



Monthly Monitor

September 2022

Dear Trinity Family,

I hope you had a great summer and wish you a wonderful fall season.

As you know, it's been three years since Pastor Sherry retired and we're still searching for his replacement.

I admit to sometimes being frustrated but I remind myself this is not in our hands and that God will provide for us in His time.

In the meantime, I'm very thankful for our visiting pastors and of course, Pastor Hutter for filling in and picking up the slack caused by the lack of a full time leader.

The good news is that the District has provided us with another list of pastor candidates. There were originally 11 names but five of those pastors removed themselves from consideration. The Call Committee is currently interviewing the remaining six men and I'm prayerfully optimistic we will find our next spiritual leader soon.

The Committee is moving as quickly as possible and we hope to have a call meeting on Monday, September 12, before our monthly voter's meeting. Keep an eye on the messenger for more details as we get closer to that date.

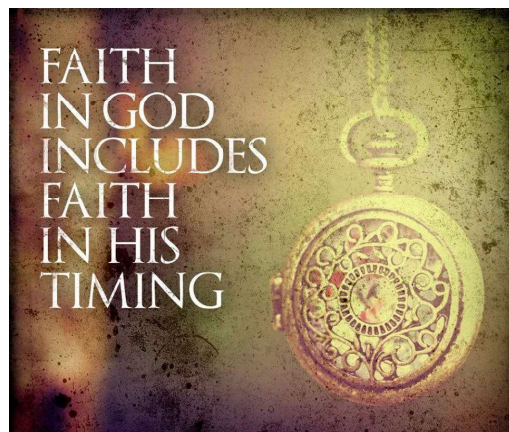
Either way, please mark the day on your calendar. I'd love to see you at that September voter's meeting, regardless of whether there's a call meeting that night.

Those monthly voter's meetings are a great opportunity to express your thoughts and views...to have a say in the future of Trinity. The church leadership relies on your input. First and foremost, we strive to do God's work, but we also need your direction on how to proceed with important issues facing our Trinity Family.

Please continue to pray for our Trinity Church and school and that God will provide our next pastor very soon.

In Christ.

Mike Avery
Chairman-Trinity Monitor



As we continue with the call process, if you find yourself in need of pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Erwin Hutter
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Stewardship Minute

Blessings through our Giving

God sets no boundaries on His giving to us. In the words of Martin Luther, “He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.” (Martin Luther’s Small Catechism). In response to God’s great love for us and His bountiful gifts to us, we are enabled by grace to share with others the wealth He has given us. God uses us as conduits of His love and His goodness so that no one has to be in need.

Jesus said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35). We don’t give to be blessed, but God’s Word clearly tells us that through our faithful generosity God will bless us. Jesus makes giving more than giving when we give to help those in need.

In his book *Money Is Everything*, Herb Miller shares a humorous story about how we get back more than what we invest:

A young intern came into a hospital nursing station one evening shaking his head. “There is an old man in the lobby by the vending machines,” he said, “and he’s putting dollar bills into the money changer. Every time he gets his quarters, he yells ‘Jackpot!’ and dances around.” A few hours later, the nurses on their way to a coffee break saw a repairman fixing a vending machine. When they asked why he was working so late, he said, “I have to get this money changer fixed. It’s been giving \$1.50 in quarters every time someone puts in a dollar bill.”

When we give to those in need, we receive something much better than some extra quarters. God blesses us spiritually and at times materially when we give faithfully. Through our generosity, we receive God’s peace and joy. May we all experience the joy in giving.

“ONLY BY GIVING
ARE YOU ABLE TO
RECEIVE MORE
THAN YOU
ALREADY HAVE.”

- JIM ROHN

Stewardship Corner

The Parable of the Rice Field

There is a parable told in India about the selfish man who inherited a rice field. The first year the man irrigated the field and it was fruitful. The water, in fact, flowed onto his neighbor’s field and this too produced a bountiful harvest.

But the next year the selfish man decided: Why should I let this water flow through my field into his? Water is precious and I must keep it. So he built a dam. This prevented the water from flowing into his neighbor’s field; but, it proved disastrous to his own crop as well. Irrigation water nourished the field only if it flowed. When it did not move, because of the dam, the water became stagnant and the field a swamp.

We own no rice fields. Still, the parable is clear. Think of what we have inherited from God; think of all He has given us. If we are selfish and keep it all for ourselves, our lives become stagnant, a dismal swamp of mere existence. But if we give back to God by giving to others, both the giver and the receiver share in the fruits of God’s love.





Trinity Lutheran School

The Classroom Chronicles

September

2022-2023

Greetings from across the NEW parking lot! We are so happy to have the children back in school and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year of growing and learning.

Our theme this year is “Created in God’s Image”
based on Psalms 139:13-14

*For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*



There have been a couple staffing changes over the summer so please allow me to introduce our amazing teaching line-up!



Welcome Mrs. Sarah (Fish) Earle as our 4th grade teacher!



Welcome Mr. Brendan Harrison as our 6th grade Homeroom, Social Studies and Current Events teacher!



Welcome *Back* Mrs. Stephanie Parsons as our PreKindergarten teacher!

The Classroom Chronicles - continued

Returning for another fun-filled year are:

Miss Rebecca Steffey
Kindergarten

Miss Megan Gallagher
1st Grade

Mrs. Kelli Dent
2nd Grade

Mrs. Becky Houghteling
3rd Grade

Mrs. Suzanne Tomaszewsky
5th Grade Homeroom
Middle School ELA

Mrs. Joy Feinauer
7th Grade Homeroom
Middle School Math

Mrs. Judy Jean
8th Grade Homeroom
Middle School Science
STEM & Life Skills

Pastor Hutter
7th/8th Grade Confirmation

School Mission Choices for 2022-2023

Operation Christmas Child
Life Clinic - Pregnancy Center
A New Day Foundation



Christian Education Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18th as we will be celebrating Christian Education Sunday and our faculty and staff will be installed or dedicated. Our 3rd Graders will also be presented with their Bibles from the congregation and our students will be singing! What an amazing day it will be for our school and church families.





ATHLETIC CLUB

39th Annual Chicken BBQ & Pig Roast

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!

We served a total of 209 chicken dinners and 290 pig roast dinners.

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

We are already looking ahead to next year which will be our 40th anniversary! If you would like to be a part of the planning for this event or any other Athletic Booster Club sponsored event, 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!



The next event on the Athletic Booster Club's list is:

**Fall Clean-Up
Saturday, November 5th**

CAREERS for CHRIST

FALL 2022 at CUC

Known...Loved...Set Apart!

You're invited: October 28-30

High school students interested in learning about LCMS professional church work careers are encouraged to register for CUC's **Careers for Christ Weekend**, which will begin with check-in at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, and conclude after brunch Sunday, Oct. 30. Young women are also invited to attend a special **Women of Mercy** event starting 24 hours beforehand (see website for details).




The entire weekend experience will cost \$75 per person, which includes all activities, materials, housing, meals, transportation during the event and a Careers for Christ T-shirt.

Registration is now open!

Register online at CUChicago.edu/C4C. After you complete the online registration, download a permission form from the website and send the completed form, along with your registration fee, to CUC's Office of Undergraduate Admission.

Registration deadline: Friday, October 21.


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**The 10:30 a.m. service
for the following dates will
be held in the pavilion.**

September 11

**September 25
w/Communion**

*In case of inclement weather,
worship will be held inside
the church.*

Trinity Lutheran School-Job Openings

CURRENT OPENINGS-EXTENDED CARE

After School Care Provider

You must be 18 years old and be a high school graduate. Hours: 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday (following the school calendar).

Before School Care Provider

You must be 18 years old and be a high school graduate. Hours: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Monday-Friday (following the school calendar).

Call the office at (989)662-4891 or email kfriebe@trinitymonitor.org for more information.



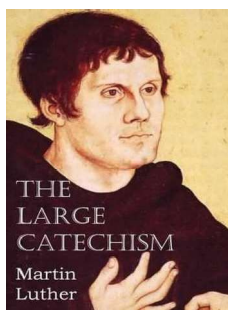
Vacation Bible School was a success! We had 35-40 kids each night. They enjoyed games, learning about Jesus, and dinner each night. We want to thank the many volunteers that came out to help and the Athletic Club that donated supplies for the meals. God is working in our kids and it was a blessing to witness.

Cortney Feinauer & Jamie-Jo Rytlewski



Attention Trinity Youth!

You are invited to join Grace, Auburn's youth for Youth Service Corps starting Sunday, September 11! We meet regularly on Sundays during the school year from noon until 1:30 p.m. with lunch provided. Youth Service Corps is designed to help our youth (5th grade -12th grade) to grow as a whole person into the young men and women that God has created them to be. Our time together includes learning from God's Word, loving our neighbor through service projects, learning how our Lord Jesus shapes our lives, and laughing together with game days and other fun activities. Please call or text Pastor Aaron Schian (607-972-5792) or Deaconess Mika Patron (316-284-4251) if you have any questions!



You're Invited to the Monthly Confessions Study at Grace Auburn

Every first Saturday of the month at Grace Auburn (303 Ruth Street), Lutherans from around the area come together to rejoice in our Lutheran Confessions! On Saturday, September 3, at 9:30 a.m., we're starting a study of the Large Catechism! You've heard of the Small Catechism, but have you ever taken a look at our beloved Dr. Marty Luther's Large Catechism? There's so much "gospely" good news in it! The Large Catechism is one the foundational writings of Martin Luther! You don't want to miss this opportunity to unpack the treasures of our Lutheran theology and practice using the Large Catechism! Again, we'll meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, at Grace Auburn and finish around 11 a.m.! If you have any questions/comments, please call Pastor Schian at 607-972-5792! The Word of the Lord endures forever!

GriefShare @ Grace, Auburn

Have you suffered loss? Are you grieving the death of a loved one? There's help for you. Grace Lutheran in Auburn will be starting a new round of GriefShare on Thursday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. GriefShare is a 13-week program designed to provide comfort to those who mourn. Each session is around 90 minutes, beginning with a video and followed by a discussion. GriefShare is a safe space to open up about your sorrow and be heard. We are there for one another. GriefShare reminds us that we're not alone, but rather Jesus comes alongside us to comfort us and lead us through our grief. GriefShare is open to everyone. It's free and all materials will be provided. Every session is a standalone session, so you can come and go as needed during the 13 weeks. Pastor Schian and Deaconess Mika will facilitate the discussions. Please contact Pastor Schian or Deaconess Mika at Grace (989-662-6161) with any questions.



Well, we are home! The 80th LWML Michigan District Convention is over. What a busy three days we had! From the moment of registration on Thursday morning, we were busy with delegate meetings, servant projects, choir practice until the Opening Communion Worship Service at St. Lorenz that evening. Friday was a day filled with convention business

sessions where delegates voted on financial issues, election of officers, and the selection of Mission Grants to be funded this year. We had Bible Study sessions as well as enjoying the lunch “break out” sessions with different speakers. For the LWML members here at Trinity, convention was different this year. Trinity is a member of the Bay Area Zone of the LWML and we, along with the members of the Timberline Zone and the Mid Michigan Zone, were host to the convention. This required us to be there Wednesday evening to help with set up and last minute issues. Saturday began with the Mission Walk, business sessions, speakers, and installations of the new officers. The day ended with the closing “Sending Service”. The Servant Events are always enjoyed and this year 38 sleeping mats for the homeless (made from plastic bags) were completed and will be donated to the Franklin Street Mission in Flint. 50 lap blankets were made for PHIL’S FRIENDS, an organization that supplies these blankets along with other items to people receiving chemotherapy for cancer. A multitude of used postage stamps were sorted and trimmed and will be turned into cash with the proceeds going to Becky Grossmann of Lutheran Bible Translators. 235 eyeglass cases were made for MOST Ministries. These will be used with the eyeglasses that have been donated for MOST Mission trips. So many big accomplishments happened in the small town of Frankenmuth!

During the business sessions, it was announced that enough money was collected to fund ALL of the 2020-2022 mission grants. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!! It was also proposed that the mission grant budget for the 2022-2024 biennium be increased to \$275,000.00 which will be used to fund the mission grants that were recently selected by the Executive Committee and approved by the President of the LCMS. Out of the list presented to the delegates, 14 grants were chosen. Some of these grants are local and some are in other countries, but the results are “far reaching”. What a big challenge this will be for the Michigan District! With your help on Mite Box Sunday we can meet this goal. Even the smallest donation makes our Mites very MIGHTY!!! We found out how mighty these Mites are as we listened to a number of missionaries tell us how the grants they received helped change lives and actually saved lives. We learned how a two-way radio purchased with Mite funds saved the life of a three and a half week old son of a missionary in Peru. We learned how Mite money helped build a place called Mission Central in rural Iowa where thousands of people come every year to learn more about our Savior, Jesus. We learned how LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) serve the mission field that is inaccessible by roads in Northern Canada and Alaska with their mission grant of \$25,000.00. It was so amazing to hear how God uses our “pocket change” to accomplish so much in the lives of people who would, otherwise, never come to know Him and be saved.

So, yes, we are home with many wonderful memories! Yes, Frankenmuth was, indeed, purple for a few days. Now it is time to move on. Time, not just for the “Ladies In Purple” to Serve The Lord With Gladness, but for all of us to work together to pray for our missionaries and collect our Mites for their work. It is through the Lord’s divine guidance that this work of saving souls can be done. we are led to sing:

Praise GOD From Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise Him All Creatures Here Below
Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Klaus, Michigan District Delegate, Jan Pickelmann & Sandra Arnold, Trinity Society Delegates, and Betty Walter, First Time Attendee.

Dear Fellow Congregations,

We are grateful for the many ways that God has blessed Camp Lu Lay Lea this summer. As many of you know, we were unable to have our usual summer camp activities the previous two years. That created some challenges for us, but God is good! He provided a wonderful group of directors, counselors, program staff, kitchen staff, and volunteers this summer as we welcomed back campers for seven weeks of fun, fellowship, and growing in faith.



Being unable to have camp in 2020 and 2021 did have a significant impact on our finances. We were able to weather that storm and open for 2022 with a budget that was fiscally responsible but did not have much room for unexpected costs. During the beginning of our last week at camp, COVID-19 caused us to shut things down and send our campers home. We were able to refund registrations for the families that week, but it has crippled our cash reserves.

We are writing to the congregations that have supported Camp Lu Lay Lea over the years with their time, talents, and treasures. It is our hope that you can share this letter with the families in your congregation, asking them to pray for the ministry of Camp Lu Lay Lea and to provide any financial blessing in support of camp. The Board is seeking +\$20,000 of donations to give us the ability to get through the months ahead and be ready to open for the summer of 2023.

If you are able to please give a donation to Camp Lu Lay Lea, you can use the QR code below, go to our website - <https://www.camplulaylea.org/>, or send a check to our address - 92 Ohio St., Lupton, MI 48365. Any questions can be emailed to our director, Amy Wojtowicz, at director@camplulaylea.com.

Thank you for your consideration and may the Good Lord continue to bless the work and ministry of Camp Lu Lay Lea as He has for the past 74 years!

Sincerely,
The Camp Lu Lay Lea Trustee Board

