

# Trinity **SONRISE** News



*Trinity Lutheran Church*

*on the Sunrise Side of Michigan*

*2022*

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SCHILKE

November is the Month of THANKSGIVING!

For me Thanksgiving Day is one of family. We get together with no pressure to have presents or dressing up. It is being with family and enjoying all of it. Certainly, we have the traditional meal with all the family favorites and of course there is the table prayer. One granddaughter said, 'Papa sez the best prayer on Thanksgiving Day'. That is my major pressure, I need a good prayer.

My first sermon emphasized prayer for you the members of Trinity. It is critical that you put your total trust in the Lord praying that He brings the right man at the right time. I would also like for you the members get involved by attending one of the 'Cottage Meetings'. It is my time to get to know you better and to listen to your stories about your time here at Trinity.

Sharon and I are getting to know you and are looking forward to helping you look and move into a Christ led future.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Steve Schilke



## Pastor Schilke Welcome Potluck and Installation

The potluck on October 16<sup>th</sup> to welcome Pastor Schilke and Sharon was well attended by members of the congregation. The tables were decorated, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was enjoyable. A wonderful time was had by all who attended! Nearly everyone that attended the potluck stayed for Pastor Schilke's installation service. Pastor Fred Cordts from St. John Lutheran Church in Au Gres performed the installation. Our congregation is blessed to have Pastor Schilke and Sharon join us on our journey to prepare us for a new pastor.



**Thank you to everyone who had a part in helping with the potluck, especially:**

- TLCW for hosting the potluck, for setting up and for cleaning up.
- To all who donated for the chicken
- To all who brought delicious food
- To all who attended and made Pastor and Sharon feel welcome!

# STEWARDSHIP

## Participants in Jesus' Ongoing Work

God calls us to be His stewards (Genesis 1:28; 2:15), and we become faithful stewards when we understand and act upon our role as participants in God's plan to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He wants us to be active, involved, and willing participants in His plan of salvation. He *"desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4). As participants with the Lord, we become His hands, feet, and mouth through whom He works. In the Great Commission, Jesus tells us that we are to *"go"* (Matthew 28:19). Our Lord's mission becomes our mission so we are to be more than spectators.

Our involvement in the Great Commission is motivated by the Holy Spirit Who takes from us our hearts of stone and gives us our hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). With these new hearts, we can begin to understand how much God loves us and all people. Through faith, we know that He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross for our redemption, which prompts us to commit our time, talents, and money to His service. We live lives with a new perspective, meaning, and purpose. Because of God's saving activity, we willingly surrender our lives and become participants in Jesus' mission to share the life-saving Gospel with all people.

God's Word is clear that we are saved by grace through faith and not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9). However, our mission efforts and works are part of God's plan, so they are important to Him. *"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). We are not saved by works but for works. As we participate in God's mission to seek and save the lost, we know that all of our works are merely responses to what God has already done for us.

By grace, Jesus has redeemed us, and we are a temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in us. We are not our own (1 Corinthians 6:20). He saved us for the purpose of being participants in His plan of salvation. He has gifted us so we can spend our lives serving and glorifying Him. We are not all called to be pastors nor are we all traveling to foreign mission fields as missionaries, but we are all called to serve God in some capacity. If we don't have a sense of mission, we are probably living for ourselves. In the words of the Apostle Paul, *"And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised"* (2 Corinthian 5:15).

May God help us all be eager and willing participants in Jesus' ongoing work.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

### November Mission of the Month

#### F.I.S.H. Inc. – Oscoda

F.I.S.H. Inc. – Oscoda is a local non-profit charitable organization that assists the needy in our community. It is a 501(c) (3) organization and donations are tax deductible. F.I.S.H. was having difficulty with their phones, so they secured a new phone number – (989) 254-9187. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile organization, 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



**Homebound:**

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

**Military:**

Alex Anderson (Navy)  
Jason Cooper  
Courtney Pierce (Army)  
Karina Pierce (Army)



Thanksgiving Worship Service  
Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 p.m.



**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.



## Worship Services

Sunday, November 27	8:00 and 10:30 Services	First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday, November 30	6:00 p.m. Service	
Sunday, December 4	8:00 and 10:30 Services	
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 p.m. Service	
Sunday, December 11	8:00 and 10:30 Services	
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 p.m. Service	
Sunday, December 18	8:00 and 10:30 Services	
Wednesday, December 21	6:00 p.m. Service	



## Return this Advent Season

The church will be hosting soup suppers this Advent season. We plan to have the soup suppers begin at 5:00 p.m. – before the Wednesday evening worship services. Just remember – the congregation will do the cooking. There will be sign-up sheets provided each week. Please indicate what soup or dessert you plan to bring.



At the October 13<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting, the Council voted to discontinue airing worship services on Facebook. The last service aired will be October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Council also voted to dispose of the medical equipment stored in the garage.

### FISH and Coats for Kids Gift House

If you know a family in need this holiday season, there are applications for the FISH and Coats for Kids Gift House on the table in the entrance way of the church. Application forms are due no later than November 11, 2022.



## 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, November 15, 2022.

Thank you to **Dave Sherman** and **Bruce Welther**, for using their God-given talents to redo the Sunday School office (and former Bell Choir storage area) to accommodate our beautiful banners which are hung in the altar area for each season of the church year. We are very happy to have them moved from the musty storage area in the church office to their new home which is safe and dry! Thank you also to **Chris Exnowski** for painting this area. It sure looks great!



Thanks again to **Dave Sherman** for adding shelves to the wooden cabinet in the storage room so that the floral arrangements, which are used to decorate the tables in the parish hall and in other areas of the church, can be kept safe and clean.



## Thanksgiving Bake Sale

TLCW is planning a pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale. It will take place the Sunday before the big feast – November 20<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be held between the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. worship services.

TLCW members (and you, Trinity bakers too, if you would like to donate to our sale) will do the baking for those having guests for Thanksgiving but won't have time to bake or don't bake at all. Seasonal homemade goodies will be available to purchase.

The cost of all goodies will be a free will donation. All funds will be used to support TLCW mission projects.

## Meet Our Adopted Seminary Student

Zachary Benkert is the seminary student adopted by TLCW. He has a BA in Business Administration and currently attends Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He is a second career student, having worked as a chemical plant maintenance operator in Mid-Michigan for 13 years. Zachary was not raised Lutheran although he was raised and baptized in the Christian faith. He did not officially become Lutheran until he went through adult catechism in 2011. Zachary began to feel a desire to go into the ministry and was supported and encouraged by his pastor in his home congregation. Zachary is married to Vanessa, and they have four children: Emmaline (Emma, 9) Josiah (Joey, 7), Eliana (Ellis, 5), and Hezekiah (Zeke, 3). The family sold their home in Freeland and moved to Fort. Wayne. The move was quite an adjustment for the family, but they feel that they are exactly where God wants them to be. Your prayers and support of this family would be truly appreciated!





## Trinity Bells of Glory

Trinity Bells of Glory ringers are busy practicing for their concert on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The concert will consist of blended music including some Christmas songs. So be sure to mark your calendars and save the date.

## 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.

## Lay Readers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to read the Old Testament and the Epistle during Sunday worship services, especially at the 10:30 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.

A logo for Lay Readers featuring an open book with rays of light emanating from it, and the words "Lay Readers" written in a stylized font below.

Lay Readers

## Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.





- 11/1 Alice Dettmer
- 11/2 Donna David
- 11/2 David Schmidt
- 11/4 Mitchell Davis
- 11/6 David Sherman
- 11/8 Ruth Golm
- 11/14 Britny Faught
- 11/15 Jim Cain
- 11/18 Kristal Pidgeon
- 11/22 Mary Rudowski
- 11/25 Joan Chisholm
- 11/30 Emily Koski



- 11/6 Greg and Joann Pancost
- 11/19 Jim and Annette Dennis
- 11/25 Charles and Janet Krueger

### *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:

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



# QUIZ

1. What did Joseph tell his brothers about his dreams that upset them?
2. How did God make people spread out across the earth?
3. How did Esau respond when his birthright was taken?



Honey never spoils. When honey is heated and strained and sealed properly, it will not be able to absorb moisture and therefore will stay as it is forever. The oldest jar of honey ever found is stated to be over 5500 years old today.

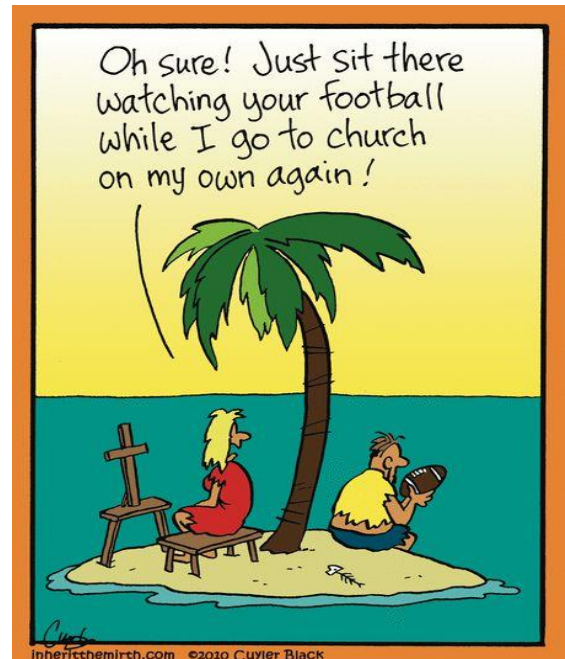
The majority of plant life is located in the ocean.

The fortune cookie was invented in America..

## HUMOR



I WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE A LOT MORE THANKS IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO FINISH OFF THESE LIMA BEANS



Oh sure! Just sit there watching your football while I go to church on my own again!

## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the December Newsletter is November 20, 2022.



- Answers to Quiz**
1. The dreams said that he would become great and rule over them.
  2. He confused their languages.
  3. He threatened to kill Jacob.