

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.

Though Devils All The World Should Fill!

It's October. That means Hollywood will be rolling out a new crop of Halloween horror movies. **"Friday the 13th: Part 317."** **"A Nightmare on Elm-Street: The final, final, final chapter-we really mean it this time!"** Freddie Krueger and Michael Myers will lurk in the shadows. Young teens will walk into pitch-black rooms, yet no one will ever turn on a light. There will be violence and gore. It's creepy stuff—a movie formula that I can live without. I don't want to be spooked by every shadow in a dark room or hallway.

Yet some Halloween movies are even worse. **"The Omen."** **"The Exorcist."** **"Poltergeist."** **"Hellraiser."** **"The Last Voyage of the Demeter."** I find zero entertainment value in a film about the devil or his demons. Why? Because I know the devil and his demons are real. God's Word warns me the devil is a *"roaring lion seeking whom he may devour."* (1 Peter 5:8) So how can I find the antics of the Prince of this World entertaining? I know that nothing but hate drives him, and the only purpose of his miserable existence is to drag me down with him into hell!

I want nothing to do with Satan. I pray you feel the same. Yet, as dangerous as the devil may be, we need not cower in fear under our beds because of him. Dr. Martin Luther knew that. When he wrote his famous Reformation hymn, **"A Mighty Fortress is our God,"** Luther penned these lines. *"Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will. He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done! One little word can fell him."* (CW, 863:3)



Where were the devils in Luther's Day? Sadly, plenty of devils could be found hiding in the Church itself. There were those who taught that forgiveness of sins could be bought with pieces of paper called indulgences. Those who substituted the rules of man for the life-giving words of God. (Mark 7:7-9) Those who dared to curse with an *"Anathema"* anyone who taught salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus alone.

In our day, there are also plenty of devils inside the Church. They are present whenever so-called Biblical scholars lecture us that the Bible isn't the inerrant, infallible, inspired word of God. Essentially, such teachers are mimicking the devil's age-old lie. *"Did God really say?"* (Gen. 3:1)

There are also plenty of devils outside the church. We are reminded of that tragic fact with every mass shooting, every terrorist bombing, and every secular attack on historic Christian values. But this need not cause us to shake like a leaf every time we turn off the lights. For we still have our fortress, our shield, and our weapon! We still have that one **Word** that can send the devil running.

Jesus.

On Him and Him alone, we stand.

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
Collette Skon
Brandon 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 Father, you have given us the blessing of many gifts, many talents, and much treasure. Help all of us in our congregation to use all that we have in your service. Help us to pool the resources of our health and wealth, our affluence and influence for the good of the church and the welfare of many according to your will and for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

Coming in October: "What Does This Mean?" It's the familiar iconic Lutheran question made famous in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. It's the Lutheran diagnostic question for any and every situation: What does this mean? During the month of Reformation, we'll examine key Biblical truths that received new and proper focus during Luther's Reformation: Obedience, Salvation, Faith, Grace, and God's Word.

- October 1/2 = Matthew 21:28-32 "What Does This Mean? Obedience"
- October 8/9 = Romans 9:6-16 "What Does This Mean? Salvation"
- October 15/16 = Romans 1:16-17 "What Does This Mean? Faith Alone"
- October 22/23 = Romans 3:1-28 "What Does This Mean? Grace"
- October 29/30 (**Reformation**) = 2 Timothy 4:9-18 "What Does This Mean? The Word"



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 pm) We're nearing the end of our in-depth exploration of the book of Hebrews. On the horizon: a study with a Reformation emphasis.
- **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.



SINGING GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN:

Men's Hymn Sing: Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, with the exception of November (the second Thursday).

Festival Choir: Is for all mixed voices and meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

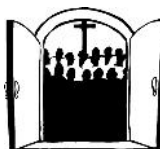
Select Groups: Smaller groups of people for singing occasionally.

Soloists or Cantors: Usually introducing new hymns or Psalms.

If you have any questions or are interested in singing in any of these groups, show up for rehearsals or contact Don Helwig at dehelwig@gmail.com.



- **High School Teen Group** will meet NOT meet in October. We met twice in September due to a number of conflicts. Next gathering will take place on Wednesday, November 1st.
- **Volunteer Hours Opportunity for Teens:** Volunteers to help babysit at the Wednesday, October 18 fall speaker event. Dinner provided (5:45 pm), babysitting will start around 6:15 pm and last an hour. Contact Matt Kock, or teens can reach out to Lauren and/or Davis Kock.
- **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.
- **Outreach Committee:** We're looking for a small group of volunteers to serve on Trinity's Outreach Committee. At this time, the committee consists of Jake Smith (Outreach Chairman) and Pastor Luchterhand. We're looking to expand the work that Trinity carries out in regard to evangelism and to seize opportunities to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus. Interested? Please speak with Jake or Pastor L. soon.
- **A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th at 10:30 am** (in place of Bible class). It is the goal of our school faculty, school board, and church council to have a plan in place for the 2024-2025 school year. Our plans are certainly subject to change, but since the calling window for teachers opens up in mid-October, we hope to be ready to seek God's continued blessing upon our school. We're working through current and projected enrollment, current staff strengths and needs, and the fact that we have three one-year calls in place. Keep our school in your prayers!



Care Connection Ministry



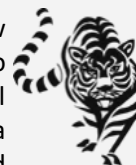
Trinity's Care Connection Ministry assists our members and their families facing illness or other hardships connect to services within our church and community.

- 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.

Five weeks. That's how long we've been into our 48th year of school at Trinity. We've had a great year so far and look forward to the blessings God has in store for us.



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

Monday, October 2

No School—Pastor/Teacher Conf.

Friday, October 6

Trinity Seedlings 8:30-9:30 am

Thursday, September 7

Away Volleyball at St. Peter, Schofield 5:30 pm

Wednesday, October 11

Vision Testing

Thursday, October 12

Home Volleyball vs. Zion, Rhinelander 4:30 pm

Saturday, October 14

Volleyball Tournament at Northland Lutheran High School

Monday, October 16

School Picture Day

Thursday & Friday, October 26-27

No School—WELS State Teacher Convention

Midweek Chapel

October 4, 11, 18, 25

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.

Make plans to join
us for

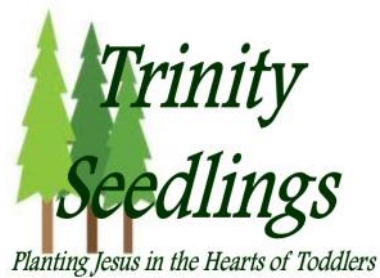
Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight
will be held on Sunday,
December 3.



Sign up sheets are available
on the table in the fellowship hall
if you would like to host a table.

Sign up sheets for attendance will be
available later in October.



For children ages 1-3

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

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

Upcoming meetings:
October 6 & November 3

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.

Trinity Lutheran School is hosting a
Fall Speaker Event
Wednesday, October 18

Speaker:
Mr. Bill Woodington

Presentation Topic:
Whatever is True:
A Christian View of Anxiety

Location:
Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Schedule for the evening:

5:15 pm Welcome & Registration
5:30 pm Devotion
5:45 pm Dinner
6:15 pm Presentation
7:00 pm Conclusion of Event

Childcare to be provided at no cost during presentation

All families associated with Trinity Lutheran School and member of Trinity Lutheran Church are welcome & encouraged to attend!

Registration forms for the event can be found on the table in the fellowship hall.

Fish Fry outing on
Friday, October 20

Norwood Pines
Supper Club

Two Seatings:
5:30 & 7:00 pm



This is for adults only.
Each person/couple will be responsible
for their own tab.

RSVP to Matt Kock (715-892-3712)
or the church office by Thursday, October 19
with your desired seating time
and how many will attend.

Join us for fun and fellowship!