

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2022

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

thank you

First of all, I would like to use the occasion of this letter to thank all of you for your heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of my 40 years in the ministry. I can only credit this milestone to the power of the Holy Spirit who called me with his Gospel, Kathy, my wife and partner these 40 years, praying for me, and doing with her own hands and her own imagination what I am unable to do, and so many people in the body of Christ who have encouraged, supported, and patterned for me what it is to be a faithful shepherd.

Second, I would like to thank the members of Trinity for your many words of encouragement and your thanksgivings to God for me and the expressions of those thanksgivings by your many gifts over the years and this last week. Many of you expressed the same in responding to the FB posts last night as well.

Third, I would like to thank my greater family and those who have befriended us over the years in the various places this calling has taken me...You have been a powerful source of encouragement and clearly the Lord has answered the prayers that have risen on our behalf during that same time.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Sunday, the first lesson was about the calling of St. Paul to Macedonia. In many ways this call was very similar to calls to ministerial service extended today, but in other ways, very different. It appears that Paul had made many attempts to continue his ministry in Asia (Modern Turkey) but was prohibited from doing so by the Holy Spirit who prohibiting him to speak in Asia after having passed through Phrygia and Galatia, and again in Mysia or Bithynia. God communicated this to Paul, as he did to the prophets of Old. Regarding his call to Macedonia, this call was delivered to Paul in a dream, not via registered letter. Paul had a vision of a man standing in Macedonia, encouraging him, prompting him, who called out to him saying, literally, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Having been prohibited by God in Asia and believing God had opened a door for him in Macedonia, Paul immediately sets sail for Philippi, the capital city.

When Paul arrived, however, the question remained – where is this guy who called me over? Was he a specific person or did he represent the call in general? Acts 16 tells us that Paul spent "some days in the city," looking for the man or a congregation of believers who might have been the source of his call, but to no avail. So, on a Sabbath Day, Paul went out of the city on a lead that some believers gathered from prayer along the river that passed by the gate. No man was found there either, but instead a few women, one in particular, a believer in God, who after hearing Paul preach, expressed her faith in Jesus and she and her household were baptized. Her name was Lydia, a woman who had become wealthy dealing in purple fabric, who "prevailed" upon Paul to stay in her house. This was the beginning of the Church of Christ in Philippi. God had opened a door for Paul, confirming his call by providing one who would listen and a place for the church to be established.

Today, the divine call happens in a similar fashion. God closes one or more doors and opens others. A candidate might receive a letter in the mail indicating that a congregation is calling out to him, "Come on over." The person having received the letter may have to spend some days in deliberation as to whether this door is

open to him or closed. If, like in Paul's case at Philippi, there are those willing to listen to the Gospel and there is a means whereby the ministry might be anchored and he will be supported...as was in the home of Lydia, then the call is confirmed. At which point the one called can either say yes, I can see where God wants me here, or no, I am not convinced that this is where God wants me. Paul believed he would find the man in his dream. But the Spirit led him to Lydia and a group of women outside the city who were meeting for prayer. The call to Macedonia was clear, but where and to whom was yet to be determined.

I have no doubt that God has called me to every place I have served. I am not quite certain what God has in store for the Azzam's next. But I am certain that God has a plan for Trinity. He already knows who and when and for how long. And, Lord willing, after some time, you will be able to send out notice to someone the Lord has chosen, saying, "Come on over to Oscoda, and help us."

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Timothy Azzam



Trinity Bells of Glory

Handbells ensembles can consist of one octave all the way up to seven octaves. Trinity Bells of Glory currently has four octaves. The smaller the handbell, the higher the sound. Bells range from two inches to more than 15 inches in diameter. Some of the larger bells can weigh more than 15 pounds. A C8 may weigh 8 ounces, while a G2 can weigh in at over 18 pounds.

There has been a joke for many decades where people call ringers ding-a-lings. The Bells of Glory ringers at times jokingly refer to themselves as Donna's Ding-A-Lings. The Trinity Bells of Glory will play prelude music on June 19th before the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Spring 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!

Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry



On Sunday, May 22nd Trinity Lutheran Church celebrated an important milestone in the lives of Pastor Timothy Azzam and Kathy – forty years of faithful service to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and to everyone they ministered to, taught, and counseled along their journey. Sixty-five people attended this joyful event. The fellowship hall was decorated in red and white, a delicious catered meal was served, and Pastor and Kathy were honored. A display of pictures of their 40-year journey was set up as were scrapbooks of memories, recognitions, and important occasions in their lives. The program consisted of a reading of Pastor’s favorite Bible verse, singing of some of Pastor’s favorite hymns, a trivia game, and reading of congratulatory correspondence. A wonderful time was had by all!



STEWARDSHIP

Stewards Are Channels of God's Blessings

What is your response to the question, "Are you a channel or a terminal?" This question isn't one at the forefronts of our minds, but it might be self-enlightening to consider it. A channel is a person who receives God's gifts and blessings and shares with others all that he/she is able. God made us to be channels of His blessings to others, and, through faith, we all become potential channels for God to use. In contrast, a person who acts as a terminal focuses on keeping what he/she receives. God's blessings stay with that person.

Why are some of us channels and others terminals? One of the major reasons is the different perspective on ownership. People who act as terminals view themselves as the true owners of what they have, because they don't see God as the source of *"every good gift and every perfect gift"* (James 1:17). In their minds, they own what they possess, having earned it all with their sweat and skill. In order to become God's channels instead of terminals, we need God to change our hearts. By His grace, we become His channels. By grace, we are enabled to acknowledge God as the giver of our lives and all of our blessings. With this new understanding, we recognize how God wants to use us as His channels through whom He can serve others. Our new hearts empower us to hold onto things loosely, freeing us to become giving and sharing people. We become God's channels through whom He shares both spiritual and material blessings. Peter the Apostle wrote, *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"* (1 Peter 4:10).

God honors us with the privilege and responsibility to be His channels. We may be reluctant to believe we can be blessings to others, thinking we are not adequate for God to use. Don't be concerned! God can use us in many different ways. What we offer may only be a smile, a helping hand, a phone call, or words of encouragement. One of the more meaningful ways that God can use us is to share what we've gone through in our lives. Sharing our life's struggles and challenges can be an encouragement to others as they face difficulties.

When God uses us as channels for His blessings, we need to be mindful that He is the one Who accomplishes all things. We are but humble servants prepared for His service. Any success that comes from our service belongs to God.

May God help us all to be channels rather than terminals.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

Mission of the Month Wellspring Lutheran Services

Wellspring Lutheran Services is a Michigan-based statewide nonprofit that has been serving the needs of Michigan children, families and seniors since 1893.

Mission: Motivated by Christ's love, we engage people as they experience and embrace their God-given potential.

Vision: Changed lives. Strong families. Transformed communities.

Values: • Christ-centered • Excellence • Integrity • Life

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.



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



Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Military:

Alex Anderson (Navy)
 Jason Cooper



A memorial service for Edna Rainey will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m.

It pleased the Lord to call to his eternal rest the soul of Howard Clark, Jr. on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Howard was a member of Trinity before moving to Saginaw. Please keep Ruth and the family in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to Ruth at 4652 Shattuck Road, Saginaw, MI 48613



Emmy Jo Hall, daughter of Jennifer (Pancost) and Jason Hall, will be brought into the loving arms of our Savior through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 12th, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. May God bless Emmy Jo and keep her in his loving care.



**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 via Zoom. 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, June 21, 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



Trinity's Annual Community Garage sale will be held on Friday, July 1st and Saturday, July 2nd. 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 7, 14, 21 and 28 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 will be posted soon.

LWML Michigan District 2022 Convention



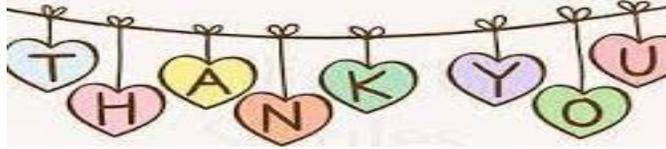
The Michigan District 2022 Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention will be held July 7 through July 9 at St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center, St. Lorenz Sanctuary, and Bavarian Inn, all in Frankenmuth. Registration fee is \$130 until June 4th, after June 5th the registration fee is \$150.

Altar Guild Schedule for 2022



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

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



- ▶ To the Pastor's Celebration Committee for all the work they did to put on such a wonderful celebration for Pastor and Kathy in honor of their 40 years in ministry – especially Jonalee Engstrom and Henrie Fortney.
- ▶ To Donna David for sharing her musical gift.
- ▶ To Sue Pisarski for making the lovely centerpieces.
- ▶ To Ruth and Dave Golm for their participation in the program.
- ▶ To everyone that helped with folding, stuffing and stamping invitations, folding programs, setting up the fellowship hall and cleaning up after the celebration!
- ▶ To everyone that attended to celebrate with Pastor and Kathy.
- ▶ To everyone that donated to the monetary gift.

If I inadvertently left anyone out, please accept my sincerest apology!



First Potluck a Success

The Church Council held a potluck on May 15th after the late worship service to welcome new members and friends of Trinity. It was nice to have so many people attend and share delicious food and fellowship. The dishes brought to share were certainly scrumptious. Unfortunately, we did not get any pictures, but we had a wonderful turnout. Thank you to everyone who helped with the potluck!

Retirement Party



As you are probably aware, Pastor Azzam's last worship service will be July 10, 2022. A potluck picnic will be held that day at the home of Sue and Bruce Welther. Please bring a dish to pass. An RSVP would be appreciated so that the Welthers know how many tables are needed. 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.

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 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.



- 6/1 Jim Dennis
- 6/3 Chris Hock
- 6/3 Scott Phillips
- 6/3 Barb Weiss
- 6/5 Zachary Abee
- 6/7 Carol Wenzel
- 6/9 Samantha Travis
- 6/13 Beverly Niedermiller
- 6/13 Mary Wehrman
- 6/14 James Kuerbitz
- 6/15 Paul Stewart
- 6/16 Judy Howey
- 6/18 William Davis
- 6/18 Beth Roy
- 6/24 Miranda Evans
- 6/24 Cheryl Ogden



- 6/1 Paul and Terri Westberg
- 6/5 Frederick and Christine Rogel
- 6/6 Steve and Cheryl Ogden
- 6/8 Andy and Beth Roy
- 6/8 David and Lori Schmidt
- 6/19 Ron and Karen Kaiser
- 6/29 Lou and Miriam Kuhlmann



Church Council Meeting
Thursday
June 9, 2022
2:00 p.m.

Know the Elders

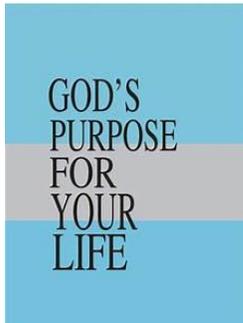
The Board of Elders concerns itself with the wellbeing and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. Pastor Azzam and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!

They may be reached at:

- Pastor Azzam - 739-4820
- Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469
- David Golm – 989-724-5679
- Roger Tack - 989-293-8050
- Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701

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Tuesday
June 7, 2022
2:00 p.m.

QUIZ

1. How many people did Jesus raise from the dead?
2. Who were the first two disciples Jesus called?
3. What was Daniel's punishment for praying when it was not allowed?

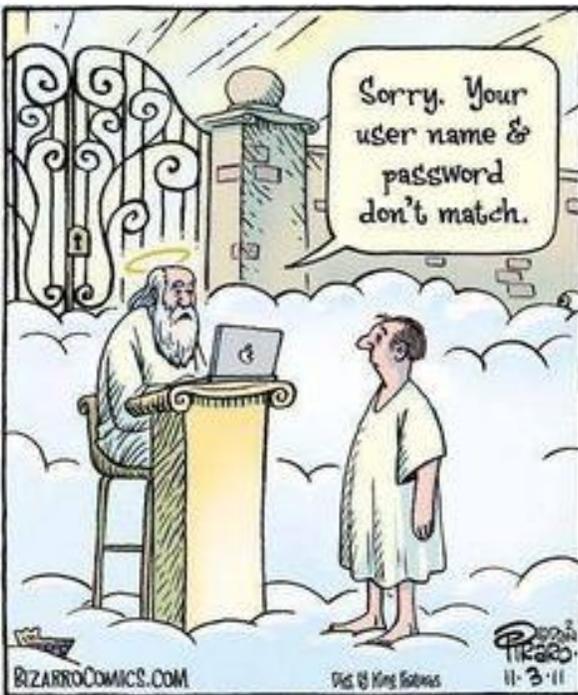


June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.

Every quote Jesus used against Satan was from the book of Deuteronomy.

The last words of Jesus before he ascended to heaven was: "I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

HUMOR



DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the July Newsletter is June 19, 2022.



- Answers to Quiz**
1. Jesus raised 3 persons from the dead. The son of a widow in Nain, Jairus' daughter and Lazarus.
 2. Simon Peter and his brother Andrew.
 3. He was thrown into a lion's den.