

# Trinity **SONRISE** News



*Trinity Lutheran Church*

*on the Sunrise Side of Michigan*

*2020*

## **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This time last year I was touring cities where Martin Luther once lived, taught, preached, or hid out. Yes, Martin Luther was taken into hiding following his "Here I Stand" moment when being tried at the Diet of Worms. No, we did not go to Worms, but we did visit Wittenberg, where Martin Luther taught and preached. At the Castle Church, on one end of town, the Church of the Elector of Saxony, on three days a week, American tourists or ex-patriots could attend worship and sing, A Mighty Fortress, in English. English speaking pastors were invited to come, study, and preach from all over the world. I even considered doing such a thing. With the advent of Covid-19 however, these services have ceased and American visitors to the European Continent have been highly curtailed. My wife and I were blessed to be able to make this bucket list trip before international travel was limited.

We all make plans, but God has the final say. I am sure that you have had plans that were postponed, postponed again, and are still put off until a safer day. Some things we hope to do may be better put off to a later date, but we must all still find a way to live, a way through. When Jesus learned of his friend Lazarus' illness, he chose to wait. Bethany, where Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha lived, was too close to Jerusalem, and too close to the people who wanted to arrest him. The disciples were almost relieved to hear that Lazarus had died, in which case, they did not need to go right away, or sleeping, which meant that he would get better on his own and they still would not have to go. When Jesus told them that he had died, and now was the time to go, and that they would go in daylight, they were all certain they would die.

As it turned out, it was time for Jesus to return to Jerusalem for the last time before his eventual arrest, but his disciples would live to do what he had called them and trained them to do. They would not only witness Lazarus walk out of his tomb alive, but they would see Jesus rise from the dead, continue to perform signs, and ascend into heaven. They would live until the day of Pentecost where they would receive the promised Holy Spirit and His power so that they could tell the world what they had witnessed, who Jesus was, and why he had come. They not only went on living, under the fear of persecution, but they continued to make a plan and carry it out. They followed where God led them. They did what Jesus had instructed them to do...to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the utter most parts of the world.

You and I have that same calling. Some of our plans may have to be delayed, but our call and first duty to be a witness of the Lord and what he has done for us has not changed. Pandemic or not we must go on living, witnessing, encouraging, praying, helping, and all the things the Holy Spirit leads us to do. We need to do it confidently as well as smartly, but without the added fear that the Devil would throw our way.

We also need to be in God's word, reading our Bible, allowing Him to speak to us through his own words. Here is where we find strength, confidence and the assurance that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Who knows where we will be or what we will be planning a year from now? Only the Lord, but he tells us to not worry about tomorrow, sufficient are the troubles that each day brings and worry cannot change one little thing...but make us miserable. There is enough misery right now to go around. Why endure unnecessary, self-imposed misery. St. Paul reminds us to Rejoice in the Lord always...he even says it again... Rejoice. For the Lord is at hand. Rejoice, make plans, be smart, and remember the one from whom our strength, health and direction comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In His Service,  
Pastor Timothy Azzam

# STEWARDSHIP

## Be an Encourager

Do you have a nickname? Some people have nicknames that are derived from their full names. Some have gotten nicknames because of a physical feature (which can be very hurtful) or something they have accomplished (like “Wrong Way Marshall” who ran the wrong way to score a touchdown for the opposing team!).

*“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement)...”* (Acts 4:36) was a man with a nickname anyone would be proud to have. His nickname is widely known; not too many even realize his real name was Joseph. How did this steward of God earn this nickname?

The first time the Bible mentions Barnabas is in the passage above where we read that he *“sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.”* Wow! Wouldn’t that provide encouragement? Knowing that someone believed in your work so much that he would give the entire proceeds from his property to support your work would surely inspire you to work even harder.

In Acts 13:2 we read, *“The Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me [the Holy Spirit] Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’”* Here Barnabas is partnered with Saul, who later takes the name Paul. Whose name is more recognizable? In verse 42 of the same chapter, we find the names reversed: *“As Paul and Barnabas...”* What has happened is that God has chosen to make Paul the leader on their missionary trips and to delegate Barnabas as his companion, his fellow-worker. Did Barnabas quit when he no longer had top billing? No way! He continued laboring beside Paul as they ministered to the early Church.

He did have a disagreement with Paul, though, that arose from his desire to encourage and his choice not to give up on people. The problem was this: Another disciple, a young man named, *“John, also called Mark”* had traveled with them but, at one point, had *“deserted them in Pamphylia”* (Acts 15:37-38). Paul refused to take Mark, so Barnabas parted company with Paul and took Mark himself to do the Lord’s work. Barnabas was willing to give someone a second chance. Don’t you think Mark was encouraged?

We’re all in need of encouragement, and we are all equipped to give encouragement. It’s easier to complain and find fault, but, even with the most disagreeable person, we can find something to commend. Make it your goal to find someone each day to encourage.

--Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



### October Mission of the Month Concordia University – Ann Arbor



CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Concordia University Ann Arbor is a private Lutheran university in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Its 187-acre campus sits on the banks of the Huron River, about 10 minutes outside downtown Ann Arbor. Concordia University is affiliated with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Concordia University is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the World. You can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet or pick one up from the ushers stand at the back of the sanctuary to support the “Mission of the Month”.

If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



**Homebound:**

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge  
Richard & Phyllis Fitzgeral

**Continued Recovery:**

Chris Exnowski  
Denise Foreit  
Wayne Fortney  
Bill Ruckel



**Military:**

Jason Cooper  
Courtney & Karina Pierce (Army)  
Marc Stiller (U.S.A.F. – Sherman)  
Nathan Boettge (Marines - Fortney)



It pleased the Lord to call to his eternal rest the soul of Burt Rockwell on August 28, 2020. Please keep his family in your prayers.



To the outgoing church council officers who have served faithfully: Dave Wagner, Bradd Chisholm and Joan Chisholm. We thank you for your service! Newly elected Treasurer Sue Barnhart and to Karen White for volunteering to serve as Financial Secretary.

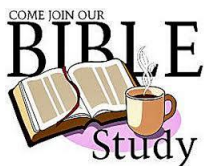
Kathy Azzam for organizing all the clean-up work bees.

Henrietta Fortney for organizing the Flood Bucket Project and to all who helped by donating and/or putting the buckets together and loading them in the car.

To Kathy Azzam for organizing the Food Pantry Give Away and all who volunteered to pack and load groceries.

TLCW for making school kits and baby layettes and all the ladies who volunteered to put them together in the pole barn on a chilly day.

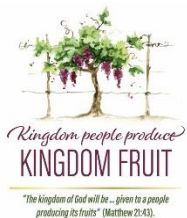
Teri Westberg for all the lovely flower arrangements this summer and fall.



**Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study** online via Zoom – Contact Ron Weidenfeller at 724-7701.

**Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study** meets in the memorial garden of the church at 9:30 a.m. Remember to bring a chair. If it is raining the group meets at G’s Pizzeria. For more information contact Ruth Golm at (989) 724-5679 or Gail Block at (217) 493-5143.





## October 4<sup>th</sup> is Lutheran Women Missionary League Sunday

As Lutheran Women in Mission, it is such a blessing and a comfort to know that we have not only been called as members of the kingdom of God but by God's grace, we shall also produce fruits in His kingdom. Saint Paul reminds us of what these fruits look like in the Christian life. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22—23a). In Christian love, we put our mites to work supporting missionaries and mercy ministries all around the world. We watch in joy as the Lord's faithfulness provides for each mission grant to be fulfilled. We give thanks for the many ways in which God's goodness is made known to the world as more people hear the Gospel and are welcomed into the kingdom, producing its fruits.



### LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen

### Flood Bucket Project



We delivered the flood buckets to Marine City on beautiful Lake St Clair. I had my handsome cohort with me on this beautiful sunny day. We saw soybeans being harvested, an eagle, a woodchuck and lots of wildlife on the water. We delivered the buckets to the Lutheran Church which is an old two-story elementary school building that was revamped into a church. The gymnasium is the sanctuary and the principal/secretary office is now the secretary's office. We met the delightful church secretary Natalie who is 72 years old. The reason I'm mentioning her age is she specifically told me because her & I were supposed to carry those buckets up two flights of stairs. Why they would go upstairs is beyond me (the buckets are not light). We decided someone younger and stronger could do that job. Natalie was a sweetheart. She told us all the good places to dine and about the shop called the Sweet Tooth, an old-fashioned candy shop and ice cream parlor. We decided on lunch at the Riveria, a restaurant right on the lake. Wayne loved seeing the freighters up close. The food was delicious – I had lobster/crab angel hair pasta and Wayne had shrimp. The drive home was just as lovely. We stopped at the Freakin Pickle shop in Au Gres. The owner was fantastic, friendly and a delight to chat with, and we bought some yummy pickles. It was a 7-hour round trip drive, but we truly enjoyed ourselves. I'm writing this to inform all of you in these trying times and negative news reports that God is with us always and provides all his beauty for us to enjoy. God Bless!

-Henrie



### TLCW Treasurer Needed

TLCW is in desperate need of a Treasurer. Kathy Boschma moved out of state in August and has resigned her position. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve as TLCW Treasurer.

### 2020-2021 Trinity Church Council Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>

<b>President</b>	Vacant	<b>Board of Elders</b>	Mitch Davis
<b>Vice-President</b>	Vacant	<b>Stewardship</b>	Bill Davis
<b>Secretary</b>	Henrietta Fortney	<b>Christian Education</b>	Vacant
<b>Treasurer</b>	Susan Barnhart	<b>Evangelism</b>	Ron Weidenfeller
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Karen White	<b>Trustee</b>	Bruce Welther
<b>Pastor</b>	Timothy Azzam	<b>Social Ministry</b>	Vacant



- 10/2 William Ruckle
- 10/2 Paul Walentovic
- 10/5 Janice Schauwecker
- 10/5 Michael Welther
- 10/7 Luke Loyer
- 10/7 Evelina Olmos
- 10/7 Ed Pisarski
- 10/7 Cindy Rourke
- 10/8 Pierce Bilbey
- 10/10 Irene Duckwitz
- 10/11 Arlene Coles
- 10/11 Linda Hock
- 10/13 Lou Kuhlmann
- 10/17 Esther Vliet
- 10/19 Melissa Davis
- 10/19 Mary Jo Richter
- 10/20 Mitchell Schimmer
- 10/24 Stephen Ogden, Jr.
- 10/27 Crystal Schimmer
- 10/29 J.D. Hock
- 10/30 George Wright

- 10/5 Larry & Ardith Akers
- 10/8 Sylvester & Karen Peca
- 10/15 Daniel & Amanda Brown
- 10/25 Paul & Irene Walentovic



Elders' Meeting                      Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
 Church Council Meeting            Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

### *Know the Elders*

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the wellbeing 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  
 Roger Tack - 989-293-8050  
 Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701



**EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>  
 ONE SERVICE ONLY**

**Worship will be held  
 at 10:30 a.m.**

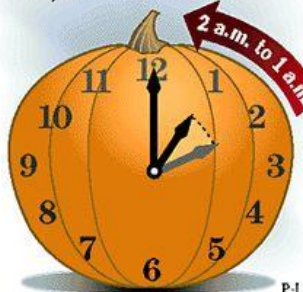
We know that this schedule may be inconvenient for some, but in consideration of everyone's safety, please bear with us.

"God's Blessings to All".  
 Thank You!

*--The Board of Elders & Pastor*

**Daylight-saving time ends**

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

# Just for Fun



35 million Americans who seldom pray or darken the door of the church have started praying during the coronavirus pandemic.

A Christian is killed for their faith every 6 minutes somewhere in the world.

Bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women



1. Where in the Bible can you find the Lord's Prayer?
2. In what language was most of the Old Testament given
3. Which New Testament book has Jesus' sermon on the Mount?



The deadline to submit articles for the November Newsletter is October 18, 2020.

