

THE TRINITY HERALD

notes and news from

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Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world.

Guard Your Heart!

He just finished his twelve-mile bike ride, and he was pumped. The lousy, rainy weather of the past two weeks had finally passed—two weeks while his bike grew cob webs in the garage. But on this ride, something didn't feel right. He discovered his problem when he took his pulse. His heart rate had jumped to 225 beats/minute! What? This could be fatal! Who would have guessed that the condition of the heart muscle could slip so quickly?

The condition of one's heart makes a big difference, but not just physically. In the Scriptures, and in our everyday vernacular, the heart is also called the seat of our emotions. I pray the following little story will help illustrate.

One day you come home and see your daughter's bike smack dab in front of the garage door. You get out of the car, put the bike away, and then park the car in the garage. You go in the house, kiss your wife, and hug your daughter. Everything is fine.

The next day, you lose a client at work. Your boss chews you out. Instead of a promotion and a raise, you're wondering if you will be let go. You come home, and there is your daughter's bike smack dab in front of the garage door. This time you charge out of your car into the house! You yell at your wife for not making the kids pick up their things! You shove your daughter towards the garage to pick up her "stupid" bike! In just a few moments, you have reduced everyone to tears. Have your wife and daughter changed since the day before? **No. You have.**

If only we could keep it together emotionally day after day! But keeping our hearts emotionally fit is even harder than keeping them physically fit. It's more important, too. But how can we possibly control our emotions? Aren't they what control us? No! Absolutely not! That's not what our Lord wants for us. In Psalm 73:26 we read: *"My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever."* (EHV) God is the one who enables us to keep it together emotionally, especially when our life is hit by tragedy.

But how? Just as our heart muscle will deteriorate without exercise, so also time away from God's Word can leave us emotional wrecks. That's why the Lord has urged us, *"My son, pay attention to my words. Open your ears to what I say. Do not let them escape from your sight. Keep them deep in your heart, because they are life for those who find them and healing for the entire body. Above all else, guard your heart carefully, because your life flows from it."* (Proverbs 4:20-23 EHV. See Also Deuteronomy 11:18-21)

Are you listening closely to God's Words? Are you reading and studying them—whether by using a copy of the Meditations or an online devotion? Do you yearn to hear God's Word regularly in worship? In other words, are you guarding your heart, or have you allowed God's Word to slowly slip out of your sight? Do you find yourself always anxious? Cranky? Short-fused? Worried? Depressed? Then remember that God's Word is *"life."* It gives *"healing for the entire body."* His Word can help calm, even control our emotions, as it points us back to Christ and ahead to our Heavenly Homes.

Privileged to serve,

Rev. Glenn Schwanke

PRAYERS

Please remember the following members and friends of Trinity in your prayers and your words of encouragement to them:

Helen Anderson
Carolyn Johnson
Nancy Kremsreiter
Jan Krueger
Laura Lee
Sheila Lemke
Harvey Sadler
Peggy Schuenemann
Brandon Trapp
Brett Wieting
The Lorna Woller Family

If you would like to be included on this prayer list in future newsletters please contact the church office.



OTHER AREA SERVICES

Zion, Rhinelander
Services on WCYE 93.7 FM
at 9:00 am

Christ, Eagle River
Services on WERL 950 AM
at 10:00 am

Time of Grace—Sundays
WSAW Wausau 6:30 am
FYI Network 6:30 am
Cowboy Channel 8:00 am
American Forces Network
10:00 am

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Sundays at 9:00 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm

Online on our YouTube channel, [@trinityminocqua](https://www.youtube.com/@trinityminocqua).



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, your delight is to manifest yourself to us as the divine Giver of all good things for this life and for that which is to come. You have given us life and breath and all things needed to sustain that life in body and soul. You did not even spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. Grant that we may understand ever more deeply the wonders of your love. Kindle in us an increasing love for you and a growing joy in your forgiveness, that we may grow ever more generous in the gifts we return to you. Help us to be more and more like our Lord Jesus, who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor that we through his poverty might become rich. Remind us of the multitudes who still do not know you, and lead us to be ever more generous in our offerings that the gospel may be taken to the far corners of the earth. In the Savior's name we ask this. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

Texts and themes for upcoming worship:

- August 6/7 = Matthew 14:13-21 "It's a Prosperous (Not Prosperity) Gospel"
- August 13/14 = Matthew 14:22-33 "Walk On Water"
- August 20/21 = Mark 7:24-31 "Jesus Never Gives Us Crumbs!"
- August 27/28 = Matthew 16:13-20 "There Is Only One Rock On Which To Build Your Life!"
- September 3/4 = Matthew 16:21-26 "Beyond the Moment Toward Eternity"

Sunday, August 13th will be a special day of worship and celebration!

- Our three new teachers (Mrs. Wendi Bennett, PreK; Mrs. Kim Brace, K-1; and Mr. Sheldon Habben, 7-8) will be installed during worship.
- Following worship, we'll honor Mr. John Kunkel. He is retiring after 16 years of teaching robotics and all things computers to Trinity Lutheran School children.
- Finally, a church picnic will be held on our property. Smoked meat and corn on the cob will be provided. Look for a sign-up to bring side dishes and desserts. Expect games for kids and a great day of welcoming our new staff and fellowship for all. *If you have outdoor pop-up canopy tents and chairs, please bring!*



BIBLE STUDY NOTES

- **Wednesday "Lunch Break" Bible study** (12:15 p.m.) will continue all summer long. We're digging into a thorough in-depth study of the book of Hebrews. At the beginning of August, we're in the vicinity of chapter 9.
- **Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School)** will resume on September 10th. Adult class will study the book of Exodus under the theme, "Deliver Us!"
- **Pastor's "Wednesday Encouragement" blog**, continues to be found on Trinity's Facebook page and on our church website. Pastors Luchterhand and Schwanke take turns writing this weekly devotion. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- **The return of Summer Bible Blitz at Trinity** was a success. Approximately 45-50 people enjoyed Professor Keith Wessel's (professor of Latin & Greek at Martin Luther College) presentation on "God's Message from the Middle: The Tent, The Temple, The Testaments."



- **School News:** Teachers and staff are hard at work preparing for Trinity's 48th year of providing Christian education through our school. Registration night is set for Tuesday, August 8th, from 4 – 8 p.m. The first day of school is Monday, August 28th, with Opening Worship service set for 8:30 a.m.
- **Mission Display** – Be sure to check out the Mission Display in the fellowship hall. It will be in place through Sunday, August 6th. Learn more about the mission work in which our congregation and church body are privileged to participate. A freewill offering is also being taken for LWMS.
- **Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We're putting content on the page several days each week. The Wednesday blog post can be accessed in three ways (church website, Facebook, email from church office). You can follow our "Where's Marty?" campaign on Facebook and on Instagram at... trinitylutheranminocqua.

**MISSIONS
MONTH**



On Sunday, August 13, Mrs. Wendi Bennett, Mrs. Kim Brace, and Mr. Sheldon Habben will be installed at Trinity.

As a way to welcome them as part of our teaching staff, and welcome Kim and Sheldon as new members of our Trinity family, we will have a Card Shower for them.

On August 13, look for baskets where you can place cards for them.

Church Picnic Sunday, August 13

**Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall
to let us know you're joining us!**



Please bring a dessert
or salad to share
at the picnic.

Meat, buns, corn on the
cob, and drinks will be
supplied by church.

Can't wait to see you there!!

It's August and that means it's almost time for a new school year! Trinity Lutheran School will begin our 48th year on Monday, August 28. We will have an opening service at 8:30 am that day. You are welcome to join the students for that special service.



Our new teachers will be installed on Sunday, August 13. We are excited to welcome Wendi Bennett (PreK), Kim Brace (K-1), and Sheldon Habben (7-8) to our staff.

If you are, or know of someone interested in what Trinity Lutheran School has to offer, please contact the school office at 715-356-2255. We'd be happy to have you talk a teacher or give you a tour of the school. If you'd like, please stop by on August 8 from 4:00-8:00 pm to visit on Registration Night.

Please continue to keep Trinity School in your prayers. This is **YOUR SCHOOL**. Please feel free to participate in any of the activities at Trinity.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, August 8

Registration Night 4:00-8:00 pm

Monday, August 28

First Day of School
Opening Service 8:30 am

Midweek Chapel

Will continue to be held on
Wednesday mornings during the
school year.

Midweek Chapel: Our midweek chapel services are held on Wednesdays at 8:15 am during the school year, with the first one to be held on September 6. You are welcome to join the students for chapel each week.

Trinity Lutheran Church

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 2 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	3	4	5
6 Worship (HC) 9:00 am	7 Worship (HC) 6:30 pm	8 Trinity School Registration Night 4: 00—8:00 pm	9 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	10	11	12
13 Worship & Installation of New Teachers 9:00 am Church Picnic following worship	14 Elders Meeting 4:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm	15 School Board 5:30 pm Church Council 6:30 pm	16 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	17	18	19
20 Worship (HC) 9:00 am	21 Worship (HC) 6:30 pm	22	23 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	24	25	26
27 Worship 9:00 am	28 First Day of School at Trinity—Opening Service 8:30 am Worship 6:30 pm	29	30 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	31		

