

# Trinity SONRISE News



*Trinity Lutheran Church*

*on the Sunrise Side of Michigan*

*2022*

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

In St. Luke's 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of his Acts of the Apostles, we learn that St. Paul (and Luke too) are summoned to Jerusalem. Paul knows that this journey will forever change how he conducts his ministry. The Holy Spirit made it clear to him concerning the opposition he would face, and where Paul was relatively free to establish congregations in Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece and Corinth. Now Paul would embark on what would be his final missionary journey, in chains. Knowing what lies ahead, Paul says his goodbyes to the leaders of the church in Ephesus, stating that some may never see his face again, and declaring that whatever happens he must finish his course, i.e., **the ministry that he received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.**

What Paul learned and we would do well to understand is that the Church of God is always greater than one congregation and the call to ministry is never just from one congregation but always by the Divine Call of Jesus Christ. So, it is with every congregation and every pastor: ministries in one place come to an end and the Lord provides another in that same place to continue the work of the previous shepherd.

Apparently, St. Paul was not the only show in Corinth. We learn that there was a man named Apollos, who hailed from Alexandria, who learned of Christ and came to Corinth hoping to meet Paul and be baptized by him. (BTW...Alexandria is on the other side of the Mediterranean Sea from Corinth.) According to church historians, Thomas, one of the 12 disciples of Jesus, went off to India to preach the good news. Barnabas, who sold all he had and laid the proceeds at the Apostles feet, first accompanied Paul with Mark and Silas. Barnabas later set off on his own keeping Mark but leaving Silas with Paul. Timothy was already instructed in the faith by Lois and Eunice, his mother and grandmother. He shadowed St. Paul for a while and was left behind in Ephesus to minister there. The Church is always the Lord's Church, not ours, the Ministry was established and is still maintained by the high calling of Jesus Christ who calls his shepherds to serve one flock or another...

What the calling of an Emeritus Pastor will be, I have yet to discover. What the Lord has in mind for Trinity is already in the works. Jesus knows your next shepherd, how he will serve, what seeds will be planted, what seeds will be watered, and who will be ready for harvest. As St. Paul explains in his letter to the Corinthians concerning the ministry he began, and Apollos continued. It has always been the Holy Spirit who brings the increase.

It has been my privilege to do some planting, watering, and be involved with harvest at Trinity for 17 years. Since this ministry belongs to the Lord, He will continue it following my departure. God has a plan! Though I have not been able to articulate what retirement looks like...God has a plan! It is my prayer for Trinity that you will remain faithful to what you have learned in God's word, that you will not lose sight of the Spirit's Calling and His direction, and that the same Spirit who brings the increase my bring in a bountiful harvest of believers through the ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church – Oscoda, MI so that on the last great day heaven will be filled with many from Oscoda.

Grace and peace be to you.

In His Service,  
Timothy Azzam

# STEWARDSHIP

## Who Are You?

If you were asked to tell someone about yourself, what would you say first? Would you begin by telling where you live? Is one of the first things that you would point out is whether you are single or married? Do you identify your vocation such as a plumber, teacher, dentist, salesman, etc.? Would you describe your family? Would you talk about your education? Would you talk about your interests and hobbies? When would you say you are a Christian who God loves so much that He has adopted you as one of His children?

Each of us would describe ourselves in different ways. We each have several different roles such as father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, grandpa, grandma, etc. We play several or a variety of different roles such as neighbors, employees or employers, volunteers, or church members.

One role that affects all our roles is our role as a steward. A steward is one who has been entrusted with property which is to be administered according to the owner's will or direction. We are in charge of God's property. God has called and chosen us to be His stewards. As stewards, we automatically think of our role as stewards of our time, talents, and treasures, but we are also stewards of the environment, relationships with others, and the life-saving Gospel.

Everything we do, everything we say, and everywhere we go emanates from our sense of identity. Our identity is either in Christ or in the world. C.S. Lewis once said, "There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right then, have it your way.'" For some it's "God's will be done" and for others it's "my will be done." If it's "my will be done," the focus is only on ourselves. Understanding that God has called us to be His stewards determines what we do.

In Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he begins by saying "It's not about you." He is exactly right. The Christian life is initiated by God and sustained by God. Our value, our identity, is not to be found in what we "do" in life. Not our performance, our position, our titles, our achievements, or the power we hold. Our identity is bound up in who we are in Christ.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

### Mission of the Month



#### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and we do not evangelize.

We provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. We partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. We break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive.

Our goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end. Our Mission: Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. Our Vision: A healthy world forever flourishing in dignity and justice



Wayne Fortney, Tim Hoffmeyer  
Jack Inman, Carolyn Jones, Ron Kaiser,  
Dave Sherman's Grandson Kyle Hill, and Ron Weidenfeller



**Homebound:**

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

**Military:**

Alex Anderson (Navy)  
Jason Cooper



## The Cost of Freedom

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies in America declared their freedom from Great Britain in the Declaration of Independence. July is a month when Americans are especially grateful for the privilege of living in this country. Much blood was shed, and many lives lost, and, at this time of year, we take time to honor those who fought to

liberate us. We recognize that our freedom has been won at great cost, and, at this time of year, we take time to honor those who fought to liberate us.

Our spiritual freedom, too, was won at great cost. We were slaves to the Law which we could never fulfill, but Christ satisfied its requirements for us. He shed His blood and gave His life to pay the penalty for the sin we incurred, for the freedom we now have as we live in Him. Let us honor Him as we express our gratitude by sharing with others the message of our freedom in Christ.



**Sundays**  
**8:00 a.m.**

**and**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Bible Study**  
**9:15 a.m.**



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall of the church. For more information call Ruth Golm at 989-724-5679.
- Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – meets in-person in Sunday School wing.



## 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 June meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

TLCW is selling greeting cards for 50¢. Cards are currently on display on the table in the fellowship hall. Please put your money in the cash box on the display case.

## Community Garage Sale

**Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**



Trinity's Annual Community Garage sale will be held on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds from the sale are returned to various community organizations. While you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider what household items you wish to part with and SAVE them for Trinity's garage sale. Donations for the garage sale can be dropped off at the church garage on Tuesdays, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Karen White at 989-739-0774 or Ruth Golm at 989-724-5679.



Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. A volunteer signup sheet is posted in the fellowship hall and on the table in the back of the church.

## LWML Michigan District 2022 Convention



The Michigan District 2022 Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention will be held July 7 through July 9 at St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center, St. Lorenz Sanctuary, and Bavarian Inn, all in Frankenmuth. Registration fee is \$130 until June 4<sup>th</sup>, after June 5<sup>th</sup> the registration fee is \$150.

## Altar Guild Schedule for 2022



January – Sue Welther  
February – Jonalee Engstrom  
March – Teri Westburg  
April – Henrietta Fortney  
May – Sue Welther  
June – Teri Westburg

July – Teri Westburg  
August – Jonalee Engstrom  
September – Henrietta Fortney  
October – Teri Westburg  
November – Jonalee Engstrom  
December – Sue Welther



## **Congregational Voters' Meeting July 17, 2022 Between services**

There will be a congregational voters' meeting on July 17, 2022. The meeting will be held between services. The sole purpose of this voters' meeting will be to discuss the vacancy created as a result of Pastor Azzam's retirement.

The Church Council is recommending that the congregation call a part-time intentional interim minister for a period of one year. The congregation needs to vote on this recommendation, and also on a budget for the intentional interim minister position. You are encouraged to attend.



### **Looking for Housing**

If we call an intentional interim minister, we will need housing for him. If you have space available that you would be willing to rent, please let the church know. The housing will be needed three or four days a week and must be suitable to live in year-round. If you have such a space, please talk to Ted White or call the church office at 989-739-9292.

### **Email Address Change**

Please note that the email address [pastor.azzam@trinityoscoda.org](mailto:pastor.azzam@trinityoscoda.org) will no longer be used or monitored after July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please address any emails to [churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org](mailto:churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org)

### **Church Yard Work**

Unfortunately, only one person showed up for the last outside work day. Thank you, Janet Ovcjek for all your hard work!

Bruce Welther has scheduled another work day to help with weeding, raking and trimming hedges. This is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Remember many hands make light work!





## Trinity Bells of Glory

Handbells are normally played by having the clapper strike the bell. It is usually produced by holding the handbell against one shoulder and then swinging the handbell.

There are a number of abbreviations and notations used exclusively or almost exclusively in handbell music:

- LV “laissez vibrer” or “let vibrate”, similar to a piano’s sustain pedal
- R “ring”, regular ringing or meaning to end the LV
- SK “shake”, i.e. shaking the bell continuously during the duration of the note
- TD “thumb damp”, ringing the bell with a thumb on the casting to create a staccato note)
- PL “pluck”, which means to throw down the clapper while the bell lies on the table
- ▲ “martellato”, to strike bell against padding of the table, pushing the casting firmly against padding as to quickly dampen sound. The Martellato is quite useful in waking up audience members before the sermon commences.
- SW “swing”, to play the bell in a normal position, swing it down to the waist, then bring it back up
- BD “brush damp”, brushing the rim of the bell against the ringer’s chest to cause a quick diminuendo
- ↑ or “echo”, ringing the bell and then touching it very briefly to the table, creating an echo effect

As you can see, there is a lot that goes into playing the bells. It amazes me to think that many of us ringers cannot read music. Our Director, Donna David color codes the music so that these ringers know what note to play. As always, Trinity Bells of Glory appreciates your support and is grateful for allowing us to play for the congregation!



## Thrivent Project July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>

We will be collecting individually wrapped snacks and bottled water for Firefighters and EMS workers July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donation in the box in the fellowship hall.

## Cleaning Inside the Church



There are many tasks that need to be done to spruce up the inside of the church. A list of jobs that need to be done is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you are able to help, pick the task you would be willing to do and sign your name by it. When you complete the task, put the date you completed it on the list. These jobs are done on an individual basis. The church is open Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for your help!

## Retirement Party

As you are probably aware, Pastor Azzam's farewell worship service will be July 10, 2022. The Bells of Glory will play prelude music before the 10:30 a.m. service.

A potluck picnic will be held that day after the 10:30 a.m. service (approximately 12:00 noon) at the home of:

Sue and Bruce Welther  
4533 East Clark Road  
Harrisville, MI 48740

**Please bring a dish to pass.**

Casual dress for church would be in order that day.

An RSVP would be appreciated so that the Welthers know how many tables are needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the tables in the back of the church

If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift for Pastor and Kathy, your gift can be put in an envelope marked "Pastor's Retirement" and placed in the offering box.



**Pastor Azzam and Kathy**

## Church Directory



Please be patient as we work on a new church directory with pictures. We are missing lots of photos of our members and friends, and would appreciate a photo of you and your family for inclusion in the directory. You can email a photo to:

[churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org](mailto:churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org) or you can bring in a photo for us to scan.

Please check the list of names and phone numbers on the table next to the office door. Let us know if your information is incorrect. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to members that have confirmed their information and submitted pictures.



- 7/4 Mitch Davis, Jr.
- 7/5 Leishia Spencer
- 7/7 Otto Alvarado
- 7/7 Mary Douglas
- 7/7 Judy Malson
- 7/8 Shirley Ellis
- 7/9 Joy Garrison
- 7/9 Joann Pancost
- 7/11 Cindy Moran
- 7/12 Ron Kaiser
- 7/12 Ruth Parth
- 7/14 Tom Neumeyer
- 7/15 Eric Dennis
- 7/18 Mark Faught, Jr.
- 7/20 Joe Hock
- 7/25 Charles Durfee
- 7/29 Ed Storms
- 7/31 Joshua Abee
- 7/31 Susan Barnhart



- 7/8 Ronald & Joy Garrison
- 7/9 David & Ruth Golm
- 7/16 Dick & Carolyn Jones
- 7/17 Marc & Amanda Alvarez

### *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



**Tuesday  
July 5, 2022  
2:00 p.m.**



# QUIZ

1. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
2. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented to the Temple as a baby?
3. Which disciple was crucified upside-down?

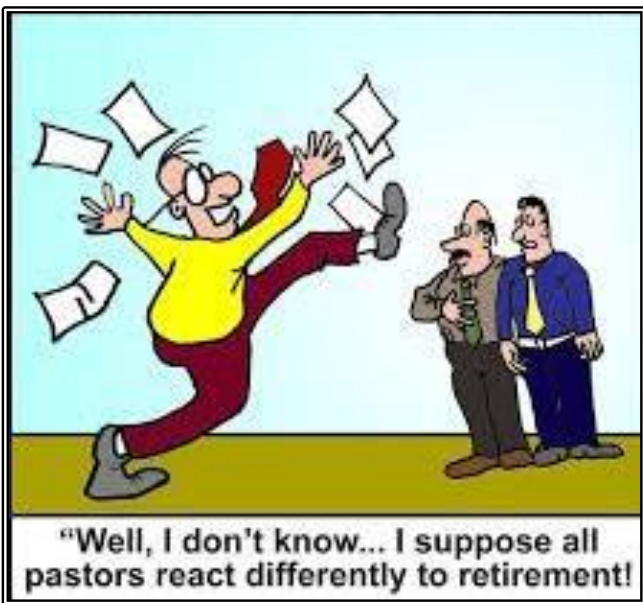


The majority of plant life is located in the ocean.

Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.

The 65-and-older population is the fastest growing age group in the United States, and has grown by 34.2% over the past decade.

## HUMOR



## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the August Newsletter is July 17, 2022.



- Answers to Quiz**
1. Malta
  2. Simeon
  3. Peter