

Trinity SONRISE News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2020

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the coming of November all things change:

Turn those clocks back an hour on Saturday Night, October 31st. That extra hour of sleep you wanted is finally yours again, free of charge. Man can roll forward clocks and we have been doing so for about a hundred years (since May 1, 1916), but must roll them back again, or it messes with everyone. Only God can stop the sun and so the world to catch up and not have to take it back. (see Joshua 10:13)

Leaves will change from red and yellow to shades of brown and you will find more of them in your yard than hanging on the trees by months end. "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1ff) When the Lord said that there would be a time to gather stones together," He was speaking to people living in a desert, not a forest.

Worship will be at 10:30 only and a Family Bible Class will begin at 9:15. Overflow for worship will be in in the fellowship hall in the chairs as positioned for social distancing. Bible Class will be in the combined south classrooms of the Education wing also with distanced seating. (Sorry, no coffee yet.)

Facebook Worship services will be posted on Saturday once more so you may worship online Saturday evening or Sunday morning, (If we recorded at 10:30, services would not be posted until early Sunday afternoon.)

Weekly Bible Classes can resume and must meet in the large classroom in the seating as provided. Bible class leaders will be responsible to clean and sanitize the room when they are done. Leaders must fill out form from the office and sign. Instructions for cleanup following class are included and must be carried out to keep everyone as safe as possible. These allowances for limited opening of the church building follow current Michigan Health Department guidance.

There will likely be new Pandemic Guidance with the Michigan Supreme Court decision regarding the governor's executive orders. We will share any of what that means going forward as we learn it. The Michigan District of the Lutheran Church is also keeping up on this.

There is indeed a time for every purpose of the Lord under heaven. Our challenge as Christians is to wait patiently for the right time. St. Paul writes in Romans 8:

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that^{the} the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8:18-25 NIV)

God bless us as we trust him, wait patiently on him, and believe that "all things do work together for the good for those who trust God and are called by him, according to His purpose."

In His Service,

Rev. Timothy Azzam

STEWARDSHIP

Giving Thanks to God

As we approach Thanksgiving and then, shortly thereafter, the end of 2020, we are reminded of the many blessings that God has given to us. The question that we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things to thank our Heavenly Father for should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated His awesome love for us by sending His only Son to the Cross on our behalf. We certainly will also thank Him for our families as well as our material blessings, and we can be confident that God will bless us with a cure for this Pandemic that is plaguing the world. How blessed we are that God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith that He provides, He will give us life forever with Him.

I want to suggest another wonderful blessing for us that we should always give thanks for and that is God's faithfulness to us. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we vacillate in our faithfulness to Him.

Because of God's faithfulness to us, God has blessed us so we can be a blessing to others. Recognizing our blessings are so freely given to us causes us to want to share our blessings. Through faith, we willingly *"share with God's people who are in need"* (Romans 12:13). *"Christ's love compels us"* (2 Corinthians 5:14) to respond to the needs of others, both physical and spiritual needs. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become channels through which God works.

Those who are a blessing to others reflect and live with an attitude that is described as "an attitude of gratitude." To live with "an attitude of gratitude," means we truly understand that God is the source of all blessings. Understanding God's grace, love, and mercy, we are motivated to live lives which reflect our gratitude for what God is doing in our lives.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, family gatherings may be smaller than in past years but hopefully it won't prevent you from having a wonderful day with your family, enjoying some turkey, and possibly watching some football. Happy Thanksgiving!

--Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



**AMONG THOSE THINGS FOR WHICH YOU GIVE THANKS ON THANKSGIVING,
LET THE GIFT OF YOUR SAVIOR BE AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST.**

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)



November Mission of the Month

F.I.S.H.

F.I.S.H. is a community-based charitable organization designed to help the needy in our area. 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.

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



Chris Exnowski, Denise Foreit,
Wayne Fortney, Jan Groves,
Bill Ruckel

Military:

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



Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge
Richard & Phyllis Fitzgerald



Meaning of the LCMS Logo Cross

The LCMS logo is three crosses in one. It declares that “we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity.” The open arms point upward toward God in prayer and openly receive God’s grace. The lower arms point down, as if open to embrace the world with God’s love. The 12 individual parts of the logo cross remind us of the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles. The four arms appear to be in motion, as we urgently tell the world what God’s love in Jesus Christ means to us and, uniquely, as Missouri Synod Lutherans.

Church Available for Bible Study, Quilters & TLCW Meetings

The Church Council approved the use of rooms for Bible study groups, quilters, and TLCW meetings beginning the first of November. The church continues to be unavailable to outside groups or for social functions. It will be necessary for groups to adhere to current requirements of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. At the present time that means that a maximum of 4 people allowed at one time in the quilting room and a maximum of 16 people allowed at one time in the Bible study rooms. Social distancing guidelines must be followed, and facial coverings must be worn. Groups using the facility must fill out a facilities request form. The person signing the form will be responsible to ensure that the room(s) and restroom(s) are cleaned and sanitized after each usage. A cleaning checklist and cleaning supplies will be provided.



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

To those of you that “fly” south for the winter and would like your monthly Sunrise Newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address to the church office on the form below. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. If you would like to “go green” and have your Sunrise e-mailed to you, please submit your e-mail address. The Sunrise Newsletter can also be read online at www.trinityoscoda.org. Thank You!

Name _____

Date Departing: _____

Address _____

Date Returning: _____

Phone _____

E-MailAddress: _____

Community Outreach Pop-Up Food Pantry

On Saturday, September 26th Trinity Lutheran Church and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan sponsored a pop-up food pantry for everyone in our community. The truckload of food was paid for by a church out of Saginaw.

Bright and early on Saturday morning September 26th, a truckload of food from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan arrived at Trinity. A total of 29 volunteers help to unload the truck, sort the food, and pack boxes for the food giveaway. Twenty of the volunteers were members of Trinity, and nine volunteers were nonmembers. We distributed Farmer to Family food boxes that included frozen chicken, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, frozen squash, plums, and cabbage. In addition, each family received a box containing milk, sour cream, cottage cheese, yogurt, cheddar cheese, smoked sausage, onions, and potatoes.

In addition to community members, we were also able to supply food to:

- Chosen Ranch
- Women's shelter in Oscoda
- Father Tom Anderson for families in need
- Church of Christ in Oscoda for families in need
- Catholic Church in Oscoda for families in need
- Iosco Mental Health Group homes in Oscoda
- St. Vincent DePaul



It is unfortunate that more members of our congregation were unable to come and pick up food and experience Trinity's outreach to the community.



Baby Layettes for Lutheran World Relief

The ladies of Trinity made and put together baby layettes for Lutheran World Relief. This project was made possible by a grant from Thrivent and by donations from members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Due to Covid restrictions, but kits were put together in the garage. The weather cooperated, allowing this to happen without too much inconvenience.





Thanksgiving Worship Service
Tuesday, November 24th
7:00 p.m.

Advent Begins November 29, 2020



The word "advent" is from the Latin word for "coming," and during this season Christians prepare for Jesus' coming. Advent is the beginning of the church year because the church year begins where Jesus' earthly life began — in the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation. After Advent comes Christmas, which is about his birth; then Epiphany, about his miracles and ministry; then Lent, about his Calvary-bound mission; then Easter, about his resurrection and the sending of the apostles; and then Ascension (40 days after Easter) and Pentecost, with the sending of the Holy Spirit.

The first half of the church year (approximately December through June) highlights the *life* of Christ. The second half (approximately June through November) highlights the *teachings* of Christ. The parables and miracles play a big part here. That's "the church year in a nutshell," and it should help reveal how Advent fits into "the big picture."

Advent specifically focuses on Christ's "coming," but Christ's coming manifests itself among us in three ways — past, present, and future.

The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the past focus on the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation at Bethlehem. The readings, which highlight Christ's coming in the future, focus on his "second coming" on the Last Day at the end of time. And the readings that highlight Christ's coming in the present focus on his ministry among us through Word and Sacrament today.

The traditional use of Advent candles originated in eastern Germany even prior to the Reformation. As this tradition came down to us by the beginning of this century, it involved three purple candles and one pink candle. The purple candles match the purple paraments on the altar (purple for the royalty of the coming King). The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace, and are lit in that order.



Advent Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 29, 2020	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, December 6, 2020	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, December 9, 2020	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, December 13, 2020	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, December 20, 2020	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, December 23, 2020	7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be NO Advent soup suppers



- 2 Donna David
- 2 David Schmidt
- 3 Miriam Kuhlmann
- 4 Mitchell Davis, Sr.
- 6 David Sherman
- 8 Ruth Golm
- 14 Britny Faught
- 15 Jim Cain
- 15 Craig Duckwitz
- 18 Kristal Pidgeon
- 23 Tammi Kett-Albert
- 23 Matthew Villet
- 25 Joan Chisholm
- 29 Beverly Warner
- 30 Emily Koski

- 6 Greg & Joann Pancost
- 19 Jim & Annette Dennis
- 25 Charles & Janet Krueger



**Tuesday
November 3rd
6:00 p.m.**



**Church
Council Meeting
Thursday
November 12th
7:00 p.m.**

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

Important



**EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1st
ONE SERVICE ONLY**

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

**Family Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
In South classrooms of Sunday school Wing**

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

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 1st

Just for Fun

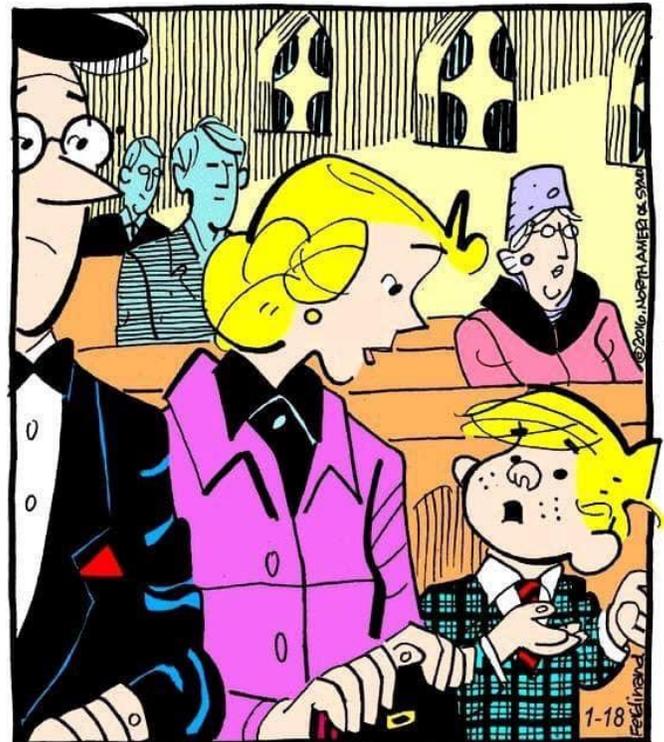


Grover Cleveland was the 22nd and 24th President of the United States. He held office for two nonconsecutive terms (1885-1889 and 1893-1897).

While the U.S. Constitution does not mention God, every state constitution references either God or the divine. God also appears in the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance and on U.S. currency.



1. Who had leprosy and was told to dip in the Jordan River seven times?
2. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament?
3. How many people came to know Christ on the day of Pentecost?



"HOW COME WE ASK FOR 'DAILY BREAD'... WHEN WE COULD BE ASKIN' FOR 'DAILY DONUTS'?"



The deadline to submit articles for the December Newsletter is November 15, 2020.

