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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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From the Pastor's Desk

“Outreach Defined”

I believe outreach is possibly the most misunderstood concept of the church. All of us have heard pastors (including this one) state clearly our Lord's command to “Go and make disciples” yet many struggle in implementing a successful campaign to faithfully follow His command. I wanted to take this opportunity to help our congregation by pondering something I say often, “Think outside the box.” Let's define outreach based on Scripture.

Let's first understand two terms found in the Gospels and beyond. First one is disciple. It means “learning one.” It's what the original 12 did for three years under the tutelage of Jesus. Not only did they sit and listen, but they were active in ministry (including messing up quite a bit). We know that John had disciples. We also know that Mark was a protégé of Peter. Once Jesus died and rose again, the term “apostles” was being used for the 11 remaining disciples. Apostle means “sent ones.” That's an important distinction because the book of Acts and beyond is where these men became the ones who would seek the lost in the known world. They would plant and organize congregations to keep Jesus' mission going in each area. Note that it didn't matter if Christianity was legal or not, nor was there any other reason for them to cease. To them, it was a life or death situation for those that did not know Jesus. That was their motivation. So, the church makes disciples (learning ones) in order for them to become apostles (sent ones).

Next is what happened in the book of Acts. Notice that the apostles began sharing the Gospel locally in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas. Then the church sent workers outward from there (Acts 13 and beyond). So, not only Israel, but Cyprus, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Corinth, and eventually Rome and perhaps beyond that to Spain. Even after the apostles died, we have historical writers of the church like Eusebius who helps us to know the church continued to be active in reaching the lost in that the established churches continued to share the Gospel to their

communities. That's been and will always be the pattern moving forward.

This is where the confusion happens. Many churches make outreach bringing our community to the church for a program in the hopes that they stay. It also has become a focus on attendance in worship. And so, when a congregation meets to discuss outreach it becomes, “how do we bring in more people...how do we increase attendance...what programs do we need to implement to bring people back here?” Notice none of these examples model the ancient church. How do we fix this? It's simple. Let's get into Scripture.

Please read Romans 16:1-16, 1 Corinthians 16:19-20, Colossians 4:7-17. Ask yourself this...who are these people that Paul is mentioning? These are people that have come to faith because they were lost and now are found. The church sought them, they heard the Gospel, and were converted. They became disciples and are the ones being sent into the world to seek the lost. That's outreach. That's faithfully following Jesus' command.

Hopefully this helps you understand outreach and how we are to engage our community today. It's not only walking out to the street corner and yelling “Jesus loves you” but bearing good fruit. In other words, watching lives be changed by the Gospel coming from the mouths of the church. It's experiencing the change in their lives from a life of sin and death to a life of repentance and living in the grace that is provided by the cross. How about I end this with a little homework assignment over the summer? Fun, right? Please read the book of Acts and note how the church engaged whatever community they were led to. Then ask yourself how that can apply to our efforts in our own community. Needless to say, we'll be discussing this in the near future.

Pastor Steve

July 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
3 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30am Communion Worship	4 Independence Day (United States)	5 1:30pm Quilting	6	7	8 National Youth Conference	9 National Youth Conference 8:15am Men's Bible Breakfast
10 National Youth Conference 9:30am Worship Service	11 National Youth Conference	12 National Youth Conference	13 National Youth Conference	14	15	16
17 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30am Communion Worship	18	19 1:30pm Quilting	20	21	22 Community Garage Sale	23 Community Garage Sale
24 9:30am Praise Worship Service	25	26	27 7:00pm Craft Night	28	29 7:00pm Red Wings Game (Frontier Field)	30
31 9:30am Worship Service	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6

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Jul 31	Aug 1	2 1:30pm Quilting	3	4 6:30pm Elders Meeting	5	6
7 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30am Communion Worship	8 7:00pm Council Meeting	9	10 10:00am Woman's Bible Study	11	12	13 8:15am Men's Bible Breakfast
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July Anniversaries

Congratulations and God's Blessings to:

- 11 – Paul & Kim Rivers
- 11 – Joe & Allison Rittler
- 15 – Brian & Sigrun Miller
- 23 – Bob & Debbie DeVantier
- 25 – Neal & Kathy Meskill
- 27 – Jonas Eastman & Ariana Zimmer
- 30 – Ed & Madeleine Antonio



July Birthdays

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to the following:

- 3 – Marilyn Smith
- 3 – Jeff Dodgson
- 6 – Sue Baker
- 8 – Auggie Canaday
- 8 – Sandy Hoover
- 11 – Meghan Shepanski
- 12 – Roger Fair
- 19 – Gary Gustafson
- 21 – Joe Davey
- 21 – Jameson Young
- 22 – Amanda Coon
- 22 – Mary Frey
- 22 – Ethan Rivers
- 22 – Ryan Nordstrom
- 23 – Jon Hammond
- 24 – Greg Newsome
- 25 – Ann Funk
- 26 – Lyudmilia Dodgson
- 30 – Pastor Steve Shrum
- 30 – Sharon Gruttadauro
- 31 – Lisa Castricone



August Anniversaries

Congratulations and God's Blessings to:

- 5 – Ken & Janet Kofod
- 6 – Glenn & Sandy Neumann
- 8 – Bill & Cathy Crow
- 13 – Gary & Robin Smith
- 14 – Kevin & Paula O'Keefe
- 16 – John & Cindy Gentzke
- 16 – David & Sherry Hagmier
- 18 – Vince & Sandy Micillo
- 19 – Tyler & Marilyn Smith
- 20 – Jerry & Carol Ernsthausen
- 20 – Rodney & Fran Boatman
- 23 – Larry & Lana Strong
- 25 – John & Lisa Ryan
- 26 – Jon & Chrissy Hammond
- 29 – Joe & Arda Davey
- 30 – Gerald & Diana La Plant



August Birthdays

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to the following:

- 1 – Kathy Meskill
- 2 – Glenn Neumann
- 2 – Elise Rittler
- 4 – Kylie Young
- 8 – Dick Norton
- 8 – Gary Smith
- 10 – Ralph Perrotta
- 14 – Ryan Baker
- 16 – Lana Strong
- 18 – Victor Castricone
- 21 – Sharon Baker
- 22 – Carol Ernsthausen
- 25 – Dorothy Ayers
- 27 – Judy Vance
- 28 – Marnie Ryan
- 29 – Brady Shepanski
- 30 – Shawn Nordstrom



Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Our study of the Book of James will continue during the summer months. We meet at church every other week at 10:00am and hope to see many old friends and new faces during July and August. Our summer schedule is:

July 13th and 27th

August 10th and 24th

JAM Ministries

On June 15th, we had 22 women attend our Annual Ladies Night Out. We met at Slayton Place in Spencerport. Our theme was "Reaching out in Friendship". This was the closing event of our year of Friendship. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Although we have no events planned for the summer, we look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

Carly Gebhardt



Pre-School News

Sadly, another school year has come to an end. At the end of May we had so much fun at our class picnics. All the kids loved looking for the prizes on our scavenger hunt, jumping in the bounce house and playing tug-of-war. Who knew kids would take that game so seriously. It was hysterical to watch!

On June 9th we celebrated all the accomplishments of all our preschool students. Our 3 year old class did a great job singing and we're so excited to receive their Moving Up certificates.

We had a record amount of family and friends attend our graduation ceremony. The kids looked amazing in their caps and gowns and looked so proud as they marched in. They were wonderful singers and were excited to pose with their diplomas.

Both programs ended with punch, cookies and good byes. It's a bittersweet time at preschool as our 4's move on to Kindergarten. We will miss them so much and wish them good luck in big school. We are looking forward to seeing how much our 3 year old class grows over the summer and hearing about all their adventures.

Special thanks to Pastor Steve, Marilyn McMullen, Evan Hart, Rachel Blank and Kristin Butts for all they did to help make our celebrations a success.

We have openings in both classes for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, call the church at (585) 352-3143 or email us at Trinitypreschool1@yahoo.com.

Wishing everyone a great summer!



Jodi Blank
Laurie Butts
Yvette Casserino
Marilyn McMullen

Trustees' Report July 2022
June 19, 2022



**Rochester Red
Wings Game
SAVE THE DATE!**

Building Maintenance Committee

The Building Maintenance Committee has not met since the last Triune update. As progress is made on various Committee items such as parking lot repairs and re-striping and security camera installation, that information will be reported.

New Entrance Doors:

The new entrance doors from the parking lot are scheduled to be installed on June 29th. Also, the side entrance door near the Pastor's office and the entrance doors facing north onto Route 31 will be re-keyed. Thus, the old keys to the Church will no longer work on any doors. Sue Oswald will have new numbered keys and will maintain a list of people who receive a new key. Since we do not plan to pass out a key to everyone in the Church, please consider carefully if you really need to have one. For instance, multiple family members may not need separate keys. Also, please keep the key that you receive secure and do not pass it on to someone else without notifying Sue.

Faithfully submitted,
Rodney Boatman (Trustee)

Trinity is scheduled to attend the Rochester Red Wings game on Friday, July 29th at 7:05pm with fireworks after the game. We have a reservation in Section 218, starting with Row 4. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket. The Red Wings will be playing the Worcester Red Socks. For those interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Lisa Castricone

**Will You Be at
The Great State Fair?**



Starting August 24th, through September 5th, the New York State Fair will take place in Syracuse. Lutheran Hour Ministries offers an opportunity to attend the Fair and take part in their "Evangelism Effort". Anyone who wishes can volunteer for the LHM booth and Wednesday, August 31st, is the day assigned to Trinity. On that day you will be able to both See The Fair and Have An Impact On Others With God's Grace (A Lot Easier Than You Might Think). If it is your wish to participate in this effort, please contact Joe Davey at 585-392-3337 or email at jdavey2@rochester.rr.com, for answers to your questions about this event.

Please Mark Your Calendar!

**The Triune
Deadline for September is
Wednesday, August 17**

Stewardship Moment

Tired

I'm just tired and I don't know what to do! I want to quit all of it! When it comes to serving, praying, part of the choir, Sunday School leader, Bible Study, leadership team, it's a burden and I want to quit it all! Actually it's "Good" you have come to that point! You have reached a point of catharsis that ultimately reveals to you the truth that you can't do it all. The trap that many fall into is, we have deceived ourselves into believing we should be happy to do these things, even over joyed, maybe grateful, and while to a certain extent that is correct, yet to admit that the load is heavier than we can bear is a really great point in your service to The Lord. What next?

Don't "Stop", "Reassess", you may not be "Tired" because of lack of "Energy" but rather lack of "Inspiration".

Reassessment means you actively aspire to pursue another ministry, outreach or building up of the community that God is calling you to "Start". However, God may be calling you to "Continue" to do that which you are doing, just not all of it.

To start the "Reassessment" process the first concern should be, "Where does our value come from?". In the world we might consider that our value develops out of our work and while in your employer's perception that might be true, God however, doesn't view your worth through your work. While "Mission", "Ministry" and "Work" may provide you with a better stature in "The Church", it doesn't necessarily improve your position in the "Eyes of The Lord".

What is pleasing in the "Sight of The Lord"? Three important words (RIM) "Relationship", "Identity", "Mission" and in that order. Now, in the words of Kenny Rogers, "You Can Know When to Hold Em and Know When to Fold Em" as long as you keep this RIM in order.

The first step is "Relationship", and you have been brought into that relationship with God "The Father" through His Son Jesus The Christ and His Holy Spirit. This all happened as a result of your Baptism, a covenant relationship through the death and resurrection of Jesus The Christ. Paul says in Romans 5:8-11, *"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."* Jesus The Christ's sacrifice puts us into a "Loving" relationship with God the Father even though we "Did Not" deserve it.

As previously mentioned, we often get our "Identity" from that which we accomplish, but that is backwards in God's economy. Instead we get our identity through our

"Relationship". Jesus The Christ said in John 15:9-11, *"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."* This is relationship talk and Jesus The Christ is saying that if you do what He told you to do that will make you a "Beloved Child of God" aside from anything else you might do. Keep in mind that Jesus The Christ got His "Identity" not from all the miracles He performed but from how He responded to the wishes of God the Father and who He was. We know that in Matthew 3:17 when God spoke out, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased", this happened well before Jesus The Christ had performed any of His ministry or miracles and this can be your identity if you "Strive" to follow Jesus The Christ's instructions as imperfectly as you might do it.

At this point we are a "Beloved Child of God The Father"! This is where "Mission" begins and "Not Because We Have To", rather "Because We Want To". This is where "Earnest Prayer" begins, "God what are you calling me to do?", "You brought me into a Relationship with You and through Jesus The Christ You have given me an Identity, now I need an assignment.", "What will I do?" You always have permission to say "Yes", you always have permission to say "No" and even those Biblical Characters who God approached had permission to ask questions. Gratitude for what God has done for you might inspire you to return the favor but God's Gift shouldn't compel you into anything.

Keep in mind the words of Jesus The Christ when He said in John 15:1-8, *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."* This isn't a promise, this is a guarantee, living in Jesus The Christ's words and His "Commands" will insure that you bear fruit in keeping with your ability and ambition.

Mother Teresa was quoted as saying, "God did not put you in this world to be "Successful", He put you in this world to be "Faithful"

Joe Davey

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022

Members present: Cathy DeConinck, Kim Rivers, Eileen Bruton, Don Ennis, Lisa Castricone, Arda Davey and Pastor Steve
Meeting opened 7:00 PM with prayer by Pastor.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer Report: C. Reigle

	Budget	Actually Spent	Diff (Budg. vs Act)	Amount Collected	Difference
Jan.	\$19,878.67	\$17,601.50	\$2,277.17	\$20,940.75	\$3,339.25
Feb.	\$19,878.67	\$25,385.45	(\$5,506.78)	\$27,280.00	\$1,894.55
Ytd.	\$39,757.34	\$42,986.95	(\$3,229.61)	\$48,220.75	\$5,233.80
	None				

Financial Report: L. Castricone

Reports given for March, April & May Match: Approved

Elders Report: E. Bruton

The Director of Activities at Wedgwood Nursing Home in Spencerport talked with Bev Lillie about having Trinity provide a religious service for the residents. It would be a week-day either at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM. It would include a short message and prayer and music could be added. Elders plan to contact the director for future plans as an outreach service.

Pastor will be on vacation June 15 – 26. Pastor Protska will be filling in.

Pastor & Craig will meet with Praise Team on June 30th to discuss their plan of action for the future.

Pastor Report: S. Shrum

Lutheran Service Builder is being purchased to aid in creating worship services. \$450 initial cost has 200 subject topics and hymns Approved to accept subscription

Council Members & Elders ready to go over book end of July.

Education Report: C. DeConinck

Finished Sunday School & Confirmation.

Planning VBS type Sunday program for 4 Sundays after Church Service.

Outreach Report: K. Rivers

Working on Movie Night. Not a Kids kind with late night nightness.

Trustees (Building Maintenance Team): R. Boatman:

none

New Business:

Red Wings game: Calling pick date for a Friday Night.

Camp JOY (Like Maggie's Group) need information on that operation & how we can help collecting it.

Trustees could make Front of Church more "Friendly" in appearance.

Installation of officers: Vice President: Don Ennis Secretary: Debra Rayter

Old Business:

No repair for estimate using camera to determine repairs necessary for plumbing problem. Need 2 estimates!

Organist Update: Kevin Lee will be in for interview. Master degree from Nazareth in Organ.

July 22-23 – 50-50 Sale Offering free hot dogs with youth serving.

Spectrum: Need final approval.

No July Meeting – Next meeting August 8th

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM with Prayer by Arda



SERVING SCHEDULE JULY 2022



Please check your dates carefully and arrange for a substitute if you cannot serve when scheduled.

	July 3 9:30AM Communion Worship Service	July 10 9:30AM Worship Service	July 17 9:30AM Communion Worship Service	July 24 9:30AM Praise Worship Service	July 31 9:30AM Worship Service
ACOLYTES	Victor Castricone	Lily Ingham	Ryan Ingham	Julie Hammond	Elizabeth Hammond
USHERS	Bob DeVantier Mike Mayer	John Gentzke	Ron Lillie Lily Ingham	Mitch Frey	John Gentzke
LECTORS	Sally Steele	Abby Keens	Carol Ernsthausen	Joe Davey	Laura Reigle
ELDERS	Eileen Bruton Craig Coon		Brian Miller Dave Sylvester		
COUNTERS		Kim Rivers Tim Bruton		Cathy DeConinck Mitch Frey	
COFFEE HOUR	Carly Gebhardt Ruth Hagmier	Lori Havens	Ellie Graupman Ann George	Eileen Bruton	Sue Oswald
ALTAR GUILD	Sigrun & Brian Miller				

SERVING SCHEDULE AUGUST 2022

WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:30AM SUNDAY SERVICE

	August 7 9:30AM Communion Worship Service	August 14 9:30AM Worship Service	August 21 9:30AM Communion Worship Service	August 28 9:30AM Praise Worship Service
ACOLYTES	Victor Castricone	Lily Ingham	Ryan Ingham	Julie Hammond
USHERS	Bob DeVantier Mike Mayer	John Gentzke	Ron Lillie Lily Ingham	Mitch Frey
LECTORS	Craig Coon	Eileen Bruton	Chris Reigle	Chrissy Hammond
ELDERS	Bev Lillie Craig Coon		Eileen Bruton Brian Miller	
COUNTERS		Tim McMullen Nancy Goehring		Kim Rivers Tim Bruton
COFFEE HOUR	Bev Lillie Cindy Ingham	Marilyn McMullen	Sigrun Miller	Hammond family
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Ernsthausen			



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