

# Trinity Tidings

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## Giving in God's Grace

More and more, Jesus is a stranger. Not just in lands far away but to our next door neighbor. This reality reminds us that we share in a mission right here in Rhinelander and in the world. As part of this community of faith, we get to share the love of Jesus in powerful ways to people and a world who need it.

Last month Pastor Kari sat with a **woman who didn't** know if her daughter was going to live through the emergency surgery (*she did live and is doing well!*). And in that time of worry, they had

Jesus who gave them hope. A young mother who worships with us & is a cancer survivor reached out to her community of faith for help after having an infection related to her treatment. We were able to connect her with financial resources (*ACES: Association of Churches through Emergency Support*) to help her with bills and we were able to supply 2 weeks of homemade meals made & delivered by members of our congregation through Faith in Action. A young child on Wednesday Night



came for the first time and joined our youngest children during the **sermon time for "Children's Church"** and after hearing the **Creation story she said, "Did God really say that I was good?"** With a huge smile on her face, she got to hear that she is loved

by the Maker and Owner of the Universe.

And this handful of stories is just from September. We have 127 years of impacting **peoples' lives in the name of Jesus.**

Because of you, your family and this faith

family the gospel is being boldly **proclaimed and the joy of God's** grace in Christ is celebrated in marvelous ways. Together, we are impacting lives in our community and in the world.

As Trinity Lutheran Church we get to share the love of Christ through our financial resources, our time and willingness to give, and through our telling of the story of the love of Christ. We are a congregation who is intentionally looking for ways

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## Confirmation Banquet

A night to prepare for the confirmation service will be held on Wednesday, October 17, for confirmands, their families and prayer partners.

5:30 pm – Worship

6:15 pm – Rehearsal  
(for parents and confirmands)

6:45 pm – Banquet  
(for confirmands, their families and prayer partners)

RSVP to Pam in the office at

715-362-4258 or

tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com.



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# Hello from the Sunday School Teacher

Fall has finally arrived and with it, many of the seasonal things we look forward to come back around. Pumpkin spice is back and in everything, the leaves are changing colors and school is back in session. Including Sunday School.

As someone who consistently likes to continue to learn and try new things, school was always something that I looked forward to. Every day there was a new puzzle to figure out, new research to gather and prep, and to be taught. Which is why I enjoy coming in every Sunday to teach the young kids about Jesus in Sunday School.

I have always thought Sunday School and other youth activities are of utmost importance when it comes to the health of the church. These young people are going to grow up to be our future; we need to invest in them, show them they are loved by a community despite what the outside world tries to show. **It's an opportunity for us of the older generations to lead by example. Besides, what's not to love about Sunday School?**

For approximately forty-five minutes a week I get to play with little kids while telling Bible Sto-

ries. **At times it doesn't even feel like teaching. I'm playing games and watching videos and helping kids make their own small painted Noodle Jesus to take home.**

As long as there is a child who would like to be taught about **Jesus' love and all that He's done** for us, I will be ready to volunteer to teach them. It is a phrase I have repeated many times and fervently believe.

Do these lessons require lots of time to plan for? Yes. Does it occasionally include emergency runs to the store because I just **don't have enough noodles** for the craft planned? Yes. Does it make it all worthwhile when one child leaves and talks about what they did in Sunday School with their parents? Yes, absolutely.

In the end, I would like to thank every one of you to allow me the opportunity to teach these young kids about Jesus. I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents for bringing in your children and grandchildren so I can have someone **to teach. It's been an honor and a blessing.** Thank you.

■ *Christine Blakeslee*

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to have an even greater impact.

We are embarking on an initiative of discipleship and generosity as a growing opportunity for the whole congregation. Our ministry initiative is called **"First, We Give of Ourselves"**. This emphasis will be a celebration of our ministry and growing in the delight of **God's grace. As we consider the gift of Grace in Christ, let's explore together how it is the foundation of our discipleship and giving.**

Our kick-off will be Sunday, Sept 30 & Wednesday, Oct 3. Our fall emphasis will culminate with a celebration of ministry and the sharing of commitments of how **we can "Give of Ourselves" in ministry on Sunday, Oct 21 & Wednesday, Oct 24.**

■ *Stewardship Team*

## "THAT FRIDAY THING"

A Joint Youth Night for Grades 6-10

TRINITY—Rhineland,  
ASCENSION—Minocqua  
& PRINCE OF PEACE—Eagle River



October 26, 5:30-8:30pm  
@ TRINITY, Rhineland

A night of New Friends,  
Dinner, Praise, Games like:  
**Dodge Ball, "Romans & Christians"...and a lot of FUN!!**  
\*\*Bring a flashlight (or your phone)\*\*

For Questions & Sign Up  
contact Pastor Kari @  
715.437.0770

## Cross+Gen Event

All ages are invited to attend a Cross+Gen Event on Wed, Oct. 10.

Worship will be at 5:30 pm with skits, music, games and more surprises following at 6:10 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fun way to **build our "Faith Web" and make connections with people of all ages.**

Please contact Pastor Kari with any questions at 715-437-0770.



## From the Council President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

**I'm writing this letter the** morning after our annual meeting. These meetings can be a stressful event, but yesterday I went into the meeting relaxed. We had some very important topics to address that will guide our congregation forward and strengthen our ministry for years to come. We as a congregations aid yes to a very ambitious budget that included elevating our 3/4 time Team Pastor to full time. God had blessed us with an awesome pastoral team, and we believe they are here to do amazing work for him and for us. As I look around the worship space on a Sunday or Wednesday and see people of all ages being passionate in their worship and then see those same faces living Christ-centered lives outside the church walls. I KNOW we are doing something right here at Trinity, and that God is truly at work in our congregation.

All this comes with a finan-

cial challenge. We heard from Jerry Dykstra on Sunday. Jerry is a member of council and on our stewardship team and spoke passionately about why he and his wife Pat felt Trinity was the congregation for **them. We're living out our** mission statement not just meeting budgets, and they have found a home here with us.

We are beginning a Stewardship drive this month to support our work here at **Trinity, and I'm putting my** money where my mouth is. Charlotte and I are increasing **our giving by 25% and we're doing it through "simply giving"** our electronic automatic withdrawal program. We **believe in what we're doing** here at Trinity, and our lives have been forever changed by God through this community of believers. Please join us in **supporting God's work here** at Trinity. Praise God.

■ *Kevin Eggers*

## New Member Orientation

Trinity Lutheran Church and the Board of Witness invite all those who wish to become a member of this congregation to join us for two informal orientation gatherings. The dates are: Thursday, Oct 25 and Thursday, Nov 1 from 6-7 pm.

Child care will be provided if

needed. No sign up is needed simply come to the first gathering.

New Member Sunday will be on Sunday, November 11.

Contact Pastor Tim or Sue Johnson from the board of witness for more information.

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

2018-2019

*President*—Kevin Eggers

*Vice President*—Carole Hansen

*Secretary*—Jerry Dykstra

*Trustee*—Josh Pudlowski

*Trustee*—Lori Grinde

*Trustee*—Rob Wienandt

*Rep Witnessing*—Tammy

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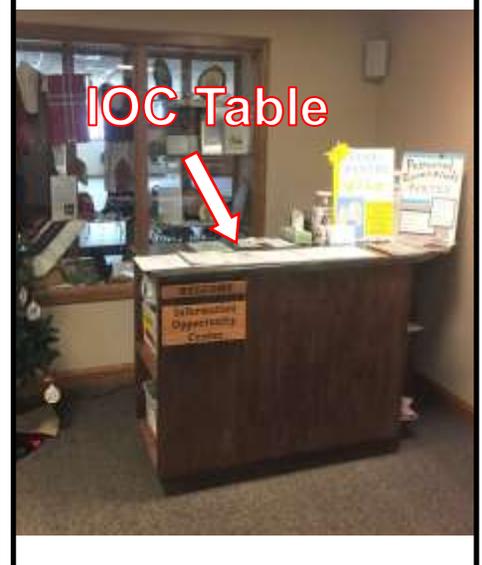
*Rep. Worship*—Mary Taylor

*Rep. Education*—Jody Doro

*Rep. Property*—Peter Leick

Check out the IOC Table

The IOC Table (Information and Opportunity Center) is located in the gathering area outside the worship space. On Sunday morning it is staffed so that someone will be there to answer questions or help you sign up. Please stop by the IOC Table to check out upcoming events.



# Matching Funds for Simply Giving

We have a family who is willing to contribute \$2,000 in matching funds for anyone who is new to the Simply Giving program or who increases their Simply Giving amount.

		<b>Trinity Lutheran Church Simply Giving</b> <b>Member Enrollment and Authorization Form</b> Return completed enrollment form to Marina Benoy—Financial Treasurer	
<b>ENROLLMENT INFORMATION</b>			
Check the appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> New enrollment/authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change in bank account <input type="checkbox"/> Change in authorized amount	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	Mailing Address		
	City	State	Zip
	Home Telephone		Cell Phone
Donations should be taken from: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking (attach a voided check) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings (attach a savings deposit slip)		<b>REQUIRED:</b> I authorize Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Vanco Services, LLC to automatically withdraw donations from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Routing Number _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i>		Account Holder Signature _____ Date _____	
Account Number _____			
<b>ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP FOR A NEW ENROLLMENT OR CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT ONLY</b>			
<b>Church Fund Designations:</b> General/Operating	<b>Amount Per Donation:</b> \$ _____ (minimum \$5)	<b>Frequency of Donation:</b> (Please check only one)	
<b>Note:</b> The donation amount will be transferred based on the frequency you have selected.		<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly (transferred on 1st and 15th of each month) <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15th	
		Date of First Donation _____	

### The Simply Giving Program

Simply Giving is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. It allows you to share your donations through planned giving and activities your generosity into ongoing stewardship. Because your donation is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed offerings given at worship services. But you're not the only one that benefits. Your congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping, and greater confidence in

meeting its financial commitments.

Through Simply Giving, your offerings are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic donation—weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly—the option is yours. Your donation is deposited into your recipient's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account. You can change or cancel your authorization at any time by contacting Marina Benoy at the church office.

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Simply Giving is a way to contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church via automatic payments from your checking or savings account.

Please contact the church treasurer Marina Benoy for information on setting up your account or increasing your giving.

Thank you for your generosity!

■ Finance Committee

Join Us For



Trunk or Treat

October 31st

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4:00 pm-5:20 pm  
Trunk Or Treat  
*(in the Parking Lot)*  
Carnival Games & Goodies

5:20 pm—6:15 pm  
Food & Worship  
*(inside)*

6:15 pm-7:00 pm  
Bounce House & Activities *(inside)*

6:15-7:00 Adult Faith Formation  
*(regularly scheduled)*

**ALL AGES are invited to PLAY & WORSHIP!**

This is a **FREE** Event  
Questions? Contact  
Pastor Kari @  
715.437.0770



## Help Needed Saturday, October 6

We need a crew of 10 for 3-4 hours on Saturday, October 6.

The Board of Property is still working to keep rainwater and snow melt out of our building. We have fixed several spots over the last few years, but three persist. Recent heavy rains caused water leaks through the roof above the cry room and through the base-

ment walls by the elevator and below the Fellowship Hall.

We need a professional roofer to fix the roof leak, but we believe that we can solve the two lower level leaks by removing decorative stone, relaying the plastic water barrier and replacing the stone in two places. Four Board members will work, but

we need help. If we have a crew of 10, we will be done by noon. If we don't have a crew, we will have to cancel the project.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE IOC!  
Thank you,

■ *The Board of Property*

# FOOD FOR KIDZ

## FOOD PACKAGING EVENT



@ The LAKELAND UNION HS Cafeteria

Along with our larger community, we will provide over 200,000 Life-Saving Meals for children around the world!

All Ages are invited to serve!

This is a FREE Event with Live Music & Snacks.

Sign-up with Pastor Kari @ 715.437.0770

*\*\*Carpooling Options Available\*\**

Sign up & Questions to Pastor Kari @ 715.437.0770

## Make Our Gym More Usable

Our gym is an echo chamber extraordinaire! The hard, smooth floor, wall and ceiling surfaces make the acoustics in our gym so poor that any noise is magnified, and it is nearly impossible to have a conversation or give direction if there are more than a few people involved. The Board of Property plans to improve the gym acoustics to make it more usable for group activities such as Wednes-

and 1200 square feet to make it suitable as a multipurpose room for meetings or banquets. There is a price break at 960 square feet, so that is what we propose.

Making our gym usable for activities where conversation is required will potentially free up the Fellowship Hall for other uses and allow two or three large group activities to occur at the same time, making more effec-



day Night Workshop, W4-5, Day Camp, Pickleball and potentially NAMI.

After years of discussion and investigation, we decided that the best option is to install sound-absorbing panels on the ceilings. These SONEX fireproof, melamine, acoustical foam ceiling tiles are commonly used in many applications similar to ours. The 2' x 4' panels are permanent, light weight, easy to install and abuse resistant. The 2-inch thick panels can be glued in place on the ceiling by volunteers with a caulking gun and adhesive.

The panel supplier recommends 800 square feet to allow the room to function as a conventional gym

tive use of our building.

The \$4,700 cost to achieve this objective has not been included in any church budget. The Church Council supports this project and has allowed it to be included as an item for the Gift and Memorial Fund. We now have over half of the money needed. We need about another \$1,000.

You can help. Buy 2' x 4' sound absorbing panels at \$35 each by noting 'gym panels' on your gift check to the Gift and Memorial Fund. Thank you.

■ *Board of Property*

## From the Office

We're going to be using email more to keep you informed. If **you don't wish to receive these emails**, please let the office know by calling Pam at 715-362-4258 or [tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com](mailto:tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com)

Sometimes we find our computer programs just don't cooperate as well as we'd like them to with each other. If you need a document that was emailed but you are unable to open, please let Pam know and she will get it mailed out to you instead.

Thank you for serving!

## Christmas Bazaar

Trinity's Christmas Bazaar needs your help!

Sign up at the IOC Desk to donate needed items or volunteer your time.

The bazaar will be held Saturday, November 10th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Featured items include: baked goods and lefse, handcrafted items, Christmas decorations, white elephants, collectible and a soup, bbq and pie luncheon.

Mark your calendars to come and join us!





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Newsletter Deadline

The Newsletter deadline is the *15th of each month*. Please email submissions to the office email: [tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com](mailto:tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com) or drop them off in the church office. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-Noon.

### Food Pantry Milk Collection

On the 2nd Sunday of the month we collect milk for the Rhineland-er Area Food Pantry. Needed are 1/2 gallon and gallons of skim or 2% milk. Please leave your donations in the milk crates by/in the refrigerator in the kitchen at church.

### Calendar Is Now Online

The church calendar is now available on our website, [www.ComeToTrinity.com](http://www.ComeToTrinity.com)

#### **Go to the tab "Events"**

**And then to "Calendar."** The public calendar in Outlook will come up. Clicking on individual events will bring up additional information including a brief description of the event, room, and contact person. If you see any corrections needed or your group is not meeting on a certain day, please notify the office so the calendar can be up-to-date.

### NATH/Frederick Place Meals:

Reminder that we still need people to help provide the evening meal for the residents at the Frederick Place homeless shelter. This for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Information and signup sheets are available at the IOC table. Trinity is committed to this community service for the remain-

der of this year and hope to continue to do this with your help.

### Adult Faith Formation

Join Pastor Tim on Sunday mornings before worship from 8:30am-9:15am in the lower level Moses Room for a time of Spiritual discussion and learning. We cover a wide variety of topics which range from studying books of the Bible to basics of the Christian faith. We are always done in time for worship. No registration is needed and you can attend as your schedule allows. We will have coffee available downstairs. Please join us for a time to enrich your walk of faith. NOTE: We will not meet on Sunday October 7 but will resume the following Sunday.

### New Council Member Orientation

Orientation for the new council members will be held on Saturday, October 27, at noon at Nicolet College, Fireside Room.

Christmas Program Practice  
Our Cross+Gen Christmas Program's practice will begin on November 7.

**Children's Choir** (4K-3rd Grade)  
Sunday at 8:30 am &/or  
Wednesday at 4 pm.

**God's Team** (a movement group  
-3rd grade & up) Wednesday at  
4 pm.

Puppets (4th grade & up)  
Wednesday at 6:10 pm.

Readers & Characters (parts given out October 17) Wednesdays,  
November 28 and December 5 at  
6:10 pm.

Requests/Questions? Contact  
Pastor Kari at 715-437-0770.

### FLLC Middle School Retreat

A middle school retreat will be held at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, MI on Nov. 2-3. Those wishing to attend will meet at Trinity and car-pool. Registration fee is \$50.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Pastor Kari at 715-437-0770.

### Reformation Sunday

We will observe Reformation Sunday on October 28. This is a day when we can give thanks for the ways in which our church has been shaped and molded by **God's Word**. It also gives us a chance to look forward to the ways that God is still reforming us today.

Thank you

**To my caring Trinity "Family",**

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls while I was recovering from my surgery.

Your support meant a lot to me.

■ *Ruth Aho*

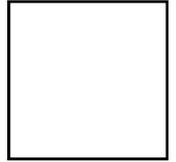
### Gift and Memorial

Jim & Margaret Johnson in memory of Don Randolph

Emily Bodensteiner in honor of **Marian Neiber's 85th** Birthday Designated to the Music Fund

Paul and Dori Jensen a Gift Designated to the Sound System

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***Our Mission is to help  
people of all ages become  
active and engaged  
followers of Christ.***

We are a Lutheran congregation with a variety of ages, backgrounds and passions. We are a community striving to grow in our walk of faith with Jesus Christ to love and serve the world. We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (often referred to as the ELCA) in the Northern Great Lakes Synod. These relationships help us to share the saving message of the gospel in our congregation, in the Rhineland community, in our country and throughout the world. We welcome you to be part of our community and join us in the mission we share in Christ. For more information about Trinity Lutheran, to get involved in our ministries, or to learn more about becoming a member, please contact us.

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