

Monthly Monitor

October 2024

Jesus: Hope in the Past, Present, and Future

October and the season of autumn are upon us. But in addition to the falling leaves, there is a certain tension in the air that comes around every 4 years. Make no mistake, it is election season. The political signs are sprouting up on lawns and driveways throughout the countryside and our local neighborhoods. And, if you listen to the rhetoric shouted by either side, the world might end if the wrong candidate is elected. Yes, this unrest, recent violence and mass shootings, the high cost of living and the direction of our country have some thinking that we are in the middle of the worst of it. And each candidate claims that they and only they are our best hope for the future.

Even though the events were decidedly different, we could safely say that many folks that lived in eastern Europe in 1517 had similar feelings. There were wars and rumors of war, political uprising, disease and pestilence, abject poverty and little hope for the future. It was into this hostile environment that the Protestant Reformation was born.

While the man Martin Luther, who spearheaded the movement, certainly had a key role to play, it was the timeless message of Holy Scripture that Luther brought to light that truly made the impact that is still felt throughout the Christian Church today. Ephesians 2:8-9 tell us "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." This rediscovery of God's undeserved love and grace for us sinners by Martin Luther changed the way people thought about faith and their relationship with God.

God was no longer seen as an angry God who demanded our good works to pay the cost of our sin on His divine scales of judgment. Through the teaching of Luther and the Reformers, God was more correctly understood as our loving heavenly Father who

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graciously sent His only Son, Jesus, into this world to pay the price for our sin by dying on the cross. Because Jesus is God Himself, He overcame the grave and rose from the dead to live and reign as our loving Savior forever. Through Jesus' sacrifice and victory over the devil, the world, and our flesh, our sin has been forgiven and we who trust in Jesus have eternal life with God when our time here on earth has ended.

This, in essence, is what the Reformation is all about. The Reformation takes the emphasis off the sinner and what is needed to earn salvation, and turns the spotlight to the One who has done everything necessary to ensure that salvation has been earned for us. Jesus. The Reformation is all about Jesus.

Jesus says in John 16, ""I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." This was true for the Eastern Europeans in 1517 and it is true for us today. Our Lord Jesus has overcome the troubles of this world *for us*. Through Christ, the European peasants could rejoice no matter the circumstance because they had eternity with our loving, heavenly Father to look forward to. And the same is true for us more than 500 years later. So no matter what tension surrounds us and

what we face, we can take heart and have hope in what the future holds because of Jesus.



So brothers and sisters in Christ, this autumn election season, my encouragement for you is to know the issues and then perform your civic duty and make sure that you vote your Christian conscience. But don't ever forget that in the middle of the tempest and unrest that our *eternal* hope has been, and will always be only Jesus.

-Pastor Kaiser

Let your Light SHIRE

The Bible says, "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 5:16). The question we have to ask is, "How clearly and how brightly are we reflecting Christ in our lives?" There are lots of things that diminish our reflections. Willful disobedience to God's will, unconfessed sin in our lives, grudges and anger, grief, and guilt diminish and tarnish our reflections. God designed us to be reflections of Him, and what is happening in our lives, in our hearts, in our minds, and in our actions affects the brightness of the reflections.

God wants us to be His light, so others will be drawn not to us, but to Jesus, the "*light of the world*" (John 8:12). The depth of our own relationships with God matters a lot when it comes to letting His light shine!

We busy ourselves with a lot of activities, things that are important to us, and rightly so. We are going to be investing our time and energy in many things, yet each of us needs to ask, "How much am I investing in the lives of others?"

Do you know someone who is struggling in his faith or has no relationship at all with Jesus? One of the most valuable things you can do is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and strengthen your relationship with that person. Ask God to give you a heart of compassion for that person and to help you be a reflection of Jesus that can turn him toward Jesus.

Of all the things we could invest ourselves in, of all the things we could exchange our time or energy for, there is nothing more valuable than investing in people to help them know Jesus Christ. It's an investment that lasts forever.

Give as You Are Blessed

An important and special way to express our gratitude to God for all His blessings is to give faithfully and generously. Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8 NIV). Because God gives, we receive, and then we can give. God never breaks the cycle of receiving and giving because He never stops giving. We are not able to outgive God. It is God's nature to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave..." (John 3:16).

Giving is an obligation, but, by God's grace, we do not view it as such. God's grace works in our hearts and minds, too, so that our giving is no longer an obligation but an opportunity. stewards who give themselves first to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:5), we think of giving in terms of "get to" rather than "got to." We stop giving grudgingly, and we start giving joyfully and cheerfully. We want to give, because giving is an expression of our love and gratitude to God for Who He is and what He does for us. The more we give of ourselves and our gifts, the closer our relationship with Christ becomes, the more we want to give, and the more God blesses us, which enables our continued giving. "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

May God open our hearts and minds so that we receive His blessings with thankfulness and may He place in us the desire to give to Him generously, through our church and others.



Stewardship Corner-continued

A Message From Our Chairman

I have the honor of being the current chairman of our congregation.

I have good news and not so good news to share.

When we look at the last 3 1/2 years' post Covid, our contributions have increased in the general fund. However, this summer has not been the best for Trinity financially. If you look at our monthly contributions, we are not keeping pace with the ever-rising cost of running and maintaining our facilities.



Throughout this year, we have been doing much needed repairs around the church, school, and grounds, but these things always cost WAY more than we ever think they should. Cost savings have been identified and implemented such as reducing teaching staff and a change in health care insurance providers but will take time to be fully realized. We also have additional sources of income with increased tuition, the GSRP program for preschool and renting out the parsonage to also help offset the increased costs. However, these aren't enough to fill that gap between our income and expenses.

Trinity has been blessed with some estate contributions these past few years that have kept us ahead of the game, but those are never guaranteed.

So on behalf of church council, our request today is please consider your contributions to Trinity. As Matthew 28 says, Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not need to leave our community to find a mission field and have the opportunity to make disciples here in OUR church and school. Please consider increasing or even beginning to contribute to the mission here at Trinity. If we all do a little more, the load wont be as heavy.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry here at Trinity and please prayerfully consider helping us get out of our financial situation.

God bless and have a great day!

Dave Friebe Chairman Thank you God, for all of Your blessings: spiritual, physical and material. Lord, teach us to enjoy the joy of giving, for it is the greatest way of living. Amen.

The Benefits of Faithful Giving

Pastor Brian Kluth lists the following five ways you will benefit if you give more of your income to God's work:

- 1. It will strengthen your trust in God and your spiritual growth. (Deuteronomy 14:23; Malachi 3:8-10. Psalm 50:10-12).
- 2. It will help you begin to experience God's creative care in meeting your needs. (Proverbs 3:9-10; Luke 6:38).
- 3. It will begin to break any shackles of debt, "desires for more," or a feeling of poverty that you may be experiencing. (Haggai 1:4-11; Ecclesiastes 5:10; Matthew. 6:19-21, 24-34; Luke 12:16-21).
- 4. It will help you store up treasure in heaven (1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19-21; Hebrews 6:10).
- 5. It will help your church to serve you and others better (by your properly caring for your pastor, mission, ministry, and facility needs (1 Corinthians 9:9-11, 14; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Philippians 4:15-19; Galatians 6:6; Luke 8:3)





Trinity Lutheran School

The Classroom Chronicles

October 2024

Greetings Trinity Congregation,

I am excited to introduce the "Trinity Times" to you this month. Our middle school students have the opportunity to take a journalism elective which introduces them to the opportunity to gather information through interviews or research and present that information through writing or reporting. It will be wonderful to see how these students grow as investigators and writers and you will have a front row seat as the Trinity Times is shared in our Monitor (see insert). Is there something you would like the journalism class to write about? Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions.

Once again we are looking for members of the congregation to serve as classroom prayer angels. This gives you the opportunity to be an important part of our school and share your love of Jesus with our students. Prayer angels have participated in various degrees during the past 4 years. Some angels visit their class to share stories, play games, help with holiday parties, or read a book. It is really up to you as the angel to work with the classroom teacher to establish a plan that suits you as you prayerfully support that class. If you have questions please feel free to chat with those who have been Prayer Angels or you can reach out to the school office. Please consider serving as a prayer angel and helping us to strengthen the church and school connection.

We are moving forward with the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) preschool and plan to open that classroom in mid-October. Thank you for your approval of this program and your prayerful support. This is an excellent opportunity for us to grow our early childhood program and in turn our school, church and ultimately His kingdom. We will be able to share the love of Jesus with so many more families.

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

Karen Friebe Principal

School Year Theme:

ENDURANCE



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 had 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*

See You At The Pole 2024

The fourth Wednesday in September of each year, students from all around the world will gather at their school flagpole and pray for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. This years theme is "FIRST, PRAY" based on 1 Timothy 2:1

"I urge you, first of all, to pray."





Announcements



TRINITY'S WOW SERVICE: (Worship on Wednesday) is now one year old! We began this extra opportunity for worship in September of 2023 and many people have taken advantage of this extra time slot. We

have sung over 115 different songs in our time together and utilized 19 different hymnals/songbooks. Come and check it out at 6:00pm on Wednesdays; especially if you are out of town on a Sunday. You'll be able to hear Pastor's message and the three readings from Scripture that was used the previous weekend. Our WOW services will continue through November 20 and then break for Thanksgiving and Advent.

<u>PASTORAL VISITS</u>: Pastor Kaiser will begin the next round of visits in October. The sign-up book is located on the table in the back of the church. There will not be set dates. If you would like a visit, just sign your name and number, or call the office, and Pastor Kaiser will call you to set up a time that works for you.

<u>SAVE THE DATE!</u> Trinity Monitor's Wild Game Dinner Auction is slated for March1, 2025. The planning committee is gearing up for our 8th Event!! Committee members should watch their emails for an update on the kickoff meeting. Not a committee member? No problem! We still have some jobs available as it takes a small army to pull off this fundraiser. Email us at trinitymonitordinnerauction@gmail.com or contact Cortney Feinauer or Deadra Hurley.

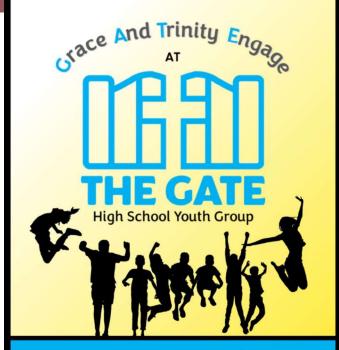
HANDBELL CHOIR: Ring a ding-ding! We are looking for a few more people that are interested in joining our Adult Handbell choir. We will be playing just a few times throughout the church year, with practices starting towards to the end of October. Please contact Megan Gallagher (586-907-16490 if you want to be a part of this FUN group to use your musical gifts to praise God.

BOOSTER CLUB CORNER

"Thank you" seems to be so inadequate to describe how truly grateful we are for all your support of our 41st Annual Booster Club Weekend. Whether you came for a dinner or the live music, or volunteered for a shift (or several), or baked a dessert, WE APPRECIATE YOU!

September and October are usually pretty quiet for us, but we DO fully support the Harvest Dinner Committee and encourage you to volunteer for that wonderful event of community fellowship.

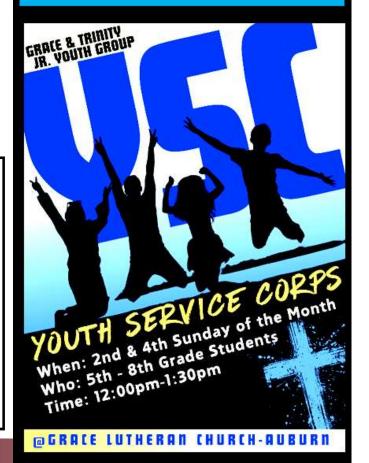
Mark your calendars for FALL CLEANUP on Saturday, November 2nd at 9:00am as we prepare the pavilion, grove, etc. for the coming of winter.



Meet at "The GATE"

1st & 3rd Sundays of Each Month Trinity Lutheran School 12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch Provided

Kate Kaiser @ 712.242.8072



SMORGASBORD & COUNTRY STORE

Zion Lutheran Church of Auburn will be hosting its annual Smorgasbord Dinner and Country Store on Sunday, October 6th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The meal is take out-only and the cost is \$15 each. It includes pork sausage, ½ chicken, sauerkraut, dressing, German potato salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, squash, coleslaw, and pie. The Country Store will feature Christmas items, sweethearts, plants, home-grown produce, candy, baked goods, and hand-crafted items.

DATE NIGHT WITH MARK GUNGOR

Saturday evening, October 5th, 2024 from 7-9pm. St Lorenz Worship and Event Center 850 West Genesee Street Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Mark Gungor is one of the most sought-after international speakers on marriage and family. Each year thousands of couples attend his Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage® seminars. Mark's candid and comedic approach uses unforgettable illustrations and the power of laughter to teach proven principles that are guaranteed to strengthen any marriage or relationship. Tickets available on the Laugh Your Way website at the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frankenmuth-mitickets-947912280147?aff=oddtdtcreator

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Hot Lunch Program at Trinity. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with clean up

after lunch is served, you can sign up to help by scanning the QR code, or calling the school office at (989)662-4891. Clean up usually takes about one hour and begins around noon.



BRILLIANCE BY DESIGN

LifeClinic request your company for an evening to discover the brilliance of who God made you to be. This event is for ladies in grades 6-12 accompanied by their mother or a female mentor. This event takes place on Friday, October 25th at 6:00 pm at The Great Hall in Midland. Dinner and dessert will be serviced. Admission is \$10 per person. Contact Christin at (989)922-5433 to RSVP.



VLHS FRUIT SALE

The Valley Lutheran Booster Club's 2024 Fruit Sale Fundraiser, which benefits athletics, drama, music and many other activities at Valley Lutheran High School, begins October 3 and runs through November 8, 2024. Fruit is passed out Saturday, December 7th at Valley from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 20lb. boxes are \$39, 40lb. boxes are \$51, 10lb. Carton of Florida Mandarins are \$35, and a mixed carton is \$39. All fruit is guaranteed. For more information, please call Valley Lutheran at 989-790-1676, fax 989-790-1680, or Bill Ankoviak 989-781-5796 home. If you prefer not to purchase fruit, donations are gladly accepted by the Boosters.

TAKE A PEEK AT VLHS

Is high school right around the corner? Or thinking ahead to your child's future? Any and all interested families (students included!) are invited to come take a *Peek at Valley* on Thursday, October 10th. These one hour guided tours provide a peek into the Valley Lutheran experience and what sets Valley apart. Please let us know you're coming and pick an arrival time at www.vlhs.com/takeapeek. Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Communications and Admissions at acooper@vlhs.com with any questions.

NOW HIRING

Valley Lutheran High School is seeking qualified applicants who love our students and our school to fill the following positions:

- Part-time Food Service Assistant work under the direction of the Food Service Director to prepare and serve daily student lunches and maintain kitchen facilities and equipment according to required standards.
- Part-time Business Office Assistant work under the direction of the Business Manager to assist in carrying out regular financial processes and maintaining accurate financial data.
- Part-time Development Associate work under the direction of the Director of Advancement to maintain accurate donor records, assist with event planning and production, and grow relationships with our community of supporters.

While each part-time position could be filled with different individuals, the Business Office Assistant and Development Associate could be combined to create a single full-time position by the right candidate. The ideal candidates have the desire to support and further the ministry of Valley Lutheran and contribute to an excellent Christian atmosphere for students and visitors. if interested, please contact Al Kaul at akaul@VLHS.com or 989-790-1676.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The sign up sheets to volunteer for the Harvest Dinner will be in the back of the church the beginning of October. There will be plenty to do for everyone. Please look them over and sign up if at all possible. God has given us many blessings here at Trinity and when we work together, GOD IS GLORIFIED. All praise to God! Thank you for signing up to help. -The Harvest Dinner Committee Chairs

TRINITY MONITOR LUTHERAN CHURCH CORNER OF SALZBURG & 8 MILE RD.-BAY CITY





October 2024

Greeters	1st Service	2nd Service
6th	Bob & Nina Hooper	Karrie Woods
13th	Bob & Barb Friebe	Dave & Karen Friebe
20th	Larry & Judy Miller	Virgil & Lugene McGuire
27th	Rich & Sandy Herzberger	Eileen Loesel & Rosemary Hoff



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prayer Chain Nancy Klaus 280-4913	Altar Guild Deadra Hurley Laurie Kernstock	1	8:15 am Chapel 6:00 pm Worship w/ Communion	6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Church Council	4	5
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October 15

October



October 1	Stephanie Noonan	October 16	Brooklyn Sheppard
	Michael Weiss	October 18	Grayden Fick
October 2	Violet Richardson		Nathan Shaffer
October 3	Eva Damore	October 19	Olivia Topie
	Curtis Walter	October 20	Peter Leinberger
	Wanda Zsidi	October 21	Sandra Herzberger
October 4	Tucker Garvey	October 23	Donna Helmreich-Lopez
	Randy Weiss	October 24	Eva Rytlewski
October 5	Kayla Kaminski	October 25	Angela Reno
October 6	Marcie Pashak		Kara Kaminski
	Cheryl Trudell		Jack Kohn
October 7	Laurie Kernstock	October 26	Charles Carpenter
	Laura Ruff		Glen Herbolsheimer
	Laurel Weiss	October 27	Dori Amthor
October 8	Julene Eichorn		Jana Rezmer
	Austin Kohn	October 28	Kayla Reinhardt
October 9	Paul Kipfmiller		Kraig Weiss
October 10	Elizabeth Feinauer	October 29	Tammy Behmlander
	Hollie Satkowiak		Thomas Rytlewski
October 11	Brian Guettler		Avalyn Sheppard
	April Satkowiak	October 30	Joann Helmreich
October 12	Todd Gaiser		Robert Hooper
	Zachary Schmidt		Eston Jimenez
October 13	Jeffrey Smith	October 31	Gregory Anderson
October 14	Stuart Kernstock		Franke French
	Duaine Vogel		
	Janet Weiss		
	Lydia Wohlfeil		



Jack Derocher

Carson Feinauer

"You can't have a better tomorrow if you're still thinking about yesterday" -Charles F. Kettering

TRINITY TIMES

NEW PLAYGROUND!

Most of the kids really enjoyed the playground, new the twisty slide and monkey bars being the favorite part for kids. most On September 13th they made an addition to the playground by adding a rope tower. They are rebuilding the outdoor basketball court as well. We hope that their hard work and dedication while the old tearing playground down



and building the new playground from the ground up is seen, appreciated, and enjoyed. by Brycen R



YOU GOT THIS! ★ YOU GOT THIS! ★ YOU GOT THIS!









BREAKING NEWS

SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL 491

SEPT 16 @ HOME
SEPT 18 @ ZION
SEPT 23 @ HOME
SEPT 25 @ ST.PETER. HEMLOCK
SEPT 30 @ HOME
OCT 2 @ FAITH BC
OCT 5 @ HOME

SOCCER (®)

Sept 17th @ Home Sept 24th @ St. Peter, Hemlock Sept 26th @ Home Oct 1st @ St. Paul Oct 3rd @ Peace Oct 8th @ Faith Bay City



volleyball news

players
Eliza W.
Ahnuh M.
Liberty D.
Alaina B.
Lizzy S.
Molly B.
Katitlyn N.

coaches

Mrs. Burk Mrs. Smith Katie Smith Mrs. Neiman

by Cam F

soccer news

player names

Olivia Kavleigh Grady **Alaina** Adam Bella Chandler Alex Eva Levi Josh Even Slavden Judah Harry Jude Luke

<u>coach</u> Coach Rytlewski



NEW ELECTIVES

There are two brand new electives this year! The first, journalism, is the class who wrote what you are reading right now! It is taught by Mrs. T. and the class days are Tuesday and Thursday. We will hopefully continue writing these newspapers all year long. The second new elective is Set Apart To Serve/Leadership.

Mr. Harrison is teaching it and the days of the class are Monday and Wednesday. In this class the students will be learning about how to make decisions and to be leaders in the classroom, school, or church. So this class is about making good decisions and how to be a better leader and to serve.









NEW STUDENTS

Let's welcome the new students!

There are 19 new students, Let's name them shall we? Ella W., Eli S., Malachi and Marley M., Delaney S., Breslyn H., Ella S.,

Ella and Joshua S., Liam V., Johnathan A., Grayson R., Kayde W., Luke F., Esther K.,

Paisley K., Emerson K., Vincent P., and Everly R...

by Harrison. R and Olivia. R

NEW PRESCHOOL TEACHER

A The new teacher's name is Ms. Z. She has been teaching for 2 years and this was her 2nd school. She decided to leave shortly after getting the job as a preschool teacher. Even though she left, we greatly appreciate her while she was here. We are looking for a person as the new preschool teacher, so if you know anyone who is looking for a job, contact the school for a interview as preschool teacher.-OJ





Picture by Joshua S.

The History Of Our School

School & Church History

- 1880, March- 17 members left St. Paul Frankenlust to form a new congregation in Monitor Township.
- 1880, November 7- The new church was dedicated, Trinity Lutheran Church.
- 1898, February 6 Our present church building was dedicated to our Lord God.
- 1931- A parish hall and school room were built next to the church on Salzburg Road.
- 1952-The present school was added to the south of the parish hall.

by River S. and Harry R.

Verse of the month Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by 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.



OLYMPICS POLL

We visited every classroom and asked the students, "What is your favorite sport to watch in the Olympics?" And these are the most popular answers: Gymnastics, Soccer, Track and Field, Basketball, and Swimming. by Eliza W.

