

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Reformation began with the posting of the 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Castle Church door in 1417. It was not until April of 1421 that Martin Luther made his passionate defense of the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. At the Diet held in Worms, Luther was asked whether he would be allowed to live...and recant all he had written concerning these things or be outlawed (and likely be killed) by maintaining what they said. After a night of prayer, Martin Luther declared that unless someone could show him that what he had written was in error based on Scripture alone, he would not recant. His conscience would not allow it, nor would the scriptures. "Hear I Stand," he said, "I can do no otherwise, God help me." 2021 Marks the 500th anniversary for standing up for the authority and primacy of Scripture in learning of our Salvation.

On October 31st we sing, "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, with the powerful words at the end of the last stanza, "Here in the Love of Christ, I stand. With so many challenges to practicing Biblical Christianity today, whether by denying what God says, sidelining it, or dismissing it as the words of a man, rather than God...standing on the promises of God, standing up for Jesus, and standing in the love of Christ becomes more difficult. But whoever believes God's word does not stand alone...the Holy Spirit through the power of God makes our standing possible. Our stand together with the Church of God makes that bearable, and the message of the scriptures makes our stand sure. On Christ the Solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

On other matters, Kathy and I would like to thank you for all your cards and remembrances and gifts for Pastor's appreciation month. We will be going on a long-awaited vacation in November and Pastor Neigh (retired, Harrisville and Ossineke) will be preaching.

Holiday Worship Schedule:

Plan on Worshipping for Thanksgiving on November 23 at 7pm

Wednesday evening Advent Services will be held at 7:00 p.m.

December 1	Jesus comes again in his Glory – Luke 21:25-36
December 8	Jesus comes to his people humbly, riding on a donkey – Luke 19:28-40
December 15	Jesus comes in the Incarnation – Luke 1:39-45
December 22	No Advent Service
December 24	Jesus comes to us in a Manger – Luke 2
December 25	The one who came is the Eternal Word.

Blessings,

Pastor Azzam

STEWARDSHIP

Blessed to Be a Blessing

May we during this Thanksgiving season be mindful of all the wonderful and amazing blessings that come from God. Because God gives, we receive, and then we can give. Interestingly, in giving, we receive even more. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).

God is a loving and giving God. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Through His Word and Sacraments, God provides:

- His grace that gives us this life and life eternal.
- His love that didn't spare His only Son.
- His forgiveness.
- His victory over sin and death.

In spite of our unworthiness and our sinful ways, God blesses us physically and spiritually. He promises never to leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). God promises that, when we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us (James 4:8). He loves us unconditionally. God gives and keeps on giving. Because Jesus gives us His love, grace, and goodness, we are enabled to be loving and giving people. *"We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). All love comes from God. We are enabled to love only because we have received His love.

God's Word clearly directs us to use the blessings we receive from Him to bless others. We are blessed to be a blessing. In Christ's name, we are to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and help the sick (Matthew 25:35-36). God blesses us not only to take care of our needs; He blesses us so that we can use what we receive to bless others. Paul wrote *"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith"* (Galatians 6:10). Paul's words to the church in Corinth and to us. *"You will be made rich in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11).

The wonderful thing is that, as God blesses us to bless others, we are blessed again. When we give faithfully and generously, we will hear God's words, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:21). As people who are a blessing to others, we will enjoy intimate fellowship with our Father and His Son, Jesus. Is there any greater blessing than this?

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

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.

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, Chris Gresens,
Ron Kaiser, Rev. Dean Muhle of Hale,
Ralph Tack, Richard Tack,
Nancy Weidenfeller



Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Military:

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



It pleased the Lord to call to her eternal rest the soul of Shirley Frink on Friday, October 8th. A memorial service was held at Trinity on Friday, October 15th. Please keep Shirley's family in your prayers.

It pleased the Lord to call to her eternal rest the soul of Hattie Davis, the 101-year-old grandmother of Mitch Davis, Jr. on Saturday, October 9th. Please keep the Davis family in your prayers.

It pleased the Lord to call to his eternal rest the soul of Duane Foerster on Monday, October 11th. A funeral was held at Trinity on Saturday, October 16th. Please keep the Forester family in your prayers.

It pleased the Lord to call to her eternal rest the soul of Ella Jean Durfee on October 19, 2021. Please keep Ella's family in your prayers.



Madison Joyce Eldrich, infant daughter of Tyler and Hanna Eldrich was brought into the loving arms of our Savior through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 31st. May God bless Madison and keep her in his loving care.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Azzam will be on vacation from Monday, November 8th through Monday, November 22, 2021. Rev Dennis Neigh will be conducting the services on November 14th and November 21st.



SERVICE TIMES

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.



Thanksgiving Worship Service
Tuesday, November 23rd
7:00 p.m.



Worship Services

Sunday, November 28, 2021
 Wednesday, December 1, 2021
 Sunday, December 5, 2021
 Wednesday, December 8, 2021
 Sunday, December 12, 2021
 Wednesday, December 15, 2021
 Sunday, December 19, 2021
 Wednesday, December 22, 2021

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
 No Service

There will be NO soup suppers on Wednesday evenings

Veterans' Day Tribute



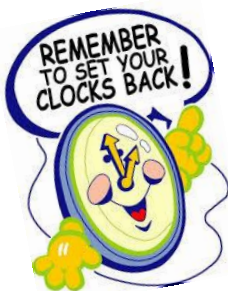
The image to the left is the Logo of the Missouri Synod's Ministry to the Armed forces. This ministry, though particularly to those who serve our nation currently has influenced profoundly those who have already faithfully served our Nation, the Veterans. How many of you found your strength to meet daily challenges because a chaplain was doing his or her job? How many of you were refreshed from a care package or literature received from your church at home?

We honor all of you who have served, who have waited patiently for a spouse or parent, sister or brother, or young man or woman who has given of themselves to defend our freedoms from those who would wish us harm. To the gold star families who have paid the ultimate price we say thank you and honor you as well. God bless you for your service, your faithfulness, and your ultimate gift.

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 November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th at 11:00 a.m.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 7th**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks
BACK one hour!**



Bell Choir Notes



Trinity Bells of Glory will play prelude music on Sunday, November 7th at 10:30 a.m. and on Sunday, November 14th at 8:00 a.m.

Trinity Bells of Glory is planning to put on a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Church Directory



We would like to update the church directory, and would appreciate a photo of you and/or your family for inclusion in the directory. You can email a photo to: churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org or you can bring in a photo for us to scan.

If you would like to double check to make sure that your contact information on file with the church is correct, just write your name, address, phone number(s) and email address on a piece of paper and put it of the clip on the office door. Your assistance is appreciated.



Treasurer Report

Trinity Lutheran Church was blessed with the forgiveness of a payroll protection program loan in the amount of \$22,555. This program was designed to assist businesses during Covid-19 shut-downs. Trinity Lutheran Church showed a deficit of \$12,634.81 for the 2021 fiscal year and a deficit of \$9,763.73 for the 2020 fiscal year. The payroll protection program loan that we were fortunate to have received certainly did its job over the past two years. This money was used to pay bills during the pandemic and has been spent.

At the August 2021 Voters' Meeting, a budget was approved for the 2022 fiscal year that reflects a deficit of \$22,807. A big portion of that deficit is due to the reduction in anticipated income. The Finance Committee reduced anticipated income by \$10,000 from the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget. This figure is based on actual income during the 2021 fiscal year. In addition, the Finance Committee reduced expenses by \$11,477.53 from the 2021 fiscal year budget.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your offering to the church. Any increase would be greatly appreciated. We would like to be able to work within our means.

A copy of the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget is included in the newsletter for your information. A monthly Treasurer's Report will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, or another member of the Finance Committee – Henrie Fortney or Karen White.

--Susan Barnhart, Treasurer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alice Dettmer	11/1
Donna David	11/2
David Schmidt	11/2
Miriam Kuhlmann	11/3
Mitchell Davis, Sr.	11/4
David Sherman	11/6
Ruth Golm	11/8
Britny Faught	11/14
Jim Cain	11/15
Kristal Pidgeon	11/18
Tammi Kett-Albert	11/23
Joan Chisholm	11/25
Beverly Warner	11/29
Emily Koski	11/30

Happy Anniversary

Greg & Joann Pancost	11/6
James & Annette Dennis	11/19
Charles & Janet Krueger	11/25

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
 David Golm – 989-724-5679
 Roger Tack - 989-293-8050
 Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701

 Church Council Meeting
 Thursday
 November 11, 2021
 2:00 p.m.

 Tuesday
 November 9, 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 is considered the 13th apostle to replace Judas Iscariot?
2. Which place is called "Zion" and "the city of David"?
3. What was the one thing Elijah left behind when God took him to heaven?

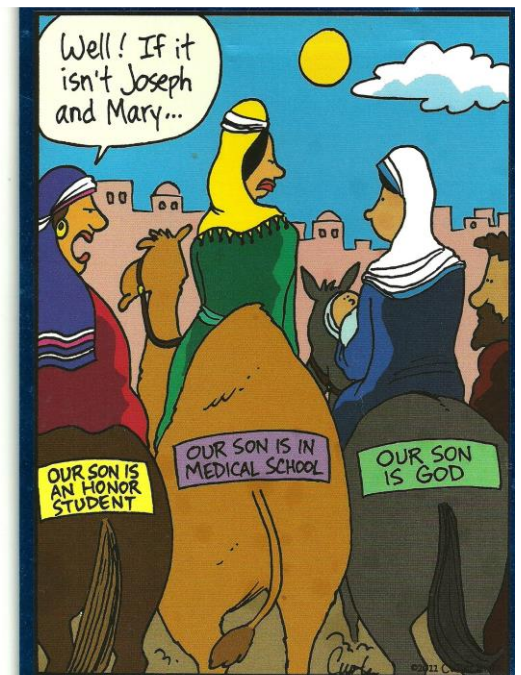


Martin Luther was born 'Martin Luder'. It is believed that, in the same year he published his theses, Martin changed his surname from 'Luder' to 'Luther', which some believe was in line with the Greek word 'erleutherios' meaning freedom and liberty.

People with friends live longer.

You can blur your house on Google's street view.

HUMOR



DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the December Newsletter is November 21, 2021



- Answers to Quiz**
1. Matthias
 2. Jerusalem
 3. His cloak