe-leaf-able.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 9:00 T Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoons 6:00-6:30 9th Conf. 6:30-7:00 Comm. Worship at T</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
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<p>13 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship</p>	<p>14 10:00 Trinity Women's Bible Study  Pot Luck Lunch</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9:00 T Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoons 6:30-7:00 Comm. Worship at T NO Confirmation</p>	<p>17 MEA</p>	<p>18 MEA</p>	<p>19</p>
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