

Trinity SONRISE News

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Trinity Lutheran Church -- On the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2018

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the day of this publication Kathy, your delegate, and I will be leaving for the Michigan District Convention, in Ann Arbor, MI. The theme for this convention is Imagine, Living as God's Saved and Sent Servants. It is the third convention following the Imagine theme. This year's challenge is that we imagine ourselves as servants of God...for we are, who thought of ourselves as Saved and Sent.

Lutherans usually do not have any trouble explaining that they have been saved. Jesus died on the cross for me...I am saved. I have been baptized...I was saved. God chose me, found me...I am saved...saved by grace, through faith in Jesus.

Lutherans also do not have too much trouble imagining themselves as servants...servants of God and one another. Jesus said, whoever would be greatest among you must be a servant. Jesus showed what that meant by washing his disciples feet...and then, dying on a cross for them. It is not too much of a stretch for us to see that God would have us loving and serving one another. Great organizations like Wellspring Lutheran Services, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Lutheran Hour, and the like are all organized around service.

What Lutherans may not always remember is that they were saved and sent. The great commission of Jesus, which he spoke just prior to his ascension into heaven calls us to go...go make disciples. He also said, as my Father has sent me, so I also send you. Imagine what the church would look like if every member took seriously our Lord's marching orders...sent to serve, sent to baptize, sent to teach, sent so others would also be saved.

There are so many congregations of Christians who have taken the notion of being sent for granted. They think of their congregations as home, not an outpost. They think of themselves as having arrived, not as being on a journey. The only people moving seem to be those who want to get out of the cold, or get out of the heat. And we are not talking about the temperature outside. Those who haven't been sent out the door, we have sent off to heaven. As a result they wonder who the "District" can send to help them.

This is not what being a sent servant is all about. God has called all of us to serve those among us *AND* serve our neighbor here and abroad. The best service we can do them is to bring them the message that they are also saved, saved by the love of God and the blood of Jesus. The best thing we can do for them is bring them in that they might hear and learn what God wants for them.

When Jesus told the parable of the Man whose invited guests would not come, this man sent out his servants to invite anyone who would come that his banquet hall would be filled. They were even to go out into the streets and compel people to come in. Imagine what it would be like in the Church if everyone understood that they were both saved and sent servants. How full would the Kingdom be? How full would these pews be? How full would heaven be?

Yours in His Service,
Pastor Timothy Azzam

Sundays

8 & 10:30 am--Worship Service
9:15 am--Sunday School (Sept. - May)
9:15 am--Adult Bible Class
NO--Bells of Glory Practice after July 8.

Tuesdays

8 am--Men's Bible Class
9:30 am--Ladies Bible Class
10-Noon--Parish Nurse Office Hours
10:30am-2pm--Crafts & Quilts
7 pm--Adult Bible Class

Thursdays

10 am--Bible Class



Thank you to everyone who donated, worked and bought from the sale!!

Our mission and charity projects and local charities will benefit from the SALE proceeds.
THANK YOU!

TLCW Garage Sale Committee

Jonalee Engstrom
Kathy Azzam
Ann Dawley

FACING DISASTER LIKE A MAN

Hurricanes. Tornadoes. Robbery. Murder. Bankruptcy. Adultery. Ever wonder how you might fare if a disaster—natural or otherwise—cracked you up side the head? The latest Men's NetWork Bible study, *Facing Disaster Like a Man*, probes these disasters. It stresses the truth that no matter what the circumstance, no matter how seemingly unfair—God is still in control.

Beginning On: Sunday, July 1
Sessions 2 & 3: July 8 and 15

Time: 9:15

Place: Bible Study Room
Trinity Lutheran Church, Oscoda, MI

MEN'S NETWORK
www.mmen.com



HARBOR LIGHTS PREGNANCY & INFORMATION CENTER

THANKS to all who participated in the **BABY BOTTLE BONANZA** by returning your baby bottles. If you still have a bottle, please return it to the basket in the entryway as soon as possible.

~Miriam Kuhlmann





Father's Day Bar-B-Que

We had a very warm and humid day for our Father's Day Picnic, but a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Ruth Golm for cooking, Sue Welther and Carol Wenzel for setting up and all of you who helped clean up. We raised \$750.00 plus funds for a member to help with medical expenses. Many thanks Caring Community Thrivent Action Team for sponsoring this event. Wished more of you would of come out for the delicious food and fellowship but if you still want to donate just put in an envelope and place in offering plate marked bar-b-que fundraiser. Many thanks to the TLCW for purchasing a new grill and Wayne Fortney for putting it together, it worked great.

Henrietta Fortney-Chairperson



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60th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday September 23rd 2018 Trinity Lutheran Church will celebrate 60 years as a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. A celebration is planned for the day with a special worship service, handbells will be performing, along with a guest speaker, a luncheon to follow at Wilte's Restaurant and entertainment.

Further information will be forth coming, please let any past members know who may like to attend.

Cost will be approximately \$18.00 per person.

*Anniversary Committee:
Henrietta Fortney, Bruce Welther,
Connie Heinrich, Ruth Golm,
Carol Wenzel, Kathie Orr and
Pastor Azzam*

TLCW / LWML
Trinity Lutheran Church Women / Lutheran Women Missionary League

Many thanks to Jonalee Engstrom for organizing our annual Garage Sale along with her committee, they have been pricing, sorting and arranging items for several weeks. Sale is Thursday and Friday so no profit totals before newsletter went to print. Proceeds will be used for mission projects.

The Women are organizing a kitchen cleaning, please join us to clean the kitchen and display case in the fellowship hall on July 10th after Bible class.

We are tying quilts on Tuesday and Thursday's after Bible studies if anyone can help we would appreciate you volunteering to assist us.

Cookbooks are in, we had 66 preordered cookbooks, so stop at the table display in the Fellowship Hall and pick up your books. They are \$10.00 each for anyone wishing to purchase one. Thank you for your support for this project. Thank you to the committee for doing a great job. Money goes to TLCW. Please put in Kathy Boschma's mailbox.

Please remember anyone is invited to join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am for our monthly meeting, we do not meet in July. Hope to see you in August and remember our Salad Luncheon, further information in the Sunrise Newsletter. We need lots of salads for this event, so please sign up to bring a salad or dessert or talk with Connie Heinrich or Judy Hohf.



THANKS also to those who participated in the **WALK-A-THON** by walking or by supporting a walker with your contribution. More than \$300 was donated to the Center from Trinity.

All of these contributions help promote the mission of Harbor Lights in our community to supply parents with free information and supplies for successful parenting. It is supported entirely by contributions from friends and supporters like you.

Volunteers at the Center are also desperately needed.

If you can spare a few hours of your time once a week to help, please call the Center (989-305-6308), stop in, or speak to Miriam Kuhlmann. It's rewarding work saving babies! You are welcome to stop in for a tour at 310 Newman St., just a few doors east of the Post Office. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Harbor Lights hopes also to build a strong base of support through regular, pledged contributions so that it can make plans based on a known, projected budget. If you wish to be a regular supporter of the Center, you can do so by going to the website, www.hlpregcenter.org. Click on "Pledge of Support" and follow the instructions. The mailing address is 310 Newman St., E. Tawas, MI, 48730. For more information on making your contribution automatic through your bank, call the Center at 989-305-6308. Thrivent members: remember that you can allocate your Choice Dollars to the Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center.

~Miriam Kuhlmann



LWML

July 1, 2018 Your mite box donations will help the **MOST Ministries**. MOST Ministries has been meeting the physical needs of people around the world as a way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. MOST feels it is important to recruit families into mission work not only because of the positive impact it has on the lives of those they serve, but on the families themselves. This is a National LWML grant proposal goal to raise \$60,000 to help this organization pay for approximately 50% of a typical family trip. When the families return they will share their experiences with their churches, communities and district plus the women of LWML. **WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP?**

~ Ruth Golm

Worship God through Music!

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See Donna David or Susie Manning if you would like to join the Bells of Glory.

PREVIOUS YEAR OFFERINGS TO DATE = \$100,619.33

THIS YEAR: OFFERINGS & Other

Revenue to date	\$	94,045.52	
EXPENSES to date		102,588.54	
SUBTOTAL income (loss)	\$		(8,543.02)
Restricted Revenue to date	\$	10,367.26	
Restricted Expenses to date		6,137.46	
SUBTOTAL Restricted income (loss)			4,229.80
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$		<u>(4,313.22)</u>

NEED \$3,236 PER WEEK TO MEET BUDGET

FINANCIALS (MAY 2018)

Total Unrestricted Offerings & Other Revenue =	\$	10,234.56	
Total Unrestricted Expenses =		14,034.80	
SUBTOTAL income (loss) =	\$		(3,800.24)
Total Restricted Revenue =	\$	1,680.00	
Total Other & Restricted Expenses =		136.02	
SUBTOTAL Restricted income (loss) =			1,543.98
Net Income or (Loss) =	\$		<u>(2,256.26)</u>

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**RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES**

|                               |    |                  |
|-------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Bell Choir                    | \$ | 866.01           |
| Building Fund                 |    | 5,746.54         |
| Children's Message & Ministry |    | 2,705.33         |
| Choir                         |    | 460.76           |
| Health Reimbursement Account  |    | 17,704.57        |
| Here We Stand Campaign        |    | -                |
| Landscape Fund                |    | 335.00           |
| Memorials                     |    | 3,906.03         |
| Parish Nurse                  |    | 246.79           |
| Social Ministry               |    | 166.86           |
| The Love Fund                 |    | 615.93           |
| Thrivent                      |    | 1,480.34         |
| Youth                         |    | 700.43           |
|                               | \$ | <b>34,934.59</b> |



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**Altar Flowers for July**

Given by:

8th -- Bob & Kathy Boschma in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Thank you,  
Kathie Orr, Financial Secretary



**Attention Bike Enthusiasts!** *Here We Ride II* is a FREE single-day bike-riding event that will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Bethany, Charlevoix. The ride will take place on the Little Traverse Wheelway - a multi-use paved trail that skirts the beautiful waters of the Little Traverse Bay. Starting and finishing at Bethany, you and your family are encouraged to ride the distance you choose: 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 miles are available (and anything in between). A come-and-go family picnic will be held throughout the day at Bethany for riders, their families, and the community as they return from their ride. Participants are encouraged to collect pledges for the miles they ride and 50 percent of the money raised goes directly to your church or school for its ministry purposes, and the remaining 50 percent to the **Here We Stand** campaign initiatives. All participants are asked to register online at [herewestand.michigandistrict.org/hereweride](http://herewestand.michigandistrict.org/hereweride).

For more information, visit the webpage listed above or email Ray Zavada at [ray.zavada@michigandistrict.org](mailto:ray.zavada@michigandistrict.org) or contact Linda Ekong at 888.225.2111 ext. 265 or [linda.ekong@michigandistrict.org](mailto:linda.ekong@michigandistrict.org).

## A Letter from the President - June 2018



Dear Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior. It was a joy being with many of you during the month of May at our three Regional Pastors' Conferences and Circuit Visitors' Conference. As always, I appreciated the opportunity to bring you up to date on the many aspects of Michigan District and Synod business, especially the exciting news of the five new pastors being placed in Michigan District congregations. Please pray for each of them as they arrive and begin their ministries in the near future.

During the conferences, I touched on several items relative to the Here We Stand (HWS) campaign. I would like to briefly reemphasize a couple of them.

- First, thank you to the congregations who have made gifts and/or commitments to HWS since the conclusion of their respective regional conference. During my report, I stated that over 94% of Michigan District congregations backed the HWS campaign at our 2015 Convention, while our current participation rate stands at about 33%. I am happy to announce that, since this discussion at the conferences, seven new congregations have become participants. Please know that I am grateful that we have now reached 128 participating congregations, and remain hopeful that several more will become involved prior to the beginning of the District Convention on June 24. If you have not yet reached a decision to participate, please take this matter to prayer with your leaders, as we would like to see HWS make a substantial move toward our goal of \$10 million by the end of 2018.

Second, I would like to simply emphasize participation. I understand each of our 368 congregations in the Michigan District is unique in their structure, size, and financial standing. Knowing this, I also fully understand the word "participation" may mean something totally different from one congregation to the next.

That is why I encourage you to define the word participation in a way that is meaningful and practical for you. If this means a multi-year pledge, that is a great way to participate. If participation means making a year-to-year decision based on your financial circumstances at that time, that method is also an excellent approach. And if participation means a one-time gift from an innovative/creative way to raise dollars, that too will be a blessing. All this to say: please participate in a way that is reasonable for you, and let God bless your participation for the purposes of His Kingdom. But please consider participation.

The congregations of the Michigan District have shared many creative ways which have allowed them to participate. Our Development Office will be happy to share these ideas with you. Please contact Ray Zavada or Linda Ekong and they will be happy to pass these ideas along to you, especially if you are seeking a way to become involved outside of using budgeted dollars.

Finally, as I write this campaign update to you, we have reached over \$4.3 million in cash received and have just received our fourth \$100,000 matching gift from Church Extension Fund.

Just like schedules in the life of congregations typically change during the summer months, our schedules in the Michigan District office also adjust during the summer. At the conclusion of Convention, many of our staff will take some days of vacation during the months of July and August. I, too, have some time away planned. But like you, we are available if, and when, needed. Simply let us know if you need our assistance, and we will do our best to assist.

My next President's HWS campaign update is scheduled to be sent in mid-September unless something needs to be communicated prior to then. I look forward to providing another update at that time- hopefully one which will acknowledge steady growth in congregational participation and significant progress toward fulfilling the financial goals of our four campaign initiatives. May God grant this for His sake.

I pray each of you will have a restful and energizing summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone at Convention in a couple of weeks.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier, President  
Michigan District, LCMS

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**A "By the Numbers" look at *Here We Stand***  
(through June 13, 2018)

|    |              |                                                                          |
|----|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ | 5,474,348.38 | Total campaign gifts, pledges, and goals                                 |
| \$ | 4,329,752.93 | Cash received which includes \$300,000 CEF Matching Funds                |
| \$ | 893,287.95   | Outstanding commitments (pledges)                                        |
|    | 1,259        | Total Contributors                                                       |
|    | 1,131        | Individual Contributors                                                  |
|    | 128          | Congregations Contributing                                               |
|    | 34.7         | % of Michigan District Congregations currently participating             |
|    | 7,997        | Participants in the "Crafted By Truth" Bible Reading Program             |
|    | 965          | Participants who have completed the Bible Reading Program                |
|    | 13,300       | Attendees at the 500th Anniversary Worship Service at the Breslin Center |
| \$ | 1,095,409.74 | Total given/pledged for Professional Church Worker Scholarships          |
| \$ | 2,050,950.49 | Total given/pledged for Innovative Missional Ministry                    |
| \$ | 800,847.24   | Total given/pledged for Michigan District Endowment                      |
| \$ | 1,275,833.41 | Total given/pledged for International Ministries                         |

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting 5-24-18 (excerpts)

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Ed Heinrich, Dave Wagner, Bradd Chisholm, Pastor Azzam, Bill Davis, Rodger Wenzel, Ron Weidenfeller, Mitch Davis and Kathie Orr.

Absent: Ruth Golm and Henrietta Fortney.

Pastor Azzam opened the meeting with his letter from the June Newsletter.

### **Correction of the April minutes:**

In the Financial Secretary paragraph, correct 41150.00 to read \$1,150.00.

In the Trustees paragraph correct the name Helmet to Helmut.

In the Treasurer's paragraph, make these corrections: Bradd Chisholm passed out treasurer's report. Copy of report attached. We are negative net income. Bradd volunteered to announce quarterly our financial situation to the congregation. Bradd discussed the 5-Year CD that renewed on April 5, 2018 at the current fixed interest rate. Rates are likely to increase in the coming months. Discussion held on keeping it in a fixed rate CD vs. moving it to a variable rate CD. Henrietta Fortney made a motion to place the 5-year CD note into a variable rate for 5 years, seconded by Bill Davis, motion carried.

April minutes were approved as corrected.

Ed Heinrich presented some information about a Lay Bible Institute at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and wondered if we could get the program material from Concordia. It was suggested we give it some thought over the next month.

Vice-President Report – Dave Wagner presented the 2015-2018 Mission plans. The budget will be presented at the Voter's Meeting.

Ed Heinrich asked Bradd Chisholm, Ron Weidenfeller and Kathie Orr if they would consider serving another term. He will ask Henrietta Fortney if she would also like to serve another term. Bradd and Ron are not opposed to serving again, but Kathie declined to be nominated for another term.

Treasurer's Report – Bradd reported that we exceeded budget for tithe and offering by approximately 5%. Expenses were 8% under budget. Year over year comparisons are: Revenue was 11% more compared to last year, while expenses were 20% more than last year. Net income exceeded budget expectations, and in comparison to last year, was almost 40% worse due primarily to year over year expenses. The difference in expenses was due to Concordia Plan payment not made last year in April due to treasurer oversight. Had the payment been made as planned there would have been very little change in year over year expenses. April's Total Income \$14,108.14 minus Total Expenses \$12,885.31 = Net Income \$1,222.83. The 5-year CD \$12,236.07 is on par with last year. Restricted fund balances are over 25% greater this year than last. Total assets are down approximately 7% due to a larger decline in checking balance, again, a function of a large gift received last year. Council is reminded that the Building Fund balance now includes \$4,550 for the air conditioner replacement and exterior north wall painting which is anticipated in the spring. Had these funds been paid out, the restricted fund balance would be essentially on par with last year's.

Ed Heinrich discussed tree trimming on June 1<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$150.00.

Trustees Report – Rodger reported that he would like to be notified first when we get into building and grounds projects. Rodger reported that the carpets have been cleaned in the church. The air conditioner has been ordered through Goyette. He has contacted the Chosen Ranch to do grounds work. Their price is \$350.00 for raking leaves and mowing. The Garden Committee would like to assign workers for specific weeks.

Elder's Report – Mitch Davis reported that we have been advertising for a church secretary and have received one resume. Dave Wagner asked about the choir director vacancy. No interest in that position as yet.

Outreach / Evangelism Report – Ron Weidenfeller reported that the next event is Art on the Beach.

Stewardship – Bill Davis reported that although he has been personally covering the cost of the stewardship materials, he would like the line item to remain in the budget.

Financial Secretary Report – No Report.

Pastor Report –

Those who were hospitalized have come home. A memorial for Steve Valentine is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am.

The MI District convention is June 24-26. Our website is half built.

In our synod, the pendulum is swinging toward traditional worship practices and new seminarians seem to be telling their congregations that traditional (highly liturgical) worship is the only correct way. Pastor recommended the nominations of Maier and Klinkenberg for synodical president as they will present a more balanced approach.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

OLD BUSINESS – The church's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ed would like a note in the bulletin announcements that we are continuing our shrub planting in the front and would like more monetary donations from the congregation to proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Pastor closed with a letter from Helen Ohlinger. She misses Trinity and invites us to stop in to see her. Address and phone number will be posted on the bulletin board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathie Orr, Acting Secretary for Henrietta Fortney

# Happy Birthday!

|                     |      |                   |      |
|---------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Mitchell Davis Jr.  | 7/4  | Kayla Kerentoff   | 7/16 |
| Leishia Witherspoon | 7/5  | Mark Faught Jr.   | 7/18 |
| Mary Douglas        | 7/7  | Joseph Hock       | 7/20 |
| Judy Malson         | 7/7  | Michael Barnhart  | 7/22 |
| Shirley Ellis       | 7/8  | Pat Nester        | 7/24 |
| Robert Schauwecker  | 7/8  | Charles Durfee    | 7/25 |
| Joy Garrison        | 7/9  | Margaret Foerster | 7/26 |
| Joann Pancost       | 7/9  | Renee Villet      | 7/27 |
| Amanda Alvarez      | 7/11 | Ed Storms         | 7/29 |
| Cynthia Moran       | 7/11 | Gary Richter      | 7/30 |
| Ronald Kaiser       | 7/12 | Joshua Abee       | 7/31 |
| Ruth Parth          | 7/12 | Susan Barhart     | 7/31 |
| Steven Stewart      | 7/14 |                   |      |
| Ryan Bilbey         | 7/15 |                   |      |
| Eric Dennis         | 7/15 |                   |      |

# Happy Anniversary!

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Harry & Beverly Stier    | 7/6  |
| Bob & Kathy Boschma      | 7/7  |
| Ronald & Joy Garrison    | 7/8  |
| David & Ruth Golm        | 7/9  |
| Michael & Kristine Ounan | 7/9  |
| Dick & Carolyn Jones     | 7/16 |
| Marc & Amanda Alvarez    | 7/17 |



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## Greeters

### 8 am

1st Judy Audritsh  
 8th Susie Manning  
 15th Nancy Kreuzwieser  
 22nd Terri Westberg  
 29th Miriam Kuhlmann

### 10:30 am

Wayne & Henrie Fortney  
 Carol Wenzel  
 Pat Nester  
 Jack & Annette Inman

## Funeral Committee July-August-September

Connie Heinrich, Chr.  
 Judy Audritsh  
 Ardith Akers  
 Karen White  
 Judy Malson  
 Christine Rogel

## Homebound

Richard & Phyllis Fitzgerald  
 Elouise Turner  
 Chuck & Jean Durfee  
 Alice Dettmer

## Ushers

### 8 am

1st Lou & Miriam Kuhlmann  
 8th Ted & Karen White  
 15th Ruth Golm & Bradd Chisholm  
 22nd Lou & Miriam Kuhlmann  
 29th Ted & Karen White

### 10:30 am

Mike Hohf & Wayne Fortney  
 Mike Welther & Bruce Welther  
 Lee & Ann Dawley  
 Greg Pancost & Kathy Azzam  
 Mike Hohf & Bill Davis

## Elders

1st Roger Tack  
 Communion 8th Mitch Davis  
 15th Rodger Wenzel  
 Communion 22nd Ron Weidenfeller  
 Communion 29th Charlie Rainey



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*Know the Elders*  
 The Board of Elders concerns itself with the well being and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. Pastor Azzam and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!

They may be reached at:  
**Pastor Azzam - 739-4820**  
**Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469**  
**Charlie Rainey - 724-6704**  
**Roger Tack - 989-293-8050**  
**Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701**  
**Rodger Wenzel - 724-6800**