

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2023

STEWARDSHIP

Plastic Donuts

Giving for Christians is both a responsibility and a privilege. Through His Word, God commands us to give, and, by His grace, He creates a desire to give as an expression of our gratitude and praise to Him Who gives us this life and the life to come with Him that will last for eternity. Even though God is the source and owner of all things that He gives generously to us, giving can become routine with little or no joy. After we determine the dollar amount of our gifts or we decide on the percentage amount that we plan to give to our church and other Christian ministries or causes, our giving can go on auto-pilot.

Jeff Anderson in his book *Plastic Donuts* points out an important aspect of our giving that we may not always consider. The title of his book comes from a time that Mr. Anderson was playing with his 18-month-old daughter. From her doll house, his daughter gave him a plastic doughnut to eat. He pretended to enjoy it, which delighted his daughter. With big smiles and with glee, she gave him more donuts and other plastic toys to eat. Her joy in giving and his delight in receiving gave them a very meaningful connection.

God knows all things, so we know that He knows what we give. We can imagine that, in the same way that Mr. Anderson delighted in the plastic donuts, because they came from the hand of his little daughter, our heavenly Father delights in our faithful giving to Him. God has created and sustains the world so our gifts to Him are like plastic donuts. Still, He enjoys receiving gifts because they are evidence of our love and gratitude, even though He has no need of the material gifts that we give. Because God knows and is interested in what we give, our thoughts during our giving should be focused on how He is going to react to what we are giving. When we start to see giving from God's perspective, it will make our offerings more meaningful.

The amount we give is determined both by the amount of money that we have and by the spiritual condition of our hearts. Those of us with more money can give larger gifts, but God does not look as much at the size of our gifts as He does at our hearts. He wants gifts that are motivated by faith, love, and trust in Him. When our hearts are right, we will want to give gifts that please Him.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, each of can give gifts that delight the heart of our Father.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair



September Mission of the Month 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 Iosco 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.



Bill Davis, Wayne Fortney, and Carolyn Lindhorst
Lori Boekeloo (Joan Abney's daughter)

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. Beginning September 10th at 10:45 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.

New Sunday Worship Time One Service



9:30 a.m.
begins



September 10th

We will have one Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the year.

Bible Study will be held at 10:45 a.m.

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



Be **A** Greeter!

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.



Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee



The Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee will meet on Thursday, September 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The committee consists of: Ruth Golm, Ron Weidenfeller, Nancy Weidenfeller, Jonalee Engstrom, Karen White, Ted White, Sue Welther, Claudia Francis, and Bill Francis. You can pick up a copy of the current Constitution and By-Laws from Sue Barnhart. Thank you for volunteering!



Trintiy Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) does not have enough volunteers to put on a bazaar in November. Therefore, we are planning small fundraisers throughout the year. Please support TLCW – many hands make the work much easier – we can all do a small part to share God's love.

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 September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19th 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.



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 our very own multi-talented expert quilter, Teri Westburg. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. The quilt is on display in the Fellowship Hall. Buy, buy, buy those tickets to show Teri how much we appreciate her talents. 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 Garage Sale and Hot Dog Lunch 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 are on the table in the back of the church. 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.

We will also be selling a Hot Dog Meal at the garage sale from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday until our supply runs out. You will get a hot dog, chips and a drink for only \$2.

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.



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

October 15, 2023, 12 Noon TLCW Harvest Dinner Fundraiser. Tickets are \$12 per person. Dinner will include Polish sausage & sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage rolls, German potato salad, squash, brown sugar glazed carrots, pickled beets, cucumber salad, applesauce, rolls/butter, plum crisp, and pumpkin pie. The winner of the quilt raffle will be announced.



November 19, 2023



TLCW Bake Sale Fundraiser. Proceeds will go to missions and local charities. We need volunteers to donate pies, cookies, fudge, candy, jams, jellies, and specialty items for our bake sale. The bake sale will be set up on Saturday, November 18th at 10 a.m.

Collection for Volunteer Firefighters

In July and the first half of August, Trinity Lutheran Church collected cases of water and Gatorade for our local volunteer Firefighters. Due to the number of fires that took place earlier in the year, their drink supply was depleted. We asked for donations and boy did YOU come through! A truck load and carload of drinks were delivered to the Oscoda fire station. The project was part of a Thrivent Action Team grant. The grateful firefighters are pictured below in their Thrivent T-shirts. Thank you to everyone who donated to this project!



**WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE GODLY LIVES
THAT RECOGNIZE, HONOR, PRAISE,
AND SHOW OUR LOVE FOR GOD.**

"Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise
Him according to His excellent greatness!"
(Psalm 150:2).



Trinity Bells of Glory - Teamwork

Trinity Bells of Glory resumed practice on August 14th after a break for the summer. The ringers are practicing to play in church in September, and started learning songs for their holiday concert. A few members were missing, which is always challenging. Handbell chimers come together to play one single instrument that happens to have dozens of individual components. Ringers need to be ready when their notes pop up. It is the ultimate in teamwork, because if you miss a bell or play at the wrong time, it affects those around you. You also rely on the other ringers to help you stay in your lane. Every single person is necessary to the whole - if anyone is missing, there will be some empty spaces in the music! Knowing how your bells fit in is key - sometimes you are part of a melody and sometimes you are a rhythmic accompaniment. The world might be better off if we all think of ourselves as members of a handbell choir, each doing our little bit to make a harmonious community, helping and relying on those around us!



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



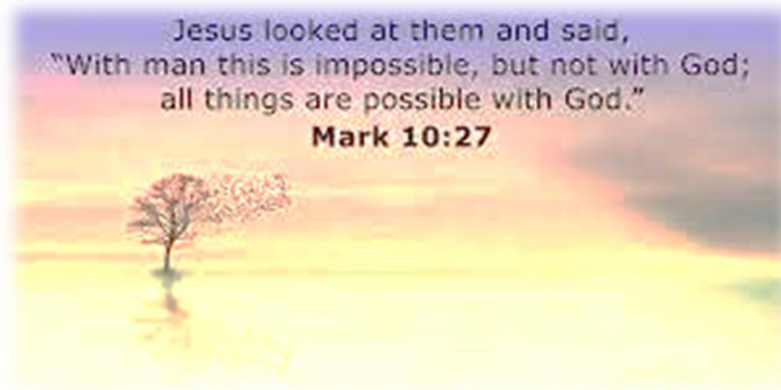
Saturday, September 16, 2023
9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church in Tawas City
\$10

(includes light breakfast, lunch, and craft)

Registration deadline is September 6th



There will be chair yoga, Bible study, a craft, prizes, and an ingathering of non-perishable foods for Good News Ministries. This Retreat is sponsored by Timberline Zone LWML. See flyer and registration forms on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

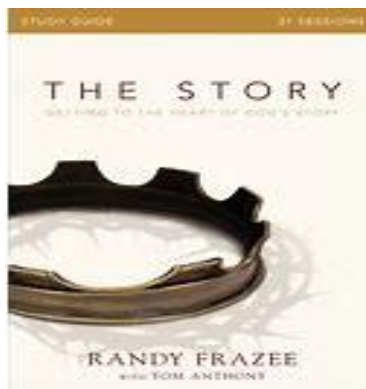


World Relief Quilt-a-Thon
Wednesday, September 13th
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lunch and Fun Provided

Lunch and fun will be provided. Bring a Friend. Help us to help the needy at home and all over the world! Pin – Tie – Sew. We will have "Sew Much Fun!"

St. Paul Lutheran Church
407 S. Washington
Hale, MI

For more information call the church office at (989) 728-4082



***The Story* Bible Study Begins September 10th 10:45 a.m.**

The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People

God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what *The Story* is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the world's most popular modern-English Bible, the New International Version, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Like any good story, *The Story* is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption - and this story is true!

This book tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves his children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story in these 31 chapters reveals the God of grace - the God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God whose love for his people culminated in his sacrifice of Jesus, his only Son, to atone for the sins of humanity.

The Story is an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single grand narrative. For those intimidated or overwhelmed by the unabridged Bible, The Story helps you understand God's Word more fully and engage with it more easily. The Story brings the Bible to life, the broad scope of God's message will penetrate hearts. People of all ages will be swept up in the story of God's love and God's plan for their lives. Hope to see you there on September 10th at 10:45 a.m.

Garage Sale Volunteer Photo Contest

Unfortunately, there were no entries for the garage sale volunteer photo contest posted in last month's newsletter. The names of everyone that volunteered for the July garage sale were put into a drawing. Shirley Ellis was the winner of the Dairy Queen gift certificate.

Funny Church Signs

What section would you prefer in the afterlife? Smoking or non-smoking?

Don't give up! Moses was once a basket case!

What is missing from ch__ch? U R I.

The best vitamin for a believer is B1

Jesus said "I'll be back" way before Arnold did.





9/4 Teri Westberg
9/6 Frederick Rogel
9/10 Matthew Abee
9/10 Carol Davis
9/19 McGina Luthmann
9/20 Pastor Stephen Schilke
9/21 Connie Heinrich
9/21 Annette Inman
9/22 Jack Poland
9/23 Jeff Pukall
9/24 Melarie Seidel
9/25 Sue Welther
9/29 David Golm
9/30 Karen Kaiser
9/30 Melissa Ludeña
9/30 Sharon Schilke

9/3 Bill & Joyce Davis
9/8 Ed & Connie Heinrich
9/13 Mike & Melarie Seidel
9/23 Pastor Stephen & Sharon Schilke
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 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
Ron Weidenfeller
George Wright



Thursday
September 14, 2023
2:00 p.m.



Thursday
September 14, 2023
1:00 p.m.

QUIZ



1. Which apostle was a tentmaker?
2. Who shut the door of Noah's ark?
3. On what occasion did two bears kill forty-two children?

- Competitive art was once an Olympic sport. From 1912 to 1948, artists could earn medals for painting, music, sculpture, and even architecture.
- The letter J was the last letter added to the English alphabet. It dates back to 1524.
- The blob of toothpaste on your toothbrush has a name. It is called a nurdle.

HUMOR



"DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE ROBES IN MY SIZE?
I'M LOOKIN' FOR A HALLOWEEN COSTUME."



"How many 'Talk to God' minutes
does our family plan allow?"

DEADLINE



The deadline to submit articles
for the October Newsletter is
September 17, 2023.

1. Paul
2. God
3. When they mocked Elisha

Answers to Quiz