

Trinity SONRISE News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2023

STEWARDSHIP

Who Owns You?

In Haggai 2:8 we read, *"The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, declares the Lord of hosts."* God owns all things, but, more importantly, He wants to own us. In the New Testament, Jesus tells us that we can't serve two masters. Either we will serve our money or God (Matthew 6:24). However, the real question is not who owns the money but who owns you!

There's a story about a missionary who was talking about the Lord Jesus to the chief of a tribe. The chief tried to impress the missionary with gifts of horses, blankets, and jewelry. But the missionary replied, "My God does not want the chief's horses, blankets, and jewelry. My God wants the chief himself."

The chief smiled and said, "You have a very wise God, for when I give myself to Him, He also gets my horses and blankets and jewelry." Do you understand what that chief understood? If God owns you, then He owns your money and everything else too.

Have you given yourself to Jesus in response to His claim on you? Do you believe that Jesus died on a cross to pay for your sins? Jesus' blood doesn't just pay for sins; it pays for you. It purchases you as God's own possession.

God already has a rightful claim to own all people and all things because He is the Creator and owner of everything. And if you trust that Jesus paid the price of your sins, then God has a double claim to own you. The Lord is your owner both as the Creator who made you and as the Savior who paid to get you back from sin. *"You are not your own; you were bought at a price"* (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a).

If you reject God's claim of ownership and want to be your own person without answering to the Lord, you might think it will bring you more freedom. But it will cause all sorts of worries and problems for you, and, if nothing changes, it will eventually land you totally separated in eternity from God.

However, if you acknowledge God's claim of ownership and if you put yourself and everything you have in His hands, you will be blessed. When God owns you, your problems are His problem. Your cares are His concern. He will guide you and help you flourish in this life and for eternity. The key to financial freedom is realizing that all your money is God's, and the key to spiritual freedom and contentment is knowing that you are not your own but belong to Jesus Christ as His treasured possession.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

August Mission of the Month

Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Adopt a Seminarian

TLCW has adopted a seminarian. Through the August Mission of the Month you can help a future pastor with your prayers and your financial support. All Mission of the Month money collected in August will be given to TLCW, to be sent to their adopted seminarian.

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,
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 in August

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



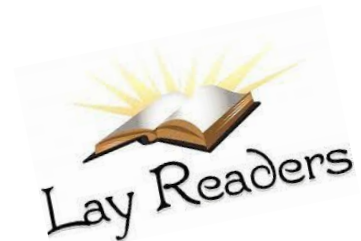
Mark Your Calendar
New Worship Schedule
Begins September 10, 2023
One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study at 10:45 a.m.

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 10th Sunday worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m.** This decision was supported by the congregation at the Voters' Meeting held on July 9th.

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.



Lay Readers Needed



Volunteers are needed to serve as lay readers. This is 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.

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, 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.



What is F.I.S.H. Friends Instantly Sharing Help

F.I.S.H. is a group of people from the Christian churches in Oscoda sharing, out of love, our concern and help for our neighbors in need. It is named after the ancient fish symbol used by the Christians to identify themselves during the time the Roman government was persecuting the Christians.

What is the F.I.S.H. Hotline?

The F.I.S.H. hotline is a dedicated local phone number (989) 254-9187 answered Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by a trained volunteer. The volunteer will listen, ask questions of the caller and arrange for help and/or refer to other local organizations expert in meeting certain needs. Callers ask for help with food, shelter, clothing, transportation, utility bills, etc.

What Can Trinity Members Do?

1. Volunteer to be trained for the Hotline one or two days a month.
2. Fill Trinity's F.I.S.H. box with canned food, dried food, and boxed food products – be sure to check expiration dates – outdated food is NOT accepted.
3. VOLUNTEER at Trinity to check our F.I.S.H. box – check “use by dates,” box or bag the items, and take them to Sacred Heart F.I.S.H. food pantry.

We want to be a blessing to others. These are some ways we can help those in need.

**If you know of someone who needs the help of F.I.S.H., please call their hotline
at (989) 254-9187**

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Orphan Grain Train

The Orphan Grain Train's fiscal year ended on May 31st. This is some of what they were able to do during the year with YOUR support!

- ▶ 274 full shipments (40 or 53 ft. containers) distributed worldwide.
- ▶ 155 – 53 ft. full semi-loads were distributed to domestic locations.
- ▶ 119 – 40 ft. full shipping containers went to 23 different countries overseas.
- ▶ More than \$44.1 million worth of donated humanitarian aid, food and disaster relief assistance was distributed.

Thank You for Your Support!!

The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



TLCW Meetings

We would like to invite all women to our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15 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

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.)

Quilt Raffle to Benefit Missions



TLCW is holding a raffle for a beautiful hand-sewn and hand-quilted queen size quilt made and donated by a member of our congregation, Teri Westburg. The quilt is on display in the Fellowship Hall. Many many THANKS to Teri for the countless, loving hours that went into making this lovely quilt and to God for blessing Teri with this beautiful talent! Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. Proceeds will go to local missions – to feed children of the Backpack Program, the Baby Pantry, F.I.S.H., etc.

The winning ticket will be drawn at our Harvest Dinner on October 15, 2023, at 12:00 Noon.

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.



Community Collection for Volunteer Firefighters

Trinity is collecting cases of water and Gatorade for our local volunteer Fire Department now through August 13th. With all the fires that have taken place, their drink supply has been depleted. They currently have enough snacks (they do get outdated). Donations can be dropped off here at Trinity on Sundays from 8 a.m. until Noon, and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thank you for your help!



Community Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our free picnic lunch. We invited our community members to come eat and visit our church as we witnessed to others about Jesus Christ. We only had a few visitors, but if we were able to share the Gospel and reach just one person we succeeded! Many members of the congregation were able to enjoy this picnic lunch and the wonderful fellowship. I appreciate all the volunteers who greeted and welcomed everyone, cooked hot dogs, served the food, and cleaned up. Many thanks to Sue Barnhart and Karen White for all the publicity. Thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring this community event with Action Team funds. A special thank you to Henrietta Fortney for getting the Action Team grant, purchasing the food, and planning the entire event! Henrie is truly a blessing here at Trinity!

We plan to have another picnic when our sponsored seminary student comes to town, hopefully in August. The date will be announced in the future.

Community Garage Sale Friday, September 1st and Saturday September 2nd



TLCW will hold another community garage sale on Labor Day weekend – Friday, September 1st and Saturday September 2nd from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help receive and sort donated goods, and to help on the sale days. Volunteer signup sheets will be on the table in the back of the church soon. Please donate, help, shop, and encourage friends and family to do the same!



Any donations you may have for the garage sale would certainly be appreciated. We will collect donations on Tuesday, August 22nd, Tuesday, August 29th, and Thursday, August 31st from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon at the church garage. As you prepare for autumn or 'close up the cottage', please consider donating usable goods including household/patio furniture, tools, toys, kitchenware, etc. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions call/text Chris Paul at (248) 426-8121, or email her at cpaulone@charter.net.

The many small purchases at our garage sale do add up and make a difference in our community. Thank you, in advance, for all you do to help.



Garage Sale Fun



The Witsbergers (Jonalee's daughter Brook and son-in-law Frank) were on vacation and were a huge help at the TLCW July garage sale. Here Frank helped display the many steins that were donated. Workers shared a chuckle as we realized that Frank'n'stein made an appearance at our sale!

SPOT THE TLCW GARAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS CONTEST!!

Put your name and phone number on a sheet of paper labeled Garage Sale Volunteer Contest. List the names of as many volunteers as you find in the pictures below. Place your response in Chris Paul's mailbox in the fellowship hall by August 13th. The person who identifies the most volunteers will win a \$20 Dairy Queen gift certificate (volunteers and their families are eligible too). If there is a tie, the winner will be drawn at random from eligible entries. Winner will be contacted by phone and announced on Sunday August 20, 2023. Look closely, have fun, and ... Thank you to our wonderful Volunteers!!





TLCW is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Baby Kits. If you would like to donate any of the items, please give new items only. Please donate only the specific items and size requested. There are bins in the fellowship hall for your donations. We will be collecting through September 19th. Thank you for your support of Lutheran World Relief projects!!



School Kit Needs

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college rules paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Box of 24 crayons
- 1 ½" - 2 ½ inch eraser



Personal Care Kit Needs

- Light-weight, dark colored bath towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")
- Bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- Sturdy comb (no picks or fine tooth)
- Metal nail clippers



Baby Care Kits

TLCW is also collecting the following items for baby care kits, sizes up to 9 months:

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, between 36" and 52" square
- Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood (if no hood, include a baby cap)
- Socks
- Bath-size bars of Ivory soap



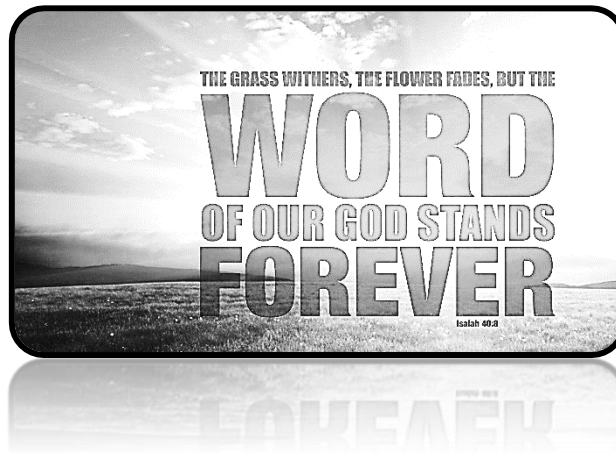
Trinity Bells of Glory

Trinity Bells of Glory practices will resume on Monday, August 14th. The ringers are excited to be back at it and look forward to play in church again.

List of Inactive Members to be Removed

There is a list of inactive members that we are proposing to remove from the church rolls. Please take a moment to **review the list before August 13th** to see if there is someone on it that you feel should not be removed. Let an Elder, a member of the Church Council, or the church secretary know. Copies can be found on the tables in the back of the church.

After August 13th the people on the list will be removed and a copy of the Church Directory printed for all members.



Funny Church Signs

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, some people must really love church.

God promised a soft landing, not smooth sailing.

Come early to get a seat in the back.

Walmart is not the only savings place.

God should be our steering wheel, not our spare tire.

Tweet others as you would like to be tweeted.

Forgive your enemies . . . it messes with their head.





8/3 Susie Manning
8/6 Jewel Beveridge
8/7 Karen Peca
8/7 Sue Pisarski
8/9 Lyle Boyce
8/19 Ed Heinrich
8/25 Blake Roy



8/7 Bradd & Joan Chisholm
8/14 Jack & Annette Inman
8/22 Neil & Judy Malson
8/26 Jimmy & MaGina Luthmann

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
August 10, 2023
2:00 p.m.



Thursday
August 10, 2023
1:00 p.m.

IN GOD'S PLAN, WE ARE THE ONES THAT HE COUNTS ON TO REVEAL HIS LOVE, CARE, AND GRACE TO THE WORLD.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



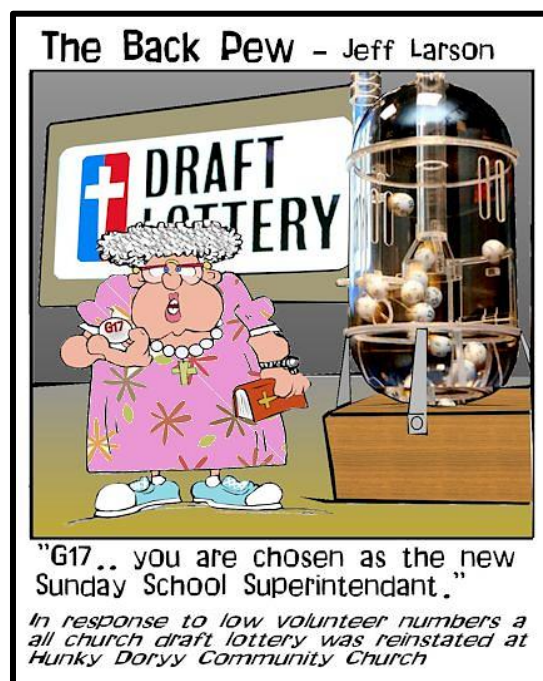
QUIZ



1. What city mentioned in the Book of Revelation is also the name of a U.S. city?
2. What was young David doing when Samuel called for him and anointed him King?
3. Whose daughter died when Jesus was on the way to his way to heal her?

- Bamboo is the fastest growing plant on earth. You can actually sit and watch it grow with the naked eye. It can grow up to two inches an hour!
- If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.
- Minus 40 degrees Celsius is exactly the same as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

HUMOR



DEADLINE



The deadline to submit articles for the September Newsletter is August 20, 2023.

- Answers to Quiz
1. Philadelphia
 2. Tending sheep
 3. Jairus