

# Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2023

## STEWARDSHIP

### **“Crown Him Lord of All”**

One of the greatest hymns of the Church is “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” and each stanza of that hymn ends with the refrain: “Crown Him Lord of All.” What a joy it is to sing, “All hail the power of Jesus’ name...” Jesus, Who has secured our forgiveness and salvation, deserves to be crowned Lord of all. Someone has correctly pointed out that, unless we crown Christ “Lord of all,” we cannot crown Him Lord at all.

However, because of our sinful nature, we refuse to crown Jesus Lord of all. Instead, we believe that we are the ones who deserve to wear the crown. Most of us have heard the phrase “We have met the enemy, and he is us.” We live in opposition against God, and we have this inborn desire to do things our way and for ourselves. We are the king and master of our lives. G.K. Chesterton wrote, “Of all horrible religions the most horrible is the worship of God within.” The Holy Spirit’s on-going work is to rescue us from ourselves. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, we see how foolish and wrong it is to make ourselves the god of our lives, and we are led to repentance.

In speaking to His disciples and now to us, Jesus said, *“If anyone would come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross”* (Matthew 16:24). Denying ourselves is an essential part of crowning Jesus Lord of all. The Pocket Bible Dictionary defines self-denial as, “Voluntary limitation of one’s desires, a requirement of Jesus of His followers. Paul also urged Christians to make an offering of themselves to God (Romans 12:1).” As followers of Jesus, we are called to reject our natural inclination to follow our will rather than God’s. With God’s help, we can overcome the persistent demands from our carnal selves and bring them into submission to God’s Word. In the words of Paul, *“And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires”* (Galatians 5:24). Only by God’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit can we learn to deny self.

When the Holy Spirit helps us to crown Jesus Lord of our lives, we will use our time, talents, and money in ways that honor Him. We are enabled to understand that our lives, gifts, and blessings are from God, and we express our gratitude to Him for making us part of His kingdom by using what we’ve been given in service to others.

We close with the final stanza of “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.”

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



## July Mission of the Month Lutheran World Relief

**Lutheran World Relief** is the Mission of the Month for July. 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. Lutheran World Relief works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and does not evangelize. They 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.

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

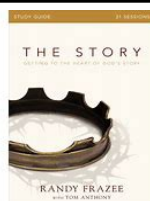
**Homebound:** Alice Dettmer – Medilodge,  
Lila Wetenhall

**Military:** Alex Anderson  
Jason Cooper

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



- 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.



## The Story A Bible Study

Coming August 6<sup>th</sup>

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.

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

**More Information will be coming  
in the near future.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



**Mark Your Calendar  
New Worship Schedule  
Begins September 10, 2023  
One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**



At the June 14, 2023 Church Council Meeting, the decision was made to hold **ONE Sunday worship service throughout the entire year. Beginning on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m.**

While we recognize that changing service times is an emotional issue for all members of the congregation, it has proven necessary. Our membership has declined significantly over the years. It is no longer feasible to hold two services. The average number of people attending the 8:00 a.m. service is 16, with as few as 11 people attending some Sundays. After examining all options, the Council feels it is in the best interest of the Lord's church to hold Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

The Transition Team concluded that Trinity is not in a financial position to call a full-time pastor. While our financial report may look promising, we must realize that we are not paying Pastor Schilke what we would pay a full-time pastor, nor are we paying for any health insurance for a pastor. We continue to pursue available options.

The Transition Team and the Church Council met with the Michigan District Call Facilitator, Pastor Mark Brandt on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Brandt stated that he does not know of any church with less than 200 members attending that offer two services. At that meeting it was the consensus that a 9:30 a.m. service would be recommended.

Having one worship service year-round will make it easier to find substitute pastors, will save the church money – saving for a future full-time pastor, and will unite the congregation into one cohesive body.

Please keep in mind that we must do what we believe is best for God's church, not what is best for our own personal desires.

**We ask that you support the Church Council's decision,  
and we pray for your understanding.**





## Upcoming Events

### Voters' Meeting - Sunday, July 9, 2023 9:00 a.m.

There are several important issues to be addressed at the Voters' Meeting on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held between services. The Church Council is making available some documents for your consideration. Please pick up a copy of the following items, which can be found on a table in the fellowship hall:

- Agenda
- Proposed 2023-2024 Budget
- Transition Team Conclusions
- List of Inactive Members Proposed to be Removed from Church Rolls



**You are invited to a  
FREE**

**Community Cookout**

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**12:00 Noon**

*(until supplies last)*

Trinity Lutheran Church is offering a free lunch. Children's crafts and Corn Hole for your enjoyment. Come and learn what Trinity has to offer to the community.

### Menu

**Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink, &  
Ice Cream Sandwich**



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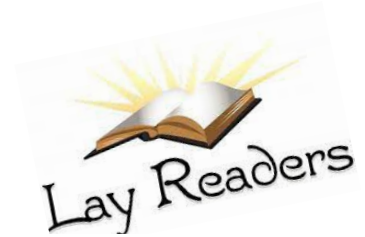
## Greeters Needed



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.



## Lay Readers Needed



Volunteers are also needed to serve as lay readers. This is also something that everyone can do. Why not think about reading the Old Testament Reading and Epistle Reading a few Sundays a year. Readings for the coming week are posted in the *Shine On*, or you can ask that the readings be emailed to you in advance. You may feel that this is out of your comfort zone but why not give it a try. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the back of the church.



## Volunteers Needed to Help with Community Cookout



Volunteers are needed to help with the Community Cookout on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We are offering a free lunch to everyone in the community to let people know about Trinity and what we offer to the community. Henrietta Fortney and Bruce Welther have volunteered to man the grill. Ted and Karen White will act as hosts. We need people for the children's crafts, help with Corn Hole, to serve, and to clean up. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board on the side of the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not able to volunteer, please come and enjoy lunch. It should be fun for everyone!







## 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 June meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

## Mites

Remember to bring your loose change for the 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.)



## Water and Snacks for Volunteer Fire Department

TLCW is collecting cases of water and snacks for our community volunteer Fire Department. With all the recent fires that have taken place, their drink and snack supplies have been depleted. Individually wrapped snacks (beef sticks, cheese/crackers, granola bars, bottled water, juice boxes, and Gatorade) are being collected now through August 1, 2023. Donations can be dropped off at Trinity Lutheran Church on Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



## Quilt Raffle to Benefit Missions

TLCW is holding a raffle for a beautiful handmade and hand quilted queen size quilt made and donated by a member of our congregation, Teri Westburg. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Proceeds will go to local missions – to feed children of the Backpack Program, the Baby Pantry, F.I.S.H., etc. Thank you, Teri for all of your hard work! Picture is not the actual quilt.

## Greeting Cards for Sale

TLCW is selling greeting cards for 50¢ each. Cards are 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.



**GENEROSITY IS CONTAGIOUS BECAUSE CHEERFUL GIVERS ARE INSPIRING.**

“Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord.”  
(1 Chronicles 29:9)



## Trinity Bells of Glory

The Trinity Bells of Glory played prelude music before the 10:30 a.m. service on Fathers' Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Selections included “This is My Father’s World,” “Faith of Our Fathers,” and “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.” The Bells of Glory will take a few weeks off beginning the first of July. Practices will resume August 14<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you for your support!

## 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 very outdated.



7/4 Mitch Davis  
7/7 Otto Alvarado  
7/7 Mary Douglas  
7/7 Judy Malson  
7/8 Shirley Ellis  
7/9 Joann Pancost  
7/11 Cindy Moran  
7/12 Ruth Parth  
7/14 Tom Neumeyer  
7/18 Mark Faught  
7/20 Joe Hock  
7/29 Ed Storms  
7/31 Joshua Abee  
7/31 Susan Barnhart

6/5 Fred & Christine Rogel  
6/8 David & Lori Schmidt

### *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



**Thursday  
July 13, 2023  
1:00 p.m.**

### **Christ Has Made us Free**

July is a month when Americans are especially grateful for the privilege of living in this country. We recognize that our freedom has been won at great cost. 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. 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. Let us honor Him as we express our gratitude by sharing with others the message of our freedom in Christ.





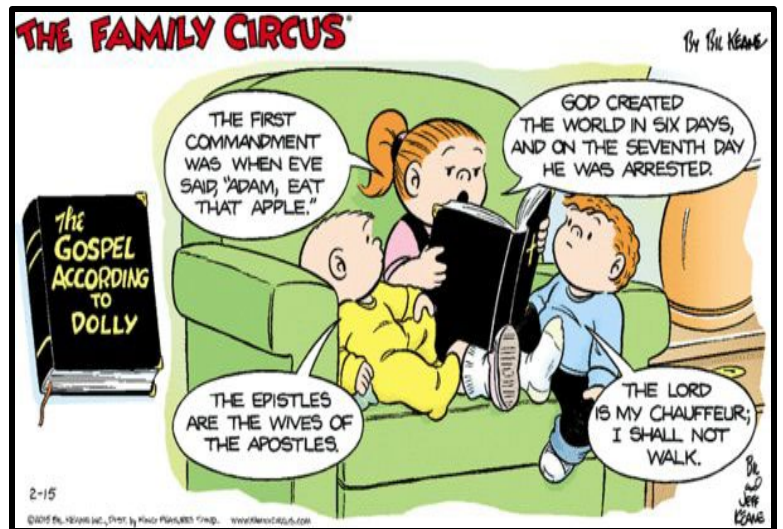
# QUIZ



1. In the Bible story of David and Goliath how many stones did David have?
2. Which book of the Bible tells of the death of Moses?
3. Who was the first of the twelve disciples to die in the Bible?"

- The exact middle of each year occurs on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Recycling one time can save enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours. Recycling an aluminum can into a new one takes only 5% of the energy required to produce one normally.
- No month ends on the same day of the week as July, unless it is a leap year, when January does.

## HUMOR



## DEADLINE



The deadline to submit articles for the August Newsletter is July 16, 2023.

- Answers to Quiz
1. Five
  2. Deuteronomy
  3. Judas