

Trinity SONRISE News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2023

STEWARDSHIP

“The Lord Has Need of It”

As God’s people, we understand that all we are and have gifts from Him. God entrusts us with many blessings. He is the creator and owner of all things, and we, as stewards, have the responsibility and privilege to manage His gifts to us according to His purpose. As caretakers, but not owners, of what God has given to us, we need to be mindful not to become too attached to things knowing that He may ask us at any time to give what we have to people in need or to advance His kingdom. If we hear God telling us, *“The Lord has need of it”* (Luke 19:34) are we going to be willing to surrender some of our savings, 401k plans, or whatever we have for the purpose that He has for them?

In the Gospel of Luke, the owner of a donkey heard the words, *“The Lord has need of it.”* During the time of Jesus, donkeys were one of the most important assets to a person’s survival. Donkeys were used for transportation and for hauling food and other items. To fulfill an Old Testament prophesy, Jesus would use a donkey to make His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In Zechariah 9:9 we read, *“Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* Jesus told two of disciples where they should go to find a donkey *“So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it’”* (Luke 19:32-34). When the donkey’s owners saw the disciples untying the donkey, they did not contest or argue with them. By giving this animal to the disciples, the owners displayed deep faith and love for Jesus as well as trust that Jesus would provide for them even without this prized possession. What a joy it must have been for them to see Jesus riding into Jerusalem on their donkey!

In our lives, there are many things that we value more than others. We should be asking ourselves if we are we going to be as willing as the owners of the donkey were to surrender something important to us? While, we may never be asked to give away something of great value, we still have the opportunity to express our gratitude to God for Who He is and for His countless blessings by giving to Him faithfully and generously throughout the year. We work hard to earn our incomes and to accumulate some money to save. Every time we give some of our money to God through the church, we give away something that has some importance to us. May God grant each of us thankful, trusting, and giving hearts.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair





May Mission of the Month P.O.B.L.O. International

POBLO, short for People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, is a non-profit, Christian organization committed to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Confessions and Doctrine in every area of its ministry. P.O.B.L.O. is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with Muslims and other immigrants and refugees living in the United States. (These immigrants and refugees have all come to the United States legally, and some are persecuted converts to Christianity.)

POBLO's MISSION—To meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Muslims and other immigrants and refugees in the United States by sharing the love of Jesus in practical and culturally relevant ways.

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



Birgit Faight, Wayne Fortney,
and Marguerite (friend of Alvarados)



Homebound: Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Military: Alex Anderson
Jason Cooper

Courtney Pierce (Army) Stationed in Germany
Karina Pierce (Army)



Sundays
8:00 a.m.
&
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study
9:15 a.m.



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Sunday School wing.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – in the Sunday School wing.

Interim Ministry and Transition Team

The Transition Team met on April 23rd and continues to work on a Congregational Mission and Ministry Inventory to submit to the District. The Team discussed ideas to get the community involved with the church. For the next four weeks (beginning on April 30th) we will be surveying people attending worship services. This is part of the process. Results will be used on the Congregational Mission and Ministry Inventory we submit to the Synod. If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to talk to any member of the Transition Team or to Pastor Schilke.

The Transition Team consists of the following members:

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| Karen White | Janet Ovcjak |
| Ron Weidenfeller | Sue Welther |
| Sue Barnhart | Donna David |
| Jonalee Engstrom | Ed Pisarski |
| Greg Pancost | Ruth Golm |
| Dennis Neigh | Mitch Davis |
| Pat Wright | |

Volunteers Needed

Hebrews 6:10 – “God is not unjust he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” We as Christians must help others by volunteering and helping around the church to complete tasks such as yard work, filling vacant positions, or serving as an elder or a greeter. Think about this and pray about this. God will lead you in the right direction.

Greeters Needed

One of the recommendations of the Transition Team is that we reinstate the Greeter Program. We NEED volunteers to meet and greet people as they enter the church on Sunday mornings. If you have been looking for an opportunity to serve, why not volunteer to be a greeter. This is something that everyone can do, and it is a great way to get to know the members of the congregation. A sign-up sheet with dates and times can be found on the table in back of the church near the lay reader sign-up sheet. Please prayerfully consider signing up to be a greeter!



Newsletter

I would like to thank those of you who have submitted information to include in the newsletter. If you have any information that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, I would appreciate hearing from you. The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Sunday of each month. It would be great to include pictures of activities going on in the church, such as soup suppers. Photos and articles can be emailed to churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org, or left in the secretary's mailbox. Also, if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let me know.



TLCW

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 May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Mites

Remember to bring your loose change for Mite box donation, the first Sunday of each month.



Sheets Needed for Quilters



Thank you for the sheets that were brought in for our Orphan Grain Train quilt making. Most of those sheets have already been sewn into quilts!

We have an on-going need of sheets – any size, any color, any condition. Instead of throwing out the old sheets you no longer use or need, bring them in for the quilters to use. They are used for quilt backs, centers, and cut into squares for quilt tops. You can drop off your sheets in the quilting room (Sarah Room in the Sunday School wing.)

TLCW Community Garage Sale

TLCW plans to hold its annual garage sale on Friday, June 30th and Saturday, July 1st from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. both days. We will need lots of help with the sale. We would greatly appreciate it if you would think about reserving these dates to help with the sale!



We need donations for the garage sale. While you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider what household items you wish to part with and SAVE them for Trinity's annual community garage sale. If you have any sports items you wish to part with, we will take that, as well as toys, games, etc. Please no clothing. You may bring items to the church on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning June 6th.



July Cookout

Trinity Lutheran Church plans to sponsor a cookout to bring people into our congregation and let them know what Trinity is about. We plan to serve hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, ice cream sandwiches, and a drink. More information will be forthcoming.

Greeting Cards for Sale

TLCW is selling greeting cards for 50¢ each. You will find Mothers' Day cards, birthday cards, confirmation cards, graduation cards, and others available for purchase on a table in the fellowship hall and more in a rack on the display case. Just drop your money into the cash box provided. There is also a table of free items in the fellowship hall.



Thank You



Thank you to Cindy and Bob Slater for the welcoming front door seasonal displays. They are very much appreciated and add a welcoming touch!

Thank you to everyone who adds to our worship service by reading the assigned scripture each week. Your contribution to the worship service each Sunday adds to our praise of our Triune God.

Thank you, Bruce Welther, for all the volunteer hours he puts in for our Lord and members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thank you, Sue Barnhart, for all the extras you do to keep the church running smoothly and the dedication you have to your Lord and members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thank you to members of the Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for worship each Sunday. They select banners, prepare the altar and special events such as baptism, and prepare the special vessels for communion and then cleans and stores them.



Sunday, May 14th

Where is Your Focus?

"I won't be attending Church services anymore," announced a member to the pastor.

He said, "May I ask why?"

"I see people on their cell phones during the worship service, some are gossiping, some aren't living right. They are all just hypocrites."

The Pastor was quiet for a moment. Then he said, "OK . . . But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"

"What's that?" she asked.

"Come back next Sunday. Just before the worship service begins, take a full glass of water and walk around the auditorium twice without spilling any water from the glass."

"I can do that," she replied. She came back the next week. After that worship service was over, she approached the pastor and said, "It's done."

"So tell me: Did you see anybody on their phone? Did you see anybody gossiping? Was anybody living wrong?"

"No. I was so focused on the glass I couldn't see anything else."

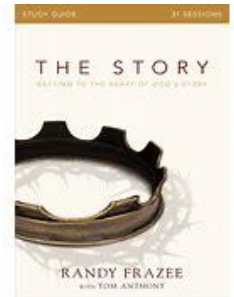
"He told her, "When you come to our worship service, you should be just as focused on God, so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said 'Follow me.' He did not say 'Follow Christians.' Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate to God. Let it be determined by how focused YOU are on Him!"



Coming This Year . . . Be on the Lookout! The Story – A Bible Study

Trinity plans to offer this unique Bible Study Program beginning in August. Details are currently being worked out.

What is The Story? It is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel.



We want to use **The Story** to help everyone gain a better understanding of the big picture of the Bible and to better understand God's redemptive plan for us today. As we journey together through **The Story** we will take note of both the temporal events and characters, as well as the eternal purpose of God: to restore and build a relationship with His creation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We will discover together how our story is found in God's story!



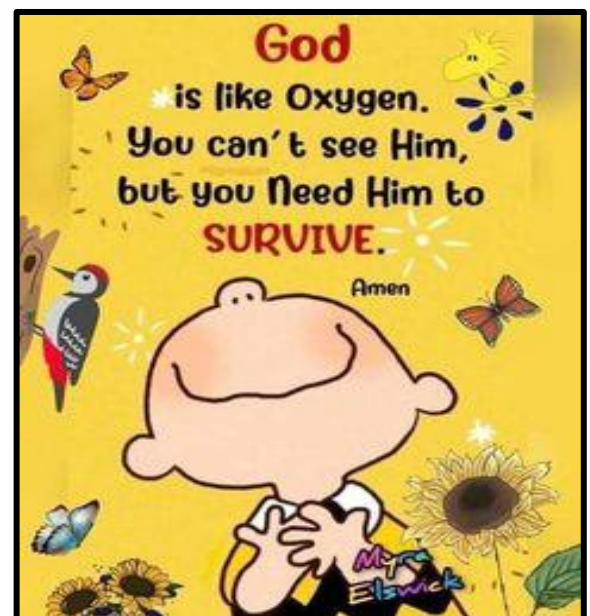
Trinity Bells of Glory

The Trinity Bells of Glory played prelude music at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on April 16th. We are busy practicing and plan to play again in church on May 28th before the 10:30 a.m. service. Thank you to Donna David for all the time she volunteers working with the Bell Choir! We truly appreciate everything you do!

Church Directory

Some members of the Transition Team are looking over Trinity's membership list. There are people listed as members that have not attended in many years. They plan to prepare a list of non-active people and bring it the Elders and the congregation to act upon.

We are going to wait to print a copy of the Church Directory for every member until this has been acted upon. In the meantime, if you would like to supply an updated photograph of your family, that would be very much appreciated! Some of photos we have are outdated.





- 5/2 Barrett Travis
- 5/4 Joan Abney
- 5/4 Mabel Thomas
- 5/7 Gerald Abee
- 5/10 Dori Dopp
- 5/14 Bob Toner
- 5/16 Neil Malson
- 5/19 Joyce Davis
- 5/25 Judy Hohf
- 5/30 Chris Exnowski
- 5/31 Annette Dennis

- 5/15 George & Pat Wright
- 5/24 Wayne & Henrietta Fortney
- 5/25 Harry & Carol Davis

Know the Elders

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

Their phone numbers can be found in your church directory.

- Mitch Davis, Jr.
- David Golm
- Roger Tack
- Ron Weidenfeller



Church Council Meeting

**Thursday
May 11, 2023
2:00 p.m.**



**Thursday,
May 11, 2023
1:00 p.m.**

AS GOD'S STEWARDS, WE ARE TO LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINE THROUGH US SO THAT OTHERS SEE CHRIST IN US.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to Your Father Who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:15)



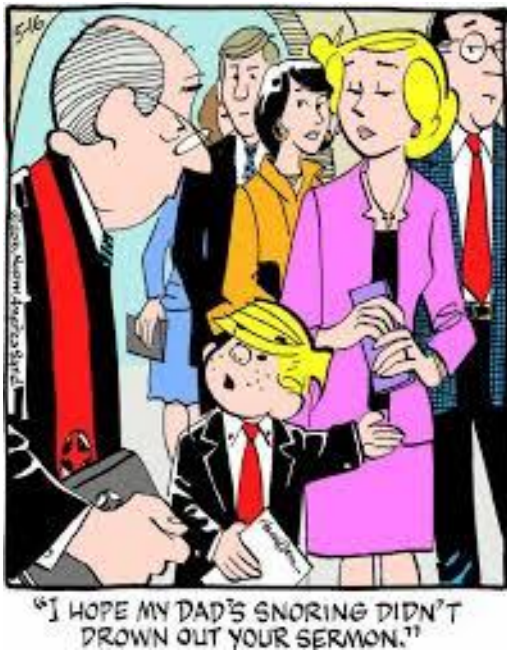
QUIZ



1. How many Psalms are in the Bible?
2. Where was Saul traveling to when he had a divine encounter and converted?
3. Jesus had a sister. Can her name be found in the Bible?

- A jockey once won a race after he had died.
- The Twitter bird has a name – it is Larry, named after former NBA basketball player Larry Bird.
- We are born with only two natural fears: the fear of falling and the fear of loud sounds.

HUMOR



DEADLINE



The deadline to submit articles for the June Newsletter is May 21, 2023.

Answers to Quiz

1. 150
2. Damascus
3. No