

# Trinity **SONRISE** News



*Trinity Lutheran Church*

*on the Sunrise Side of Michigan*

*2022*

## **From the Church Council**

As we go through this period of vacancy, the Church Council has been exploring options available to us.

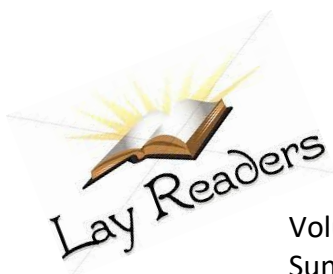
We met with Randy Johnson, a Congregation Mission and Ministry Facilitator with LCMS Michigan District. He explained that there are three options available: calling an Intentional Interim Pastor, scheduling different pastors to preach each week while calling a pastor, or sharing a pastor. The Michigan District LCMS encourages churches that have a pastor leave after serving 15 or more years to call an Intentional Interim Minister.

On June 21<sup>st</sup> the Church Council met with Rev. Dr. Robert Kasper, Congregation Mission/Ministry Facilitator for the Michigan District. He also oversees the training and deploying of Intentional Interim Ministers. We received more information on the IIM program, and we felt ready to go this route.

We brought a recommendation to call an Intentional Interim Minister and set a budget of \$45,000 for this position to a Voters' Meeting on August 29, 2022. Members of the congregation present at that meeting supported our recommendation and the proposed budget.

At the August 11<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting we met with Rev. Steve Schilke. He was very pleasant with lots of experience as an Intentional Interim Minister, serving seven congregations since retiring.

The Church Council held a special meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss our options once again. We will keep the congregation posted as we proceed.



## **Lay Readers Wanted**

Volunteers are needed to read the Old Testament and the Epistle during Sunday worship services. Lay readers have been serving at the 8:00 a.m. worship service since April. We need readers for the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, sign-up sheets can be found on the table in the back of the church. The lessons can be emailed to you ahead of time, so you can become familiar with them.

Our guest ministers have been appreciative of the lay readers!

# STEWARDSHIP

## Finding Joy in Doing Good Works

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the people in Ephesus, he wrote, *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10). In order that we might do those good works, God gives us the physical and spiritual tools we need to be the instruments through which He can work. God has handcrafted us for the unique work that He has planned for each of us. We are His masterpieces filled with the Holy Spirit.

With the same power that God used in the beginning to create man from dust and later to resurrect Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20), He raises us out of spiritual death and makes us new people—His workmanship, transformed stewards—whose works give evidence that we are new creatures. By the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are brought into God's kingdom. We are no longer part of or in union with the world. As new people living under the power of the Gospel, we desire to honor God and obediently do the good works He has planned for us to do. Because Christ has redeemed us from all wickedness and purified for *"Himself a people for His own possession,"* we are zealous to do good works (Titus 2:14).

In his book *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey*, William Chancellor Weedon shares an interesting perspective regarding good works,

Long before you see the opportunity for good works or recognize it, it was in God's heart as a gift for you. By that good work, He lets you exercise the resurrection life planted into you at your Baptism. That means that all around you every single day, your different callings, a huge variety of "Easter eggs" await your discovery and enjoyment.

Mr. Weedon compares the joy of doing good works to the joy that a child might experience when he/she finds "Easter eggs" on an Easter egg hunt. The more good works that God has planned for us the greater will be our joy.

God created us to do good works, but we are not saved through good works. Scripture tells us that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). Just as the morning follows night, our good works follow our salvation by grace. Good works are an important purpose for our lives as Christian stewards. As we ask the Lord to enable us to submit to His will, He will put those good works He has prepared us to do before us. God may not tell us in advance what good works He wants us to do, but we know these works exist and that He has equipped us to do them. We can trust that, when we do good works, they are deeds needed to be done, God will be pleased, and we will find joy.

*-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair*



### Mission of the Month - September Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center



Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information center is an independent, HIPPA compliant facility. They provide free supportive services to mothers, fathers, and family caregivers of losco and surrounding counties. Their free services are provided until the youngest child reaches five years old. At Harbor Lights they know that choices during an unplanned, and sometimes a planned pregnancy are difficult. The center offers a caring, non-judgmental and confidential environment for clients to explore their options. Clients may feel anxious and overwhelmed. However, they do not have to walk through this journey alone.

If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



**Homebound:**

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Wayne Fortney, Tim Hoffmeyer and  
Dave Sherman’s Grandson Kyle Hill,



**Military:**

Alex Anderson (Navy)  
Jason Cooper



It pleased the Lord to call to his eternal rest the soul of Steven L. Ogden on Monday, July 4, 2022, after a prolonged illness stemming from diabetes. Steven was a member of Trinity.

I pleased the Lord to call to her eternal rest the soul of Beverly A. Warner on July 27, 2022. Bev was 92 years old. She was a devoted member of Trinity for many years



**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 Sunday School wing. 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. – 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 next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. We will be packing up the kits after the meeting.

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, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



Another TLCW Community garage sale will be held on Labor Day weekend – Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale, even one hour of your help would help immensely. Men and women are needed to help customers, collect money, and keep the garage tidy. Sign-up sheets are posted on the table in the back of the church. If you have and paper bags and/or small boxes you are willing to donate, we could use them to pack purchases

### TLCW Lutheran World Relief InGathering



TLCW is collecting items for school kits, personal hygiene kits, and baby layettes through September 20<sup>th</sup>. Containers for your donations are located on a table in the fellowship hall.



#### Personal Care Kits

- Bath towel (dark color preferred)
- Toothbrush – in original package
- Metal nail clippers
- Sturdy comb – no fine tooth
- Bars of bath size soap

#### School Kits

- 70 count spiral notebooks
- Ink pens
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt nose scissors
- Erasers (1 ½" – 2")
- 24 pack of crayons

### TLCW World Relief Layettes



TLCW will be collecting Ivory soap, blankets, cloth diapers, diaper pins, onesies, pajamas, socks, jackets with hood, and caps for layette kits. A big thank you to Shirley Ellis and Sharon Endicott for sewing other items needed for the layette kits.



## Pastoral Care During the Transition

As you may know, the church office is currently open only on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you need pastoral care during our transition time, please call one of the Elders. They may be reached at:

Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469

David Golm – 989-724-5679

Roger Tack - 989-293-8050

Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701



### Trinity Bells of Glory

Bell Choir members got back into the swing of things on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Trinity Bells of Glory plans to play before the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the bell choir is unable to play at the 8:00 a.m. service due to schedule conflicts of the members that attend other churches. Thank you for your understanding and for your support!

### Church Extension Fund Grant

The church was blessed with a grant of \$1,326.83 from the Church Extension Fund. This grant paid for the new computer in the church office and for six months of our automated calling system – Calling Post. We are very grateful for this grant!

### 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.



- 9/4 Terri Westburg
- 9/5 Deserae Evans
- 9/6 Amber Foote
- 9/6 Frederick Rogel
- 9/10 Matthew Abee
- 9/21 Connie Heinrich
- 9/21 Annette Inman
- 9/22 Jack Poland
- 9/24 Rachel Koski
- 9/24 Melarie Seidel
- 9/25 Sue Welther
- 9/29 David Golm
- 9/30 Karen Kaiser
- 9/30 Melissa Ludeña



- 9/3 Bill & Joyce Davis
- 9/8 Ed & Connie Heinrich
- 9/13 Mike & Melarie Seidel
- 9/30 Adam & Samantha Travis

### *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!

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*Church Council Meeting*  
**Thursday**  
**September 8, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Voters' Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**Between Services**  
**to**  
**Adopt 2022-2023 Budget**

A copy of the proposed budget will be available  
September 11, 2022, in the fellowship hall



**Tuesday**  
**September 6, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**



# QUIZ

1. What problem did Bartimaeus have that Jesus fixed?
2. What was the name of the woman Peter raised from the dead?
3. How many requests are in the Lord's Prayer?



September 17<sup>th</sup> is an incredibly important day for the US. On this day in 1787 that the US Constitution was adopted. If it weren't for the Constitution the US could be an incredibly different country today, with far fewer civil liberties!

The average U.S. house has just about 300,000 things in it.

## HUMOR



## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the October Newsletter is September 18, 2022.



- Answers to Quiz
1. He was blind
  2. Dorcas
  3. Seven