

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
9858 North Street
Reese, Michigan 48757



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7th & 8th Grade: Sherry Urbanczyk
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The Trinity Tidings

The monthly newsletter of
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Pastor Daniel Burhop
Principal Levi Bringold

From the Pastor:

Tidings for October 2017

“What is truth?” That is a question we often ask ourselves. We live in a world that does not want to accept the concept or notion of an absolute truth. We constantly hear the post-modern refrain, “What is true for you is not necessarily true for me.” Perhaps Pilot was an early predecessor of the current times when he posed the question to Christ, “What is truth?” Jesus had just told him, “For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose, I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Although he did not answer Pilot’s question, Jesus did often talk about truth throughout his ministry. Our Gospel reading for this Reformation Sunday is one of those times. Jesus says, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” The Reformation was about truth. It was about the truths that are contained in Holy Scripture. It is about the truths that Christ has told us.

One of the truths that Christ tells us is that we are slaves to sin, and that is not an easy truth to take. We like to believe that we are capable of anything and that nothing can stop us from doing what we want to do. We want to believe that we can work our own righteousness and that we can be good, God-fearing Christians based on our own work and merit. The truth however, is that sin keeps all of us in bondage.

The Jews to whom Jesus was talking in today’s text did not want to believe that truth. When Jesus told them that the truth would set them free, they answered Jesus, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” Then Jesus told them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.”

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OFFICE HOURS (school)
7:30 am—3:30 pm (Mrs. Britton)
OFFICE HOURS (Church)
M-T 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
(Mrs. Mossner)

We all know that we are sinners. Even the good works that we think we do are tainted with sin. If we take a step back and look at our lives, we see how much sin corrupts them. We see what selfish lives we lead. While we want to do good things, we can all say along with St. Paul, “I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”

Luther’s Small Catechism begins with the Ten Commandments. The reason that he began the Catechism this way was to teach us that we are indeed sinful and cannot live up to God’s demands. We can’t even go as far as the First Commandment without failing. “You shall have no other gods.” “*What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” We are all guilty of breaking this commandment. Luther said that wherever we put our trust becomes our god. Do we always put all of our trust in the One True God or do we put our trust into other things, such as money, the government, or even our family? We all fall short of keeping God’s commands, and not just a little short. We are all slaves to sin, whether we want to be or not.

While we are slaves to sin, we also have been set free from that slavery. However, we are not set free by our own doing. Jesus tells those believing Jews in today’s text that the truth will set them free. He tells them, “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” That Truth which sets us free is the one who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Jesus Christ.

As I said before, there is a reason that Luther begins the catechism with the Ten Commandments. They show us that we are indeed sinful and that we cannot live up to what God demands, but there is also a reason why the 2nd of the six chief parts of the Catechism is “The Creed.” After realizing our sinful state, we are told of how we have been delivered from the state of sin. Luther’s explanation to the 2nd Article of the Creed reads: “I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.”

Jesus is the Truth that sets you free. Jesus came and placed Himself under the Law that you cannot keep. He kept that Law perfectly, and sin had no hold on Him. Even though sin had no hold on him, He took all of your sins upon His own innocent shoulders and was crucified for you. With His death and His resurrection, He conquered those things which had a hold on us. He conquered sin. He conquered death. He has purchased and won us from the power of sin, death, and the power of the devil.

Jesus Christ died for the forgiveness of all of our sins. How do we obtain that forgiveness? We obtain it by simply listening to His Word. In today’s Gospel Jesus tells those Jews that were around Him and He tells us, ““If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” It is the Word of God that brings us to faith. It is by grace that we are saved through that faith.

Going back once again to the Small Catechism, Luther writes in his explanation to the third article of the Creed: “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way, He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.”

It is by the Holy Spirit coming to us in God’s Word, in our Baptism, and in the Lord’s Supper, that we remain in Christ, and that we are set free. It is the Truth, Jesus Christ, which sets us free from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil. It is that Truth, which keeps us in the one true faith: Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who came to take away the sin of the world.

We do have an absolute truth and that truth is Jesus Christ. That truth is the message of our salvation through Christ’s death. That truth is what is spoken to us through Holy Scripture. We have Christ’s true promise; that if we abide in His Word, we will know the Truth, and the Truth will set us free. Amen.

Board of Elders			
For			September
Deaths:	0	Transfer Out:	0
Baptisms:	1	Confirmation:	0
Releases:	0	Affirmation of Faith:	0
Transfer in:	0		
Membership as of 6-30-2017: Baptized 1042 Communicant 850 Associate 13			

1 Barb & Bill Frost	2 Emily & Richard Marker Stacy & Eric Rupprecht	3	4	5	6	7 Diane & Larry Sommer
8 Steph & Matt Bremer Alyssa & Adam Schaaf	9 Pamela & Steven Roth	10 Paula & Timothy Gruber Beverly & Ronald Hallman	11 Kamie & Daniel Pike	12 Angela & Michael Reinert	13	14
15	16 Michelle & Michael Zimmerman	17 Tammy & Paul Heinlein	18 Terese & Donald Petro Jill & John Weber	19 Cheryl & Doug Brechtelsbauer	20	21
22 Susan & Donald Reinert	23	24 Ruth & Edwin Beyerlein	25 Cathy & Brent Haubenstricker John & Jennifer Mailley Nancy & Richard Rummel	26	27	28
29	30	31	October Anniversaries			
1 Elizabeth Kern Krystle Norman	2 Clarissa Ballard Ruth Beyerlein Becky Grimpo Allison Kingman Nancy Sage William Schluckbier Marian Schrader Kaitlan Spencer	3 Jaime Kern	4 Benjamin Bierlein Stephanie Schrems Brian Wehl	5 Thomas Beyer Zachary Bringold Keith Krumnauer Kasee Morris Jarod Naegele Michael Nelson	6 Renee Schiefer Leo Swoffer	7 Steven Roth Rhonda Schluckbier
8	9 Sally Reif Gavin Zofchak	10 John Dohrmann Fisher Sage Logan Schroeder Caden Sommerfield	11 Mark Bittner Mary Kaye Dubs Jean Hess	12 Nathan Beyerlein Timothy Brown Kennedy Frahm Richard Houser Kathy Karkanen Jason Lynes	13 Pamela Bishop Karli Bremer Reyna Frost Madison Peyok Raymond Wheeler	14 Vickie Bull Krystal Himm Traci Lupcke Casi Schluckbier Floyd Schoenknecht Jr
15 Peter Hudeck Jessi Jewell	16 Jeannette Brown Jessica Dankert Piper Dohrmann Henry Gruber Kara Howell Amy Wendland	17 Christopher Durkee Karen Haack Ann Houser	18 Samantha Daenzer June DuRussel Caroline Hudeck	19 Katie Ackerman Christopher Avery	20 Eric Gulliver	21 Milton Felske Carol Pickell
22 Linda Kusz Leonard Schiefer	23 Shayla Beyerlein Chad Gruber Parker Jacobs	24 Amanda Madsen Patrick Reynolds	25 Wyatt Tyson Elizabeth Wehl	26 Matthew Sahr	27 Craig Campbell Seth LaBean Isaac Rupprecht Donna Shovar	28 Jessica Hayward Steven Krieger Ellen Sommerfield Jason Yeager
29 Brett Volz Tracy Volz	30 Frederick Bauer Hannah Bauer Sheila Canady Kaitlynn Pietenpol Kevin Rowan	31 Debra Bierlein	October Birthdays			

Trinity Happenings

LUNCH PROGRAM: Please keep Trinity Lutheran Lunch Program in mind when going through your garden. We use everything! We also will be in need of squash for Thanksgiving Luncheon. Thanks again, the Kitchen Staff

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM is looking for members to sponsor children to allow them to enjoy our wonderful hot lunch program. Contact Amy Wendland with questions 755-8337.

CHILDCARE is looking for someone to work from 6:00 am –8:00 am a few days a week. Stop by the school office or call Shelby at 989-868-4501.

CHILDCARE is seeking a lead teacher. The position requires a CDA. If you are qualified or know someone who is qualified please contact Shelby at 868-4501.

FARM FRESH BROWN EGGS: If you are in need of any fresh brown eggs let Kelly Ratajczak know. Eggs can be delivered. Cost is \$2.50 a dozen. Call or text 989-522-4721.

ALL ARE INVITED to hear Mary Martha's speaker Lorraine Sattelmeier on **October 12th** at 7:00 pm. Her title, "Once Upon a Very, Very, Long Time Ago" emphasizes life in German farm culture in Bay City. Her 11-year therapy for polio beginning at the age of 3 1/2 is also presented. Come and hear her hilarious presentation.

L.W.M.L. SUNDAY at Trinity is **October 8th** and there will be a door offering. The 75 years of gathering "mites" has been produced "mighty results." **Lutheran Women in Mission** has shared the love of Jesus Christ for 75 years.

Area Happenings

500th ANNIVERSARY REFORMATION SERVICE at MSU Breslin Center is **October 15th** at 2:00 pm. Tickets are free but you must register to attend. Website: www.herewestand.michigandistrict.org/500th-anniverasary.

READY. SET. PREPARE. The VLHS Foundation host **Contingency Notebook Workshop**, presented by Sue Nunn on Tuesday, **October 10th**, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Valley Lutheran High School in the Resource Center. Do you have a "contingency notebook?" Perhaps you do, but call it by another name. Maybe it is your "emergency file" or your "crisis notebook." A contingency notebook is a three-ring binder containing all the information a loved one or personal representative needs to know should you become seriously incapacitated or die. When tragedy strikes, it is no time to go through drawers, filing cabinets and shoe boxes looking for pertinent information. Those who bear responsibility for your affairs need the relevant material immediately. Your up-to-date contingency notebook can make all the difference. You will leave this workshop with a folder of resources to help you organize your important information. A light supper will be served. **Please register** by contacting Krista Flory at [989-790-1676](tel:989-790-1676) or kflory@vlhs.com by **October 3rd**. Seating is limited.

EUCHRE FUN NIGHTS: Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting Euchre fun nights on **October 14th**, & **November 11th**. Bring your friends and family and join us for an evening of fun, fellowship & laughter. We will provide snacks, pop & coffee. Contact Linda for further information 989-754-3615.

LUTHER AND A LIFE OF PRAYER: The 500th—anniversary celebration of the beginning of the reformation is an appropriate time to study "Luther and a Life of Prayer." Luther had a directness in praise, thankfulness, confession, and petitioning. He was very honest about his struggles with prayer and frees us to admit our struggles in prayer. The 4-hour course will be convened on two Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. **October 22nd** and **29th** in the Heritage Room at St. Lorenz School. Rev. Bob Smith will be the facilitator.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Present: Milinda Bader, Tom Bauer. Ruth Beyerlein, Levi Bringold, Mark Bringold, Mark Bringold (for Scott Briggs), Pastor Burhop, Sue Krauss (for John Dohrmann), Cindy Krumnauer, Rob Pike, (7:28 pm), Glen Roth, Jeff Sommerfield and Ken Zimmer.

Absent: Scott Briggs, Gary Kaufman, Eric Rupprecht, and Vicky Sebald

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mark Bringold at 7:02 pm.

Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Burhop opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.

Secretary's Report: The June 20, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and supported to approve the June 20, 2017 minutes, as written. Motion carried.

The June 25, 2017 Quarterly Congregational meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and supported to approve the June 25, 2017 Quarterly Congregational meeting minutes, as written. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Burhop reported on his activities and the wonderful time and the church picnic

Treasurer's Report and Financial Report: A written Treasurer's and Financial Report were reviewed by the Board of Directors. Vice-Chair Mark Bringold gave a verbal report on the comparison between Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017

Old Business: The next Quarterly Congregational meeting will be on Sunday September 24, 2017 after the 10:45 am service.

New Business: The Board of Directors discussed exploring the options regarding a neighboring house to Trinity that is for sale.

Chairman: No report was available.

Vice Chairman: No report was given.

Board of Finance: No report was available.

Board of Elders: Ken Zimmer gave an update regarding handicapped parking, the church picnic and options related to Trinity's Shut-in ministry.

Board of Trustees: Rob Pike spoke to the Board of Directors regarding Trustees projects.

Board of Stewardship: Ruth Beyerlein reported on having 10 volunteers for Adopt-a-Highway. She told the group that the Board of Stewardship has ordered more Hope-Full living devotional materials.

Board of Evangelism: Sue Krauss spoke about a devotional distribution to Trinity's public school students and the Board of Evangelism's campus luncheon.

Board of Education: No report was available.

Principal's Report: Principal Levi Bringold reported that the teachers are beginning to report to work. The pre-school numbers look great and school enrollment is steady. He is interested in speaking with volunteers interested in working on non-sport volunteer activities with students.

Board of Worship: Jeff Sommerfield updated the Board of Directors on the Board of Worship and Board of Elders plans to speak regarding Trinity's Evacuation Plan.

Board of Social Ministry: Milinda Bader spoke about the picnic and the sawdust pile activity. The gold coin hidden in the pile was golden to the participants. The Board of Social Ministry is looking toward the future.

Youth Board: No report was given.

Cemetery Board: Tom Bauer reported on the Cemetery Board's activities.

Parish Education Board: Cindy Krumnauer spoke about the following activities of the Parish Education Board. Sunday School is set to begin on Sunday September 10, 2017. The Wednesday Fruit of the Spirit Bible class will begin on Wednesday September 6. There has been no official report as of yet on Trinity's successful Vacation Bible School that will be coming soon.

Valley Lutheran Report: No report was available.

The next meeting of Trinity's Board of Directors will be on Tuesday September 19, 2017.

A motion was made and supported to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Motion carried

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Glen R. Roth, Secretary

Youth Group News:

High School Bible Study and Youth Night

Youth Bible study will meet the 4th Sunday of each Month. We will start with a Bible Study at 6:00 PM and then hang out to play some games and plan out activities for the year. We will meet at the Youth House and finish up around 8:00 PM. Bring along any games you'd like to play and some ideas for what to do over the next few months.

We are always looking for people to help on the Board of Youth. It doesn't have to be a full commitment. If you have an idea for an activity and would like to help plan that one event, please contact Pastor Burhop or Mrs. Weidner. We would love to have some new ideas .



**Trunk
or
Treat**

Hosted by Trinity's Youth and Sisters in Spirit
Join us Saturday, October 28th from 12-2 p.m.
 At Trinity Lutheran Church's Parking Lot

Want your car to be part of the fun???

- Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or email Mrs. Briggs at mrsbriggs.trinity@gmail.com, so we can plan accordingly.
- Decorate your trunk and pass out candy to trick or treaters.
- Trunks need to be ready by 11:30 a.m.
- Plan for around 150-200 children.

If you can't make it, but would still like to help out,
 please drop off a bag of candy in the narthex. Thanks!



Youth will be providing concessions with all proceeds going to
 UCCS Food Pantry.

School Lunch Menu— October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Cereal bar	3 Chicken enchiladas and Spanish rice	4 Nacho supreme bar	5 Pizza burgers	6 Beef Stew	7
8	9 Breakfast sliders (eggs, cheese & ham)	10 Beef taco bar	11 Pizza	12 Homemade macaroni & cheese	13 Roasted pork, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans, applesauce, strawberries and angel food cake milk	14
15	16 Homemade French toast	17 Chicken breast sandwich	18 Nacho supreme bar	19 Bosco sticks (with pepperoni)	20 Baked chicken	21
22	23 Waffle bar	24 Chicken tacos	25 Pizza	26 Hamburger bar	27 Pasta w/sauce, meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread	28
29	30 Pancakes & sausage	31 Chicken dumpling soup, grilled cheese				

Fun Fact about October:

- Free rural delivery of mail began in the United States, October 1st, 1896.
- The first "Model T" Ford was put on the market, October 1st, 1908.
- The Soviet Union launched its first artificial satellite, Sputnik, October 4th, 1957.
- The first double-decked steamboat, the Washington, arrived at New Orleans, October 7th, 1816.
- The great fire of Chicago began, and burned for about 30 hours, October 8th, 1871.
- The U.S. Naval Academy opened at Annapolis, Md., October 10th, 1845.
- Columbus landed in America, October 12th, 1492.
- The United States flag was formally raised over Alaska, October 18th, 1867.
- The U.S.S. Constitution, better known as Old Ironsides, launched, October 21st, 1797.
- The first transcontinental telegram was sent on October 24th, 1861



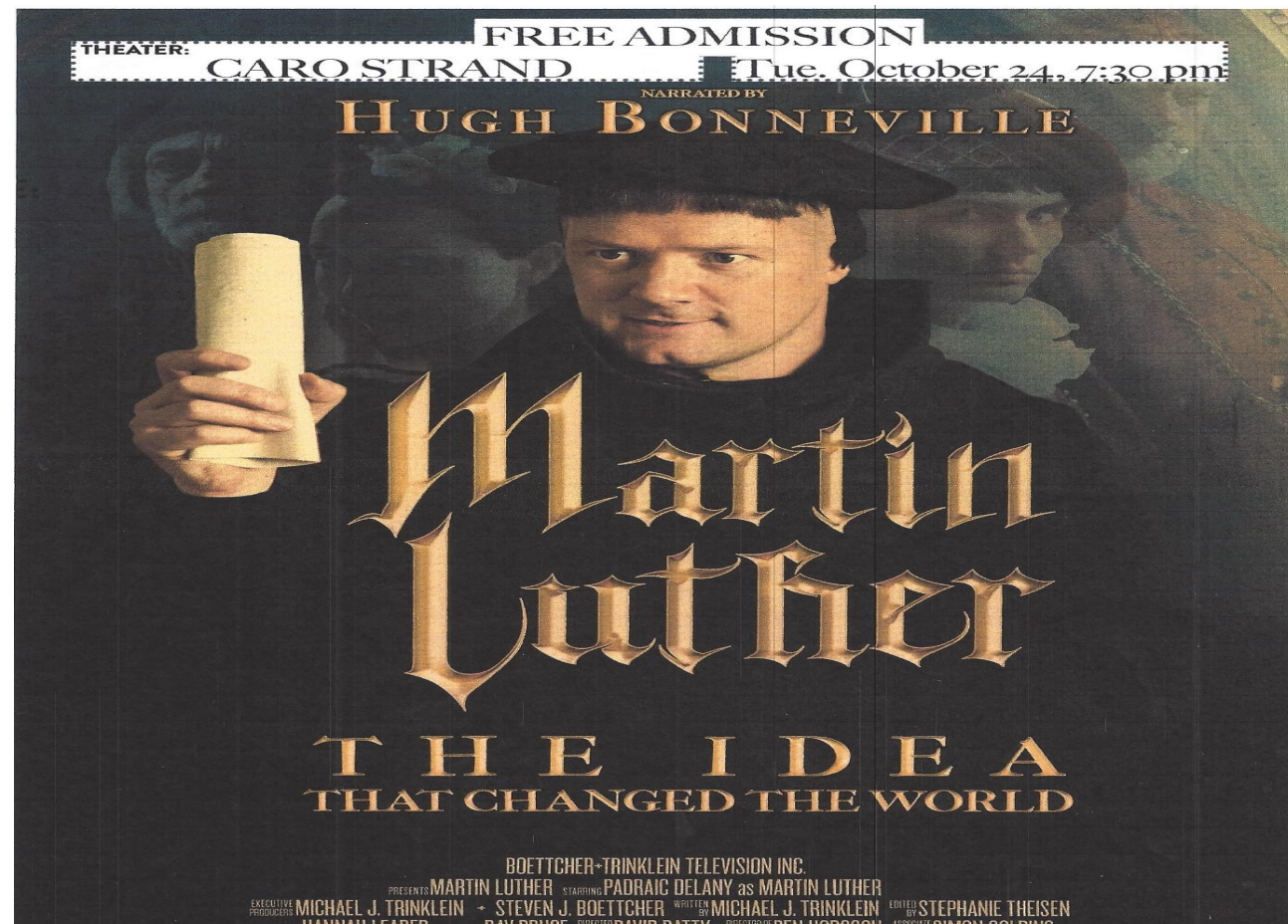
**With the Holidays shortly ahead of us,
the Food Pantry is in need of
the following items:**

November 2nd: Peanut butter, soups & canned fruit

November 9th: Any pasta & spaghetti sauce (in can), mac 'n cheese

November 16th: Pudding, Jello, cake mix,
frosting, crackers, or snacks

November 23rd: Mustard, ketchup, or any
condiments, salad dressings, salt & pepper



In Our Continued Prayers

Continued Prayer:

David Hughes, Leona Otto, Mark Otto, Jim Sahr, Julianne Scherzer,
Jeanette, Edward Schrader

Prayer Request:

David Hughes, Mark Otto, Leona Otto, Julianne Scherzer, Roy Krauss, Art Hope,
Cindy Houghtaling, Susan, Payton Matzke,
Heather Livingston & her family, Brian Fowler

Shut-ins:

Betty Bender, Jennifer Elbers, Iva Greenleaf, Richard Gulliver, Edna Kopischke,
Helen Reif, Beneva Schemm

Military:

Spencer Elbers (Mary Ann Mossner's nephew, station in Qatar),
Justin Guerrero (stationed in Alaska),
Brandon Bierlein, (Dyess AFB) Texas.

Addresses:

Helen Reif 546 W. Hampton Rd, Rm 266: Bed 1 , Essexville, Michigan 48732



Memorials & Honors

**In Memory of
Jack Bull—General Fund**

**In Memory of
Keith Taylor—Building Fund**

**In Memory of
Suzanne Claerhout—General Fund**

**In Memory of
Marsha (Rohloff) Logan —Organ Fund**

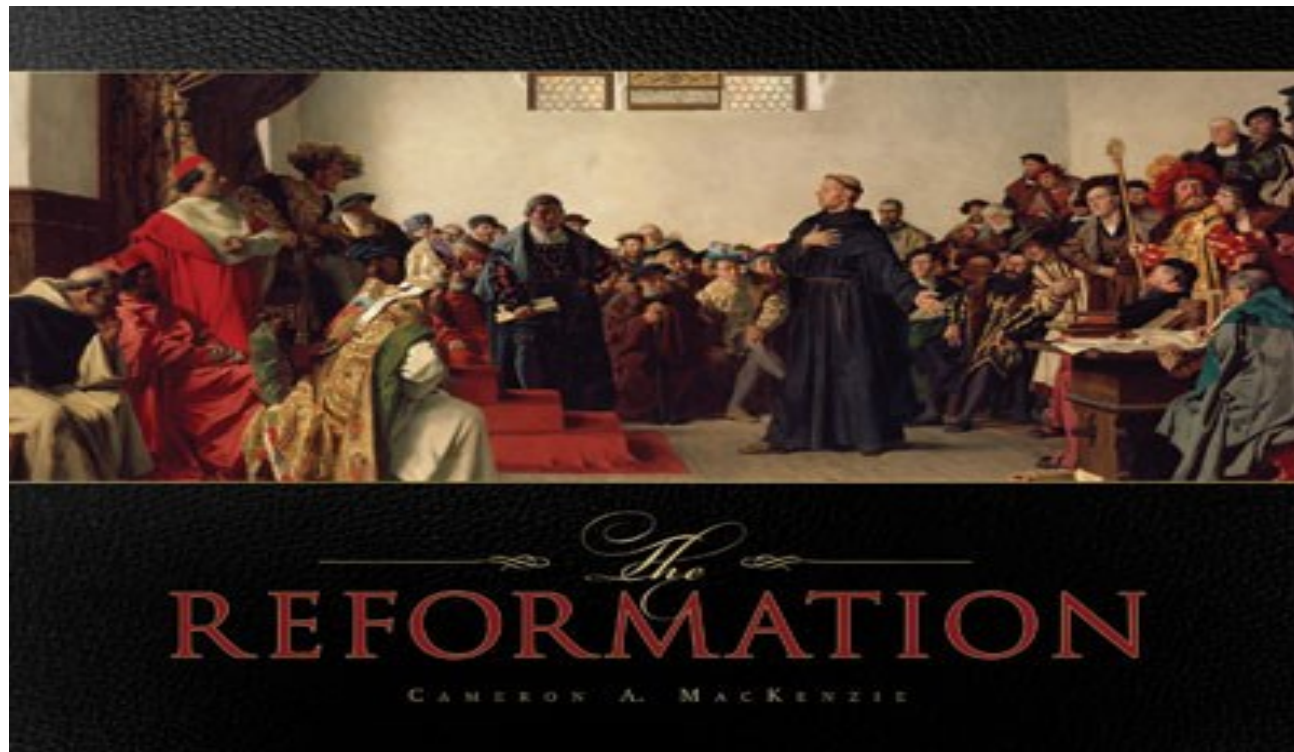
**In Honor of
James Van Petten's
80th Birthday— Organ Fund**

The Reformation

Many people recognize the name Martin Luther when they think of the Reformation, but this era was filled with other fascinating personalities and dramatic changes to be felt even now – 500 years later!

The Reformation provides a richly illustrated and engagingly written overview of this amazing time of change and renewal in the Christian Church.

This beautifully designed coffee-table-style book is displayed in the store and our display in the narthex. Order yours today for just \$20 - regular price was \$30.



EYEGLASSES



There are 4 million glasses put into landfills each year. In this world, there are 150 million suffering from poor eyesight. That is why we collect glasses and sunglasses to be used by MOST ministries on eyeglasses mission trips. All glasses collected are taken to Ann Arbor (MOST MINISTRIES) where volunteers sort them, clean them, and the lenses are checked for strength. All are labeled and made ready to pack and taken by groups on their eyeglasses mission trips. Recipients are thrilled to be able to see better. There is a container in the hallway between church and school. Bring your old glasses and help others to see better.

CHILDCARE

CHILDCARE is currently seeking to fill two positions. The positions we are looking to fill are: a lead teacher, which requires a valid CDA, and a part-time morning aide, from 6:00 am –8:00 am. Please contact Shelby at 868-4507.

Pre-School News

Preschool 3's has 6 children enrolled. We are having fun climbing our climber. We like to paint. We like to squeeze the play dough. We love to drive the tractor and combine. If you have any toys your child has out-grown let me know.

Our song of the month is "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". "Marching We Will Go" is a song we sing as we practice marching around the room. We like to play the musical instruments, just as in a real band. At Jesus time we hear how a kind couple makes a room on top of their house for Elisha.

"Way up in the Apple Tree" is a song we sing about the apple trees that God made. We will be cutting up the apples to see the seeds. At Jesus time, we hear how God created the whole world, even the apple trees.

Little Miss Muffet was scared by a spider. She ran away! Some things scare us, too. We have a special visitor coming to make curds and whey (that is cottage cheese) with the kids. At Jesus time, we hear about a little man name Zaccheaus. He wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed a tree to see Him. Jesus stopped, had Zaccheaus come down and then went with him to his house.

"Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater" is a rhyme where Peter is a happy man, living in a home that provides him his favorite food. We will be having a pumpkin party, with a pumpkin to carve, see the seeds, and even make pumpkin pie! We will parade around the school in our costumes and play pumpkin games. At Jesus time, we hear how Peter helped a man whose legs did not work by using the name of Jesus Christ.

Preschool 4's has 13 children. We are learning letters Aa, Nn, Ll, Zz and Pp. We meet at Miller's Apple Orchard for a tour of their apple farm, and to make cider and eat donuts. We end the month with a Pretend Party – where we pretend to be someone else.

Afternoon Kids has 15 kids in our program! The Afternoon Kids are counting to 30 this month. We are making graphs where we compare numbers, Every Monday we write letters to someone special, Tuesday we rhyme words, Wednesday we write our alphabet letters, Thursday we make stories and Friday we read a newspaper just for kids. At Social Studies time, we are exploring our school and church. By peeking into the rooms, we know what is behind the closed doors. It sure takes lots of rooms to teach all the children. Teaching God's Kids, Ms. Wheeler

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER:

October — what is so special about October? Is it pumpkins, the harvest, being able to watch some football while wearing comfortable sweatshirts? Yes, while all of those things seem pretty awesome, there are some things that are even better coming up this month!

October is clergy appreciation month. Over the past two years, I have really gotten to know Pastor pretty well. If you are wondering how to show appreciation to him, get him a picture of a frog, or a stuffed frog for his office. I heard he has a bunch at home and wants to decorate his office with them. (He really detests them, so do not do this). However, Pastor has been a great blessing to the church and school and I would really like to say thank you to him and his family for all that they do for the ministry of the Lord right here at Trinity.

Another very cool thing is that this October 31st is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There is a large gathering and service that will take place at the Breslin Center. The office has more information. We will have a 5th Sunday when the kids will be singing, and the superintendent will be addressing the congregation for a short bit at the end of the service.

The comfort dogs have come for a visit, Pastor Haller came for a chapel, and the sports teams are in full swing, just to mention a few September happenings. While September has been great with the hot lunches, the students coming back and the interaction with the families, we are gearing up for October and even thinking about November.

All of this wouldn’t be possible without your continued support and prayers. The Reformation happened 500 years ago and the school was established here almost 100 years. Here’s to 400 more. :-) Thanks so much and have a blessed Reformation month.

Thanks for continuing to support the school and the students who attend here. It is a special place and every time a new school year starts, we get to remember just how special this place is. Thanks and God Bless! Levi

School office hours:
School Hours 7:30 am –3:30 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Oct 2nd - Oct. 4th Camp Howell
Oct. 5th School Pictures
Oct. 27th Harvest Parties

INTERESTED IN TRINITY? ALL you need to do is fill out the registration form and pay the \$50.00/per child deposit. (This deposit is put toward your Educational Fees.). Please see Levi Bringold or Shannon Britton for forms and if you have any questions. (989)868-4501 Registration information is available in the office or online at www.trintyreese.org .

We would love to have you come for a visit.
Please continue to keep Trinity Church/School in your prayers
so we continue to be A GREAT, JOYful PLACE TO GROW in 2017-18!

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
2016-2017 Fiscal Year Deficit: \$42,073

This total includes the General Fund, School and Child Care.

Financial Update	7/31/2017	This is the 1st month of a new Fiscal Year
Monthly Income Only		Notes:
Weekly Offering	\$ 37,772.50	
Sunday School	\$ 78.86	
O Give Thanks	\$ 4,396.88	\$8,526 needed
Missions	\$ 1,664.00	
Thrivent Choice	\$ 43.00	
SCRIP	\$ -	
Tuition	\$ 350.00	
Other	\$ 994.50	
VBS	\$ 151.31	
Total Monthly Income	\$ 45,451.05	Actual income for the current month
Monthly Budget	\$ 78,230.83	Monthly budget from Mission and Ministry Plan
Monthly Variance	\$ (32,779.78)	Amount over (or under) our monthly goal
Year To Date Balance		
General Fund	\$ (10,598.56)	
School	\$ 10,965.58	
Child Care	\$ (1,237.56)	
Total	\$ (870.54)	Total fiscal year income minus actual spending
Mortgage Balance	\$ 592,040.00	

This is the first month of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Our Mission and Ministry Plan budget requires \$78,230.83 each month. This month we had a shortfall of \$32,779.78 in meeting that goal. However, actual spending for this month was less than budgeted resulting in a monthly deficit of \$10,598.56.



Do you attend 10:45 church service regularly? I’m looking for someone who would be willing to learn scrip and help sell scrip after late service. If you are interested, please contact me or the office. If you use other retailers or restaurant gift cards regularly that we don’t have on hand and would like them added to the cash and carry scrip, please let me know. Have questions or suggestions? Please feel free to contact me.

Thank You.
Heidi Bernreuter

Worship for Shut-Ins

Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries October 2017

October 1st, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)

Psalm: 25:1-10; **Epistle:** Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-27

“Heat or Light?” - Sermon Text: Philippians 2:14-16 – *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*

Each of us possesses the potential to create heat or light in our world. Followers of Jesus Christ have the power to shine His true light onto a world that stumbles in darkness. Discover how the true “Light of the world”, Jesus Christ, can shine in us and through us.

October 8th, 2017 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

Psalm: 80:7-19; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 5:1-7; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

“God’s Vineyard” - Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

God calls us, His people, His vineyard, because even though a vineyard requires much care and attention, the final harvest is well worth it. Jesus paid the ultimate price to make us God’s vineyard.

October 15th, 2017 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

Psalm: 23; **Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

“The Wedding Feast” - Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14 - *Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege*

Salvation, and even heaven itself, are compared to a wedding feast. In this parable Jesus shows how some people reject the feast, and how God, in His generosity, invites the “nobodies” to this feast. We are invited. The only way we can partake of God’s feast is if we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

October 22nd, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)

Psalm: 96; **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-22

“Are We There Yet?” - Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 - *Rev. William Mueller*

Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians, giving thanks to God for their faith, love, and hope, as positive examples to other Christians. As children of God, we are on a journey of faith through life. We might be tempted to lose hope, to be diminished in our love, or to let our faith waver. Take courage! God has not left us alone but continues to carry us!

October 29th, 2017 – Reformation Day Observed

Psalm: 46 with Gloria Patri; **Epistle:** Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16; **Gospel:** [John 8:31-36](#)

“Living in the Freedom of Faith” - Sermon Text: Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16 - *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz*

Living the life of freedom that uniquely flows from a faith relationship with God, human beings yearn for freedom, they fight for freedom, but because of their sin, they can not have the ultimate freedom for which they were indeed created. Jesus Christ entered the world to overcome our bondage, our sin, and all that seeks to separate us from the freedom that God created and redeemed us to have and to live for others in Him.

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Hear the Word

The Lutheran Hour, with speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz, can be heard Sundays on WSAM-1400AM at 8:30 a.m., 10:08 a.m. on WMIC 660 radio stations, XM’s Family Talk Radio 170 at 1:00 p.m. or podcast at <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts/>. You can receive daily devotions written by Pastor Ken Klaus at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp. Services from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bay City immediately follow the Lutheran Hour on WSAM-1400AM.

October 2017

October 1st

“Power to Overcome Worry and Anxiety”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Thanksgiving and anxiety are two opposing forces. Have you ever thanked God for your problems, pains, and suffering? (Philippians 4:4-13)

October 8th

“No Selfies Needed”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

God isn’t afraid of messy people. He loves the broken, embraces the outcast, and seeks the lost. (Philippians 4:4-14)

October 15th

“Luther the Man: Called by God to Boast in Him “

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Although Martin Luther is widely regarded as one of the most influential people of the last 500 years, he knew he was no big deal, compared to Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

October 22nd

“The Enduring Reformation Moment and Message of Grace”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

The Reformation was quite a moment for Martin Luther, but also for people who suddenly heard of a merciful God Who really cared for them. (2 Corinthians 4:13-18)

October 29th

“A Reformation Invitation - the Just Live by Faith “

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

500 years ago, Martin Luther rediscovered a truth that turned the world upside down: the just shall live by faith. Can this message transform you today? (Romans 1:16-17)

