

THE TRINITY HERALD

notes and news from

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

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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.



About the 4th...

If you are expecting to read here about flags, fun, fireworks, family, and frolicking on the 4th you will be disappointed. You may want to stop and move on to something “lighter” than the words that follow...

As America celebrates birthday #247 this month, our nation may not yet be as depraved and degenerate as first century Rome, but we’re headed there in a hurry. Talk about a toxic environment for faith, with increasing persecution and ridicule. Paul wrote this when speaking of the Roman culture of his day and the many who gave mere lip service to the Christian faith, **“Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.”** (Philippians 3:18,19)

Their glory is in their shame. People glory/boast/rejoice in shameful things. They did back then. They do now. I’m not speaking only about the “rainbowing” of America. How shameful, by the way, to take one of God’s great natural symbols, the rainbow – a promise of God’s protection, and use it for something directly opposed to the truth of God’s Word.

There is increasing incivility on every side of the aisle. There is wholehearted acceptance of a lack of character as long as we can win at politics; whatever it takes. Everyone’s demanding rights, but no one wants to take responsibility. Toward the end of Romans 1, Paul mentions about two dozen different sins, all across the spectrum of the Ten Commandments, and says, **“Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death—they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”** (Romans 1:32)

There’s been a lot of that in America for a long time: applauding sin, glorying in the shame of sin, rebelling against God and his Word with a collective middle finger, as well as shaming those who hold to what God says.

So what is God doing right now? Is he cowering in a corner somewhere saying, “Oh, no. I’m losing North America! What am I going to do?” Quite the opposite – he continues to rule and guide all things for his gracious purposes. And he encourages his people/us with his Word and promises like these:

“This is love...God loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:10) **“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”** (1 John 3:16) **“Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends.”** (John 15:13)

Life for the Christian isn’t about “rights” or “freedom” to do whatever I want to do (at least until I get caught). It’s about love. Love shown to us by God’s grace in Christ. Love shown through us to those around us.

May your 4th be truly blessed! Enjoy God’s blessings, praise him for them, and be sure to share the greatest gift: God’s love in Christ. And may God continue to pour his undeserved grace and blessing upon our nation.

In Christ’s love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Luchterhand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

PRAYERS

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

Helen Anderson
Family of Bill Dicken
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, it is indeed an honor to be allowed to serve you. As your servants we are quite aware of our shortcomings and inabilities, and we humbly pray that you would fill us with a greater measure of your Spirit. In all our endeavors may we seek only the honor of your holy name, and the welfare of those who need the sharing of our love. Let no task be considered too small for our devotion, and grant that our courage may not falter when we face those larger opportunities which can be laid hold of only by fervent prayer. Remind us that with you nothing is impossible, and that without you nothing is worthwhile. Let our good deeds be symbols of gratitude for what you have done for us, and grant that when our work is finished we may all stand in your presence to enjoy you in your glory. In the Savior's name we ask this. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

- July 2/3 = Exodus 32:15-29 "Who Is On the Lord's Side?"
- July 9/10 = Matthew 11:28-30 "Meet Jesus, Your Best Friend!"
- July 16/17 = Isaiah 55:6-11 "Quench Your Spiritual Thirst"
- July 23/24 = Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 "Unorthodox Lessons in (Spiritual) Weed Management"
- July 30/31 = 1 Kings 3:5-12 "Choose Wisely"

A look ahead to Sunday, August 13th – Our three new teachers will be installed on that day. After worship, we're planning our annual Church Picnic. Be alert for details and be ready to participate and celebrate!

Worship Online: Sunday worship is recorded and posted online at our church website. You can also find the worship folder and a printed copy of the sermon there. Printed copies of each week's sermon can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Find us on *YouTube*® by searching the handle *@trinityminocqua*. Please subscribe and share! **We're streaming our Sunday services live!** Spread the word!

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.
- **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.
- **Bible Blitz is returning July 18-20th!** Professor Keith Wessel (professor of Latin & Greek at Martin Luther College) will present: "**God's Message from the Middle: The Tent, The Temple, The Testaments.**" He will use Bible history and Jewish worship practices to tie both Old and New Testament together for our understanding. You can sign up in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend. This will help us prepare enough materials.

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- **School Divine Call News:** “The LORD will provide.” (“Jehovah Jireh,” in Hebrew; Genesis 22:14) That’s the name Abraham gave to the mountain on which the Lord provided a ram for the sacrifice instead of his son Isaac. The Lord continues to provide for Trinity Lutheran School! By the end of May, we were fully staffed! Mrs. Kim Brace accepted the Divine Call to fill our K-1 classroom. May the Lord of the church carry out his gracious will as he continues to guide our church and school family.
- **“Interim Principal”** – It is my privilege to serve in this role during the upcoming school year. Trinity Lutheran School is blessed with a dedicated and experienced faculty and staff, which makes this responsibility even more of a joy! We’ve already had discussions about various aspects of school administration and organization in order to prepare for a smooth beginning in August. Lines of communication and accountability are in place. Simply put: we look forward to Trinity Lutheran School’s 48th year of service!
- **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.

Even though summer is here and there are no students, the school is busy! Some of the teachers have been painting classrooms, others are putting classrooms together, and lots of planning and ordering is being done.

We have also met as a faculty. We have all met the new teachers and are excited to get more preparations done for our 48th year at Trinity Lutheran School!

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.

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. Last year, the children collected their chapel offerings and sent over \$1,200 to the Ukrainian Lutheran Church.



SUMMER BIBLE BLITZ
 July 18-20 6:30-8:30 pm

Prof. Keith Wessel, from Martin Luther College, will present:

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 The Tent, The Temple,
 The Testaments**

Prof. Wessel will use Bible history and Jewish worship practices to tie both the Old and New Testament together for our understanding.

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July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship (HC) 9:00 am	3 Worship (HC) 6:30 pm	4	5 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:00 am	10 Worship 6:30 pm	11	12 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	13	14	15
16 Worship (HC) 9:00 am	17 Worship (HC) 6:30 pm	18 Gregg Leidel Funeral 12 noon Summer Bible Blitz 6:30-8:30 pm	19 Summer Bible Blitz 6:30-8:30 pm	20 Summer Bible Blitz 6:30-8:30 pm	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 am	24 Worship 6:30 pm	25	26 Lunch Break Bible Class 12:15 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship (HC) 9:00 am	31 Worship (HC) 6:30 pm					