



THE TRINITY HERALD

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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.

Keep It Simple

Martin Luther didn't want to start a new church. He definitely did not want a new church named after himself: *"The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone...How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?"*

But it happened. And the Lutheran church remains to this day. For good reason. Luther kept things simple. His focus was laser-like on one entity: Christ

Christ alone saves. Add anything to Christ, and you end up without Christ. This simple, powerful, saving message had been all but lost at Luther's time. Christianity was anything but Christ-centered. The church of Martin Luther's day proclaimed Christ, but the message was Christ plus something. Christ plus indulgences. Christ plus works. Christ plus penance. Christ plus piety. Christ plus prayer. But to add anything at all to Christ is to end up with nothing at all. Christ plus something = nothing.

Christ plus something equals nothing at all, because, if the way to heaven is Christ plus something, then the law is a part of salvation. But I can't keep God's law. No one can. ***"No one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin."*** (Romans 3:20) In fact, the more we try to be right with God, the more we give him our efforts, the further we are lost.

Luther knew the feeling. He lived it the first half of his life. He anguished over the fact that he could not do enough (really, anything!) to be right with God. Sin and guilt stood in the way for him and for us; an impenetrable, immovable, unclimbable barrier. But then, Luther discovered this, ***"But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe."*** (Romans 3:21,22)

The righteousness that saves does not come from us. It is not found in the world. It comes from God. It's a gift from God through faith, as it is found only in Christ.

Luther: *"There are some ministers who imagine that they cannot be preachers unless they teach more than Christ and above the level of our preaching. These are the ambitious eccentrics, who forsake our simplicity and rush on with their peculiar wisdom, so that people cast admiring glances at them and exclaim: What a preacher! They should be sent to Athens, where people desired to hear something new every day. They seek their own honor, not Christ's; therefore they will also end in shame. Beware of them and stay with Paul, who desired to know nothing save Christ and him crucified."*

Keep it simple. Keep the focus on Christ. Is this true of Lutherans today? Of Christianity at large? Or has the faith again become cluttered and complicated, clouding the Christ? Do you have simple, childlike faith? Is this enough?

Simple isn't silly. It's sacred. Seek simple. Cling to Christ...alone.

Grateful with you for "Christ alone,"
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
Carolyn Johnson
Nancy Kreamsreiter
Jan Krueger
Laura Lee
Sheila Lemke
Harvey Sadler
Peggy Schuenemann
Collette Skon
Brandon Trapp
Family of Jim Trapp

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](#).



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Gracious Heavenly Father, you are a God of power and order, endowing us with talents and energies and crowning them with success even when we do not use them faithfully. You continually preserve the earth and its fullness for our use. Teach us to remember you as our Creator, to glorify you with our reasonable service, and to honor you with our first fruits. May we also remember that you sent your Son to make us your own through his most precious blood. Bless the gathering of offerings in our congregation and help each of us as individuals to be good stewards, knowing that we will someday be asked to give an account of our stewardship. Motivate us to respond generously to your blessings, to preach, teach, reach out, live and give for you. You proved your love for us. Help us to show our love for you. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

Coming in November – “The Time In Between,” encouragement for living in the end times:

- November 5/6 = Revelation 7:9-17 “The Lamb Is Our Shepherd”
- November 12/13 = 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 “Are You Well Informed?”
- November 19/20 = Matthew 25:14-30 “Sedentary or Serving?”
- November 26/27 = **(Last Sunday of the Church Year)** Daniel 7:9-14 “Our Lord Jesus Is Always In Charge!”

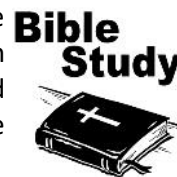


Thanksgiving Eve worship will take place on Wednesday, November 22, at 4:00 p.m. Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Theme: *Thanks for Nothing!*

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!**

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

- **Wednesday “Lunch Break” Bible study** (12:15 p.m.) We ended the month with **“Back to Wittenberg,”** a study of the Lutheran Confessions with a “you are there!” sense of immediacy and relevance. As of this writing (early October), we may likely continue this topic.
- **Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School)** take place after worship. Adult class (for 5th grade on up) 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.



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- **High School Teen Group** – Next gathering will take place on Wednesday, November 1st. We're participating in an Escape Room Experience in downtown Minocqua. December meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th.
- **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.
- **Both teachers and pastors had an opportunity to attend conferences near the end of October.** The WELS Wisconsin State Teachers' Conference was held in Milwaukee. Pastors attended a "Grow in Grace" conference in Appleton. Several Seminary professors "schooled" pastors both older and younger and in-between through classes relevant to pastoral ministry. Pastor Luchterhand took the course, "Teach Them to Your Children: Helping Parents Fulfil Their Spiritual Responsibility."
- **Got gifts?** I've got a gift in mind that you could offer to someone who would appreciate "A Humorous look at Life in the Parish." That's the tagline for a book written by my father, retired Pastor Lyle Luchterhand. It's entitled, *Meet Pastor Goodenough*, and explores church life from the perspective of young Lutheran Pastor Willie B. Goodenough. I've got copies in my office (\$13 each). Let me know if you're interested!



Care Connection Ministry



Trinity's Care Connection Ministry assists our members and their families facing illness or other hardships connect to services within our church and community.

- assessment visits with members & families
- training volunteers
- respite for caregivers
- rides to appointments, church or other needs
- supportive phone calls
- grocery shopping, preparing & delivering meals

If you would like to learn how Trinity's CCM might be able to assist you, please contact Pastor Luchterhand. This ministry will respect your privacy and will not seek compensation for services.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry of please contact the church office at 715-356-2255 or Pastor Luchterhand.

Trinity's volleyball team ended their season in mid-October with a player/parent scrimmage and party. Congratulations to our students and coaches on a great season! Basketball will begin sometime in the new year.

November brings Parent/Teachers Conferences early in the month. The students sing for worship on November 12th and Thanksgiving break is the 20th—24th. Before you know it, the students will be learning their recitation and songs for the Children's Christmas service in December.

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 talk to you and 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

Friday, November 3

Trinity Seedlings 8:30-9:30 am

Sunday, November 12

PreK-8th Grade Sing for Worship
9:00 am

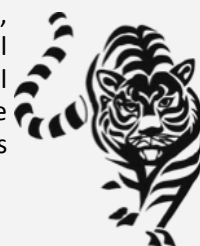
Monday— Friday, November 20-24

No School—Thanksgiving Break

Midweek Chapel

November 1, 8, 15, 29

Midweek Chapel: Our midweek chapel services are held on Wednesdays at 8:15 am during the school year. You are welcome to join the students for chapel each week. This year, the students will give their chapel offerings to the WELS Campus Ministry.





I will give
thanks to
the LORD
according
to His
righteousness.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
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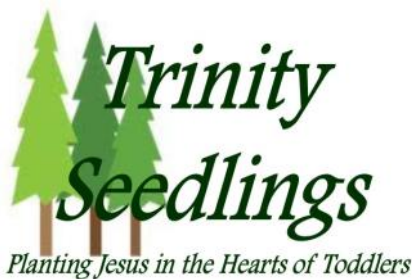


Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 3, 2023

*All ladies are welcome to join us
for Advent by Candlelight.*

Attendance sign-up sheets can
be found on the table in the
fellowship hall.

If you'd be interested in hosting a
table, please sign up on the sheet
found in the fellowship hall.



Upcoming
meetings:
November 3 &
December 1

For children ages 1-3

- * First Friday each month during the school year
- * 8:30-9:30 am in the school library

There is no cost to attend. Children must be
accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

If you know someone who might be interested in
Trinity Seedlings, please have them contact the church
office at 715-356-2255 or Sue Ziebart.