

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
 whom the Father will send in my name,



will teach you all things and will remind you
of everything I have said to you.”

FROM THE PASTOR...

Pause for a moment. Reflect on the blessings bestowed on you lately.

As I sat and reflected on my blessings, I realized that God has given me the opportunity to reconnect with people that I have not talked with for several years. About a month ago, my old football coach reached out to me. He was interviewing former students about their career paths. I was shocked when he reached out to me since the high school I went to was a public school, and I did not know how it would be received as I talked about being a pastor and faith in Jesus Christ. It was a huge blessing to reconnect with my former football coach, Mr. Jennings and reminisce the old football days.

Another blessing has been Sunday Zoom meetings with my family back home. The typical crew that participates is my grandpa, my siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Recently though, extended family has participated as well: second cousins, great-aunts, and great-uncles. It's been a joy to reconnect with family even though we are miles apart.

These blessings of reconnections are just a few in a greater array of blessings God has bestowed! For God gives daily blessings of food and clothing, house and home, family and friends, and a wonderful church family as well. If we truly stop, pause, and take a moment to ponder our blessings, we would be amazed in the amount of physical blessings we have received.

But there is even more! Paul writes in Ephesians 1:3-9,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ."

We are loved by God and brought into His family. Through His Son's death on the cross, our sins are forgiven and by Jesus' resurrection, we have eternal life! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for all the blessings we have received.

In Christ,
Rev. Zach Holdorf



Happy Birthday To our members who are celebrating their 80th or more birthday in May! Surprise them with a card or visit.

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| May 4 | Ray Jahns 1507 Kenwood Dr. 54401 |
| May 4 | Joe Plautz 516 N 6th Ave. 54401 |
| May 5 | Fern Clausen 2309 Ross Ave. #6 Schofield, WI 54476 |
| May 6 | Jeanette Mathwich 3312 Terrace Ct #26 54401 |
| May 9 | Virginia Zillman 116 N 12th Ave. 54401 |
| May 14 | Clara Borchardt 150020 Thunderbird Ln. 54401 |
| May 16 | Alan Wesner 935 S 9th Ave. 54401 |
| May 16 | Marlyn Fenhaus 232832 N 77th Ave. 54401 |
| May 19 | Otto Imm 327 N 11th Ave. 54401 |
| May 24 | Norma Grasmick |
| May 25 | Edna Gaffron |
| May 30 | Gilbert Ninnemann 159311 State Hwy. 52 54403 |
| May 31 | Beverly Ziegel 1560 Westwood Dr. Apt. 70 54401 |

Our Sympathy. We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have passed away.

- Elaine Holtz April 4

Anniversaries! Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating their 50th or more Wedding Anniversary!

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| ♥ Clarence & Helen Marschall | May 7 |
| ♥ Lyle & Ellen Krohn | May 7 |
| ♥ Gordon & Marilyn Bauman | May 9 |
| ♥ John & Marlene Sabatke | May 12 |
| ♥ Donald & Grace Chaignot | May 15 |
| ♥ Thomas & Elaine Wohlfahrt | May 28 |
| ♥ Gordon & Shirley Hansen | May 30 |

...May Flowers

They are coming! It is those “May flowers” that follow “April showers.” Yes, even here in north Wisconsin we can count on those colorful additions to the life-filled landscape.

Flowers bring to mind a thought Jesus shared in His famous Sermon on the Mount. He spoke of the “lilies of the field” (Matthew 6:28)--whose presence on earth give evidence of God’s presence and reliability. Yes, the God who cares for flowers, will certainly care for us...His most valued creation (vs. 30)!

When you take time to “smell the roses,” reflect on the One who created both their unique beauty...and special fragrance. Yes, God is still the Creator!

As you spend time in His creation, appreciate that the reality that surrounds you is evidence of the Creator’s existence. Celebrate with King David the psalmist—

*“The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.” (19:1-2)*



Creation reveals our God. Secondly, so does His Word—“All Scripture is breathed out by God...” (2 Timothy 3:16a). God planned its precious purpose—

“...and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work” (vv.16b-17).

God is real. “Love” defines Him (1 John 4:8 & 16). We are the beneficiaries of His love that He showers on us each day.

The reference to 1 John leads to a personal Bible study. Yes, read John’s first letter and come to a deeper appreciation of God and love...and His plan for us in His Love Story--as His “children” (3:1a)!

Celebrate God...life...and love every day He provides for you!

—Pastor Dan Kohn

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all who have been so flexible through this challenging year! Whether meeting virtually or in person, the Sunday School program at Trinity Lutheran Church is always striving to share the love of Jesus with children of all ages. *"Neither...height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:39)

The fall semester of Sunday School will resume in September (date TBD). If we are safe to meet in person next fall, we will be in need of volunteers to help with Sunday School. Below is a Sunday School volunteer form for the fall, which has a variety of volunteer opportunities. Forms will also be made available at the reception desk and outside the Upper Sanctuary. Completed forms can be returned to the church office or emailed to the Sunday School Director, Kimberly Schwantes, at kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

TEXT? (Please circle) Yes or No

Please circle the area(s) below you would be most interested in helping out in:

Teaching or Substitute or Classroom Assistant

Circle all age groups you are willing to volunteer with:

Age 0-Preschool 4K-5K

Grades 1-3 Grades 4-6

Here are a few roles and their time commitments:

Adult Class Teacher/Instructor

Service Project Assistance (once over 2 months)

Materials Preparation/Help (1-3 hours per week outside of Sunday Morning)

Christmas Program Assistance (duties will vary)

TRINITY CHILDCARE PENNY SWANSON

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
Deuteronomy 31:6



ECC Registration: Friday, May 7th there is no school for teacher in service day. Full day school-age care will be provided. Contact the childcare office if you have not yet registered.

Center Closed: Monday, May 31st the childcare center will be closed for Memorial Day.

Summer School Age Program: Registration for this program is due by May 10th. The summer program starts on June 1st and runs through August 24th.

Cold Lunch Supplement: 3 plus is a free supplement to your child's cold lunch. Your child receives 3 food components of which one has to be a fruit or vegetable. Choices include: milk, salad, fruit, fresh vegetable cup, or cooked vegetables. Let your child's teacher know at drop-off if your child is having cold lunch and if you want them to participate in the 3 plus option.

Enrollment: The childcare continues to work with filling classrooms to the capacity available with the current staffing shortage. Some classrooms are at capacity on certain days. Inquiry calls continue to come in during the month.

Hiring: Different advertisement opportunities have been utilized to inform the community that we are hiring. The childcare has multiple positions open both full-time and part-time, along with positions for the summer. Must be at least 18 years of age. Inquiries can be directed to Penny Swanson at 715-848-0166, ext. 348 or swansonp@trinitynet.org.

May Activities: Butterfly and Rainbow classrooms will go on a weekly walk with the warmer May weather. Childcare chapel will be May 21st with Mr. Hoehne giving the message. Some of the classroom themes this month are: flowers, ponds, making special Mother's Day gifts, and butterflies.

Administration: A SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) was completed for the childcare. This information was then put into a one-year plan and compiled into the strategic plan for Trinity Lutheran Church and School.



Here's What's Happening

Still Time to Enroll for 2021-2022

We still have openings in some of our classes for the 2021-2022 school year. Call the office to get more information on how your child can become a Trinity Eagle! Please remember we also offer tuition grants through our Education Grant Fund. Applications for those grants can be found here...<https://secure.tads.com>. Please feel free to call the school office if you have questions. We would love to see you here in the fall. Help spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors about the value of a Christ-centered education at Trinity!

- Lutheran schools are places of quality, activity and vitality.
- Congregations are provided with opportunities to connect with their communities in unique ways.
- Schools are a rich and vital component of the church body.
- Schools impact the community through the arts with music and visual arts; athletics, as they compete in a Godly way with area school teams; and in connection with public, parochial and private schools in their community working together to educate children.
- Through it all, schools are a conduit for community connections where the Gospel message is shared.

Summer is Almost Here!

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year. This year has certainly been different and full of challenges, but with God's guidance, we have made it through. Please watch your mail and emails for information on registration and any other updates we might have over the summer. God's blessings on your summer break!



Dates to Remember

- **May 7**—No School/Inservice Day
- **May 26**—8th Grade Graduation, 6pm
- **May 28**—Last Day of School (1/2 day)

New 7th Grade Teacher

We are pleased to announce that Andrew Kline has accepted a Call from Trinity to serve as our next 7th grade teacher! Andrew is currently finishing up his student teaching and is looking to graduate from Concordia University Wisconsin this May. We ask God to bless Andrew as he nears his end of college, and we look forward to him making the transition to Wausau and becoming part of our Trinity family.

LCEF Grant For Technology

LCEF has awarded Trinity School with a \$2000 check for a new Smartboard. We applied and were granted this gift from the Signature Sponsorship Series from LCEF. Mr. Bill Jordan, our LCEF rep at the NWD Office, presented us the check. Thank you LCEF!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WISCONSIN VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Join a DYNAMIC school offering BIG opportunities! If your student is looking for the opportunity to be challenged, grow, and flourish in a smaller classroom environment while enjoying fun, exciting, and inclusive co-curricular offerings, then Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School is the place for your family! Partner with The Valley to help prepare your student for life after high school. The tuition is affordable and tuition assistance is available. The Valley is now accepting applications for the coming school year and is open to students of all faiths entering grades 9-12. Check us out at www.wvlhs.org or on Facebook at WI Valley Lutheran High School - The Valley, and set up a time to visit the school at 601 Maple Ridge Road, Mosinee. If you have any questions about The Valley, would like an application packet, or would like your student to spend a day on campus checking out classes, please call Jamie Wehrs in the school office at 715-693-2693.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY (VOTERS' MEETING) Our annual congregational assembly will be held on Tues., May 25th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Our new governance calls for a single annual congregational assembly. An agenda will be provided at least 2 weeks prior.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Our upcoming Congregational Assembly (Voters' Meeting) will include elections of officers on Church Council, Board of Elders, and School Board. If you're interested in serving on one of these boards, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Jim Erdman at vicechairman@trinitynet.org as the committee is preparing the ballot.

PLEASE BE AWARE that there is an orange cone in the north parking lot near the digital sign which marks a spot in the lot where the pavement is broken and has formed a sizable bump. **Please avoid this potential hazard when walking or driving.**

BAND OF BROTHERS BASEBALL OUTING Band of Brothers invites you to a baseball outing with the Wisconsin Woodchucks. This men's social event will be held Fri., Jun. 11th at Athletic Park. \$25 includes a food & drink package in the open air Fan Deck along 1st base line. First pitch is at 6:35pm, gates open 1 hour before. With social distancing on the private deck, tickets will be limited. Please reach out to Bryon Graff at chairman@trinitynet.org to reserve your spot. Payment can be sent directly to Bryon or dropped off in the church office.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION 2020-21 RETREAT RESCHEDULED Due to staffing issues, Camp Luther was unable to host us for our Confirmation Retreat that was scheduled in April. It has been rescheduled for September 17-18. This may work out for the best, as we will be able to gather our confirmands one last time prior to the Confirmation Service on October 31st. Please let Mr. Stengl know if you have any questions.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical, and other needed items to people in 69 different countries including the USA. In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the OGT movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to those in need, both near and far. This can be expressed as a bandage well applied, a child well fed, or even as a word well spoken. If you feel led, there are many ways to get involved, including the donation of necessities. The OGT is in need of the following items the most: like-new clothing, toiletries, blankets, towels, toys, shoes, medical equipment (e.g. walkers, canes), school supplies, household items, furniture, and food items (canned or dry). Any items that you feel moved to donate can be placed under the coatracks outside the Parlors. For a more detailed list of needed items, please call 715-675-4203.

BLOOD DRIVE Did you know that 4.5 million Americans will need a blood transfusion each year? If you would like to donate blood, Trinity will be having a blood donor day at the Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin (211 Forest St., Wausau, 54403) on Tuesday, May 11th, 8:00am-6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Carlson at the Blood Center at 715-842-0761 or dcarlsonbcnw@aol.com.

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Celebrate Mom—May 9th is Mother's Day!

"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." (John 19:26-27)

Abraham Lincoln once said... "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Sunday, May 9th is dedicated to honor Christian mothers who keep our families running with love, grace, and a whole lot of patience. How do you show your mother or your wife how special they are? Hopefully, as a family you are taking the time to show your appreciation and thank your Heavenly Father how blessed you are as a Christ-centered family. I would suggest that you also read 1 Samuel 1:1-28 where you find Hannah, who was a model of motherhood. Don't forget to thank God Almighty for the blessings of being a member of a Christ-centered family!

As I was writing this, I immediately thought of our maturing children and their faithful Christ-centered parents who were blessed with the gift of bearing and raising children, enabling them to personally know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our children grow up... seemingly sometimes too fast and sometimes not fast enough.

In focusing on our children and grandchildren, who in my mind do grow up too fast, also means we as parents and grandparents are also growing older. That brings me to the fact that during the months of May and June we remember the school graduations of our young people. It is truly a joy that we as families take time to celebrate their achievements. We pray that the Lord continues to guide them and bless them to be a blessing by using their time, energy, and God-given gifts in their continuing life's journey.

Someone said... "A child enters your home, and it's noisy for the next eighteen years. Then the child leaves for college, and the silence is deafening." May our loving and caring God bless all His children... young and old!

—Pastor Dennis W. Pegorsch



Staff Get to Know You



Brenda Bolin, Teacher Assistant
If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Colorado Springs, CO



Nicole Chapin, Teacher Assistant
When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time?
Sitting in my backyard listening to the sounds of nature.



Connie Fitzgerald, Food Service
If money were no object, what would you do all day?
I would love to hand out \$100 dollar bills randomly with a note saying to use as you wish, but save some and pass it forward.



Rev. Zach Holdof, Senior Pastor
What did you want to be when you were small?
Tornado chaser, zookeeper, and a police officer



Nancy Janz, Church & School Administrative Assistant
What is the best gift you have given or received? Two gifts I could not live without: my awesome daughter and my kidney transplant.



Rev. Dan Kohn, Pastor Emeritus
If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?
Trout fishing



Holly Prael, 1st Grade Teacher/
Athletic Director
What is your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?
Camping with family and friends.



Caitlyn Sitte, Childcare Assistant Teacher
If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Anywhere warm or in a big city.



Jane Thompson, Childcare Assistant Teacher
What is your favorite family tradition?
Making gingerbread houses.



Sharon Wagner, Teacher Assistant
If money were no object, what would you do all day?
Shop!

CALENDAR—MAY 2021

In-person worship is being held at the following worship times:

Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Videos on Facebook Live will also be posted to the Trinity Lutheran Wausau YouTube channel.

Saturday, May 1st:

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion & Dedication of Steps—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 2nd:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion & Dedication of Steps—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live

9:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion & Dedication of Steps—Sanctuary

11:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion & Dedication of Steps—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live

6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, May 3rd:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

4:30 PM 4-6 (4:30) & 6-8 (5:30) grades Soccer Game VS. Immanuel Rapids

Tuesday, May 4th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

3:00 PM Running Club—Gym

Wednesday, May 5th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary

3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Rm

5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary

5:15 PM Last 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors

5:15 PM Last 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm

Thursday, May 6th:

3:00 PM Running Club—Gym

Friday, May 7th: *No School*

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, May 8th:

5:00 PM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 9th: Mother's Day

8:00 AM Traditional Worship —Sanctuary & on Facebook Live

9:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

11:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live

6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, May 10th:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

4:30 PM 4-6 (4:30) & 6-8 (5:30) grades Soccer Game VS. FCA

Tuesday, May 11th:

8:00 AM Trinity Blood Drive at Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin (8am-6:30pm)

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

Wednesday, May 12th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary

3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Rm

5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary

Thursday, May 13th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, May 14th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, May 15th:

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 16th:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live

9:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

11:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live

6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, May 17th:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

CALENDAR—MAY 2021 (CONT.)

4:30 PM 4-6 (4:30) & 6-8 (5:30) grades Soccer Game @ Immanuel Rapids

Tuesday, May 18th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors

Wednesday, May 19th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary
3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Rm
5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary

Thursday, May 20th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, May 21st:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—SLC

Saturday, May 22nd:

5:00 PM Pentecost Blended Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 23rd:

8:00 AM Pentecost Traditional Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live
9:30 AM Pentecost Traditional Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary
11:00 AM Pentecost Blended Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live
6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, May 24th:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live
4:30 PM 4-6 (4:30) & 6-8 (5:30) grades Soccer Game @ Immanuel Marshfield

Tuesday, May 25th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
6:30 PM Spring Congregational Assembly (Voters' Meeting)—Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 26th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary
3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Rm
5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary
6:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation—Sanctuary

Thursday, May 27th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, May 28th: Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
11:00 AM School Picnic—Cafeteria

Saturday, May 29th:

5:00 PM Holy Trinity Blended Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 30th:

8:00 AM Holy Trinity Traditional Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live
9:30 AM Holy Trinity Traditional Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary
11:00 AM Holy Trinity Blended Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live
6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day—Offices Closed

No Scheduled Events

Graduation Means...

G oing forward
R eady to
A ccept God's will—
D etermined to
U nderstand His Word—
A lert to
T emptations—
I nterested in
O thers
N ever forgetting that Christ is my helper

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth Opportunities

*Meets the 3rd Tuesday
of Each Month
(During the School Year)*

Afternoon Special Fellowship & Presentation:

1:00-2:30pm, Parlors

Opportunity for good Trinity fellowship with refreshments provided. Invitation open to all ages—bring a friend or neighbor! For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Pegorsch at 715-675-4074. Please also share any ideas for future programming.

Tuesday, May 18th, 1:00pm in the Parlors

Video Presentation: “Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story”

...a true story about a well-known brain surgeon who overcame obstacles to change the course of medicine forever. Growing up in a broken home amongst poverty, his grades suffered and his temper flared. And yet his mother never lost her faith in him. Insisting he follow the opportunities she never had, she helped him grow his imagination, intelligence, and his belief in himself. That faith would be his gift—the thing that drove him to follow his dream of becoming one of the world’s leading neurosurgeons. Isn’t it true that God blessed us to be a blessing? We only have to trust in His guiding presence, and wisely use the time and talents God gives us. As long as we have physical life on this earth, God has an important purpose for us even if we don’t always see or know what our purpose is. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6) Never underestimate what God has or will accomplish through you and the days of your life.

Bring your neighbor, friend, or family member along... See Matthew 28:18-20 for our God-given directions. You are asked to wear a mask, and the seating will be set up for social distancing. If there are any further questions, please contact Pastor Pegorsch at 715-675-4074.

10 Rules for Good Old Age

*(Excerpt from the Mar. 2021 Older Adult LCMS Newsletter)
Uplifting thoughts from Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Kieschnick,
former President of the LCMS*

1- Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren. You’ve taken care of them for many years, and you’ve taught them what you could. In case of an emergency, you’ll be there to help. But you gave them an

education, food, shelter, and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their way.

2- Maintain a healthy life with moderate exercise like walking every day. Eat well and get sufficient sleep. It’s easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. Stay in touch with your doctor. Get annual exams even when you’re feeling well.

3- Always buy the best, most beautiful items for your spouse that you can afford. Enjoy your time and money with your spouse. Some day one of you will miss the other, and the money will not provide any comfort then. Enjoy it while you can.

4- Don’t stress over the little things. You’re already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don’t let the past drag you down. And don’t let the future frighten you.

5- Keep love alive, regardless of your age. Love your spouse. Love life. Love your family. Love your neighbor. Love your surroundings. Love your country. Giving affection helps us stay young at heart.

6- Be humbly proud, both inside and out. Don’t stop going to your hair salon or barber, unless you cut your own hair. Manicure your nails. Go to the dermatologist and the dentist. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it helps you feel confident and strong on the inside.

7- Don’t lose sight of fashion trends for your age, but keep your own sense of style. There’s nothing sillier than an older person trying to wear what is currently fashionable among much younger people. You’ve developed your own sense of what looks good on you. Stick with it.

8- Keep informed about what’s going on around you. Read a newspaper. Watch the news. Go online and read what people are saying. Make sure you have an active email account and try to use some of those social networks. You’ll be surprised which old friends you’ll meet. Keeping in touch with what’s going on and with the people you know is important at any age.

9- Respect younger people and their opinions. They may not have the same viewpoint as yours, but they are the future and will take the world in their direction. Give advice, not criticism, and try to remind them of yesterday’s wisdom that still applies today.

10- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Prov. 3:5-6)

TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND



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July (22) 23-25, 2021



The 25th Annual Trinity Family Camping Weekend will be held July 23-25, 2021. * Time goes fast, and at this point with the CoVID-19 pandemic, it is “time to dream” for good things and dreams in the near future. Once again, since so many campgrounds fill up faster these days than in years past, it is again important to get this information out to you. The camping weekend is an opportunity for great fellowship and the enjoyment of God’s beautiful and warm creation with brothers and sisters in Christ. We are again going back to Farmer Gene’s Campground near Marion, WI...about an hour drive from Wausau. Below is a Registration Form, which can also be found at the Reception Desk or in the Narthex.

Farmer Gene’s Campground is a large campground with activities for family members of all ages. The address is N11301 Kenney Lake Road (Marion, WI 54950). The cost for the weekend stay (Friday through Sunday) and use of the facilities is \$90, and if you add Thursday, July 22nd as an extra day (Thursday through Sunday), the cost will be \$130.50 for the four days. **Please Note: If you plan to camp the four-day period instead of the three-day weekend, it is important to let us know ASAP.*

The planned activities are optional...campfires each evening, a spiritual growth study on Saturday morning, a potluck supper in the shelter at 5pm on Saturday (bring a dish to pass), and a worship service at 10am Sunday morning. (P.S. Good weather for the weekend has been requested.)

Once again, your reservation forms with attached payment are due to the church office by Wednesday, May 19th (checks can be made out to “Farmer Gene’s Campground”). Informational materials will be available with the registration forms. For further information and questions, please contact Pastor Pegorsch at 715-675-4074 or Doug Beisner at 715-845-3095.

In the meantime, take time to dream of a sunny and warm summer weekend and good Christ-centered fellowship.

(Please turn in the below form with attached payment to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, May 19th.)

Trinity Family Camping Weekend—Registration Form

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Number of Adults (18 and older): _____ Number of Children: _____

Type of Camper:

- Tent Camper _____
- Tent _____
- Hardtop Camping Trailer _____
- RV _____
- Cabin Rental _____

Campsites are assigned
on a first come, first
served basis.

PLEASE CHECK ONE: _____ \$90.00 for 3 days/2 nights _____ \$130.50 for 4 days/3 nights

SANCTUARY STEPS PROJECT

General Timeline:

The declining condition of the front steps was first noticed about six years ago.

In May of 2016 we received a quote of approximately \$30,000 to remove the granite, reface the center planters with brick and replace the center steps with poured concrete. At the time there was no money in the budget to replace the steps.

At the end of Reaching Up / Reaching Out we had approximately \$50,000 to invest in the new steps. We presented two possible replacement options at the 2019 Spring Voters' Meeting.

In the fall of 2019 the steps were deteriorated to the point they had to be closed for safety reasons.

The Properties Committee contacted the company that did the original quote in 2016 but they were too busy to even update the quote.

We contacted a few other companies but none of them would give a quote without architectural drawings.

We contacted an architect that said he would work on the drawings as he had time. After waiting for a month or more we determined he was too busy to do the drawings.

In January 2020, the Properties Committee contacted Samuels Group, a design / build company in Wausau, to have them provide us with a quote.

Samuels Group provided us with two quotes based on the drawings and information we provided them.

They would incorporate some of the existing granite into the new steps by inlaying it into the stair risers.

They were concerned that there may not be sufficient support under the existing steps and planters.

The lowest cost option with planters was \$113,070.

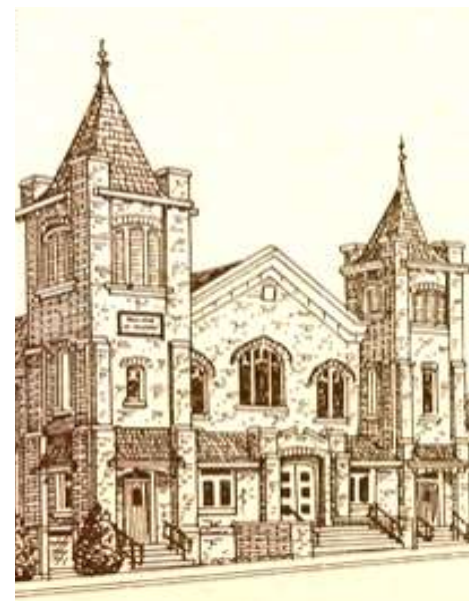
The Properties Committee determined at this point that we had to get at least one additional quote.

Shortly after the church and school were closed due to CoVID-19.

Since we had already committed to the roof, louver and steeple project and in person meetings were not allowed, we decided to put the steps on hold.

On June 1, 2020, Dave Christian met with Justin Plunkett of Keller Planners / Architects / Builders to get a second quote for the steps. At that time Justin was hoping to have the quotes back in two weeks.

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, the Properties Committee met with Justin Plunkett from Keller to go over their bid.



SANCTUARY STEPS PROJECT (CONT.)

The product being bid is a precast concrete manufactured by Wausau Tile that can closely match the existing granite.

Life expectancy of the product is 40-50 years.

The quote to replace three sets of steps, including precast steps, replace the veneer on the planters and new railings is \$95,996.

The quote to remove and replace the concrete up to the city sidewalk is \$6,489.

If new footings are required under all three sets of steps add \$21,230.

The total bid if all the footings must be replaced is \$123,715.

The Properties Committee added a 5% contingency, (\$6185), for anything extra that may come up, (i.e. additional concrete sections that should be replaced, new planter inserts, epoxy nosing on all stair treads.

The total for this option if all the footings need to be replaced is \$129,901.

The recommendation of the Properties Committee was to move forward with the Keller option.

Total expense will be between \$107,609 and \$129,900 depending on the condition of the footings.

At a Special Voters' meeting on July 26, 2020, the congregation voted to move ahead with replacing the steps and having Keller do the work.

Total Cost of Project:

The final cost of the steps, railings and concrete is 107,460. We still have to order the planter boxes which will add about \$1000. The project was funded by R/U - R/O properties funds, properties disbursement from the endowment, funds designated for steps replacement and savings.

Contractors Involved in the Project:

The general contractor for the steps was Keller Inc., Planners / Architects / Builders in Rib Mountain. The precast material for the steps was provided by Wausau Tile in Rothschild. The on-site work was completed by Kowalski Masonry of Wausau.

—The Properties Committee



CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties

Praise the Lord! The Stewart Avenue steps are completed. The “punch list” was reviewed with Keller, and items of concern have been addressed. We approved up to \$130,875 for this project last Spring. The overall project cost was lower than expected because the footings under the previous planters and steps were solid and did not need to be replaced. The final cost is \$107,460 after a \$2,563 credit from Keller for the delays. Funding for this project was made possible through generous donations to the Stewart Avenue Steps Repair fund, the Building Restoration fund, money remaining from the loan for the roof project, Reaching Up and Reaching Out funds set aside for Properties, and Endowment distributions reserved for building maintenance.

The Properties Committee, now a function of Church Council, met March 16 to evaluate major upcoming building priorities. Priorities/cost are as follows:

1. **Ceiling/Wall Repair in the Sanctuary (balcony only)/ est. \$25,000** – All areas of the ceiling and walls in the Sanctuary need repair. The damage has been mitigated with the new roof and insulation, so now we can focus on the peeling and cracks. The most critical area is over the balcony and would require removal and replacement of the organ pipes.
2. **Parking Lot resurfacing – *this one is new* (North end of Northeast lot, est. \$63,000; Courtyard lot, est. \$50,000)** – The lots were evaluated for sealing, but these two lots were found to be in resurfacing condition as opposed to sealing condition.
3. **Brick/Molding Restoration on Stewart Avenue/ est. \$80,000** – This project will include full restoration of mortar, brick, stone caps, as well as scraping, cleaning and painting of all wood surfaces for the entire front façade and 4 sides of both towers. We are also looking into casting the existing woodwork in a sustainable aluminum option. This estimate is based on a quote from 5 years ago, and we are in process of obtaining updated quotes. This is a true restoration effort, not patching small areas of concern. The idea would be to restore the brick and woodwork in a way that glorifies God’s house and provides a solid exterior that protects the interior from water damage.
4. **Remainder of the Sanctuary (Ceiling & Wall Repair)/ est. \$55,000** – This project will require removal of pews and displacing church services for a period of 8-10 weeks, which will require extensive coordination efforts. Ideally, this will be coordinated with the next priority.
5. **Carpet (Sanctuary, Narthex, Lounge)/ est. \$50,000** – Ideally, we would do this to follow the Sanctuary ceiling/wall repair so that carpet could be installed before replacing the pews. Carpet will not be a focal point, and will be neutral in nature. We would also sand and refinish the hardwood under the pews at this time.

As you can see here, we are looking at a few major projects that will total over \$300,000. We would hope to complete these in the next two years if possible. If you feel passionate about facility updates, you can give to “Building Restoration,” which will help fund these upcoming projects in this order.

We continue to carry out disinfection protocols every day after school and church to insure the safety of our staff, students and visitors. All cleaning materials that we are using have been researched and are on record with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to kill human coronavirus according to Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. **UPDATE:** We will be returning Hymnals and Bibles to the pews in the coming weeks. We have some new infection controls procedures that should prevent damage to these items, while allowing us to keep them disinfected between services.

MARCH 2021 FINANCIALS

March Financial Summary

March financials are reflective of what we expected to see:

- We continue to struggle to fill staffing and student vacancies in Childcare due to CoVID, which is impacting the Childcare Net Income by about \$182,000 to date (projected to have a \$60,000 unbudgeted loss by the end of the fiscal year). Childcare income is at 53% of budget for the year, while expenses are much higher at 71% of budget for the year.
- We are falling only 3% short of budget for tithes and offerings. We increased the Tithes and Offerings budget this year by 5%, so the fact that we are so close to budget (let alone during a pandemic) is truly a blessing.
- We are well under budget for expenses overall...we continue to be good stewards of the resources we are given.
- We did **not** qualify for the second round of PPP Loans due to our current financial state. That is a good thing.
- We continue to pay down debt ahead of schedule. Debt is currently:
 - Endowment Loan: \$139,652
 - Thrivent Loan: \$636,799
 - TOTAL Debt: \$776,451

Our financial outlook for this financial year is actually turning out to be impressive. Despite the political climate, a pandemic, lower in-person attendance, and the vast changes in the governance of the church, we are a thriving church community with much to celebrate. We are faithful that God's plan will be for Trinity to continue ministry for generations to come. We are truly blessed beyond measure by each member of our church family.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

| | BOTTOM LINE | | |
|----------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
| Childcare | -97,457 | -36,412 | -61,045 |
| Congregational | 716,583 | 747,197 | -30,614 |
| Lay Ministries | -401,907 | -357,275 | -44,632 |
| School | -266,875 | -305,982 | 39,107 |
| TOTAL | -49,656 | 47,528 | -97,184 |

| | Mar 21 | Budget | % of Budget | Jul '20 - Mar 21 | YTD Budget | % of Budget | Annual Budget |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Income | | | | | | | |
| CHILDCARE INC | 28,715 | 42,965 | 67% | 204,778 | 387,581 | 53% | 516,776 |
| CONGREGATIONAL INC | 115,255 | 103,218 | 112% | 878,792 | 904,106 | 97% | 1,205,596 |
| LAY MINISTRIES INC | 0 | 50 | 0% | 832 | 450 | 185% | 600 |
| SCHOOL INC | 30,036 | 24,955 | 120% | 657,537 | 662,131 | 99% | 1,232,807 |
| Total Income | 174,006 | 171,188 | 102% | 1,741,939 | 1,954,268 | 89% | 2,955,779 |
| Gross Profit | 174,006 | 171,188 | 102% | 1,741,939 | 1,954,268 | 89% | 2,955,779 |
| Expense | | | | | | | |
| CHILDCARE EXP | 31,585 | 45,401 | 70% | 302,235 | 423,993 | 71% | 577,207 |
| CONGREGATIONAL EX | 23,357 | 18,126 | 129% | 162,209 | 156,909 | 103% | 584,609 |
| LAY MINISTRIES EXP | 40,507 | 38,146 | 106% | 402,739 | 357,725 | 113% | 490,042 |
| SCHOOL EXP | 105,429 | 101,858 | 104% | 924,412 | 968,113 | 95% | 1,303,921 |
| Total Expense | 200,878 | 203,531 | 99% | 1,791,595 | 1,906,740 | 94% | 2,955,779 |
| Net Income | -26,872 | -32,343 | 83% | -49,656 | 47,528 | -104% | 0 |

TRINITY HISTORY: DID YOU KNOW?

Recently we have been publishing a history tidbit each Friday on our Facebook page. We are going to put a couple in the newsletter each month for those who don't have Facebook or may have missed the postings. The history of our congregation is so rich and valuable. Through it we are able to see how faithful God has been to his people. It serves as a reminder that if he has been faithful to us in the past he will certainly be faithful to us in the future. Enjoy! God bless, Rick Stengl, DCE

Did you know...In the 70's a new Paschal Candle stand was purchased and placed in the chancel. Above and below the cross is Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. These symbolize that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The numerals of the current year are between the arms of the cross to signify that the risen Christ shall be a "pillar of fire" also in this year to lead us to the heavenly Promised Land. Finally, in the center and in each end of the cross, wax nails are affixed to symbolize the 5 wounds of Christ (head, hands, feet and side). On the stand itself is the Chi Rho symbol which stands for the first three letters of Christos or Christ. The Greek letter chi (ch) is written as the English capital letter X. The letter rho is like the English letter capital letter P. The new candle for the church year is lit on Easter Sunday and every Sunday following until the Feast of the Ascension. You will see the Paschal Candle placed and lit by the font for baptisms to signify the beginning of a life in faith. The Paschal Candle is also placed and lit at the head of the casket during funerals as a reminder that death has no victory over a baptized child of God...now you know!



Notice the Paschal Candle stand with the Chi Rho symbol on three sides of the base.

Five wax nails are affixed to the Paschal Candle to symbolize the five wounds of Christ (head, hands, feet and side).



Did you know...By 1956 Trinity had grown to be one of the ten largest Missouri-Synod churches in the world. Reverends Bertermann and Koepke were conducting four services each Sunday morning to accommodate our many worshipers. Two proposals were presented to better serve the growing congregation. Either build a larger church located on the congregation's 27-acre site, a mile west of the present church on Highway 29 in the Town of Stettin, or simply enlarge the current church building. On April 29, 1957 the congregation unanimously voted to erect an addition to the church, extending 49 feet and 6 inches to the south, which increased the seating capacity of the nave from 360 to 600. The addition also provided space on the lower level for a large meeting room with kitchen (Parlor), two Sunday school rooms and a room for the use of the Finance Committee. Arches and purlins and sanctuary screens were installed to help give the church interior a more unified appearance. The architects were Foster and Yasko of Wausau, and the general contractor was the Wergin Company of Wausau. New church pews were manufactured by the Ossit Church Furniture Company of Janesville and were donated by Mr. and Mrs. David A. Seehafer and Dr. and Mrs. Albert H. Stahmer, in memory of Mr. O. C. Lemke and Bertha Lemke, nee Nickel, the parents of Mrs. Seehafer and Mrs. Stahmer. The communion rail was made by Mr. Anton Kufahl. Total cost of the addition was \$165,120. Dedication took place on April 20, 1958 and was the first church in central Wisconsin to have air conditioning! ...now you know!



How the exterior of the church appeared prior to the 1958 addition. Notice the parsonage on the right side of the picture.



How the chancel appeared prior to the 1958 addition. The altar, pulpit, font and lectern were purchased by the **Ladies' Aid Society** and installed in 1924 along with the altar carving of The Last Supper. All these still remain today, although the altar, lectern and pulpit were slightly modified to fit within the 1958 addition.



How the chancel and nave appeared following the completion of the 1958 addition. Notice that the large wall cross has not been installed yet. That would be added later along with scrolling on the chancel screens to match the pulpit, lectern and font. Eventually the altar would be enlarged to fit the larger chancel area.

How the south end of the church appeared prior to the 1958 addition. This picture was taken the day before construction began.



The presentation of the altar ornaments and communion vessels to the new chancel area during the April 20, 1958 dedication service of the addition to the church. Notice that the small stained glass windows in the upper left have not been installed yet. Pictured from left to right: Martin Goetsch, Lyle Miller, Ralph Kresin, Sr., Hubert Christian, Bob Zastrow, Milton (Felix) Streck



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Happy Mother's Day

Strength and dignity
are her clothing, and she laughs at
the time to come. She opens her mouth
with wisdom, and the teaching of
kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:25-26