

October 2023

TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

Rarely in life, do we do anything at the bare minimum--at least things that really matter.

Raising our children, an important project at work, our wedding day--whatever important thing it is, we never settle for the bare minimum. We never do it halfway.

In John 10:10, Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly."

In other words, Jesus has come to bring you life--eternal life--but also real, abundant life right now. His life, given to us from baptismal font, lectern, pulpit, and altar--a life that never ends.

But how often do we, in church, settle for something halfway? How often do we do the bare minimum?

My encouragement for you this coming fall is to not settle for the bare minimum.

Come to church--even every week!--where Jesus gives you all his gifts.

But Jesus wants to give you even more. So take advantage of the various study opportunities we have at Trinity:

Sunday School (through 5th grade) is at 9:15 am. We'll meet in the sanctuary for a children's message and music, before heading downstairs for a Bible story. Learning the Bible stories well is a foundational part of learning the faith as a child.

Sunday Bible Study (6th grade through adulthood) is continuing its way through the Gospel of Matthew. We meet underneath the balcony at around 9:15 am.

Thursday Bible Study (adults) meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Join the study underneath the balcony for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am. The study begins at 12:30 pm.

Catechumenate (adults) began September 23 at 8:45 am (it's not too late to join!). Join us for a breakfast of bagels, fruit, and coffee, followed by a conversation about our faith. This isn't just for those wishing to be members--it's for everyone, young and old, newer Christians and lifelong Christians.

Whatever it is, my encouragement is to not settle for less. Jesus has come to bring you all that is his. Don't miss out on all the gifts he has to give you.

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:15 AM**

TOWN HALL MEETING

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and is to discuss Trinity's strategic planning, building expansion and TLC Preschool.

BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May knowing Jesus bring you peace to bless each day, hope for each tomorrow, and joy in every season. May Jesus Christ be praised. May what we do, may what we say and may what we write lead to praise of him who redeemed us, who brought the "Good News" of salvation to the whole world.

During September our ministry at Trinity transitioned from summer to fall. Pastor Krause' Bible Study resumed, Sunday Bible Study, Sunday School, Confirmation and New Member Classes also returned to the schedule.

Trinity's worship attendance continues to increase; March through August, year to date, is up 27%. The Senior Picnic in August had 60 Trinity Members and the Church Picnic in September was well attended. A "shout out" goes to Fellowship and the Elders for the success of these events.

The Strategic Planning Committee has completed its assignment to determine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that face Trinity. With that information, strategic outcomes with measurable goals were developed. A Townhall Meeting is scheduled for October 1st at 9:15 am to review the strategic outcomes and discuss their effect on Trinity's Ministry, future building plans and preschool.

There will be two Board of Ministry Directors positions up for election in early December. A Nomination Committee will be appointed to develop a slate of candidates. Church members may nominate individuals for the Board by submitting a form. However, before nominating an individual you need to receive their approval.

The Board has a different time beginning with our October September 12th meeting. The Board will meet at 6:00 pm and the Elders will meet at 7:15 pm. This schedule will reduce evening meeting commitments for Pastor.

The Board's next meeting will be October 12th at 6:00 pm. The Board welcomes your input. A segment of each Board meeting is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. A suggestion box is in the Narthex.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman, Board of Ministry Directors

OFFICIAL ACTS - SEPTEMBER 2023

Transfer Out

Tammy Brimie to Zion Lutheran Church, Marengo, on Sep. 6, 2023.

Cliff, Susan, Tim and Paul Geschke to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, on Sep. 8, 2023

Roger and Shirley Stettner to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Elgin, on Sep. 14, 2023

Transfer In

David, Margaret, Jacob and Anna Callahan, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, on Sep. 19, 2023

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

October 2023 Elder / Usher Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Assistant Elder</u>	<u>Usher</u>
10/1/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Niko Bereolos
		10:30 am	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Bella Westberg
10/8/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Steven Drescher	Solomon Post	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		10:30 am*	Roger Orkfritz	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
10/15/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Solomon Post	N/A	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am	Steven Drescher	N/A	Bella Westberg
10/22/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Solomon Post	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
		10:30 am*	Steven Drescher	Tim Mahnke	Reuben Velez
10/29/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Donovan Johnson	Roger Orkfritz	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am*	Keith Bereolos	Tim Mahnke	Niko Bereolos

* Communion



Sign up for weekly emails from Trinity!

<https://www.trinityhuntley.org/email-sign-up>

Emergency Line



Pastor is always available to you in the case of a pastoral emergency, even after hours. Simply call the main Trinity phone number, 847-669-5780, and follow the instructions.

Your call will then be forwarded to the pastor.

(Note: Pastor's cell phone number has changed. To reach him for non-emergencies, call the office or send him an email.)

Kid's Worship Bags



Kid's Worship Bags (lovingly sewn by The Trinity Quilters) are available each Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary. These bags are appropriate for kids 3 - 10 years old.

The bags are filled with crayons, coloring pages that go along with the day's scripture readings, books and other surprises which can help keep the squirms and wiggles at bay.

Kids are invited to take a worship bag into the worship service with them and are asked to place the worship bag to the return basket after service.

Trinity has an ongoing collection for the **Grafton Food Pantry**.

Cash donations are the best and most efficient way to offer help... every \$1 buys \$8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. However, they cannot purchase household supplies and personal care products, so they are the next most needed items. All donations are appreciated, needed and used. Food items must be non-perishable.

Items are always picked up and delivered weekly from the food cart in the narthex. Contact Judy Melman with any questions.



A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR *by Lana Gibbons*



*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great thou art! How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great thou art! How great Thou art!*

("How Great Thou Art" LSB 801. vs. 1 and 2)

Then sings my soul!

THEN SINGS MY SOUL! Whatever your instrument is—voice, handbells, guitar, clarinet, trombone, baritone, trumpet, tuba, clarinet, flute, etc.—sing, ring, play it in worship! Exclaim that God is great! Think of His wonderful creation, His "pow'r throughout the universe displayed"! Verses three and four of the hymn speak of Jesus who "bled and died to take away my sin" and how He will "take me home" to live with Him forever in heaven and still proclaim "**My God, how great Thou art!**" Think about what a great God we serve as we celebrate the Reformation on October 29th and once again hear that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, based on the unchangeable and ageless truth of Scripture alone. As we sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" we know that the Champion, Jesus, has defeated sin, death, and the power of the devil. He leads us victoriously now and in eternity!

THEN SINGS MY SOUL! Come and sing, ring, play with us! No experience necessary! Your service would be much appreciated! Come as you are; come when you can! *Celebration Ringers* (Adult Handbells) and *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir) meet on Tuesday evenings - Bells at 6:00 pm in the loft; Choir at 7:00 pm under the loft. *HIS Band* (instrumentalists) meets before the services they play at. Let me know what you play and I will get you the music ahead of time. The children are a *Joyful Chorus* of praise during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 am. All are welcome! Let's praise Him together! **THEN SINGS MY SOUL...My God, how great Thou art!**

VOICES IN PRAISE

Handbells & Choir
Tuesdays
Bells at 6 pm, Choir at 7 pm

CELEBRATION RINGERS

See worship folder for more information

TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Kaszuba, Acting TLC Preschool Director*

TLC Preschool is off and running and the children are having a wonderful time! Hearing all the chatter and the rumble of the feet makes our hearts happy!

We have another Hootenanny under our belts and it was fun to spend time with all the wonderful families that ran the race. Watching the community come together and enjoy each other's company, is a sight to be seen! Truly looking forward to next year's race!

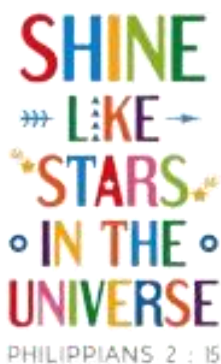
The children are getting excited about our annual visit to Tom's farm! Getting the opportunity to see different farm animals and learn how a farm works, is a hit every year! We can't forget the delicious donuts Tom's makes too. I think those are a highlight for everyone!

TLC Preschool has two fundraisers coming up:

- Little Lambs fundraiser begins September 27th and ends October 13th. Get your cookie dough and frozen snacks early, so you have less work as the holidays approach.
- Noble Valley is a must do every year! It begins October 1st and ends October 27th. Make sure you get your holiday décor to jazz up your homes for Christmas Day!

Wishing you all a wonderful October month! As the leaves fall, remember "a fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye!"

Brightest Blessings,
Kathy Kaszuba



Our 2023-2024 School-year theme:



LWML *by Reta Stohs*



LWML is an organization of Lutheran Women in Mission! As such, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. If that sounds like something you'd love to do too, please join us!

The Trinity ladies are part of the LWML No. IL District.
Click link to learn more.



Being a Christian is a blessing and the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident. The LWML website is full of information and contains all the news and events going on. You can visit them at www.LWML.org

You can check out their latest eNews newsletter by clicking [HERE](#).



BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS



Sunday Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 am
See the Worship Folder for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 - 10:15 am
In the Sanctuary
Age 3 - Grade 6



*Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

Thursday Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

Join the study for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am. Bible study begins at 12:30 pm.
Meets under the balcony.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND TLC PRESCHOOL

The Catechumenate

Saturdays, 8:45 - 10:00 am

For all adults desiring to be baptized or join Trinity

Breakfast provided!

See the worship folder for more info



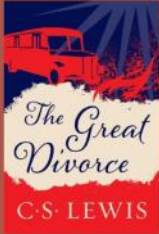
*For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them.*

Matthew 18:20

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Any questions you may have may be directed to Judy Ladage, 224-858-7282.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP



All women are welcome!
2nd Tuesdays
1:30 pm @ Trinity

Join us on October 10th!
We will be discussing:
"The Great Divorce"
by C.S. Lewis



Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday
of the Month at 8:00 am

*All men are welcome to meet
for breakfast and fellowship*

Meets at the Village Inn
Huntley



Serve the Lord with gladness!

Psalm 100:2



The Trinity Quilters

Meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Church Basement

Contact Marilee Payne for more info



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOR 2023

Volunteer sign-up spots are available for hosting/providing goodies for the Fellowship Hour between Sunday services (coffee and juice is provided by the church). You can host on your own, with a friend or with a group.

Sign-up on the board in the Narthex



Altar Flowers

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.
TO PLACE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR FOR A SPECIAL DATE, SIGN YOUR NAME AND OCCASION (IF APPLICABLE) NEXT TO THAT DATE.
ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE LAST SERVICE (IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON HAS SIGNED UP, PLEASE JUST TAKE ONE VASE).
THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GLORIFY GOD AS YOU REMEMBER SOMEONE YOU LOVE OR CELEBRATE A MILESTONE!
THE COST IS \$35. FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE IN THE RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

SNAPSHOTS OF TRINITY



TRINITY'S ALL CHURCH PICNIC







Are you using Trinity's Photo Directory? There are four ways to view the direc-

1. Download the app on your phone at www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/. When searching for Instant Church Directory, choose the one with the little green house.
2. Download from any computer/laptop at www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com/
For both options 1 & 2, you will set your account up with your email. Only emails that are listed in the directory will sync. Contact Jamie in the church office if your email doesn't match and she'll update it.
3. Request a PDF directory from the church office.
4. If you are unable to access through a computer, please contact Jamie in the church office for a printed copy.

Note: The app and online version are always current and updated. The PDF and printed version will only be updated at the time of publishing.

If you do not have your picture in the directory, it's never too late! You can submit online or send an image to the church office email.

Is your photo in the directory?

If not, here are several options to do so:

Upload your photo here: https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/submit_photo.aspx?id=370d1885-7d39-4035-8e99-6335c71c96b5

- Send your photo to the church office via email.
- Drop off a photo that can be scanned and uploaded.
- Visit the Selfie Station after service and have your photo taken. Please be sure to sign the form so we know who the picture belongs to.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Castel	10/1	Leonard Zoellick	10/17
Sharon Gaudlitz	10/1	Adrienne Von Ahnen	10/18
Dwight Wood	10/2	Jim Keller	10/20
Nadine Wilken	10/3	Allan Danielson	10/23
Jim Ring	10/3	Bobbi Drafall	10/23
Arnie Hauck	10/4	Julie Castel	10/25
Vern Manke	10/10	Jean Moreau	10/25
Norah Johnson	10/10	Sharon Kothe	10/26
Henry Lesniewski	10/10	Kristine Fossmeier	10/26
Ben Fossmeier	10/11	Diane Bengtson	10/28
Ariana Bereolos	10/11	Roger Tomlinson	10/29
Vicki Bahn	10/11	Phyllis Koppen	10/29
Nancy Stallbaum	10/12	Anthony Sindelar	10/30
Nicola Michel	10/14	Emma Hatesohl	10/30
Karen Reich	10/15	Anthony Sindelar	10/30
Fran Herrmann	10/15	Ruth Prellberg	10/31
Annie Schoenfisch	10/16		
Ken Sturtecky	10/16		
Connor McCoy	10/16		

ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Lynn Sturtecky	60 years on 10/5
Tim & Jodie Schabb	4 years on 10/11
Sean Corey & Mary Wickersheim	11 years on 10/13
Eric & Ceil Rieker	20 years on 10/18
Jason & Cheryl Sneed	21 years on 10/19
Tom & Diane Fischbach	43 years on 10/24
Tuck & Judy Johnson	45 years on 10/26
Alex & Adrienne Von Ahnen	5 years on 10/27

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the wrong information, please call the church office.

CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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 Jamie DeLaCruz, *Administrative Assist.*
office@trinityhuntley.org
 Lana Gibbons, *Organist & Music Director*



Elders

Keith Bereolos
 Enrique Castel
 Steve Drescher
 Donovan Johnson
 Tim Mahnke
 Roger Orkfritz
 Solomon Post

Board of Ministry Directors

Keith Bereolos
 Ed Dennis
 Nancy Dvorak
 Ken Ladage
 Keith Nelson
 Sandy Phelps
 Janet Westberg

Trinity Worship Times

Sundays @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Communion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Worship Service Broadcast

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at TrinityHuntley.org/live or on the Trinity home page.



@TrinityLutheranHuntley

Church Office Hours The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

Help Keep Church Records Up To Date If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847-669-5780 or email at office@trinityhuntley.org.

Prayer Chain Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email the church office.

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled.

Flower Chart The flower chart for 2023 is on the bulletin board above the tract rack in the Narthex. To place flowers at the altar for a special date, sign your name and occasion (if applicable) next to that date. The cost is \$35. Altar flowers may be taken home after the last service (If more than one person has signed up, please just take one vase). This is a great way to glorify God as you remember someone you love or celebrate a milestone!

Electronic Giving Trinity offers two options, Give+Online and the Vanco Mobile App. Visit TrinityHuntley.org and click on the "Giving" tab for more information.

Head over to Culver's Restaurant of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or ANY Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.

WORSHIP ANEW - A Program for Shut-Ins A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and dropoff destinations. Call 1-800-451-4599 to schedule a ride.

Grafton Food Pantry Please place donations in the "shopping cart" located in the narthex. Please also consider a monetary gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may place a separate envelope from your Trinity donation in the offering plate labeled FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Questions: Contact Judy Melman at 847-669-6563 or lmelman02@comcast.net.



MORNING'S REMINDER

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end; they are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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