



Trinity Tidings

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Beyond Sunday

I am going to be honest with you. If we want to grow as a congregation and reach out to others with the saving grace of God that we have come to know deeply as Lutherans, we must be willing to grow ourselves. What that means, is that one hour of worship on Sundays simply does not cut it. It is what we do beyond Sunday that grows our faith and relationship with God. The Apostle Paul knew how important it was to grow spiritually, and in his first letter to the Corinthians, he writes,

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. As long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)

Paul's address to the people of Corinth may be blunt, but it gets to the point that we cannot expect to immediately have everything figured out. To know God is a true journey that can take years, yet one that must begin at some point if that is our desire. Like an infant, we cannot eat solid foods right away and must move towards eating richer and more enticing foods.

Beginning this September, I am inviting you into the opportunity to get to know God and thus grow in your faith in ways that we have talked little about in the past. Our conversation will begin on **Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm**. Our discussions will be many-faceted and may lead to the formation of smaller groups. I am also offering the opportunity for you to individually grow in your faith and relationship with God through Spiritual Direction. This would be at scheduled times (at least once/month) that worked for your schedule.

Join us on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm to enter into this incredible journey as we move beyond Sunday.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



Communal Coffee continues...

Join Pastor Alex on Mondays from 10am-noon at Tim Horton's. It's a great time to share any ideas or thoughts you may have, and a great chance to get to know him better. Pastor Alex will be there every Monday except September 2nd.



News from Worship & Music Team

The Worship and Music Team has made the decision, with support from the Church Council, to make some changes in our Sunday Worship. This is due in part to having to make some budget cuts and listening to the congregation. Tim Edwards last day with Trinity as our Music Director will be September 8. We thank him for his talents that he has shared with the congregation and pray for the Spirit to move in his life and other opportunities to share his gifts.

With that being said, we are intentionally not going to hire anyone for a year. We will use the technology resources that are available to us as we find new and exciting ways to share in God's word on Sunday. If you are interested in having some input during this time, you are always invited to a Worship and Music Team meeting (Next one is Monday August 26th at 6:00 pm) or speaking with Pastor Alex.

Monthly Dinner Out

Be on the lookout for the next dinner out opportunity with Trinity Lutheran Church. It is our goal to go out once a month as a congregation and all are invited. If you would like to arrange a location for a certain month, please let Pastor Alex know.



Potluck

There will be a potluck following service on September 29th to celebrate the birthdays of July –September.



- Randy Kaatz for stripping the floors in the fellowship hall and kitchen and putting new wax down (on a holiday weekend)!
- Those that gave to the patio fund for the parsonage and especially to Don, Evan, and John Plonka and Richard Keuchenmesiter who put in the hard work of putting it all together. Check it out, it looks great!
- Mark Zink for ensuring that we have got together over the summer for dinner out. We have had around 20 people at each outing. If you would like to host an outing, let the church office know.
- All of those that have taken a few minutes of their time to empty trash, refill toilet paper, vacuumed, dusted, etc. It is wonderful to see people care for the church as if it were their own home.
- Everyone that has helped out in the church gardens this year. It makes an impression to visitors when they see the church.
- Tim Edwards for sharing his musical gifts with Trinity over the last two years.

Backpack Blessings

On September 1, during the Children's Message there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks. For all of those

preparing to start school or parents looking to get back to their fall schedules, bring your bag and you will be blessed before the start of the upcoming school year.



Youth Night

All youth (6th – 12th grade) are invited to come to a game/pizza night on Sunday, September 22nd at 5pm. We will talk about how we can stay connected as the youth of Trinity. This is your opportunity to shape how you want to interact with church.

What Disciples Do Fall Sermon Series

Although Christians are often identified by what they believe, Jesus seemed to care more about what his followers actually did. Faith practices, along with theological beliefs, are crucial to Christianity. These eleven weeks of Ordinary Time offer an excellent opportunity to explore what disciples do: practice generosity, wrestle with God, and take their faith public, to name a few.

The Sermon Titles for September are:

September 15: Disciples Seek People for Christ and Church

September 22: Disciples Resist Greed

September 29: Disciples Practice Generosity

Join us this fall as we begin a journey of what discovering what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.



September Altar Flowers and Fellowship Hour Schedule

Flowers

September 1 – Lester & Shirley Dobberowsky in honor of their 57th anniversary

September 8 – Open, please sign up

September 15 – Dan & Melissa Daugherty in honor of their daughter & son, Ashley and Tony Harmon on their 1st wedding anniversary

September 22 – Sue Fields, In memory of Mike on their 53rd anniversary and in memory of their son Scott on his birthday.

September 29 – Open, please sign up

Fellowship Hour

September 1 – Melissa Daugherty in honor of Lester & Shirley's 57th anniversary and Shirley's 78th birthday

September 8 – Open

September 15 – Open

September 22 – Open

September 29 – Potluck



1. Duncan's project: Duncan presented his desire to do an Eagle Scout Project at the church that would be a prayer labyrinth/path by the front door/sidewalk. All work would be completed by scouts and he would do fundraising to support it. Projected dates for project would be this fall or coming spring
2. Mark went over financial reports. We received about half of our goal from the \$225 Campaign.
3. Discussed that Tina had purchased a new phone for office.
4. Discussed tabling Synod Benevolence until the budget process for 2020.
5. Discussed our current financial status. After the \$225 campaign, there was still a need for additional cost saving measures to be taken. The Worship and Music Team recommend and the council approved that Trinity Lutheran does not continue in its contract with Tim to help with our finances. At this time we will not hire anyone for a year.
6. Tracy discussed this year's plans for Sunday School/Celebrate. This will be Tracy's last year leading Celebrate and they have received two Thrivent Action Team Cards to buy curriculum for the next couple of years.
7. Mark discussed starting a new membership team to prepare for the growth that the city of Richmond will be seeing in the near future and make sure that Trinity is visible.



September Scripture Readings

September 1.....12th Sunday of Pentecost
 Proverbs 25:6-7
 Psalm 112
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8.....13th Sunday of Pentecost
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

September 15.....14th Sunday of Pentecost
 Exodus 32:7-14
 Psalm 51:1-10
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

September 2215th Sunday of Pentecost
 Amos 8:4-7
 Psalm 113
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

September 29.....16th Sunday of Pentecost
 Amos 6:1a,4-7
 Psalm 146
 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31



September Birthdays

September 1 – Shirley Dobberowsky
 September 3 – Adam Walsh
 September 4 – Marilyn Frank
 September 4 – Howard Stuart
 September 7 – George Rentovich
 September 8 – Leslie Peterson
 September 10 – Marge Schultz
 September 11 – Milt Fistler, Jr
 September 11 – Guy Walsh
 September 12 – Dylan Hartman
 September 14 – Caden Churchill
 September 14 – Emery Pitcel
 September 15 – Stephanie Graham
 September 16 – Gracie Walsh
 September 18 – Elaine Schleeff
 September 20 – Lois Dimick
 September 20 – Doug Olson
 September 20 – Don Plonka
 September 21 – Sandy Opalewski
 September 23 – Don Small
 September 24 – Elaine Neiman
 September 25 – Brody Carkuff

Bike Ministry Donates 18 Bikes to Samaritan House in Romeo

The bike ministry team donated 18 bikes to a back -to -school event at Samaritan House in Romeo. The used bikes had been given to us to repair and tune-up for children in need. We will continue to work on bikes through September at 6 pm each Monday. Thanks to all who have been on the lookout for used bikes.

Becky Stuart



Fall 2019 Faith Formation For All Ages

Celebrate Sunday School

Returning September 15th during worship. All elementary age children and younger are invited to participate and will return to the sanctuary right before communion. If you have any questions, please talk to Tracy Walsh.

Confirmation

For our youth in 6th grade or older. Our confirmation program is a two-year program and meets once a month beginning September 15th from 11am – 1pm. Ask Pastor Alex if you have any questions.

Beyond Sunday

This fall our faith formation for adults will be moving Beyond Sunday.

Adult Forums

Once a month following worship we will be discussing Justice and the ELCA. The ELCA has approved several social statements since its formation in 1988. We will take the time to discuss what this means and how we live beyond Sunday in carrying out our faith. Our first forum will be September 22nd at 11am – we will discuss the church in society.

Beyond Sunday

How do we live out our faith beyond Sundays? Join us on Wednesdays as we share what it means to not only follow Jesus but to grow in relationship with him. We will begin September 18th at 7pm.

