

Trinity **SONRISE** News



September

Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are a handful of unforgettable events that have occurred during my lifetime . . . which I remember vividly . . . most of them tragic. The assassinations of JFK, RFK, and MLK; the race riots of Watts, Chicago, and Detroit; the Viet Nam War, and the many terrorist attacks on our nation and abroad. A generation first identified with the letter Y, will forever be associated with the tragedies of the New Millennium. The fear of our world going into shut-down due to an expiring computer software code, the events of 9/11 which occurred in New York City, Washington D.C. and a field in Pennsylvania. I wonder if Gen Z will be renamed for the economy voluntarily shutting down, due to an actual virus, Covid-19 and the deaths of 4 and a half million people world-wide and counting. In twenty years we might find out.

But there have been some good things I remember witnessing, if just on TV: John Glen orbiting the earth in Friendship 7 and the accompanying splash down, Grissom and White, the first Americans to walk in space, Neal Armstrong setting foot on the moon, Denny McClain winning 31 games and Willy Horton throwing out Lou Brock from right field at home plate in game 5 of the 1968 World Series (got to see that one in person), and yesterday when Miguel Cabrera hit his 500th professional home run (saw that on TV).

Some things I have witnessed, are far more important than these, to me anyway: the birth and baptism of our three children, their first steps, their first words, and all the good things that are connected with their growing up, the countless other baptisms I have witnessed or performed, and the prayers of faith and hope spoken by those who knew they would soon be hearing the words of their Lord, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." These are all permanently stored in my heart and mind.

St. Paul, when he considered his life and everything he had experienced counted it all joy on the one hand, and on the other hand said that none of it was worth comparing to the unspeakable gift of Jesus and his crucifixion for him and for the world. "For me to live is Christ," he said, "and to die is gain." He knew that his life with Jesus in heaven would follow this life on earth.

Among all the important and significant events that we may recall, the greatest on our list has to be that God put on human flesh and came into this world. John puts it this way in the first chapter of his gospel. "The word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14ff) What a wonderful thing to remember, that God came to be with us. But John does not stop there. It was not enough to behold Jesus, but he continues near the end of the gospel (John 29:30-31): There are many things that Jesus did that could be written in this book, but these were written that you might believe . . . and believing you might have life in His name.

In His Service,

Rev. Timothy Azzam

STEWARDSHIP

God Calls His Stewards

In the book of Genesis, we are told that, when God created the world, He brought things into existence out of nothing. *“The earth was without form and void”* (Genesis 1:2). God not only created the world, but He brought form and order to all that He had created. Several times, we read, *“God saw that it was good.”*

The masterpiece of God’s creation was Adam and Eve whom God placed in the Garden of Eden. In Genesis 1:26, we read about an important stewardship role that God had in mind for Adam and Eve. *“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”* God gave Adam and Eve the privilege of being the stewards of all that He created. The task of being called to be a steward is referenced again in Genesis 2:15 which reads, *“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”* Adam and Eve were placed in the garden to tend it as God’s stewards and managers of creation.

In the same way God called Adam and Eve to be His stewards, He calls us to be stewards of all that He entrusts to us. Whereas God created all things out of nothing and therefore is the owner, we are only stewards of what God has already created. Our responsibility, as stewards, is to manage what we have been given to honor and please God. As stewards, we understand our lives and blessings are gifts from God. We are the recipients of God’s gifts, so we are only the stewards of what God chooses to give to us. We express our gratitude for the honor and opportunity to be His stewards by using our blessings faithfully to help those in need and to advance His kingdom. As God’s stewards, we are called to protect and grow all that He gives to us.

In his book, *The Power of Pure Stewardship,*” the sainted Carl W. Berner, Sr., wrote, *“The faithful God and the faithful steward working together—that’s the winning combination. No one can improve on that. If a man is as faithful in his stewardship as God is in His gifts and promises, failure is impossible, success inevitable.”*

May God help each of us answer God’s call to be His steward.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



September Mission of the Month Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center

Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center provides free supportive services to mothers, fathers, and family caregivers of Losco and surrounding counties. The Center is open Wednesdays from 10 am until 4 pm and on Thursdays from 10 am until 7 pm. Services are provided at no charge until the youngest child reaches five years of age. Available services include: hospital quality pregnancy tests, pregnancy information, adoption information, parenting information, sexual integrity programs, medical & social service referrals, emotional support, spiritual support, post-abortion mentoring & guidance, healing from sexual abuse program-*“Treasure In Ashes”*, empty arms grief support, fatherhood program, *“Earn While You Learn”* program, client advocacy and mentoring, prenatal and postnatal education, life skills education: relationships, finances, nutrition and health, and ultrasounds (by staff-arranged appointment).

You can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet. If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



Joan Abney, Wayne Fortney
Shirley Frink, Chris Gresens
Ron Kaiser, and Richard Tack



Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Military:

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



SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Beginning
September 12th

One Worship Service Only
at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study
at 9:15 a.m.

Bible Study Opportunities



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study at Burger King 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets in-person at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday school wing.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – meets in-person in Sunday School wing. Please use the side entrance.



Please Sign-in for Worship

Please sign in when you attend worship so that we have a record of attendance and communion. The sign-in sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation!



Ushers Needed

We are looking for people to serve as ushers at both services. Tasks are to greet people with a cheery good morning, offer hand sanitizer, keep the line in the entryway moving, and direct people to available seats. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Coffee, Snacks, and Building Usage



With Covid-19 restrictions being lifted at the present time, the Church Council voted to once again have coffee available in the Fellowship Hall. Please be respectful of your neighbors and sanitize your hands before pouring yourself a cup of coffee. Snacks brought in to share with others must be commercially and individually prepackaged., e.g. Little Debbie snacks.

At the same Church Council meeting it was decided that the building may be used for funeral dinners. However, until further notice, all meals served must be fully catered.



Sunday, August 29, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget
Election of Officers

**STEWARDSHIP IS THE WAY WE
LIVE OUT OUR CALLING AS
DISCIPLES.**

“By this all people will know that
you are My disciples, if you have
love for one another” (John 13:35).



Please Be Kind

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, when you see someone masked please remember that people may have cancer or autoimmune diseases, people may have unvaccinated children at home, people may have high-risked loved ones they are protecting, people may be unvaccinated or have asthma and realized that a mask helps alleviate symptoms.

T.L. C.W. News



Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) meet the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21st, at which time they will be putting together school kits and baby layettes. If you would like to donate items, needed for the school kits are:

- 70-sheet wide or college ruled notebooks
- Pencil Sharpener
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with eraser
- 30-cm ruler (can have inches on one side)
- Ball point pens (no gel pens please)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons

The ladies also need 100 bars of soap for the layettes. Donations would be greatly appreciated!

TLCW Garage Sale Part II **Friday & Saturday, September 3rd & 4th** **10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**



TLCW is holding another garage sale to try to supplement income lost by not being able to hold a bazaar again this year. The ladies will be accepting donations on Tuesday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 31st between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. If you have items you would like to donate, please drop them off during those times.

If you would be willing to help with the garage sale, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Many thanks to our congregation for supporting the TLCW Garage Sale held in July. TLCW made over \$2,000 to support their missions.

Bell Choir Notes

The Bell Choir has been practicing on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Members anxious to play for the congregation, and plan to play pre-service music on Sunday, September 26th.



Giving® Program Are You Interested in Automatic Giving?



You can arrange to have your offerings made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic donation – weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly – the option is yours. The church receives automatic giving donations on the 1st and 15th of the month. Your donation is deposited into the church's

bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account. Because your donation is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings. But you're not the only one that benefits. Your congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping, and greater confidence in meeting its financial commitments.

If you would like to enroll in the Simply Giving Program, go to our website www.trinityoscoda.org and click on the donate tab. You can download the enrollment form, fill it out, and turn it in to the church office.

Thank you to **Bruce Welther** for all of your time keeping Trinity Lutheran church looking good, mowed and well maintained.

Thank you to **Jonalee Engstrom** for helping keep our flower gardens looking beautiful.

We appreciate you volunteering your time and talents to God's church!



The Church Needs Your Support!

The church needs volunteers to help with a number of things. We need officers for the Church Council – president, vice-president, chair of social ministry, and chair of Christian education. The head trustee could use a committee to help with chores around the church as well. If we cannot get people to volunteer their time and talent, we will not be able to have Sunday School, mission projects, or social activities to help support our community. The six members that are currently volunteering cannot take on anymore responsibilities. Please prayerfully consider helping to support God's church in any way you can. Talk to Pastor, Sue Barnhart, Mitch Davis, Jr., Bruce Welther, or Henrietta Fortney if you would be willing to volunteer. The Church needs YOUR support!

-- Henrietta Fortney, Secretary

Iosco County Coats for Kids



Regretfully Iosco County Coats for Kids has decided not to accept any donations of used clothing once again this fall due to the continuing Covid problems. While it is probably unlikely; we would hate to be in any way responsible for passing on any possible contamination from another household of innocent families. There will be no coat

collection boxes placed around the county next month for Coats for Kids, but we hope to be able to use them again in years to come. However, monetary gifts are always appreciated. On a brighter note, we have more than enough new coats for anyone in need, and we will be distributing them once the weather turns cooler. Hopefully we will be able to attend parent-teacher conferences at each school so that kids can choose their own coats, but we are waiting to see what develops in the next few months before finalizing plans. Last year we were not able to do this, but teachers helped by providing a list of students in need and their sizes and by distributing coats to the students. One way or another, our mission is that no child should go without a warm coat!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Justine Alderete	9/1
Terri Westbert	9/4
Deserae Evans	9/5
Amber Foote	9/6
Frederick Rogel	9/6
Matthew Abee	9/10
Amanda Brewer	9/15
Annette Inman	9/21
Jack Poland	9/22
Vicky Boyce	9/24
Rachel Koski	9/24
Melarie Seidel	9/24
Sue Welther	9/25
Jenna Kett	9/26
David Golm	9/29
Karen Kaiser	9/30
Melissa Ludeña	9/30

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Joyce Davis	9/3
Mike & Melarie Seidel	9/13
Adam & Samantha Travis	9/30

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



Church Council Meeting
Thursday
September 9, 2021
2:00 p.m.



Elders Meeting
Tuesday
September 7, 2021
2:00 p.m.

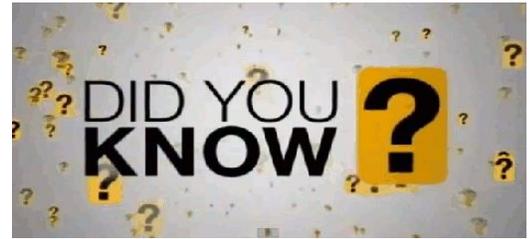
CHURCH FUNDRAISER – SPARTAN NASH DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS PROGRAM



Through the Spartan Nash Direct Your Dollars Program our church can earn \$1,000 per year simply by collecting \$150,000 in eligible receipts from Family Fare or any of the more than 160 Spartan Nash owned retail stores or fuel centers in nine states. A container is provided in the fellowship hall for collecting your receipts.

QUIZ

1. What were men trying to do at the Tower of Babel?
2. Which books of the Bible record David's time as king?
3. Name any of the 9 Fruits of the Spirit.

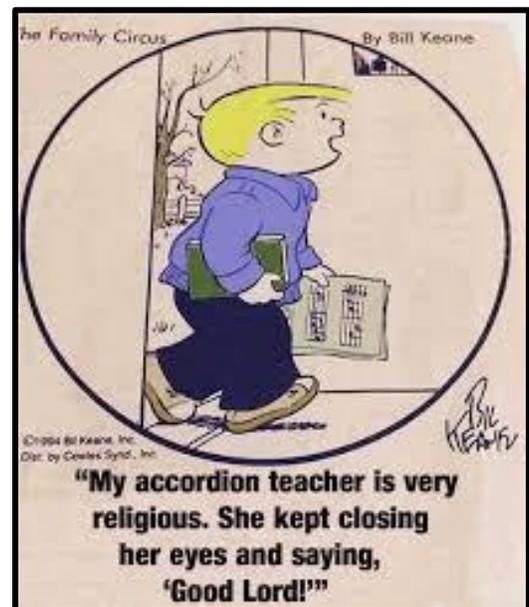
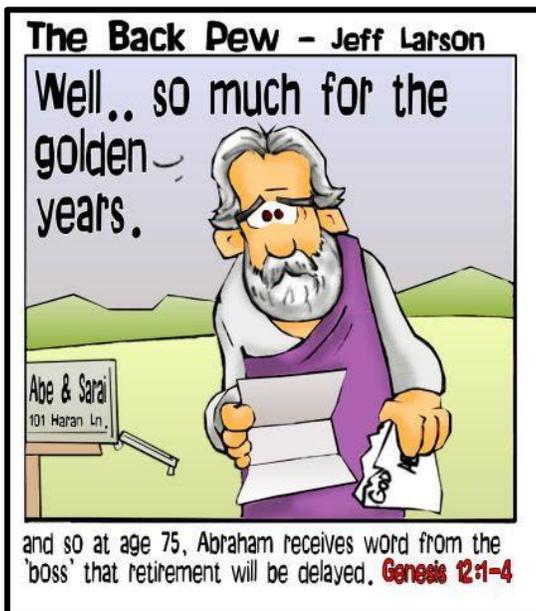


Nearly all of the villains in the Bible had red hair.

Martin Luther's father intended him to be a lawyer.

You should throw away the cotton in your medication bottles. It can collect moisture because of its absorbent nature, which makes your pills deteriorate faster.

HUMOR



DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the September Newsletter is September 19, 2021



- Answers to Quiz**
1. Build a tower to heaven
 2. First and Second Samuel
 3. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.