



October – December 2018

Trinity Times

Previous Happenings

School Started Sept. 4

LWML Sunday Oct. 7

Fire Safety Week October 7-13

Upcoming Events

Voter's Meeting October 22; 7:00pm

Reformation Services October 28;
8:00 & 10 am

All Saints Sunday November 4;
8:00 & 10:00 am

Deer Hunters Service
November 15; 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service November 21
at 7 pm same as 9 am

Thanksgiving Day Service
November 22; 9:00am

Thanksgiving Break

November 21-23

Advent Services

December 5, 12, 19; 1:30 & 7:00pm

Christmas Program/Potluck

December 21; 11:00am

December 23 8:00 and 10 am

December 24 Christmas Program 4pm
and a service 7 pm

Christmas Break

December 24-January 1

Christmas Day December 25 at 9:30 am

December 30 8:00 and 10 am

New Year's Eve Service

December 31; 5:00pm

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Pastors Report

Purpose-Driven, But Whose Purpose?

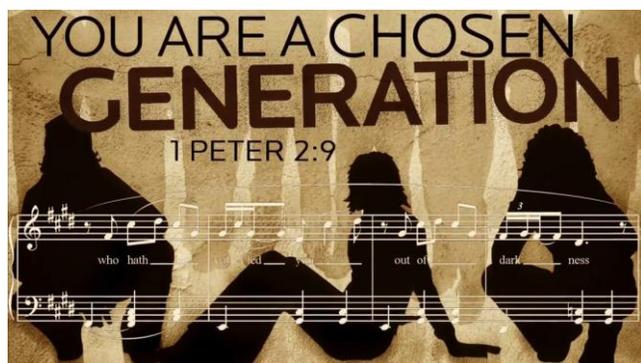
Our world is constantly searching for purpose. There is probably nothing that people long for more than purpose. Don't believe me? Look at advertisements. Look on bookshelves in bookstores. Look at billboards. Listen to pop music. Everyone is looking for a purpose. It strives for more money, a nicer car, a bigger family, better mentality and focus, or a better source of employment. All of these items are sought because they provide purpose and function in a world that seems chaotic. There is an entire brand of self-help books on the market that talk about *The Purpose-Driven Life*, *Purpose-Driven Finances*, *Purpose-Driven Business*, *Purpose-Driven Family*, and *Purpose-Driven Dog-walking...* Ok, that last one may not exist. However, the point is the same – everyone wants a purpose.



It is also easy to see why this is a need. Purpose makes it easier to accomplish objectives. Purpose gives motivation, inspiration, and focus. When we are left without a purpose, we can often feel like we are aimlessly adrift in an ocean of apathy. So purpose is necessary, but from where do we get our purpose? Christianity answers this question differently than the world. For a Christian purpose does not come from within you, your mind, or your life. It does not come from money, house, or occupation. It comes from outside of yourself. Peter writes the following in 1 Peter 2

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Peter 2:9-10).

God gives our purpose to us. He chooses us. He makes us holy (or set apart) through the blood of Christ. He has made us a people for His glory. He makes us a people who have received His mercy. In these identities and realities, we find our purpose – to receive His gifts and live lives accordingly. Since this is His identity, this is also the church's identity. This identity drives everything we do as His church.



Over the next few months, we are going to be focusing on our purpose, mission, and vision as a church. We are going to be analyzing who we are, what we are, and where we go next? These questions can often be scary if we think that we have to do this all by ourselves. However, we already have our identity and purpose from God, we just need to see how that impacts us as a church. Prayerfully consider being involved in this process. There will be more information coming about this process. May God bless and direct your life according to His design and purpose!

In Christ,
Pastor Niles

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
Susan Boeck
TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
WALK BY THE SPIRIT

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. . . . If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.” Galatians 5: 22-23, 25



Walk by the Spirit is the theme for the next two years at Trinity. Each month we will focus on one of the “fruits” listed in our theme verse. So far this year we have taken a closer look at love and joy.

We started the school year with forty-nine students in 3K-8th grade. We have 17 little ones enrolled in 3&4K and have split those into morning sessions (3K-8 students) and afternoon class (4K-9 students). Mrs. Lemke has 2 Kindergarten students and 4 first graders; Mrs. Beran has 5 second graders and 5 third graders; Mrs. Zutz has 2 fourth graders and 3 fifth graders in the morning; and Mrs. Johnson has 6 sixth graders, 3 seventh and 2 eighth graders in her room.

We did a bit of moving around of classrooms this summer. The preschoolers remain in the first classroom inside the entry making it easy for parents to drop off and pickup and giving the children plenty of room for movement and center play in their classroom. Mrs. Lemke moved into the smaller classroom and has created a very cozy place for her six little ones. Mrs. Johnson needed more room with 11 upper graders and has moved into what had been the Kindergarten/First Grade room.

We were blessed to be able to purchase nine additional Chromebooks at a greatly reduced price this summer and fall as we piggybacked with Valders in a massive purchase of computers. Thank you Shelly Geiser for hooking us up with them. We will need those as our upper grade numbers increase and we need additional and replacement Chromebooks in the future.

Our girls' volleyball teams just completed their season. The B-Team had a very successful season and captured 2nd place in the end-of-the-season tournament. The A-Team took 4th in their tournament at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Congratulations to all the girls for a great job competing! Thank you to Dawn Woelfel and Shelly Geiser for their time and talents coaching the girls this year.

We will have finished our fall session of MAP testing (Measures of Academic Progress) by the time you read this. These tests help our teachers see where students are excelling or struggling, and provide information to help better plan lessons and aid student learning. They also help to determine reading levels so students can be challenged without being frustrated.

A fun time was had by the 5K-8th graders, teachers, and parent chaperones at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center in late September. They were even able to witness a calf being born! From there they all went to the park in St. Nazianz, but mosquitoes cut the time short there. We thank PTLs for providing the funds for the tour and the bus.

We look to close out the quarter with a Reformation/Fall party on the 31st of October before the teachers head to the N/SWD combined teachers' conference for professional development and time with old friends and colleagues. The first quarter ends on the 5th of November.

Work will begin on the Christmas program as we enter November. Mrs. Zutz handed off the music responsibilities at the end of May. We thank Mrs. Zutz for her many years of dedication to Trinity's music program. Mrs. Johnson is sharing the task with Mrs. Beran. Mrs. Beran is taking on choir and continuing music theory instruction, while Mrs. Johnson is working with the older students with handbells and chimes. Mrs. Lemke will continue to instruct first and second grade handbells.

God has richly blessed this congregation with the desire, dedication and determination to continue to provide Christian education for its young members and members of the community at both our school and daycare. Please know how thankful we all are for your continued prayers and support! Continue to pray for our teachers, students, and their families throughout the year and know that we will be praying for you also.

St. Paul said it best to Philemon: **“When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.”** Philemon 4-7

May we continue to share the news of Jesus love and forgiveness with all whom we come into contact with daily. Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and support!

In Christ,
Susan Boeck

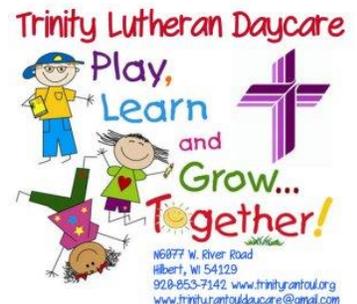
Daycare Elyse Schmitting

Now that the school year is back in full swing we can look back at how much fun our summer was. We introduced many new activities to the children. Math, science, water fun, thinking of others and large muscle activities were our main focus to keep the children busy each week. Each week the staff came with great ideas and activities planned for the children. Their hard work and dedication for these children is amazing. They want the children to get the most out of every day and the children are eager to learn and start the next activity they have planned. Weekly newsletters are something new that was brought to the daycare once summer started. These are provided to parents each week so they are involved with the work their child/children are doing each day. Dave Bessert started volunteering in the summer. Thursday mornings he comes and reads stories and does activities with the children. They look forward to this time with him every week.

In the summer we had a total of 53 children enrolled into the daycare, this includes both full time and part time children. Now that the school year has started we have a total of 46 children, as many of our kids went back to school. A couple of our daycare families are expecting within the year. We are happy to watch our families grow here.

I would like to thank the congregation, staff and families of the daycare for all the support that was given from the beginning of summer until now. From the generous donations to the kind words of encouragement, it has all gone a long way. I am blessed to be working in such a great community.

Elyse Schmitting



LADIES' AID/LWML REPORT

Linda Schwobe

-What Can God Do with 57 Cents?

Several years ago, the Ladies Aid and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) combined organizations. Now, each year, every couple of months, our Ladies Aid has a notice in the bulletin for everyone to bring in their mites or mite box. But what does that mean?

A major symbol for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the mite box. A box in which you throw your loose change. The idea of saving mites is based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). The mite box is intended for regular contributions to "mites". But what can be done with just a little change?

Here's one case of what happened with just a little change. In the late 1800's, Hattie May Wiatt lived near a church where the Sunday School was very crowded. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, told Hattie that one day they would have buildings big enough to allow everyone to attend who wanted to. Although from a very poor family, Hattie wanted all children to have a place to learn about Jesus. Later, Hattie became sick and died from diphtheria. Rev. Conwell was asked to do the funeral. Hattie's mother told him that Hattie had been saving money to help build a bigger church and gave him the little purse in which she had saved 57 cents. Inspired by the girl's determined, sacrificial giving, others grew the fund to enable additional property to be purchased and a building to be built to increase the Sunday school size. In time, a college/university (Temple University) and a hospital (Good Samaritan) were also the results of the initial gift of 57 cents. What God do with just 57 cents!

The mite box contributions go hand-in-hand with LWML's major emphasis of supporting mission and ministry efforts throughout the world. These mite box offerings have funded over 100 million dollars in mission grants since the LWML was organized in 1942.

So again, thank you for your donations to the "mite box". Our recent LWML Sunday brought in \$550 to help spread the word of Jesus.

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 sent off a couple of envelopes, we will be receiving a check for \$180.00, 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 recently handed in a couple of envelopes, thanks to your efforts.

Kwik Trip Milk Moola Caps: Each milk cap turned in brings us 5 cents. We recently received a check for \$108.80 thanks to your efforts. 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.



BELL'S CHOIR
Donna Lau, Director

The fall schedule for adult handbells has started. Our ringers are:

Shelly Geiser
Kathy Lemke
Lois Stache

Ellen Zutz
Becky Jandrey
Lori Wunrow
Tanya Johnson

Bonnie Wesner
Elyse Schmitting
Miranda Lemke



On Sunday, October, 7th we played "Fanfare" on "To God Be the Glory. Great job girls, you did a new song with only two practices. Our plan for November will be "Soldiers of the Cross" and "Praise to the Lord." New techniques are used in each song to enhance the sound. We hope to play handbell decants for "This is the Feast" on communion Sundays.

Donna Lau, Director

MEN'S CHOIR
Lois Stache, Director

The new year for the Men's choir is off to a great start. We sang at Evergreen Nursing Home in Oshkosh on October 7th. Thanks to all the men who sing in the choir, you do a great job!

YOUTH GROUP
Kathy Lemke

The youth group is getting very excited about attending the National Youth Gathering next year in Minneapolis from July 11-15! We currently have six youth and one adult who are registered. If you are a youth who will be between 14-19 in the summer of 2019 and are interested in attending, please talk to Mrs. Lemke as soon as possible.