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# TRINITY MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2019 | TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Dear Church!

By Pastor Appold

*"I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But, I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first." Revelation 2:3-4*

If God was to write a letter to the Church today, what do you think He would He say? What about if He was to write a letter to our congregation here at Trinity? Or what about a letter to each one of us personally? Would there be an element of fear and embarrassment as we thought about looking at the letter? Or would we take it joyfully, and look forward to the letter's honest assessment? What would you do?

Beginning on Sunday, September 8th, Trinity will be looking at the letters to the seven churches found in chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation. These were letters, written by Jesus to the young churches of Asia Minor (Modern day nation—Turkey). In the letters, Jesus clearly showed what was so very sinful in each of the churches, but He also clearly pointed them to trust in Him to patiently overcome the challenges to the faith.

There is so much that is very applicable to our congregation today. Sometimes, our lack of faith is baffling. We don't take the Lord at His Word. We fuss and fight about money and argue with each other, and keep longstanding issues against each other. As Jesus said in the first letter, "You have abandoned the love you had at first." This is a terrible sin against God. How could we ever abandon our love for Jesus? But, Jesus gladly forgives us our sin and calls us to "hold on" in faith so that we may overcome.

Each of us personally will also need to consider these letters. Although they were originally written many years ago, to a place far away, they apply greatly to each of our lives. Jesus minces no words. He tells it like it really is. He sees in our hearts and knows all of our thoughts and inclinations. But, He also offers His grace and every blessing to those who truly repent, and through faith in Jesus overcome.

I know that some people have some fears about the book of Revelation. There are some difficult parts to understand in the book. Revelation also predicts some difficult things to come. But, we have nothing to fear. The book is wrapped up in God's love. Jesus has won the final victory for us!

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## SEPTEMBER



## SNAPSHOT

*Mondays:* Student Hospitality\*

*Mondays:* Women's Bible Study\*

*Wednesdays:* Men's Bible Study

*Wednesdays:* Confirmation\*

*Wednesdays:* Choir\*

*Thursdays:* Bible Study\*

*Saturdays:* Men's Bible Study

*\*Start dates differ; refer to calendar*

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**9/3: Board of Elders**

**9/3: Properties Meeting**

**9/3,17: Gals on a Mission**

**9/5: JAM Meeting**

**9/7: Roosevelt Park Day**

**9/8: Blessing of the Backpacks**

**9/8: Youth Group Meeting**

**9/9: Circle Guild**

**9/9: Council Meeting**

**9/11: Matthew Meal**

**9/11: Second Service Meeting**

**9/18: New Seniors**

**9/19: Supper House**

**9/23: Altar Guild**

**9/26: Life Circles Presentation**

**9/28: Food Truck**

**9/29: Voters Meeting**

## Dear Church! *Continued from p.1*

So, come and join us for worship for a powerful look at the letters in Revelation from Sunday, September 8, and continuing to October 27. They will help you to grow in faith and love. In addition, if you would like to study more than we are able in a worship sermon, we welcome you to Bible Study in the parlor, immediately after worship. (In this newsletter, you will find the calendar to follow along with this series.)

I pray that you would find out even more how much God loves us and calls for us to serve Him!

In the Joy of Christ,  
Pastor Appold

**WE: WORSHIP**  **APPLY TELL EDUCATE RELATE**

*How Trinity Lutheran Church Celebrates the Gospel*

### Fall Sermon Series: Dear Church!

By Pastor Appold

September 8th	Revelation 1	"He Is Coming!"
September 15th	Revelation 2:1-7	"Your First Love!"
September 22nd	Revelation 2:8-11	"Be Faithful!"
September 29th	Revelation 2:12-17	"True to His Name!"
October 6th	Revelation 2:18-29	"The Morning Star"
October 13th	Revelation 3:1-6	"Wake Up!"
October 20th	Revelation 3:7-13	"A New Name!"
October 27th	Revelation 3:14-22	"Reformed in Fire!"



### Blessing of the Backpacks

By Pastor Appold

Parents, please bring your children AND their backpacks to Trinity on Sunday, September 8th, where we will once again have the "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Children are asked to bring their backpack to worship at Trinity, and during the children's message, there will be a special prayer of blessing for the school year and a Christian reminder to connect to their backpack to have as a reminder throughout the school year. We look forward to having you there!

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*How Trinity Lutheran Church Proclaims the Gospel*

### We, You and I, Are the Church

By Barb Rudick

You and I are needed. Did you know that there are only a few paid positions at Trinity? That means that we—you and I—are needed to carry out God's work here at TLC Muskegon. Last month's newsletter listed SOME of the many needs, and these only scratch the surface:

Choir, newsletter editor, sound and screens for Sunday worship, bulletin stuffers, bulletin recycling and shut-in mailings, church properties, Gals on a Mission, Stephen Ministry, Matthew Meal, Supper House, Circle Guild/LWML, Harvest Party coordinator, Sunday morning transportation for those unable to drive, Family Room organizer, Student Hospitality co-organizer/volunteers, JAM volunteers, set-up and take down for events at church and school, and the list goes on...There are many opportunities to serve. These are just a few.

In a text/tune by R. Avery, Hope Publishing Co.: *"I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together. All who follow Jesus all around the world, Yes we're the church together"...*

You can send an email to [info@tlcmuskegon.org](mailto:info@tlcmuskegon.org), or you can call, 231-755-1292 (church) or 231-755-1048 (school). 2

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*How Trinity Lutheran Church Proclaims the Gospel*

**September Monthly Miracle Drive**

By Barb Rudick

Monthly Miracle Drive for September is "[Pack It Up](#)" in Coopersville. This is a program for children that aims to ensure that all children have access to a nutritious and filling meal to take home every day of the school week.

Suggested items are: 100% Juice Boxes; Granola Bars; Pudding or applesauce cups; Smooth Peanut Butter; Fruit snacks; Brown Paper Bags #4; Plastic Bags, sandwich and snack size.

Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated. Please put these in an envelope and mark "Pack It Up." Thank you.



**FOOD DRIVE**

**Roosevelt Park Day—Taste of the Trucks**

By Barb Rudick



**JOIN THE PARADE!**

Parade Day is Saturday, September 7th, but we could use your help on Wednesday, September 4th, too.

September 4th at 11:30 we will reach out to the community by passing out flyers to homes on the parade route. Please meet in the church parlor. It should only take about 1 hour.

September 7th, on parade day, we need walkers, cart pushers, and other walkers to pass out water bottles and brochures. As in the years past, we will push shopping carts to collect canned goods which will be distributed to help fill shelves of local food pantries.

Before the 10:00 parade, with line up at 9:30, Trinity hosts the Pancake Breakfast which is held at the [Community Center](#) that morning from 8-9:30 a.m. Hoping to see you there!

**Student Hospitality Volunteers Needed!**

Student Hospitality is an incredible way to connect to our community! Every Monday from 2:00-3:30 during the school year (beginning on September 9), we provide kind and friendly faces along with lemonade or hot chocolate for the students of Mona Shores Middle School as they walk past our building.

Volunteer every Monday, once a month, or simply whenever you are able. Please contact Laura Custer if you are interested in serving in this way!



**Choir Resumes September 18th**

Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor beginning September 18.

All who love to sing and praise God are welcome!

## How Trinity Lutheran Church Teaches the Gospel

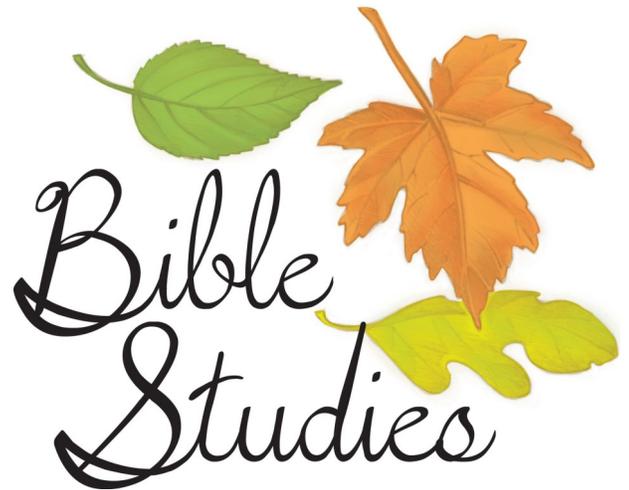
### Fall Bible Study Snapshot

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR (10:45 a.m.):

- ◆ *Dear Church!:* Begins September 8 with Pastor Appold in the Parlor.
- ◆ *Walking with God in the Desert:* Begins September 8 with Pastor Lassanske in the Library.

DURING THE WEEK:

- ◆ *Altogether Beautiful* Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. with Carrie Appold in the Parlor (begins September 9).
- ◆ *You'll Get Through This* Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Lassanske at the [Seminole Shores Professional Building](#) (ongoing).
- ◆ *Bible Adventures:* Adult Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Lassanske in the Parlor (begins September 12).
- ◆ *Disciplines of a Godly Man* Men's Bible Study: Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. with Pastor Appold in the Parlor (ongoing).



### Join the Bible Adventure!

By Pastor Lassanske

Join the Bible Adventure on Thursday mornings from 10-11 beginning September 12th. Pastors Lassanske and Appold will lead the group as they search the Bible for the Gospel response. Pastor L's opening topic is a study of the passage: "it is more blessed to give than to receive" from Acts 20:35 & Matthew 20:28.

Jesus knew this truth and devoted his entire life to loving and serving people. How can we grow in our ability to do so? It's always fun receiving something (a gift or a compliment, etc.) but do you really believe it is more blessed to give than to receive?

You will explore the meaning behind serving and how this teaching will affect how you will interact with people in the future. Our goal is to discover anew how to live out the truths of Jesus teaching in our lives. Join the Adventure on Thursdays!

### Walking with God in the Desert

By Pastor Lassanske

A second Bible study option on Sunday mornings (beginning September 8) will meet in the school library. These are Biblical Adventure lessons from the desert of Egypt through the wilderness of Sinai.

What lessons shaped the chosen people of God and how do these truths apply to our life today? These lessons include video selections by [Ray Vander Laan](#) on location that help reveal a gracious God who was preparing His people for the promised Messiah.

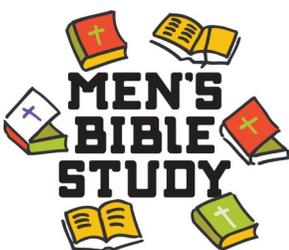
The first of the series is called "When God Heard Their Cry." Not only did God hear the cry of His people in the desert, but God still hears the cries of His people today. You're invited to experience Christ centered living when life is tough.

### Wednesday Men's Group

By Pastor Lassanske

This group continues Biblical study through books, which encourage conversation and offer insights into the Biblical text. Presently the group is working through the book "[You'll Get Through This](#)" by Max Lucado, which is based on the Biblical account of the life of Joseph.

Men are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. on the lower level on the [professional building](#) on Seminole Road.



**WE: WORSHIP APPLY TELL EDUCATE RELATE**

## *How Trinity Lutheran Church Teaches the Gospel*

### **JAM Resumes September 8!**

*Jesus and Me* (JAM) begins again on Sunday, September 8! JAM starts with the Children's Message, after which the kids are taken to have a Bible Lesson just for them, and they return to the Sanctuary around the time of the Offering.

We need volunteers! Please speak with Jen Braden if you are interested. You may also email her at [REDACTED].



**SNACK DONATIONS:** With JAM right around the corner, we could use some pre-packaged snacks. Things like Teddy Grahams, fruit snacks, granola bars, and juice boxes would be great! You may leave them in the Sunday School office with a note that your donation is for JAM. Thank you so much!

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## *Opportunities to Experience the Gospel Together*



### **Youth Group Meeting**

On Sunday, September 8, there will be a junior and senior high youth group meeting right after the service in Brad Feenstra's classroom.

Students in 4th-12th grade and their families are invited!

We will be setting up our Fall calendar of youth group events. Pizza and pop will be provided.

See you there!

### **Concordia Youth Gathering**

Registration is open for all high school youth to attend a meaningful weekend of faith, fun, food and music on the campus of [Concordia, Ann Arbor](http://Concordia, Ann Arbor), from November 1-3.

This weekend retreat consists of main sessions with student speakers, live worship music, hilarious skits, and fun games. After the sessions, students head to their small groups where brother-and-sister-in-Christ relationships are formed. There, the youth will have the opportunity to spend time with Concordia students and youth from other churches who they will learn and grow with through their time together.

A servant event is also held to reach out in the love of Christ to those in need. Students and adults stay on campus in dorms or in large rooms. The Concordia Youth Gathering is a refreshing and reviving time to reunite with God and His family for encouragement through the Gospel.

Let Carrie Appold know if you are interested or have questions. Head to <https://cyministries.weebly.com/> for more information.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## LWML Lakeshore Fall Retreat

By Barb Rudick

LWML Lakeshore Zone is holding their annual Fall Rally on Saturday, October 5 from 9-4 at [Grace Lutheran Church](#), 300 Cleveland Street E. in Coopersville.

The theme is "Joy in the Journey" based on Col. 3:2: *"Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are of this earth."*

The guest speaker and Bible study leader is author [Elise Arndt](#). The cost of the day is \$25.00 and includes program, materials and lunch. Free for 10-18 year-olds when accompanied by an adult.

Please register by September 20.

The In-gathering is for "Pack it Up" in Coopersville. Please see a list of items in the [Miracle Drive section](#) of this newsletter.

## LifeCircles Presentation

LifeCircles is an organization that helps aging people to deal with issues that they face due to health and financial constraints.

You can learn more at [www.lifecircles-pace.org](http://www.lifecircles-pace.org) and by attending an informational presentation at Trinity on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30pm in the parlor. This presentation is ideal for elderly and their caregivers.

## Part-Time Worship Coordinator Position

Trinity is accepting resumes immediately for a part-time worship coordinator.

You may access the detailed job description and contact info in regard to where resumes may be sent in the About Us → Our Staff tab at [www.tlcmuskegon.org](http://www.tlcmuskegon.org).

Please contact us 231-755-1292 ext. 12 with any questions.

## Roosevelt Park Parade September 7 - 10:00 AM

**BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO  
THE PARADE ON SATURDAY**



**Watch for the  
carts in  
the parade!**

The cart pushers will be collecting  
Items to help fill the shelves  
of local food pantries.

Join us for

**Pancake Breakfast  
8-9:30 am  
On Parade Day at the  
Community Center  
\$4.00 Ages 13 & up  
\$3.00 Ages 6-12  
Ages 5 & under free**

**Proceeds support the  
Muskegon Rescue Mission**



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# SEPTEMBER 2019 TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45a Education Hour	<b>2</b> <i>Labor Day Church &amp; School Closed</i>	<b>3</b> 12:30p Gals on a Mission 6:30p Properties Meeting 6:30p Elders Meeting	<b>4</b> 11:30a Parade Flyer Distribution 6:30p Music Committee Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:30p JAM Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Roosevelt Park Day</i> 8:00a Breakfast at the Community Center 10:00a Parade
<b>8</b> 9:30a Worship w/Blessings of the Backpacks 10:45a Education Hr. 10:45a Confirmation 10:45a Youth Group Meeting	<b>9</b> 1:00p Circle Guild 2:30p Student Hospitality 6:30p Council Meeting 7:00p Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:30a Men's Bible Study (off site) 3:15p Confirmation 5:00p Matthew Meal 6:15p Prayer Service 7:00p Second Service Committee	<b>12</b> 10:00a Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study
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<b>29</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45a Voters Meeting	<b>30</b> 2:30p Student Hospitality 7:00p Women's Bible Study	<p><b>FURTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:</b></p> <p>October 5: LWML Zone Rally</p> <p>October 20: Harvest Party (<i>needs coordinator</i>)</p> <p>October 24: Sauerkraut &amp; Pork Supper</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Watch for any calendar updates at <a href="http://www.tlcmuskegon.org/trinity-calendar">www.tlcmuskegon.org/trinity-calendar</a></p>				

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## WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays 9:30 a.m.

## BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays 10:45 a.m.

WOMENS: Mondays 7:00 p.m.\*

MENS: Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.  
(Seminole Shores Professional Bldg)

Thursdays 10:00 a.m.\*

MENS: Saturdays 7:30 a.m.

*\*Start dates differ; refer to calendar*

## OUR MISSION

Trinity seeks to bring the living water of the Gospel through whatever we do! Trinity is a spring of living WATER.



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