

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Trinity Connections Newsletter

A Message from Pastor Mike:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us... run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

The writer of Hebrews calls his readers to run their race with perseverance after walking them through a photo album of the saints from Abel and Abraham to Zephaniah the prophet in chapter 11.

These last weeks I find myself paging through my mental photo album of the saints here at Trinity. It begins with all the council presidents who have served these last 13 years and the council members - their faithfulness and their excitement for ministry in this place. Their creativity in their work has been a constant inspiration to me.

I remember my fellow travelers - Grant & Laura purchasing communion pottery in El Salvador, the chaos of caring for 30 some orphan children and the tears of our young people when they had to leave them in Jamaica, campfire stories about the first cattle drives at a ranch near the San Antonio Gathering. Then there were the young people working their hearts out refurbishing a park and painting a school in the New Orleans heat and humidity.

There are pages of builders - Rick standing atop a Styrofoam wall guiding pumped cement into the forms, Roger and June taping and sanding the basement, dozens of people sledge hammering the old bathrooms and dozens more painting the new ones. Sue and Bob and Hunter and their teams planting and landscaping and making our grounds a place of serenity and beauty.

Confirmation photos are everywhere; the kids dancing to "Lions" and singing at the top of their lungs; all the adult guides who love God, like kids, and spent a year or more with a small group of 4-6 confirmation students. I can hear Nikki's laugh and see her kids having a blast laughing with her, and Jo in her witch's costume helping her girls lead Halloween games, and Cindy and Jessi teaching young actors to ham it up in their skits, and all of them playing softball until the sun went down at Hammond Town Hall.

Adult small groups strengthened faith; Jumpstart singing "Praise Ye the Lord" whenever and wherever they meet, Hope Study members sharing coffee and stories of deep joy and grief and faithfulness, Peter & Kelly fearlessly leading the Pathfinders into God's Word and the questions that bubble up from it, the Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group lifting the congregation and all of its concerns before God, the Good Grief Group supporting one another with listening ears, tears and surprising laughter.

Worship. Jeanne & Dave and Holden Evening Prayer every Advent, worshipping with our neighbors during Lent. Paul Oman painting the Old and New Testaments, Hanz & Franz pumping us up, the Worship Band giving worship a beat, the puppets and One Step re-telling the old, old story in a new, new way. Becky and Kris and Sarah and Chris creating the soundtrack for our faith, the songs we hum to ourselves Monday through Saturday.

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Giving Station

HAVE YOU TRIED THE GIVING STATION YET? It's located at the secretary's office window and it's available 24/7. With the swipe of a debit or credit card you can give regular offerings, pay for youth events, give a memorial gift and much more. You'll receive a receipt by email. Instructions are on the window. Come give it a try and let us know how you like it!

CHURCH RECORD UPDATE

Weddings

Nicole Criego & Nickolas Witthoft

Married: August 20, 2016

at Trinity Lutheran Church

2016 Bulletin Sponsors

Betty Johnson is looking for bulletin sponsors! They are still only \$8! See Betty at Church or email her at alsgal63@baldwin-telecom.net.

Luther Point News

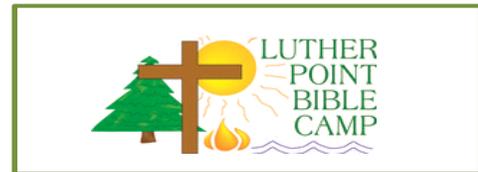
August 2016

Greetings from Luther Point Bible Camp!
Mark Peters, Executive Director

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

For More Information:

Be sure to visit www.LutherPoint.org



Summer is ending, but the echo of laughter of campers and the splash of water can still be heard at Luther Point Bible Camp. Thirty-two young adults made up our energetic summer staff and shared their stories of faith and lovingly cared for our 900+ summer campers. Family campers enjoyed a week of relaxing, learning and growing in faith. We are thankful for a safe, full and fun-filled summer of Bible camp learning and growing in relationship with our loving God.

These days, we are cleaning up, planning for next year, and celebrating a fantastic summer of ministry. We are welcoming retreat groups to the camp and sharing gracious hospitality. We hope you consider Luther Point when planning your congregational retreats and learning events. We are a dedicated partner in your congregational faith formation and community building.

Luther Point is at an important place in the history of the organization as we plan for the future and freshly imagine our place in the impactful world of outdoor ministry. An important aspect of discerning and planning for the future is taking an honest look at where we are now. This involves listening carefully

to all those connected to our ministry. In short, we need to hear from you!

To this end, we are asking if you would give us approximately 10 minutes of your time to complete a survey called The Impact Assessment which will allow you to share your perspectives about Luther Point. It is easy to take and covers topics such as the effectiveness of programming, communication, financial management, and facilities. It will also give you the opportunity to identify priorities for the camp over the next three to five years.

Please take a few minutes to help shape the future of Luther Point, your voice matters. The Survey is online - <https://www.research.net/r/LutherPoint2016>

Thank you for your input!





MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you!

To the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you SO much for thoughtfulness & generosity in giving towards my brother's and my trip abroad. I am SO excited to bring you along with me.

Love, Elaina Johnson

2016 Date	Offerings Received	Weekly Ministry Planned Spending	Above (Below) Planned Spending
1/1-7/12	\$85,488	\$97,057	(-\$11,569)
July 24	4,866	3,338	1,528
July 31	2,525	3,338	(-813)
August 7	1,970	3,338	(-1,368)
August 14	1,106	3,338	(-2,232)
August 21	2,322	3,338	(-1,016)
Simply Giving	2,495		2,495
TOTAL	\$100,772	\$113,747	(-\$12,975)

Thank you for all the ways you give to God through Trinity and the ministries we do together!

Confirmation Classes resume Sept. 7th

All 6th-8th graders are invited to attend!

Look for an orientation mailing at the end of this month. (Please call the church office if you do not receive one) Some important confirmation dates to put on your calendar:

- Wed. Aug. 31st 7:00 pm Guide training & huddle
- Wed. Sept. 7th 7-8:30 pm Orientation for parents & students
- Wed. Sept. 14th 7-8:30 pm Confirmation Class

Students will be studying the New Testament this year.

THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Mike & the Trinity Lutheran Congregation,

Thank you for welcoming my sister and me into your wonderful community for a time of worship, fellowship and sponsorship. The incredible generosity and spirit of your congregation was a blessing to receive as my sister and I prepare to embark on our year of service with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program! I cannot thank you enough for the funds you donated and for lifting us up as Elaina and I seek to become the hands and feel of Christ. I look forward to growing with your congregation throughout the year as we share in the larger mission of the ELCA & Christ's Global Church together. I am filled with so much joy knowing the prayers of your community will be lifting me up through this challenging & rewarding year! Thank you again for your gracious contribution & for extending a welcoming hand!

In service and peace, Carter Johnson

Small Group Guides NEEDED!

CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP GUIDES ARE NEEDED! Guides are adults who love God, like kids, and are willing to spend a year learning, serving, and playing with a group of 4-6 young people. Guides attend confirmation, share small group times, and take their carload of young people on various fellowship and servant events that the group plans together. If that sounds like a job description you'd love, please call Pastor Mike. **Guide training will be Wed. Aug. 31st at 7:00 p.m.**

JUMPSTART!

Jumpstart! is a great way to start your day with coffee and prayer. We have decided to extend our meetings through the summer months. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 9:00am in the church library. Come join us as we share daily devotions and various materials along with personal issue discussions.

For more info, see Vera Grant.

Monday Morning Mom's

Are you in for learning about God, his plan for us as Mom's, meeting new Mom's, making amazing friends, and having your kids meet other cool kids? It is open to anyone, multi-generational, so if you know another mom.... please invite her to be a part of our group...We are meeting on Monday mornings, starting on September 12 at 9am in Trinity Lutheran Church's Fireside Room. It will be a 6-week study, working through Beth Moore's bible study on Living Free. We will be learning about how to pray scripture, God's Glory, false strongholds, learn about the 5 key benefits for every believer. **Please RSVP, with Jamie or Becky, so that we can order the correct amount of books by August 31.** Or if you have any questions please contact Jamie McCulloch (themccullochs2008@gmail.com) or Becky Fowler (fowlera@frontiernet.net). We look forward to you joining us in our motherhood journey.

Adult Small Groups

SEVERAL ADULT SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING and growing in faith together. They study the Bible, engage in lively and caring conversations, pray, and serve together. The groups' meeting times are:

Hope Study - 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, using the WELCA "Gather" Bible study. Facilitated by Pastor Mike.

Jumpstart - 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month at 9AM in Trinity's Library, using various Bible studies. Facilitated by Vera Grant.

Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group - Tuesday mornings at noon at the home of Irene Burch, American Heritage Care Center, Apt. 111.

Men's Breakfast Club – Saturday, September 10th & 24th at 9:00 a.m. at Hardee's in Baldwin. Facilitated by Peter Gazelka

Bulletin Sponsors

September 4th BULLETIN: Blessings to all of the children and Sunday School staff at Trinity from Bruce and Jo Moll and family

September 11th BULLETIN: Happy Birthday Bruce and Lauren Moll with love from your family. WELCA: Thanking Pastor Mike for his 13 years of service here at Trinity. God's Blessings to you as you start another chapter in your life at Salem Lutheran. You will be missed. Janet and Tom DeLong in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary. In Appreciation of Pastor Mike and Randy from Maddy, Payton and Bo. Thanks for all you do.

September 18th BULLETIN: Todd and Deb Henry in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Jill Foster wishing John and Pat McConville a happy wedding anniversary on Sept. 21st.

September 25th BULLETIN: Jill Foster wishing Shaylyn Lyksett a happy birthday. Lillian Jorgenson in celebration of family and friends.



Thank You, Sponsors

T-Shirts for Sale!

Youth sizes are now available!!

Small-X-large



Show your Trinity Pride!

Get your Trinity T-shirt NOW!
 Sizes are: Adult small to 3XL
 Cost is \$12.00

Contact Deb Henry to purchase or fill out the order form at church!
 Proceeds will go to the Sign Marque fund!



Like Trinity Lutheran, Hammond, WI to get updates and photos of what is going on at church!

9th Graders to be confirmed

9TH GRADERS WILL BE CONFIRMED ON OCT. 23RD.

Important dates for 9th graders and their families to remember are:

Sun. Sept. 14	7:00 p.m.	9 th Grade Confirmation Service Planning & Gown Measurements
Sun. Oct. 16	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Practice & Stole Making
Sun. Oct. 23	8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Photos
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Service
	10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Reception

Please keep Trinity's 9th graders in your prayers as they prepare to say "Yes!" to their baptisms.



Border Battle Chicken Feed Tailgate



Sunday, September 18, 2016

Time: 10am-2pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
1250 Broadway Street
Hammond WI 54015



MENU:

- 1/4 Chicken Meal \$7.00
- 1/2 Chicken Meal \$9.00
- Hot dog Meal \$4.00



JOIN US FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Moola for Milk Campaign

The Moola for Milk Campaign is COMING!! Listen for the cowbells! Moola for Milk is a fundraiser to provide Milk vouchers for families in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. The vouchers will help purchase milk to supply families in need with added nutrition to the foods they receive at the local food pantry. Please support this valuable program. Donations will be collected at Trinity on September 11 & 25. Checks should be made payable to: Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County.

Please contact Darlene Sittlow at 715-220-0455 with questions.



Time Change Reminder

Effective Sunday, September 11, 2016:
Sunday School is at 9:00 am
Worship is at 9:30 am



THE GENEROSITY PROJECT, a synod-wide inter-generational workshop exploring God's generosity, is from 9-1:00 p.m. on Sat. Sept. 24th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Designed to bring all ages together to offer their generational gifts, it is for everybody. Grab your kids, your parents, your neighbors, and your grandkids and come for a day of relationship building and creative activities. Contact Pastor Mike to register and for more information.

Ministry Team Reports

Education – Kelly Browning, Chair

Hello Sunday School Families –

I hope everyone had a great summer. We are getting geared up for the Sunday School year. Rally Day is September 11th at 9am. The 2nd graders will receive their Bibles during worship on September 18th.

VBS 2016 was "farm-tastic!" We had 25 children participate in our Vacation Bible School. They learned that Jesus gathers us together! They looked into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explored four Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. We thank all the parents for sharing their children with us, the numerous volunteers that helped with serving dinner, guiding the children around, crafts, singing, and sharing the stories. We couldn't do it without you. Also, we thank the JumpStart ladies for providing our meal on the last day of VBS, we all loved the Grilled Cheese Sandwiches.

God's Blessings to all!
Trinity Sunday School Staff

Youth-Darla Feyereisen, Chair

Thank you to all who donated items to the youth Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast! Thank you to those who volunteered their time to make both events successful!!

GodStock is coming! If you are in 9th-12th grade you are able to attend! It will be held at the Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire, WI. The dates are November 11-13th. Want to know more? Ask Christine Pommerening and Kenzie Collins, they are on the Synod Youth Board and help plan the event!!

Youth Facebook Group is up and running! Please like **Trinity Lutheran Youth, Hammond, WI** to keep updated on youth events and meetings!

Mission & Human Needs – Marti Peterson, Chair

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

There are several opportunities to serve those less fortunate:

Crop Walk: This year's Crop Walk is October 2, 2016. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Marti Peterson or the church office and we will get the information to you.

Backpack: St Croix Central Schools has a wonderful back pack program. Please bring items for the backpacks to Trinity with you on Sunday and we will make sure that the food gets to the schools for families that may not have enough on week-ends. Thank you.

Backpacks: We will also be collecting new and gently used backpacks again as school starts to send to St Croix Central for their supply room.

School Supplies: We will also be collecting supplies for the school supply room. Please deposit notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, Kleenex, markers, highlighters, etc. in the black tote to be taken to the school.

Moola for Milk: September is Moola for Milk month. Listen for the bells and give generously to this program.

Food Shelf: Thank you for your generous giving to our food shelf. Please remember to drop off unexpired food items and paper items in the shopping cart on your way into church.

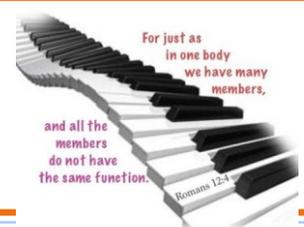
Stewardship – Scott Post, Chair

September 11, 2016

Theme: "Offering Our Time & Talents" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
Building faith through Trinity's education ministries,
Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation, adult ed.
Story teller: Education Chairperson

September 25, 2016

Theme: "Offering our Gifts through Daily Work at our jobs, at home, in our church and community" (Romans 12:4-8)
Story teller: Fellowship Chairperson



Chicken Feed Tickets

Tickets can be purchased at Trinity starting Sunday, September 4th after service and during the week from 9-11am and 3:45-5:45pm Monday-thru Friday!



Have You Heard About THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS?

Since April, 6 Thrivent Action Teams have provided \$1500 in seed money for various Trinity projects - from the Little Red Shovel Meat Raffle to the Pie & Ice Cream Social! This month an action team will provide \$250 for groceries, advertising, and supplies for the Border Battle Chicken Feed. Any Thrivent member can sponsor 2 action teams per year and receive \$250 seed money, up to 25 t-shirts, invitations, thank you's and lots more for each project. Go to thrivent.com for more details.



Fall Supper & Bazaar

Date: Thursday, October 6

Time: 4:00-6:30 pm

Join us for our Hot Turkey over Biscuits, corn, coleslaw, pickles, homemade desserts, coffee and milk.

Check out our craft tables, baked goods, produce & preserves.

Interested in having a craft table, please contact Joan Ramberg @ 715-977-2160.

The cost is \$10.00 to have a table.



Quilting

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Thank you for the donations of fabric and sheets.

The sheets are the backs for the Lutheran world quilts.

The fabric is used for the quilt tops for the graduate quilts & the Lutheran world quilts.

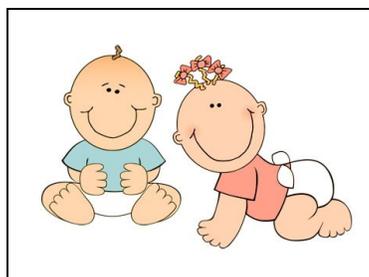
Quilt tying happens on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday @ 9 AM in the quilting room.

September date is the 28th.

No quilting on the 14th!

Everyone is welcome!

Layette items needed



Items needed:

Sleepers, blankets, cloth diapers, sweater or sweatshirts, washcloths, gentle bar soap(4.5oz) and diaper pins.

Each December the layettes are brought to Lutheran World Relief in South St Paul for distribution around the world.

We have some of the above items, but the more we have the more we can make.

Thank you for your help!

Trinity Council

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 25, 2016

Present: Kelly Browning, Rachel McHenry, Deb Henry, Mark Iverson, Darla Feyereisen, Kirk Hodnefield, Marti Peterson, Autumn Afdahl, Pastor Mike, Sarah Pommerening.

Others in attendance: Lois Worbes

Absent: Scott Post, Wanda Johnson, Mark Iverson.

Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike led devotions. We read from "Treasure in clay jars." Pastor Mike read Philippians 2:1-11 and we discussed the following questions, Where do you see God moving in your own congregation? and When fears have arisen, where have you seen God at work? We ended devotions in prayer.

Secretary's Report: The June 6, 2016 Council Minutes were reviewed.

Action: Motion by Deb to approve; Autumn second. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rachel reported the July 31 ending balance is \$1,976.48. \$750 was sent to the Synod for Benevolence to catch up what we were behind. We had some very generous offerings in the past 2 months and all expenses have been paid including things to be reimbursed to Pastor Mike. **Action:** Motion by Marti to approve. Autumn Second. Carried.

Building Fund Report: Rachel reported that we are still sitting about \$5,000 in the savings account, but did not have the report available for the Council to give specifics.

Old Business

Comprehensive Ministry Review Feedback. What to do? Next Steps? Council member were advised to go through the sections pertaining to their area and create an action plan.

Facility Use Form. Darla Feyereisen, Rachel McHenry, Kirk Hodnefield + 1 older & 1 younger congregation member to meet and discuss and bring a proposal to the September Council Meeting.

ELCA issues. Should we follow up? Yes. A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 21st after worship.

Synod Mission Support Report. Pastor Mike reported the report was sent in.

Alcohol Usage Policy. Change current policy? Per Request? Motion by Kirk Hodnefield to put on the Congregation Annual Meeting agenda to discuss with the congregation. Rachel Second. Carried.

Chicken Feed. Darla reported the Chicken Feed will happen on Sunday, Sept. 18th from 10am-2pm. A quarter chicken meal will be \$7 and half chicken will be \$9. The youth will run games outside, weather permitting. Next meeting is August 8 at 7 pm. A Facebook event will be created by Sarah.

Council & Committee Structure. Tabled

Christmas Eve & Day Services-tabled until October

New Business

Building Requests Received. Reviewed. (See Att. A)-

Malawi Famine Relief. Pastor Mike reported Malawi is in their 2nd year of severe drought. Our Synod helps support Malawi and they are in dire need of help.

Inactive List. Tabled. Sarah is very close to giving out a list to Council members to place calls.

Change Church and Sunday School time. Discussion about changing church time later to possibly help increase Sunday School attendance. Motion by Kelly to change Sunday School time to 9:00 am and Church time to 9:30 am, effective Sept. 11th. Darla Second. Carried.

Red envelope Letter. Suggestion from Laurie Skow-Anderson, from the Synod office, to send an extra mile giving letter out to congregation members and see if we can increase giving and gifts of time. Rachel to write rough draft and bring to next Council meeting.

Sound System. Pastor Mike said our Sound System is starting to have some issues. Council decided to table this for now until we Bruce Dilley can look at it.

Youth room. Lois talked about the youth needing a room to be able to hang out after church services and for youth meetings. After many discussions of locations, Lois made a motion to have the Fireside Room be the youth room. Marti Second. Carried.

Other Business: August 7 temple talk will possibly be a person who is part of the Young Adults in Global mission. September 11 will be Kelly Browning, Education Chairperson and September 18 or 25 will be Deb Henry, Fellowship Chairperson. Next Council meeting is September 5th, Labor Day. Motion made by Marti to change the date to Monday, September 12. Kelly Second. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike reported in May, he had 27 visits, no funerals, weddings or baptisms. In June, he had 1 visit and 1 wedding, due to having knee surgery and in July he had 1 baptism and 18 visits. Pastor Mike explained on September 24 from 9am-1pm, there would be another Intergenerational event and on September 25 from 5pm-8pm, there would be an event for leaders who would want to learn how to lead an Intergenerational event. Let Pastor Mike know if you'd like to attend either event.

President's Report: Kirk reported he and Mark talked about the Chicken Feed plans and the event should be well attended.

Committees

Youth: Darla reported 9 youth are going to Valleyfair on Wed. July 27. She is looking for youth to help out at VBS, Annual Garage Sale is coming in August 11-13 and the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday August 13.

Church Properties: No Report.

Mission & Human Needs: Marti reported food is being donated to the food shelves. The Baldwin Food Shelf is looking for Volunteers and 3 church members have volunteered to help out. She is looking for volunteers to walk for the Crop Walk.

Fellowship: Deb reported she received a couple Thank you from the May Day basket deliveries. We are doing card making on August 17th at 5:30pm and Outdoor Worship at 7:00pm. The last outdoor worship in July went well and was fun.

Evangelism: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

WELCA: Autumn introduced Lois Worbes as her replacement. Thank you Autumn for all you have done for WELCA! Pie and Ice Cream Social is Wednesday, July 27.

Worship & Music: No report.

Education: Kelly reported VBS is next week! Dinner at 5:30pm and Activities from 6-7:45pm 12 kids registered so far. Rally Day is September 11

COMMUNION HELPERS

August 7: Marti Peterson

August 21: Kelly Browning

September 4: Kirk Hodnefield

TELLER VOLUNTEERS

August 7: Marti Peterson
August 14:

August 21: Marti Peterson
August 28:

September 4: Marti Peterson
September 11:

Motion to adjourn by Darla, Deb second. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting is Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Trinity

Recorded by: Sarah Pommerening, Church Secretary

Approved by: Darla Feyereisen, Council Secretary

Subject to approval by full Council on July 25, 2016

Library News

CHECK THIS OUT!



Our church library has received recently many wonderful donations.

A huge thank you to all who generously donate their books to our library.

So take a moment to stop in and look at our new books or maybe find a must-read oldie but goodie.

Newsletter Mailing Options



Trinity would like to cut down on paper and postage costs by sending your newsletter via email. Starting this month, those who have specified wanting your newsletter sent via email will be receiving the November Newsletter electronically! This will help Trinity cut down on a lot of cost associated with printing and mailing the newsletters!

Church Office Hours



**Effective September 1st:
Monday thru Friday
9am-11am & 3:45-5:45pm**

Message from Pastor Mike cont.

I'll never forget Sunday school gathering in an "amorphous polyglot" to pray the Lord's Prayer, VBS students throwing candy during the parade, LPBC skits, dancing to Go Fish, and singing "I Just Want to Be a Sheep" in church.

I am not even halfway through the photo album of faith here at Trinity. Space won't permit me to write about the Little Red Shovel or Stewardship retreats or Bible camp or Godstock or pot-lucks or eagle scout projects or chili cook offs or 1st Communion or 1st Tuesdays or graduation quilts or Orville Owens scholarships or weddings and funerals and baptisms, or St. Nick Sunday or Faith Story Sunday or a million other ways you have done God's work with your hands and feet and voices here.

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." - Philipians 1:6

Thank you for the chance to serve with you these last 13 years. It has been an honor, a joy, and a privilege. And wherever I go, I promise I will tell stories about you and your faithful witness - all true of course, with maybe just a little bit of embellishment:-)

Your Co-Worker in Christ,
~Pastor Mike



****Raffles****

Mossberg 500 12 gauge Combo shotgun

50" Television, & Meat Raffle

Silent Auction items

Green Bay Packer signed football

Mantle Cell Lymphoma

Cancer Benefit

For

Nancy Thoen

Roger Lindquist's Sister

Join Us!

Baldwin American Legion

East Maple Street

September 18, 2016

Chicken dinner 2p.m. - 6p.m. (\$15 for adults, kids \$10)



Dancing with Boondoggle from 6 to 8 p.m.

Legion Bar will be OPEN

Free Kid Games!

Magnum P.I. Selfie Station







Donations may be made directly to Nancy Thoen Benefit via any WESTconsin Credit Union location

Steps in the Pastoral Process

Rev. John Sutherland met with the Church Council on Thursday, August 25th. He explained the process of how what we will need to do to receive a new Pastor. Here are those steps:

1. August 25, 2016, meet with Pastor Briggs and the Church Council
2. Very soon after August 25, 2016, another council meeting with the proposed bridge pastor, and hopefully the proposed interim pastor as well.
3. Trinity will have a bridge pastor until late November.
4. The interim work and pastor will begin in November...the goal is to have the name of your new pastor by or in May of 2017.
5. Interim and Bridge pastors receive the same salary package as the outgoing pastor, though, often medical is waived by retired individuals.
6. I will explain the detailed process of calling a new pastor at the next meeting.
7. Please do not rush to form a call committee yet.
8. Please do consider as a council securing Holy Cow consulting to work with Trinity. The cost is \$1200, but will pay for itself in securing the right pastoral fit and mode of operation for ministry.
9. It is also time to envision what God has in mind for Trinity, it may be time to team up with other congregations.
10. Below is a brief outline of the call process that will be explained in better detail at the next meeting.
 - a. Pastor resigns
 - b. Exit interview
 - c. Congregational farewell
 - d. Concurrence interview ASAP with bridge and interim
 - e. Synod Council calls or Bishop appoints the bridge or interim
 - f. Interim and council appoint a Transition Task Force. (TFF)
 - g. TFF forms the ministry site profile (MSP)
 - h. Congregation approves the MSP, and the call committee if formed and orientated by me (John Sutherland)
 - i. I present candidates to the call committee
 - j. Call committee makes a recommendation to the council.
 - k. Council works on contract, and calls for a congregational voting meeting
 - l. Vote is done by paper ballot
 - m. Call is extended.

Please be aware that there is a profound shortage of pastors. It may take much longer than the May 2017 goal. There are very few 'young' pastors as well. Most seminarians are second career, most pastors seeking calls have 25 years or more experience and thus come with a large salary package. The work that Trinity does in the interim, and how they present themselves on the MSP will make a huge difference.

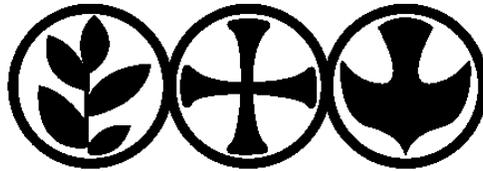
Thanks and God Bless,

Rev. John Sutherland
Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

If you have questions, please feel free to ask a Church Council member, if they are unable to answer your question they will get your question answered and contact you!

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Join us Sundays:

9:00 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

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