



May - August 2018

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Upcoming Events

Chilton Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 19, 2018
10-12 Calumet County Shed

Annual School Picnic

Friday, May 25, 2018
Worship @ 9am

Timber Rattler Family Night

Saturday, June 9th @ 6:35 pm

Golf Outing

June 22, 2018
Hickory Hills Country Club

2018 Trinity Camping Ledgeview

Campground
July 26 - 31

First Day of School

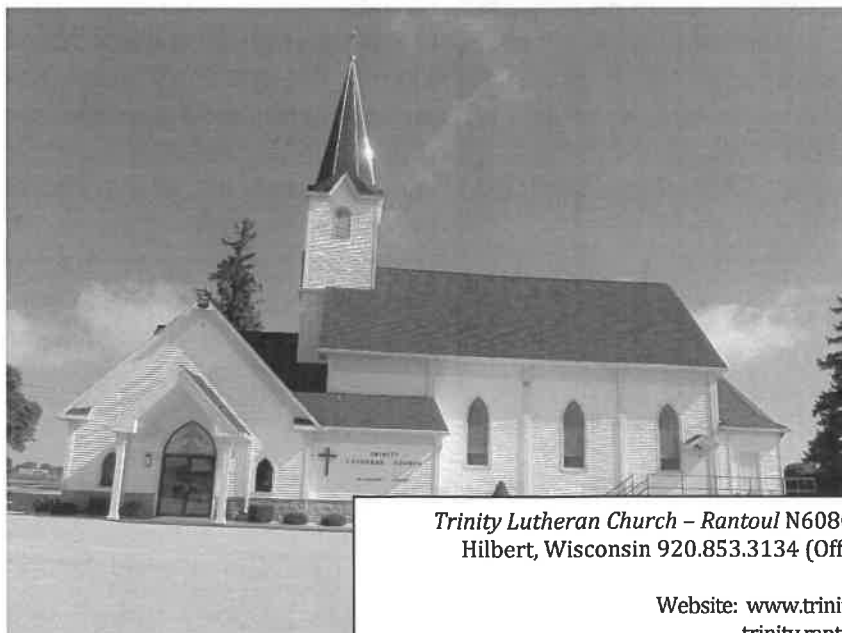
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Pastors Report Love One Another

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

(John 15:16-17)

The cartoon to the right is a little too realistic to be funny. In our lives we are constantly taught to be confident in what we believe. We are taught to voice our opinions and beliefs. We are taught to not let others put us down. This is a good thing. However, we are rarely taught how to listen with equal confidence. We are taught to be triggered by that which offends us. We are taught that loving someone means never disagreeing or correcting. We are taught that the art of discourse is to just get along.



However, when we listen to those that differ from us, we learn that they are fallen sinners just like us. We all start from the same place. We start as beggars with nothing to bring before our God. The only difference is we know the rest of the story that many of our neighbors do not know. Christ's life, death, and resurrection were actions of love for each and every one of us. Our sins are forgiven. Our salvation is sealed in the blood of Jesus. Faith is planted in our hearts, and we are given love to share. When we listen, we see that there are fellow sinners struggling in a dying world that need to hear the hope and mercy that we experience every day.



When people experience the love and mercy of Christ in their lives, they show the love and mercy of Christ through their lives. This is our mission here at Trinity. We gather around God's blessings so that we may share those blessings in our community. Through Word and Sacrament ministry, our Lord continues to choose His people so that His kingdom might come in this place. He chooses you through your baptism. He strengthens you through His Word and Sacraments. He builds you up through His people. God does all of this so that you may love one another.

In Christ,

Pastor Niles

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
Susan Boeck

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Trinity,

The first few months of 2018 have been very busy ones here at Trinity. We celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week January 21-27. There were some fun activities throughout the week for our students and we closed out the week with Special Person's Day, Trinity's own talent show, and lunch and fellowship in the gym.

The Chicken Dinner and Auction was held February 24 and the Chicken Booyah/Soup Dinner was the following Saturday. Great fellowship, good food and fun times were enjoyed by all in attendance and we were able to raise some money for our church, school and daycare.

Thanks to the help of many of you our students were able to raise over \$2600 dollars for the American Heart Association during February and March. We had our Jump Rope for Heart event on March 8 in the school gym. The children had a great time jumping rope and doing other activities that afternoon.

All 22 of our families with children in grades 5K-7th gathered in the gym on March 15 for a Culture Fair. Each family chose a country to research and present information about. Many cultural foods were also made available at that time. It was wonderful to watch the interaction among parents, students, and teachers as all explored the displays.

We closed out April with a very busy weekend. The Spring musical, *Soul on Fire*, was presented at the Engler Center Friday, April 27. All of our students did a great job singing and telling a fun story with a Gospel message. PTLs sponsored an ice cream social after the musical. On Saturday, over 70 people came out for roller skating at Skate City. On Sunday we gathered for a special 150th anniversary celebration of Trinity Lutheran School. Pastor John Kelling was our guest preacher that morning, and he shared many memories of his time at Trinity. Between services members and guests were invited to the school to tour the classrooms, view some picture displays, and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. The dinner at Cobblestone Creek was a wonderful ending to the celebration.

As great as it is to reflect on the past, it is crucial that we look to the future. How can Trinity continue to serve the community and reach out with the love of God in Christ Jesus to her members and neighbors? As in the past, we continue to trust in the Lord for guidance, we rely on His Word, and we step out in faith to reach others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Susan Boeck



YOUTH GROUP
Kathy Lemke

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the chicken dinner! The youth made over \$1600.

We are still looking into the possibility of hosting a Feed the Children/Hunger Event at Trinity. We are looking into various different organizations which would help us to host such an event at Trinity.

Finally, the next National Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis in the summer of 2019. Any youth who will be between the ages of 14-19 at the time of the Gathering is eligible to attend. I encourage any youth from Trinity who are interested in attending the Gathering to come and participate in our youth events.



Trinity Lutheran Daycare has been very busy these last few months. We are very blessed to have the wonderful families that we do. We have had a few new additions that have been born in the last few months and more coming in the next few months. It is a lot of fun having the brand new babies at the Daycare.

We have a total of 59 children at the Daycare that are actively enrolled. This is a mixture of full time and part time families. Many of their schedules change from week to week and we are happy to accommodate that.

The staff has been working hard on many things. They have been doing many daily lesson plans and fun projects for the kids. We had a spring break day that the children enjoyed pretending to go to the beach. They also learning about spring, although this is a confusing concept this year. ☺

We are getting ready for summer. We are planning on having many "play stations" here at the daycare for the younger children and we are hoping on doing some field trips again for the older children. They had a blast last year and we hope to continue providing them with many adventures.

This year we are selling epic discount cards. Who doesn't love a good deal? These cards have 18 local businesses on the back. Most of these offers are good until May 1, 2019. That's right; you can use the coupon over and over again. They are only \$20 each. You can easily have the card pay for itself within a month or so. There are a limited amount of cards so get yours quickly! We will be selling them in-between a few services at church or give daycare to reserve yours.

LADIES' AID/LWML REPORT

Linda Schwobe

"For lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." (Song of Solomon 2:11-12) Spring is a great time to renew yourself and gain a fresh perspective. With flowers blooming and everything coming to life, it's easy to feel a sense of change and rebirth happening all around us. The Ladies too are looking forward to spring and our activities in the next months. In February and March, Pastor Niles led the Ladies Aid members in a bible study of women in the bible. We will continue this study series throughout the year. We also will continue looking at the Ladies Aid Constitution and By-laws. Ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us at our meetings at any time.

In April, the Ladies Aid will return to meeting in the evening on 4/5 at 7:00 pm. That evening, the Ladies should bring their LWML mites. On Friday, May 4th, we will be hosting the annual Mother/Daughter banquet. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship, while we are entertained by magician Kurt Kane. Watch the church bulletin for information on making reservations for this evening.

Linda Schwobe,
Ladies Aid President

Ongoing Fundraiser

Thank you for your continued support through the use of these items:

Thank you to all who have been saving items to help our school and our community! Several programs have been in place for a number of years that benefit the school. The following programs are still going on:

Box Tops for Education: We recently received a check for \$152 thanks to your efforts. Continue saving the box top labels, but please check the expiration date.

Tadych's Econofoods Receipts: Keep turning in your receipts for groceries purchased at Tadych's Econofoods. We received a check for \$1500 last year to help our computer program here at school.

Kwik Trip Milk Moola Caps: Each milk cap turned in brings us 5 cents. A box was recently sent off, so keep those caps coming!

Some ways to help our community include **used eyeglasses**, which go to the Lion Club; and **can tabs** for Ronald McDonald House.



TRINITY MIXED CHOIR Lois Stache, Director

Thank you to the mixed choir for all their dedication and hard work. We have a very talented group of singers. We sang a couple of new songs this past year. On Thanksgiving we sang "Now We Thank You Lord" and on Easter we sang "Our Savior Is Alive." A special thank you to Karla Brault for all your guidance and advice in helping me learn the role of directing a mixed choir. Looking forward to working with everyone in fall.



BELL'S CHOIR
Donna Lau, Director

Many thanks to our Handbell Players

Shelly Geiser	Ellen Zutz	Ellie Schmitting
Kathy Lemke	Bonnie Wesner	Elyse Schmitting
Amber Beran	Lori Wunrow	Miranda Lemke
Mckayla Schoen	Patty Zenner - Sub	Becky Jandrey - Sub
Susan Johnson - Sub		



Songs we played through Lent and 150th Anniversary of Trinity School –
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
“The Lamb”
“Were You There”
“Processional Alleluia”
“Lift High the Cross”

We added the tone chimes to some of the songs which enhance the melody of the song. After our summer break we will resume practice in the fall of 2018. Watch the bulletin for details. We would encourage any Trinity members who would like to join our group. Give me a call at 920-853-3162.

MEN'S CHOIR
Lois Stache, Director



Many thanks to all the men in our choir for their longtime service. They truly enjoy singing and are eager to sing anytime as well as singing with the Women's Choir for special services. A special thank you to Donna Lau for all her years of service and dedication to the Men's Choir. Thank you for your help and guidance in getting me started on taking over the Men's Choir. Looking forward to working with the men in fall.

Altar Guild

For the summer, communion will only be served on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month.

We will switch to the summer church schedule on Wednesday, 5/23 with that service being held at 7:00 p.m. Our summer church services as the Wednesday service being the "first service of the weekend". The Sunday service, following the Wednesday, will be a repeat of the Wednesday service. Wednesday services will be held at 7:00 p.m.

We will have communion on 5/30/18 and 6/3/18. 5/30(Wednesday) would be the "first service" for that weekend and 6/3 would be the first Sunday in June. Then, the next time we'd have communion would be 6/13/18 and then again on 6/17/18.


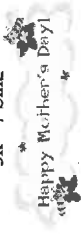

Altar guild members, please watch for an Altar Guild schedule to reflect the schedule change for the summer services.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Linda Schwobe

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, RANTOUL

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 	4 6:30pm Mother/Daughter Banquet in the school gym	5
6 8:00am Worship/Communion 9:00am Bible Class/ Sunday School 10:00am Worship	7 6:00pm Elder Meeting	8 5:30pm School Board Meeting	9	10 7:00 pm Ascension Service/communion	11	12
13 8:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Class/ Sunday School 10:00am Worship/Communion 3k - 7 Sing 	14 7:30pm Church Council Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 Daycare 5K Color Walk/Run 9am
20 8:00am Worship/Communion 9:00am Bible Class/ Sunday School 10:00am Worship/Communion	21 2:00pm Prayer Circle	22	23 Summer Schedule Begins Church Services 6:00pm Bible Class/ Sunday School 7:00pm Worship	24	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL School Picnic 9:00am Worship	26
27 8:00am Bible Class/ Sunday School 9:00am Worship	28  Memorial DAY	29 10:00am Bulletin announcements need to be in to secretary	30 6:00pm Bible Class/ Sunday School 7:00pm Worship /Communion	31		

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