

A photograph of a church congregation. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair is smiling, flanked by two young children. The background shows other people seated in wooden pews, with stained glass windows visible in the distance.

# Trinity *Tidings*

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## GIVING IN GRATITUDE

Blessing and gratitude are the focus of this year's stewardship program, ***First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude.***

Together we will explore the many ways we are blessed by God, especially with God's grace in Christ and how a response of gratitude moves us to be a blessing to others.

During October, through Bible Study, sermons, opportunities to acknowledge and express gratitude, and congregational activities expressing gratitude, we immerse our-

selves in the delight of blessing and thanksgiving. These weeks will focus our attention on God's gracious giving in Christ and how gratitude for these blessings enable us to grow in our lives as disciples and in our sharing of blessings—to give ourselves in gratitude.

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The Kick Off will be Sunday October 6 and Wednesday October 9. Our **Commitment Celebration** will be **Sunday October 27 and Wednesday October 30**. At this service, we will celebrate the ministry we have as a congregation and indicate how we will share our gifts in gratitude for God's blessings and the ministry of our congregation.

An integral component of our program is the all congregation Bible Study, ***"Giving in Gratitude."*** This is a four week series that

explores God's giving and our response of gratitude. Together we will explore questions such as God's blessings, their impact upon our lives, how we receive and use God's blessing, and the difference gratitude makes in our how we live as disciples. The Bible Studies will be  
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## Projector News

Unfortunately, after nine years of faithful service our projector in the worship space has moved on. Council has considered repair options as well as other solutions and given the uncertainties of repair and, our need to be forward thinking with respect to technology demands for our ministry, we've decided to replace the unit.

Just like at home, the failure of an appliance like your refrigerator does not exactly fit into your financial plan and the cost to purchase, install, wire and sync the new machine is \$6,729.32. The good news is that the new machine will use a laser, be brighter and project an image that is easier to see. Because this was unforeseen we are asking for your help in funding a replacement. Please mark any envelopes or checks with the word "Projector".

Thank you for helping us keep  
The Word visible in worship.

# Gifts in Action

## *God's Work. Our Hands.*

Six members of Trinity gathered with members of Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 8th to weed and harvest at the Rhinelander Community Garden and clean and paint at Frederick Place Homeless Shelter. Board of Witness members provided a taco lunch at Trinity for the volunteers.

Thank you to those who shared their gifts: **Ginger Chrobak, Sue Johnson, Genene Lynott, Judith Kleinschmidt, Larry Kleinschmidt, Jane Prod, Karen Reitz, Rich Reitz, Gail Strid, Tammie Wienandt**  
What an accomplishment!

## *Quilting Milestone*

As the boxes of quilts for 2019 are being packed up to ship to Lutheran World Relief, we'd like to note that **Virginia Randolph** has made over 4,000 quilt tops and backs since she retired as secretary of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thank you, Virginia, for sharing your gift of sewing with over 80 countries worldwide, giving those in need the warmth and comfort of a hand-made quilt. You are a blessing!

# Baby Care Kits; Thrivent Action Team

The Baby Care Kits group received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Insurance for the purpose of making the kits. The



money was used to buy scissors, rotary cutters, cloth and materials that are included in the Baby Care Kits. The theme of the Thrivent Action Team is to Live Generously.

The generous gift of time and talent of the participants in this program is

a great example of Living Generously.

Pictured are Sharron Riebe, Ruth Ann Wilson, Sue Swanson, Sharon Hohman. Missing are Carole Hansen, Nancy Eisele and Ellen Leick.

## **An Opportunity**

Recently, Trinity recognized the many hands who share their time and talents to allow us to help people of all ages become active and engaged followers of Christ. Preparing the altar for Sunday worship is one of the ways you could share your time and talent. It's a perfect way for a family to teach sharing their time and talents. The time commitment is about 45 minutes on a weekend you choose. Training is provided. For more information, stop by the sacristy on Sunday or contact Sue Underberg at 262-719-7898 or Karen Scholtes at 715-369-0668.

## **1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

## **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 for volunteer projects.

Please stop by the IOC Table to check out upcoming events or locate community resources.

# Behind the Scenes at Trinity

Besides the hours she puts in monthly to fold, label and stamp our newsletters, Carol Alderton recently spent her days assisting the office with creating 10 new music leader song books. Tiffanie Ory is working on the music program and adding additional song leaders. Carol put over 80 songs into plastic sleeves and alphabetized them into binders. Thank you for all your work, Carol!





# Bazaar and Lefse

*Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 9th*

## PLANNING

Planning has begun for the annual Trinity Christmas Bazaar! There are meetings scheduled for October 8 and November 5 at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us to help make this year's bazaar better than ever! Contact Judy Nosser for more information on how you can help.

## LEFSE

A traditional part of the bazaar is the lefse, which sells out quickly the morning of the bazaar. Lefse-making will occur October 14 and 15, 28 and 29. Mondays we will be peeling and ricing the potatoes from 9 am to noon. Strong hands are needed for ricing, so gentlemen, please consider a morning in the kitchen with us. Tuesdays we will be frying the lefse from 9 am to 2 pm. No experience is needed. We would love to have new people learning the leftse process. If you are unable to attend but still want to help with the lefse, see the IOC Table for sign-up sheets to bring in items like half and half, butter and flour used for baking or Ziploc freezer bags for storing.

## BAZAAR ITEMS AND SET UP

Your help is appreciated with donating new crafted items, white elephants, collectibles, and home-baked treats to be sold at the bazaar. Drop off times for the donations are from 8 am to noon on Friday, November 8. There will be sign up sheets at the IOC Table for food items to be used for the luncheon. Decorating, set up, cooking, and greeting visitors to Trinity are all talents the Spirit has gifted you with to share.

## BAZAAR DAY

Come early and enjoy home-baked cookies, coffee or tea and fellowship as the doors open at 9 am. Purchase your Christmas gifts early with an amazing selection of craft items and enjoy perusing the white elephants and collectibles. Home-baked goodies for sale can be frozen for the holidays to save you time in the kitchen. There is something for everyone. Stay on and enjoy lunch with friends. It's a fun day for all!

## PROCEEDS

Last year over \$4,000 was raised for WELCA Mission Projects which includes the Northern Alliance for Temporary Housing, the Personal Essentials Pantry, Kids in Need, the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry and others. Join us and let's see if we can do even better this year.!



# What if?

*A look at a recent sermon by Jim Hohman.*

Before going on vacation Pastor Kari had a sermon entitled “**What if everybody did that?**” She was speaking in part about the idea of a tithe, but the theme came back to me repeatedly over the next several weeks.

Recently, on “To The Best Of Our Knowledge,” Wisconsin Public Radio had a program on Original Sin. One of the participants (Danielle Shroyer, [A Blessing In The Garden](#)) spoke about her book on the concept of Original Blessing rather than Original sin. I must admit that I have never fully embraced the concept of original sin, so the idea of original blessing is very attractive to me. She argues that we should walk in this idea rather than just our need for doing something about our sinful nature. We need to see all the good in the

world as the gift of a Blessing from God. **What if everybody did that?**

I listened to a program on the 50th anniversary of Woodstock. One of the original hippies who performed at the concert said he is still a hippy. He explained that they believed in loving rather than hating, working for peace rather than war, and seeking to care for their fellow man, rather than self. **What if everybody did that?**

Our Wednesday morning men’s group is reading the Gospel of John. When we finish we will be reading Danielle Shroyer’s book, and hopefully, will learn about Original Blessing. Men of the congregation, please consider joining us. **What if....**

# Thank you’s

*Sharing your gifts is a blessing to others.*

**Linda Moore** would like to thank everyone for the cards, thoughts and prayers she received during her recent illness. It meant more to her than anyone could know.

**Fred Voss** would like to express his appreciation to everyone for their prayers and concern during his recent illness. He would like to share that his prognosis is murky at this time.

Thank you to all my Trinity family that generously donated their time to move me into an apartment. From packing, muscle work, surprise meal arrival and supportive phone calls—you did it all. You were a true blessing!

Sincerely,  
**Joy Ziegenbein**

# Thank you from Hungary

Greetings friends!

Hello from the Hungarian countryside! Zach and Dorothy, I am currently leading the in-country orientation for the YAGM CE 2019 cohort. We are grateful for this time together and for the communities that are preparing to welcome them soon.

Two days before the YAGM CE orientation began, we received your wonderful package! We were delighted by the card and the gift of a blanket for little Dorothy! We are grateful for you all and truly touched by this loving gift to our family.

Dorothy is already getting some good use from this colorful gift! I’ve attached a picture of 13 week old Dorothy on her quilt.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our ministry with Young Adults in Global Mission Central Europe!

*Pastor Rachel*





# From the Council President

Greetings,

I've always been interested in this story from scripture, and it was one of the texts from a recent Sunday. From Exodus: Moses is working as the judge for the people of Israel, basically doing it all himself. His father-in-law comes to visit and finds him overwhelmed and offers him advice on how to delegate much of the responsibility and effort. This makes for a healthier community and a healthier Moses.

We have been spending time looking at how we function here at Trinity and have found many of our volunteers are overwhelmed and frustrated. They are not always clear on their roles and responsibilities and often feel like they are wasting their time and effort. We also have found that many times good people are not using their God given talents or are in a role that is not in line with their strengths. As a result of this revelation, we are trying some new ways to function.

We now have two boards that are operating as committees, using volunteers when needed and seeking out individuals with specific strengths for certain tasks.

We are also realizing that volunteers are more willing to work on shorter projects or tasks so they don't feel like they are locked into the 2-4 year board commitment.

And using tools like the Living Your Strengths survey and classes, we are better positioned to help volunteers find the best fit in the many opportunities we have to serve.

This tool also helps us identify leaders we may have overlooked. Our new Vice President was found in a Living Your Strengths class. His input and effort on Council has been a breath of fresh air!

God is truly at work in our congregation, that is for certain. Please continue to pray for and have patience with our efforts to position our congregation to be a place where people of all ages can become active and engaged followers of Christ well into the future.

Blessings, Kevin



## Stewardship Principles

Our giving is done first, as a joyful and faithful response to God's gift of grace in Christ.

And, our gifts are joyfully given that the ministries of ones' congregation can grow and be vibrant in the proclamation of Christ and God's grace.

## Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2019

**Actual Giving: \$350,645**

(Actual Giving represents the contributions we have received thus far)

**Projected Needs: \$368,208**

(Projected Needs represents the contributions we need to support our ministry plan)

## Gift and Memorial

All in memory of Gary LeMoine designated for the Pastoral Discretionary Gift and Memorial Fund.

Kevin and Lynne Schulz  
David & Eileen Cattau  
Timothy Schulz  
Lois Luedtke  
Michael and Nancy Gingras  
Robin LeMoine  
Rob and Tammy Wienandt  
Emily Bodensteiner  
John & Gina Scheuer  
Lisa Steffen  
Maralyn Steffen  
Keith and Josie McCaffery

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LiveStream of Church Service**

We are Livestreaming our worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you are interested, please email the church office at [tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com](mailto:tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com) to request the link that we will send you to connect to the service. The link is available for 21 days so you can watch at other times, too.

- **Staffed Nursery**

A staffed nursery is available from 9 AM-10:30AM downstairs for children during the worship service. While children are ALWAYS welcome to be in worship this option is available if needed. We want to help families have a good worship experience.

- **Join Us in Fellowship**

Immediately following the 9:30 am Sunday worship, you are invited to join us in the gathering space and enjoy a cup of coffee, a variety of refreshments and fellowship.

- **RAFP**

Every second Monday of the month from 3-6 pm volunteers are needed at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry to distribute, weigh, and carry food. If you would like to help, please sign up at the IOC table.

- **RAFP — Senior Distribution**

On the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. Help seniors choose food items. For information contact Georgia Mielke.

- **RAFP — Packing Baskets for Home Delivery**

Every other Friday from 9:30 am to 11 am. For information contact Nancy Eisele.

- **RAFP Milk Collection**

On **Sunday, October 13th** we will be collecting milk for the Rhinelander 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.

- **Change of Address Request**

If your address, email or phone number has changed, please complete the form in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or in the church office. You can also email Pam in the church office at [tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com](mailto:tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com) or call 715-362-4258. Keeping our records current ensures you stay informed of the activities and programs here at Trinity.

- **Calendar Is 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.

Double 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 is current.

- **From the Office**

Trinity Lutheran is a busy church! To help us keep track of our space, please contact the church office to get your meeting, practice or set-up information on the calendar so you or your group can use the space without any conflicts.

The calendar, serving schedule and birthdays and anniversaries can be found posted in the church gathering area or at the IOC table.

If you would like copies sent to you, please contact the church office Monday-Friday from 8 am to 12 pm. by calling Pam at 715-362-4258 or emailing her at [tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com](mailto:tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com).

- **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 Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-noon.

- **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday, 8 am to noon

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held on Sunday October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 8:30am-9:15am downstairs in the Moses Room and Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23 from 6:30pm-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Plan to be on hand in worship and join a **“Giving in Gratitude”** Bible Study this October as we consider how “First, We Give of Ourselves.” How exciting it will be to grow together in discipleship and the delight of gratitude.

## Trinity Lutheran's Cross+Gen Christmas Program Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:00pm



### Practice Schedule Beginning Nov. 6:

**Children's Choir (4K-3rd Grade):** Sundays @ 8:30am &/or  
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

**God's Team (K & up):** Wednesdays @ 3:30pm

**God's Team (4th grade & up):** Wednesdays @ 4:15pm

(God's Team is a movement group)

**Puppets (4th grade & up):** Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

**Readers & Characters:** Wednesdays, November 20

(Character/Reader parts are given out on October 23) & December 4th @ 6:30 pm

Requests/Questions? Contact Pastor Kari @ 715.437.0770

## Upcoming Events

- RAFP Milk Collection, October 13
- First Communion, October 13
- CROSS+GEN Event for all ages, October 30

## A Look Ahead

### November

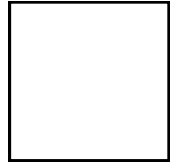
- Christmas Bazaar, November 9
- Christmas Program Practice Begins

### December

- Christmas Program, December 11



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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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