

# Trinity **SONRISE** News

## Ocotober

Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2021

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

#### Our Choices and Our Witness

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I often wonder why non-members requesting me to perform a wedding or funeral are excited to learn that I can accommodate them, “in the church” while members of my own congregation are just as likely to ask for a change of venue. I am not sure which scenario has caused me greater concern. As it turns out, the real irony has less to do with the request but more to do with what is unsaid.

Apparently, some unaffiliated people have a greater appreciation for what happens inside the walls of the church than those who are. They know that “inside” the church, the promises of God and the deepest desires of people come together. Who wouldn’t want some of that at the most important junctures of their lives?

I write this to anyone desiring their pastor, or any pastor, to perform a Holy Act on their behalf. Though the Bible does not speak to the issue of venue, (where two or three are gathered...is all it takes), it does speak to the choices of those who belong. If a non-affiliated person jumps at the chance to participate in what happens “inside the church,” what does this say about the choices of those who hear the Good News each week?

Most pastors are willing to serve the Lord outside the fold, but the goal is always to bring people in where people and God’s promises can come together each week.

In His Service,  
Rev. Timothy Azzam

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



It seems to me that October is a wonderful time for God’s people to share their appreciation for their Pastor. It’s an excellent opportunity to express the respect, appreciation and admiration you have for your pastor and for the work that he does. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Pastor, just put your gift in an envelop marked “Pastor Appreciation” and place in the offering box by Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

# STEWARDSHIP

## In View of God's Mercy

The World Book Dictionary defines mercy as: "More kindness than justice requires; kindness beyond what can be claimed or expected." Mercy is one of the attributes of God. God is not obligated to show mercy, but He chooses to do so in keeping with His nature. God shows mercy because God is "*merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*" (Exodus 34:6). Because God is merciful, we do not receive our due penalty for our sins. God gives us underserved blessing after blessing.

Through faith, we understand how blessed we are that God is merciful toward us. So how should we respond to God's mercies expressed in Christ? The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans told them, and He tells us the following: "*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—which is your spiritual act of worship*" (Romans 12:1 NIV).

In response to God's mercy, we respond with praise and thanksgiving. In the Old Testament, one of the ways that God's people honored and thanked God for His mercy and blessings was through animal sacrifices. Animals were ceremonially killed and presented to the Lord. Jesus' death on the Cross became the sacrifice that eliminated the ongoing need for animal sacrifices. As New Testament Christians, Paul is now asking the Romans and us to "*offer [our] bodies as living sacrifices.*" Instead of bringing animals as substitutes for us, we offer ourselves. Through the Holy Spirit working in us, we are able and willing to respond to God's mercy by faithfully offering our lives and bodies through using our time, talent, and money in service to the Lord. Paul calls this our "*spiritual act of worship.*"

In the second verse in Romans 12, Paul is exhorting us, "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*" Paul is telling us that "*in view of God's mercy*" we can and should stop following the ways of the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are changed and transformed into new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17) who are enabled to say "no" to the ways of the world and live according to God's will.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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

Concordia University-Ann Arbor is a private Christian liberal arts university in Ann Arbor affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Its 187-acre campus sits on the banks of the Huron River, about 10 minutes outside downtown Ann Arbor. Concordia University is an uncommon community of students, faculty, alumni, and staff who are gifted by grace and ever-preparing to live out our purpose to serve Christ in the Church and world. We intentionally cultivate experiences, discussions, and opportunities that will help our students grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, deepen their understanding of the issues impacting their communities, and engage in solving some of the world's biggest problems. You can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet 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.



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



**Homebound:**

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge  
 Shirley Frink – Lakeview Manor

**Military:**

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



It pleased the Lord to call to his eternal rest the soul of Mike Hohf on Saturday, September 11, 2021. A funeral service was held at Trinity on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Judy and her family in your prayers. Cards and condolences may be sent to Judy at 1798 Cedar Lake Road, Oscoda, MI 48750.

It pleased the Lord to call to her eternal rest the soul of M.J. Richter’s 98-year-old mother. Please keep M.J. and her family in your prayers. Cards and condolences may be sent to M.J. at 9516 B Montana St., Oscoda, MI 48750.



8:00 a.m.  
 and  
 10:30 a.m.  
 (through December)

Bible Study  
 at 9:15 a.m.

**Bible Study Opportunities**



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets in-person at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday school wing
- Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study at the Bavarian Bakery at 8:30 a.m.
- 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!

## Men's Bible Study Changes Meeting Day and Location

Men's Bible Study will temporarily be changing the day it meets and where it meets. The group will meet on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Bavarian Bakery. This will continue until the Bavarian Bakery closes for the winter.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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. The organization does have more than enough new coats for anyone in need. If you would like to contribute to Iosco County Coats for Kids, monetary gifts are always appreciated.



## 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 October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

## Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center Fall Banquet Fundraising Dinner October 7<sup>th</sup>



This year all tables are sponsored (paid for) by individuals and businesses. If you can attend, please call the Center, **989-305-6308 by Thursday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**. You will be assigned a table with no cost to you. The Banquet will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Family Center in Oscoda. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. RSVP is required! For more information, see Miriam Kuhlmann.



at 2:00 a.m.  
Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Don't forget to turn your clock BACK one hour**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

# Happy Anniversary

Larry & Ardith Akers	10/5
Sylvester & Karen Peca	10/8

## *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  
October 14, 2021  
2:00 p.m.



Tuesday  
October 5, 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. Who advised her husband to curse God and die?
2. After Jesus fasted in the desert, what was His first temptation in the wilderness?
3. What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?

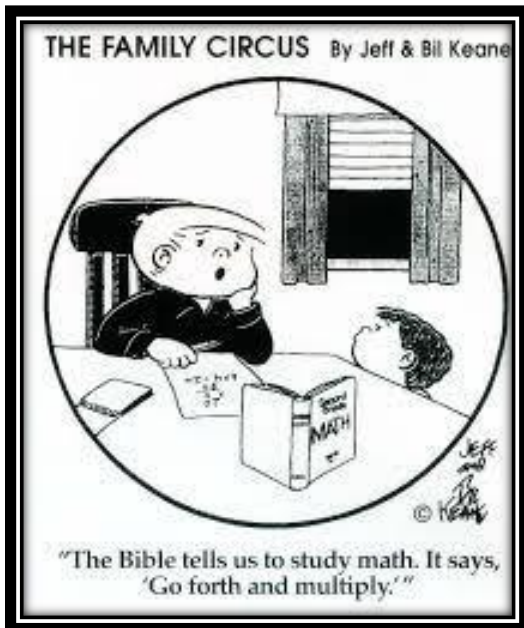


Delilah's servant, not Delilah herself, cuts Samson's hair.

Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer are the three angels mentioned by name in the Bible.

Seven suicides are recorded in the Bible.

## HUMOR



## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the November Newsletter is October 17, 2021



- Answers to Quiz**
1. Job's wife
  2. Tempted to turn stone into bread
  3. A rainbow