



Monthly Monitor

September 2024

In No Time

Summer break for students is over. September has arrived. The sound of lockers opening and closing between classes once again echoes through the halls of Trinity Monitor. The beginning of the summer now seems like a distant memory. The fall sports season is upon us. Isn't it remarkable how time continues to pass us by and it seems to do so very quickly if we are not paying attention!?!

There are several podcasts that I have added to my regular rotation of things I listen to when I'm driving somewhere more than 20 minutes away. One of those is a podcast by a Christian author and apologist Ravi Zacharias. In one of his podcasts, Ravi addressed this very issue of time and how it passes. What Ravi pointed out is how strange it is that we find perpetual novelty in the passage of time. Think about it, over and over and over again throughout the course of our lives, we are amazed at the way time passes. We say things like, "Wow, look how she's grown!" or "Look at how this town has changed." or "Where did the summer go?" with regularity. We find the passage of time as remarkable, and you know what, that is pretty weird.

Think about it. Existing in time is all we know. Throughout the course of our lives, we have always been subject to the passage of time. There should be nothing that feels so normal to us as the passage of time. Yet for some reason, we find it remarkable. Like Ravi says, "It would be like a fish constantly remarking about how wet the water is." That would be weird, wouldn't it? "Unless," Ravi continues, "unless that fish was actually made for something else; like to live on land." Then the fish's commentary on the wetness of the water makes more sense, doesn't it?

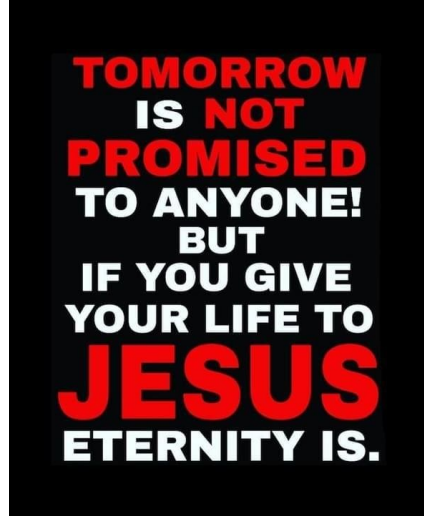
So, what's the point to all this silly time and fishy water talk? Well, the point is that we find the passage of time quite remarkable because *we were not made for it*. We were made for something else. The passage of time is novel for us quite simply because we were made for eternity. God, who exists outside of time, has created us in time to exist for eternity. You are created as an *eternal* being and every time you feel amazed at how time is passing you by, let it serve as a reminder to you that you were, in fact, created for something more.

God has created us to exist for eternity. And the deepest desire of His heart is that we would be spending eternity with Him. This is why He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth in the first place... to make it possible for us to spend eternity with our Loving Heavenly Father. Jesus, who is God Himself, willingly subjected Himself to time and space to live the perfect life we never could to earn eternity for us. Now trusting in Him and His gift of salvation for us, we can rest assured that what we've been created for, that is eternity, will be spent in a perfect relationship with God and all other believers.



But until that day, may we spend our time pointing others to the truth of Who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Then, they too, when all time has passed by, will find amazement in spending eternity with the One Who has made us for just such and existence.

-Pastor Kaiser



Everyday Stewards

By God's grace working through His Word, we have been called and given the high honor of being His stewards (Genesis 1:28; 2:15). As God's stewards, we have the privilege and responsibility to manage faithfully, according to His will, all that He entrusts to us. We are expected to protect and care for His creation in a wise and benevolent way. Through faith, we understand that our lives are on loan from God. When God's grace and love fill our hearts, our stewardship is not limited to certain days of the week or specific acts, but instead, becomes a lifestyle. Stewardship is our response to the faith that God gives us through His Word and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Transformed by God's Spirit, we are enabled to acknowledge both our identity and purpose as God's stewards, and, as a result, we live as **Everyday Stewards**.



In His ministry on earth, Jesus, our Chief Steward, became our model for stewardship. In Jesus, we are delivered from the Law to stewardship motivated by the Gospel. At great cost, Jesus has freed us from the power of the Law with His innocent and precious blood so that we may serve Him in “everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness” (Luther’s Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed). Our motivation and strength to live as **Everyday Stewards** come from the power of the Cross.

In our sinful human nature, we do not want to be stewards. Our first impulse is the desire to be owners. We want to have possession of things. By God's grace, we become stewards who receive God's gifts thankfully, manage His gifts faithfully, and give them generously. Only when our hearts and minds are changed by the Holy Spirit do we embrace our identity as God's **Everyday Stewards**. As God's people, our minds and hearts have been changed so that we know our lives, gifts, and blessings are gifts from God. God is the source and owner of everything. “*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof...*” (Psalm 24:1). “*'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts*” (Haggai 2:8). No, nothing is ours, but God has given us the high calling of stewards. “*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you*” (John 15:16).

As God's stewards, we know that we have been given much responsibility. With responsibility comes accountability. “*Moreover,*” writes the Apostle Paul, “*it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy*” (1 Corinthians 4:2). May we, like the two faithful stewards we read about in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), hear our Master's gracious words, “*Well done, good and faithful servant.*” God's blessings on your journey as **Everyday Stewards**.

Run the Race

“*Let us throw off everything that hinders...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us*” (Hebrews 12:1b), exhorts the writer to the Hebrews. Perseverance is the key in our race. Scripture challenges us to stand firm, knowing that our labor for God is not in vain. We're commanded to hold fast to our faith and to keep God's ways. As we run the race with perseverance, we are filled with “*inexpressible and glorious joy*” (1 Peter 1:8) in our Savior in Whom we believe, even though we haven't seen Him. Although the race is long and difficult, we have an eternal goal and consider any suffering or distress but “*light and momentary troubles*” (2 Corinthians 4:17).





Trinity Lutheran School

The Classroom Chronicles

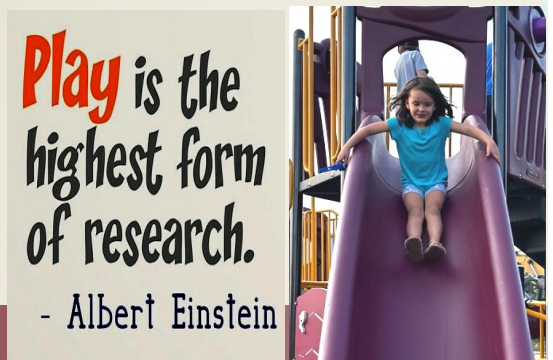
September 2024

Greetings Trinity Congregation,

We have kicked off the new school and so far 2024-2025 is fantastic. We started with outdoor worship, Blessing of the Backpacks and new playground dedication on August 25th. The Athletic Booster Club's change of date for the annual pig roast weekend served as an amazing End of Summer / Welcome Back to School "event". The students first day of school was Monday, August 26th.

I hope you were able to take the opportunity to walk through the school for our informal open house that was held after church on August 25th. If you were not able to do a walk through I invite you to do so at the next available opportunity. It is vital that you, the congregation, know what is happening at the school you so generously support.

There are a lot of people working hard to ready our school facilities for the new year. You are sure to notice some of the changes outside before you even enter the building. By the grace of God most of our new playground equipment was delivered early and was installed by a motivated group of volunteers. Then there was moving and spreading of 300 cubic yards of mulch. That's a LOT of mulch. We are still waiting for 2 pieces of playground equipment to be delivered/installed followed by the installation of a new basketball court and a couple other minor upgrades and the playground upgrade will be complete. Inside the school you will see the cafeteria floor was lightly sanded and varnished to bring it back to its natural beauty. There has also been the addition of some color in our hallway. That sure brightens things up! As usual, our teachers have also been very busy completing professional development courses and tweaking academics for the upcoming year. So very much has been happening! God is Good!



The Classroom Chronicles– *continued*

You may remember from a spring voters meeting that Trinity was applying to be a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) preschool site. This would be in addition to our regular preschool program. GSRP is a state funded program specifically for children age 4 by September 1. This program is FREE to families who qualify (which is most). You may also remember that there are limitations on when/how our faith-based instruction can be included, but we are confident that through creative scheduling and options for families we will be able to continue to share the love of Jesus with the children who come to us through GSRP. The Bay Arenac ISD approved our application and we are in the process of reviewing the contract and all the specifics. It is our prayer that we will be able to have everything in place and be ready to offer this exciting opportunity as soon as possible. The Great Start Readiness Program is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow our early childhood program and reach our community in a way not previously available to us. *First and foremost*, we want to assure you that **our current preschool program will not be changing**. Once we have everything in place to open our GSRP classroom, Trinity families will have **two options**: our traditional, fully integrated faith-based preschool classroom that will be the same as it has been and the GSRP classroom. We hope that by offering **BOTH** types of programming we can meet the needs of all of our current Trinity families as well as even more families from our local community. Please reach out with any questions you have.

We look forward to the blessings God bestows on us through our students, families, teachers and YOU!

Karen Friebe
Principal



School year theme:

ENDURE

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Hebrews 12: 1-3

Our teaching staff has changed up a little this year with the retirement of Mrs. Feinauer and the addition of a new preschool program. There was no teacher hired to replace Mrs. Feinauer, but instead our existing teachers have divided those teaching responsibilities. We were also able to combine 7th & 8th grade for homeroom because of slightly lower numbers in those classes this year. Mrs. Rebecca (Steffey) Setula is now the Early Childhood Program Director and lead preschool teacher with Miss Mikayla Ziolkowski.

Preschool	Program Director & Teacher: Mrs. Rebecca (Steffey) Setula PreK Teacher: Miss Mikayla Ziolkowski
Kindergarten	Mrs. Karrie Estes
1st Grade	Miss Megan Gallagher
2nd Grade	Mrs. Kelli Dent
3rd Grade	Mrs. Becky Houghteling
4th Grade:	Mrs. Sarah Earle 5th grade Math
5th Grade	Mrs. Suzanne Tomashewsky Homeroom & Religion Middle School ELA & Journalism
6th Grade	Mr. Brenden Harrison Homeroom, Religion & Math Middle School Social Studies, Current Events & Leadership
7th & 8th Grade	Mrs. Judy Jean Homeroom & Math Middle School Science, STEM & Life Skills
Pastor Kaiser	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Public School Confirmation
School Secretary	Mrs. Amy Samborn
Hot Lunch	Mrs. Yvonne Tennant
Morning Care	Mrs. Ann Wegner Mr. Dale Fish

Our specials teachers will once again be: Mrs. Gatza (PE: K-8), Miss Ahrens (Art: K-8), Senorita Collings (Spanish K-8), Mrs. Yagiela (Music: K-4), Mrs. Sugden (Band: 5-8) and Mrs. Humphrey (Technology: 5-8).



CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

ONLINE SCHEDULING

Sign up has begun for the September sitting dates for the Pictorial Directory. The dates for September are Wednesday, September 18th, Thursday, September 19th, Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st. If you have not signed up yet PLEASE do so as soon as possible! Sign up is available online as well as after church the first three Sundays in September. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Visit www.ucdir.com, click "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login", enter our church code **mi1892** and password **photos**. Click desired date then "Reserve Time" button. Fill in all required fields, then click "Schedule Appointment". If you have more than six people in your family, schedule two appointments back to back. Print the next screen to use as your reminder for your appointment date and time. If you need to change or cancel an appointment, call the church office or email churchsecretary@trinitymonitor.org.



Help Needed!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School at Trinity, please contact Melissa Messing (208)553-6435. Sunday School will begin September 8th and will be held at 9:40 a.m. this year and will coincide with Adult Bible Study. Sunday School will meet in the kindergarten classroom.

Grace And Trinity Engage
AT
THE GATE
High School Youth Group

Kickoff
September 15, 2024
Noon
Trinity School Cafeteria
Call or text Kate Kaiser @ 712.242.8072



VLHS HOMECOMING AND GRAND TAILGATE

Homecoming Week at VLHS is coming up soon - September 16-21! You are invited to attend an athletic event throughout the week, or join us at Friday's Grand Tailgate, parade, and football game! The week's events can be found at www.vlhs.com/hoco24. On Friday September 20, the Grand Tailgate will begin at 4:30 complete with hot dogs and water at a central VL tent, inflatables and games for kids, and the Homecoming Parade at 5:45 p.m. (Detailed information about the tailgate is at www.vlhs.com/HCTailgate.) The football game kicks off at 7 p.m. versus Hemlock; tickets are \$5 at the gate. Presentation of the Homecoming Court and crowning of the King and Queen will be at halftime. All are invited to join the festivities!

VLHS MUM SALE

Friday, September 6 is the annual mum sale at Valley Lutheran in the parking lot. Beautiful mums (500 have been ordered) from Boehlers Greenhouse in Saginaw will be available for \$10.00 cash and carry. The sale begins at noon and will run until sold out. Thank you for your support from the Parent Organization.

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41st Annual Pig Roast & Chicken BBQ

THANK YOU! On behalf of the Trinity Athletic Booster Club, we want to thank all the volunteers who helped throughout the weekend. Whether you made a dessert, worked concessions, served the dinners, or just came and enjoyed the weekend, WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Profits from this weekend will be used to support our sports programs, maintain and improve the ball diamonds, grove, and outbuildings.

If you would like to be a part of the Athletic Booster Club and planning for events such as pig roast weekend, please join us at our monthly meeting, which is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!



HYMN FESTIVAL

“GLAD HYMNS FOREVER: ALLELUIA!”



On Saturday, October 5 @ 3:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing, Michigan will be hosting a hymn festival entitled “Glad Hymns Forever.” This hymn festival will take place at the conclusion of the Thumb Circuit Convocation and will feature Rev.

Stephen Starke as commentator. There will be a Mass Choir comprised of members from area congregations, instrumentalists, and pipe organ. Anyone who wishes to participate in the mass choir should contact Nathan Beethe at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event! We hope you will join us!

OKTOBERFEST

St. John Amelith Oktoberfest is happening September 14, 2024.

The event begins at 11:30am with a prayer service and continues until 7pm with free activities for the whole family. Music from the Frankentrost Band, Gemutlichkeit Verein Singers, and Floyd Grocholski's Family Tradition. We are pre-selling tickets for the German dinner for a \$15 donation and have them available in the St. John Amelith office at 1664 Amelith Rd. We will also have concessions available during the event for those not interested in the German dinner. We look forward to sharing this day with you!





	1st Service	2nd Service
1st	Mary Ann Korman & Bernieda Kernstock	Cheryl Trudell
8th	Brian Berkobien	Michelle Steffey
15th	John & Rosalie Schmidt	Eileen Loesel & Rosemary Hoff
22nd	Lyle & Mary Beth Kloha	Jessica Jeske & Family
29th	Jury & Ettalea Carpenter	Kurt & Laurie Arnold

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:30 & 10:30 Communion</p> <p>Mite Box Sunday</p>	<p>2 No School</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:15 am Chapel</p> <p>6:00 pm Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm Elders</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Dedication of Teachers 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Christian Education Sunday</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm Voter's Meeting</p>	<p>10 6:00 Friendship Guild 7:00 pm Athletic Club</p>	<p>11 8:15 am Chapel</p> <p>6:00 pm Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:30 am Communion 9:40 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Communion</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm School Board</p>	<p>17 9:00 am Piecemakers</p>	<p>18 6:00 pm Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29 8:30 am Communion 9:40 am Bible Study & Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Prayer Chain: Nancy Klaus 280-4913</p>	<p>Elders: Dan Feinauer Paul Reinsch</p>	<p>Ushers: 4 & 2</p>	<p>Altar Guild: Shirley Mosher Barb Friebe</p>	



September



September 1	Curtis Fiebke <i>Harrison Rytlewski</i> Daniel Wilhelm	September 17	<i>Chloe Brabaw</i> <i>Jaxson Garvey</i> Tim Schnell
September 2	Logan Kipfmiller Logan Kowalski <i>Veronica Smith</i>	September 19	Rachel Vogel Laurie Arnold Agatha Bishop
September 3	Mitchell Kernstock Chase Jezowski <i>Meredith Heinz</i>	September 20	Jeffery Derocher Austin Morris <i>Cameron Feinauer</i>
September 4	Zachary Hupfer Terry Weiss	September 21	Wayne Walter <i>Charlotte Gibbs</i>
September 6	David Friebe Harry Gaiser Jr. Barbara Jezowski	September 22	George LaBerge Jazmyne Behnke Mary Beth Kloha
September 8	Greg Schmidt Betty Walter <i>Delaney Srebinski</i>	September 24	Danielle VanBlarcom Troy Hupfer Pamela Pfundt
September 9	Cynthia Atwood Rosalie Collazo Justin Armstrong	September 25	Neva Spires David Arnold Jordan Bannerman
September 10	Joshua Srebinski	September 27	Daniel Hurley Wayne Smith Robert Kernstock
September 11	Kyle Peil Matthew Shaffer	September 28	Holly Kotewa <i>Raya Szeszulski</i>
September 12	Kailey Gaiser Nicole Rivard <i>Ella Sinke</i>	September 29	Abby Kuch
September 13	Neil Kaminski	September 30	Amy Kundering
September 14	<i>Madilyn Zerby</i>		
September 15	Paul Reinsch		
September 16	Leah Mindykowski		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!