



# TRINITY *TRIUNE*

## LUTHERAN *NEWSLETTER*

CHURCH OF SPENCERPORT

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### “EVOLUTION” OF THE CHURCH

As most of you know, I'm not a big fan of the word “evolution” because of the usage in today's society to suggest that creation happened by chance and thus there is no God. However, I believe using it in this context of the church is appropriate. The idea of evolving is to begin a process of change. In our case, we focus outward so that others, eventually, will join us as disciples. As we continue this process we evaluate it at specific points and then, if there is an end, then evaluate the process from start to finish. We took a big step at Trinity this past month as we added a service that would serve a different audience than we are used to. We began a full contemporary service with a full praise band, powerpoint screens, and a pastor that is free to complete his points no matter if it takes the traditional 15 minutes or 30+ minutes. Launching the service itself was a success. That in itself took much more than showing up on July 9th and going through an order of service. It was many hours running wire, purchasing equipment (hoping it would show up), planning the service, finding the right software and learning how to use it, many hours building the screens and installing them along with the projectors, finding musicians (still looking for more if you're interested), practice, practice, practice, more planning, and then finally July 9th came. Whew!

Ok. We've accomplished the new service.

Is that it? Are we finished? No. This is where many congregations stop their planning with the assumption since we've got a new thing going everyone will now join us. The plan does not stop with a new service, but also includes a new mindset. Now that we have some things in place, we must begin making disciples. Going out and bringing the lost here so that they begin their walk with Jesus. After all, that's God's purpose for creating the church, right? Not merely for me, but for the sake of others. So, the plan moving forward is to build relationships with our neighbors and we've gotten off to a good start...but there's always more.

That's my point for this message. The church was never created to remain the same. It was never meant to become stagnate or be focused on those within our walls. After all, think about the church in Acts 2 and what it evolved into over the years. Is it the same? No. It has changed to meet the needs of the changing culture so that they too could hear the Gospel proclaimed by new generations of people. To me, that's awesome. The same Gospel message going out to more and more people. More and more people understanding the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Needless to say, I am excited to see what Trinity looks like in 5 or 10 years after we've gone through many cycles of making disciples into apostles! Amen!



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

*Best Wishes and God's Blessings to the Following:*

- 2 - Glenn Neumann
- 2 - Elise Rittler
- 8 - Dick Norton
- 8 - Gary Smith
- 10 - Ralph Perrotta
- 14 - Ryan Baker
- 16 - Lana Strong
- 18 - Victor Castricone
- 21 - Sharon Baker
- 22 - Carol Ernsthausen
- 25 - Dorothy Ayers
- 27 - Judy Vance
- 28 - Marnie Ryan
- 29 - Brady Shepanski



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and God's Blessings to:*

- 5 - Ken & Janet Kofod
- 8 - Bill & Cathy Craw
- 13 - Gary & Robin Smith
- 14 - Kevin & Paula O'Keefe
- 16 - John & Cindy Gentzke
- 16 - David & Sherry Hagmier
- 18 - Vince & Sandy Micillo
- 19 - Tyler & Marilynn Smith
- 20 - Jerry & Carol Ernsthausen
- 20 - Rodney & Fran Boatman
- 23 - Larry & Lana Strong
- 25 - John & Lisa Ryan
- 26 - Jon & Chrissy Hammond
- 30 - Gerald & Diana La Plant

# SERVING SCHEDULE Please check your dates carefully and arrange for a substitute if you cannot serve when scheduled.

### TRADITIONAL SERVICE 9:00AM

	August 6 Communion Worship Service	August 13 Worship Service	August 20 Communion Worship Service	August 27 Worship Service
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Victor Castricone	Elizabeth Hammond	Lily Ingham	Julie Hammond
<b>USHERS</b>	Mike Mayer Bob DeVantier	Brian Miller John Gentzke	Ron Lillie Ryan Ingham	Mitch Frey Bob DeVantier
<b>LECTORS</b>	Sally Steele	Laura Reigle	Craig Coon	Sigrun Miller
<b>ELDERS</b>	Brian Miller Eileen Bruton		Dave Sylvester Craig Coon	
<b>COUNTERS</b>		Nancy Goehring Cathy DeConinck		Kim Rivers Tim Bruton
<b>COFFEE HOUR SETUP (between Services)</b>	Kim Rivers	Bev Lillie Cindy Ingham	Krista Hart	Cathy DeConinck
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Carol Ernsthausen			

### CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM

<b>USHERS</b>	Mitch Frey		Chris Reigle	
<b>ELDERS</b>	Joe Lagas		Bev Lillie	

## THANK YOU TRINITY COMMUNITY

It was a wonderful day to celebrate our 70th Anniversary with our church community and to share a festive and delicious cake! We extend a heartfelt thank you to all! May the blessings of our Lord rest upon our lovely Trinity Church.

- Dick and Irene Norton

Thank you to all who sent cards, food, prayers and well wishes during this difficult time. Carole loved this church and all of its members.

- Hagmier/Newsome families

## NEXT TRIUNE - SEPTEMBER

Trinity has LOTS of fun announcements and events coming up this fall so it only makes sense we have another Triune for September!

**The deadline to get information in for September is August 17th. Any announcements sent later than that may not make the printing of the September Triune.**



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will continue our summer Bible Study Program in August. All women are welcome to join us for Bible Study in August. We will be discussing a variety of subjects. Bring a friend and plan to meet at 10:00AM at the church on the following dates:

- August 2nd - Women Leaders Wednesday
- August 9th - Pastor leads Wednesday
- August 23rd - Women Leaders

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Do you have a young person 12 years old or older in your family or neighborhood that would profit from learning more about their Christian faith? Then Confirmation is the answer. This is not the same Confirmation class as in the past. The concentration is on learning how to read, study and use the Bible, and developing a vibrant Christian worldview, with key principles of the Catechism included. Today is particularly challenging for young people. There are so many voices bombarding them, that it is hard for anyone to discern what Truth is. Knowing what the Bible says and what the Christian faith is about will bring assurance and peace to a person's life.



The curriculum will consist of one year exploring the Old Testament of the Bible followed by a year discovering the New Testament. Classes will generally meet weekly from September through May. The meeting time will be determined by the availability of participating students.

Also, please be aware that the classes are not limited to 12 and 13 year olds. With the restrictions of Covid and other life challenges, the class is also open to high school and college age people who missed the opportunity to develop and solidify their faith life through Confirmation classes.

If you know someone who is a possible participant, or if you have questions regarding content or other aspects of the class, please contact the church office (585-352-3143) or Craig Coon (585-943-8597 or [craighcoon@gmail.com](mailto:craighcoon@gmail.com)).

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

We are excited to have a movie night this summer on August 12th at 8:00 p.m. You can enjoy the movie drive-in style from your car or bring a lawn chair and watch outside. We will have popcorn and snacks. Movie is TBD and will be announced on social media. See you there!

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY TIME CHANGE

As we begin our new service schedule of traditional worship at 9:00am and contemporary worship at 10:30am we will also be shifting the time of adult bible study. We will now be holding adult bible study in the Mary Martha room at 6:30pm every Wednesday. We hope to see you there!



## SPENCERPORT ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

Food donations usually decline during the summer months although the need does not. All kinds of soup, jello, pudding, canned fruit, ramen noodles, and canned veggies are always needed. Please give as you are able.

Between the increase in need from the community and the annual summer slow down of donations, we are low on many of the items we usually include in our boxes. If you can help in any way with any food or personal care item, please leave them in the basket by the door.

If you or someone you know is in need, please call for assistance at 585-397-0290 Monday - Friday between 9am and 5pm.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hello from Trinity Christian Preschool! We had so much fun at Vacation Bible School this year, it was great to see so many of our current and past students attend. We will be back soon to set up our classroom and get ready to welcome our students back in September. We have room for 1 more student in our 3-year-old class and a few more students in our 4-year-old class. We are thrilled to launch our new website: [www.trinitychristianpreschool.org](http://www.trinitychristianpreschool.org). It has many new features we're excited about! Families can learn about our programs in more detail, get answers to common questions, and enjoy our gallery of photos. They can even download a registration form directly from the website. We hope you'll take a look and recommend us to your family and friends!

We can be reached through the website, by email at [Trinitypreschool1@yahoo.com](mailto:Trinitypreschool1@yahoo.com) or call the church at (585) 352-3143.

Have a great rest of the summer!

Jodi Blank, Laurie Butts, Jamie LaFave



## WHAT IS CHILDREN'S CHURCH?

Children's church is a chance for kids around ages 3-8 to learn each of the Sunday sermon lessons on their level. During each of the contemporary services, the children will come downstairs with a teacher to play games, make crafts, etc. while they learn and grow in their faith.



## THE NY STATE FAIR

Starting August 23rd, through September 4th, the New York State Fair will take place in Syracuse, Lutheran Hour Ministries offers an opportunity to attend the Fair and take part in their “Evangelism Effort”. Anyone who wishes can volunteer for the LHM booth and Wednesday, August 30th, is the day assigned to Trinity. On that day you will be able to both See The Fair and Have An Impact On Others With God’s Grace (A Lot Easier Than You Might Think). If it is your wish to participate in this effort, please contact Cathy DeConick for answers to your questions about this event.

## HOME BOUND MEMBERS

Remember our home bound members. Give them a call on the phone or send a card. Above all, remember to keep them in your prayers:

- Marie Feldmann
- Tom Troxell
- Bill Crow
- Glenn Neumann
- Doris Clement
- Dorothy Ayers
- Cathy Crow
- Waltraud Maisel

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Communicating through prayer with God is essential for every christian. If you are in need of any prayer we encourage you to contact us with a request. As these prayer request are sent out to our members we also hope you keep us up to date so we may know that the Lord has answered.  
[trinitylutheran191@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylutheran191@gmail.com)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT *JULY 16, 2023*

At the last Council Meeting on June 12th, Sheriff John Payne was in attendance and spoke on Preschool safety concerns at Trinity. As a result, the removal/trimming of the large bushes at the front of Church and other landscaping issues were approved. An additional 4 to 6 cameras will be installed in the Preschool area. The installation of door locks or other means of securely closing doors in the Mary Martha Hall was also approved by Council. As a follow up to the Sheriff's suggestions:

- On Tuesday, June 20th, the large bushes on either side of the entry stairs at the North entrance were removed. Low hanging tree limbs were also removed. Thank you for the assistance from Gary Smith, Evan Hart and Joe Lagas. Also, a special thank you to Dan Wolf, the Superintendent of the Town of Ogden Highway Department, who sent town workers with a truck to pick up the very large pile of debris.
- When other installation work is completed by Evan, he intends to begin the installation of the additional cameras.
- Also work needed to secure the exit/entry doors to Mary Martha Hall should be completed before September.

### Church Cleanup Day July 1st, 2023:

With the assistance of and suggestion by members of the Trinity Leadership Team, a Church cleanup day was scheduled for July 1st. As a result of the great participation by Church members (and their children) a great deal of work was completed. Some but not all of the items completed were as follows: dusting and mopping; thorough pew cleaning; window washing; yard pick up/weed removal; grinding of stumps from the bushes removed; mulching around plantings; pressure washing of the Church; yard repair; trimming back of weeds around the shed; and trim painting near the main entrance to the Church from the parking lot. Thank you to all who participated.

### Miscellaneous:

A window at the northeast corner of the Mary Martha Hall was found to have a broken pane of glass. The window sash was removed from the window and taken to Mr. Glass of Rochester NY. The repaired window sash was then reinstalled in the window. The total cost was \$325.

Faithfully submitted, Rodney Boatman (Trustee)

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES *JULY 19, 2023*

Attendees: C. DeConinck, L. Castricone, R. Boatman, C. Reigle, D. Sylvester, Pastor Steve

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM and Lisa opened with prayer.

Last meetings minutes were reviewed and approved, with the comment that Chris would talk with Debra about what financial information needs to be included in the minutes.

Treasurer Report-C. Reigle: no report

Financial Secretary Report-L. Castricone: report presented and approved

Elders Report-D. Sylvester:

- shared feedback about the new contemporary service was positive with a few comments about the loud music, and the need for “something” at the end of the service. Probably a song.

Pastor Steve Report:

- New service was well received, also talked about adding something at the end of the service.
- Pastor and Rachel are in their new house and getting settled.
- Pastor will be attending the Synodical Convention July 28 - August 4. Pastor Prostka will be preaching in his absence.
- First day of VBS went well, 34 students registered.

Education Report-C. DeConinck:

- Cathy, Betsey, Debra, Lisa, and Emily met to discuss children’s church and how we can help provide teachers for it. We also talked about keeping our students in the upper elementary classes engaged and will be working on how to make that happen.
- Confirmation class will be held on Sundays between services.
- Betsey shared that the youth group meets as they are able, but we may want to make it more often or regular since they will not be having a Sunday school class each Sunday. We wondered if Sunday school was a thing of the past so asked Debra if Hope Lutheran Church had Sunday school and she shared that they did. More work to be done in the new school year.

Outreach Report-K. Rivers/L. Castricone:

- Car wash raised \$325 for the youth group.
- 42 people attended the Redwings game, and it was discussed that we should look into getting a suite next year. Lisa will investigate.
- Planning to have an outdoor movie night in August.

Trustee Report-R. Boatman:

- Sheriff John Payne was in attendance and spoke on Preschool safety concerns at Trinity.
- Church Cleanup Day was July 1st, 2023 and well attended
- Window at the northeast corner of the Mary Martha Hall was replaced

No old business

New Business:

- keyboard replacement and additional speakers which will cost approximately \$8000 was approved by council and money from the choir director fund will be used to pay for it.

Meeting ended at 8:07, with a prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, August 14, 7PM



# AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 1:00pm Quilting	<b>2</b> 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Elders Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00am (Communion) Traditional Service 10:30am (Communion) Contemporary Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:15am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 8:00pm Outdoor Movie Night
<b>13</b> 9:00am Traditional Service 10:30am Contemporary Service	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	<b>17</b> Triune Article Deadline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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***Schedule of Sunday Services:*** *Traditional Service at 9:00AM; Contemporary Service at 10:30AM (both live streamed on youtube)*

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