



# The Triune *Voice of Trinity*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
191 Nichols Street    Spencerport, NY 14559

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*From the Pastor's Desk*

## ***“Building Relationships”***

“One body” and even togetherness is something we see in Scripture when understanding the church. Thus the church was created to work together, bonded if you will, in all ways. This means not only for Sunday worship, but also for all functions including reaching the lost as Jesus commands us to do. One of the most difficult parts of this concept is the “what” to do, right? After all, we all gather giving praise to God, but as we know there is so much more, but what does that look like. In this article, I want to share with you how we go about rallying behind a concept and then go and do it together keeping in mind that this is not about the concept but rather about our mission to go and make disciples...thus building relationships all along the way.

This is what I mean.

I was approached yesterday about a project that would benefit the Golisano Children’s Hospital. Tony Gruttadauro (FHG Custom Furniture and Crafts) makes wooden puzzles for the kids. These are really nice puzzles but there is some work that comes with making these. Tony cuts them out, rounds the edges, and then they have to be sanded. This process takes months from the purchase of the wood to placing them in the packages. His goal is to make 150 puzzles and deliver them by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.

How does the “one body” use this to further the spread of Christ’s love to our neighbors? First thing is funding the project. We would need approximately \$500 in donations. The funds can come from talking to the home improvement stores about donating wood or Thrivent dollars or donations. Next, we would need 1 or 2 adults that know their way around

work working. They would help Tony with the milling process and the initial sanding of the corners. Then 5 or more sanders (perhaps a project for our confirmands and young adults?).

Is that all? That sounds easy. Well, now the “fun” part begins. Again, we are not merely helping Tony or doing all of this work so that we can pat ourselves on the back and go home. No, this is about serving our neighbors with the love of Christ. First thing is to accomplish this project **together**. As you see in Acts 2 that the church “had all things in common.” Why not use this opportunity to not only work on a project but to get to know each other? Something also to think about...how many people will be touched by those that work on this project? The employees of the home improvement store? How about the patients or their families (with the exception of the covid restrictions)? How about the staff? Others at the hospital? You see, this is how many churches miss the opportunity to build relationships with not only our congregation, but with our community. It’s the most important part of every mission or servant opportunity we have which includes all gatherings and projects. Every single one of our efforts should have building relationships in mind for all missions and projects. After all, that’s who we are as the church, right?

So, I would love us to embrace not only this opportunity to serve our neighbor and thus build relationships, but to think about other things we can do together in order to share Christ’s love that we have been blessed to experience every single day of our lives with those who are our neighbors. Amen!

*Pastor Steve*

**“The Mission of Trinity is to joyfully share the Gospel through Christ-centered worship, teaching and reaching out to the community by acts of caring.”**

# September 2022

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October 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1 8:15pm Movie Night-"Chronicles of Narnia"	2	3
4	5 Labor Day (United States)	6 1:30pm Quilting	7 10:00am Women's Bible Study	8 6:30pm Elders Meeting	9	10 8:15am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:00am Pre-School Open House
11	12 9:00am 1st Day of Pre-School 4 year old class 7:00pm Council Meeting	13 9:00am 1st Day of Pre-School 3 year old class	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 1:30pm Quilting	21 10:00am Women's Bible Study	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 7:00pm Craft Night	29	30	Oct 1



## September Birthdays

*Congratulations and God's Blessing to:*

- 1 – Eileen Bruton
- 2 – Paul Rivers
- 9 – Lori Green
- 10 – Rachel Shrum
- 11 – Bill Crow
- 12 – Bob DeVantier
- 15 – Tara Meskill
- 19 – Nicholas Frey
- 20 – Della Dusett
- 21 – Katlyn Wilk
- 22 – Lincoln Canaday
- 23 – Betsey Reigle
- 25 – Phyllis Rutter
- 28 – Dave Havens
- 28 – Griffin Walls
- 30 – Marilyn McMullen



## September Anniversaries

*Congratulations and God's Blessings to:*

- 7 – Christian & Tracy Ritzenthaler
- 12 – Dave & Lorie Havens
- 25 – Craig & Joanne Coon
- 26 – Joe & Debra Rayter
- 28 – Ken & Colleen Nordstrom
- 28 – Chris & Betsy Reigle



## Confirmation Revamped

Confirmation Revamped: "Conversations With Christ" Starts in September.

A new way of helping young people learn and internalize the Christian faith will start on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will explore the key beliefs and principles of the Christian faith through a survey of the Bible hitting on some of the epic events in all history. This course is also designed to help students develop a Christian worldview to combat many of the misconceptions and misunderstandings that are expressed in the news, the schoolrooms, and social media.

The sessions will be held on Sunday mornings after the worship service in the Youth Room. They are geared for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but anyone interested in learning more are encouraged to attend. And feel free to invite a friend.

## New Sermon Series 'Bonded'



We will begin a sermon series on September 11<sup>th</sup> called "Bonded." It is based on the description

of the church in Acts 2:42-47 and also Acts 4:32-36. Each week will expand on how the church is described by Luke. What does it mean to "have all things in common" or how were they "devoted to the apostle's teaching?" How about when they refer to "the prayers?"

My hope and prayer is that you come to realize and give thanks to God for calling you to Trinity. Not only that but realize that this gathering is much more than "I" but is about "we."



## Pre-School News

The start of the new school year fast approaching! The toys have been cleaned, the room is set up and lessons are planned. We are excited to share that our 3-year-old class is full this year. We still have a few openings in our 4-year-old class, feel free to spread the word. Our preschool students will join us for a quick orientation on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, classes start on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see the kids and hear about all their fun summer adventures.

A special thank you to Trinity for the generous donation you bless us with every year and to everyone who donated items to the sale with the proceeds being donated to our preschool. We are so grateful to God and are proud to be a part of the Trinity Family. We appreciate all your support, thoughts, and prayers for another successful school year. God Bless!

Jodi Blank  
Laurie Butts  
Yvette Casserino  
Marilyn McMullen

## Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf (SEFS)

Thank you for generously supporting our community food cupboard. SEFS is supported by most area churches as well as many Village organizations. While the clubs and civic groups in the Spencerport School District area hold food drives (typically once a year), the churches have been meeting current monthly needs. It is a plan that has been working well. Please check the weekly bulletin for the most urgent needs and continue to contribute as you are able. If you have any questions please contact one of us. Thank you again for your continued support.

Your Food Shelf Reps,  
Carlynn Gebhardt &  
Madeleine Antonio



### **Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf**

*The Food Shelf serves those in need of food and household supplies in Ogden and South Parma.*

*If you or someone you know is in need, please call for assistance at 585-397-0290 Monday - Friday between 9AM and 5PM*



## Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Group finished our study of the book of James on August 10<sup>th</sup>. On August 24<sup>th</sup> Fran Boatman led us in a study of food of the Bible complete with tastings. Thank you, Fran, for researching this.

We will continue meeting every other Wednesday in September. Please join us to be refreshed in scripture. We will meet at 10:00AM on:

September 7<sup>th</sup>  
&  
September 21<sup>st</sup>



## Remember Our Home Bound

*or give them a call on the phone or send a card. Above all, remember them in your prayers:*

Marie Feldmann	Doris Clement
Tom Troxell	Dorothy Ayers
Waltraud Maisel	Marlene Markham
Bill Crow	Cathy Crow

## Marlene Markham

*Our dear friend, Marlene has a new address. She now lives in Brockport. Please feel free to send her cards/letters, or give her a call. She would love to hear from you.*

*Here is Marlene's new address.*

*1110 Wellington Woods Drive  
East Apt 1115  
Brockport, NY 14420  
585-391-3094*

## Adult Bible Study

Rally Day will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> and there will be an Ice Cream Social after church. Cathy is planning an activity during the ice cream social hour, so Sunday School/ABS classes will reconvene on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Steve will pick up where he left off with Romans Chapter 10.



# Trustees' Report

August 17, 2022

## Building Maintenance Committee

The Building Maintenance Committee has not met since the last Triune update. Some projects have been completed and others remain to be addressed.

- As already reported, Alliance Door and Hardware installed new entrance doors to the Church on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Keys have been distributed by Sue Oswald for all who have requested them. Also, the front entrance door (facing Rt. 31) and the door near the Pastor's office were rekeyed so that all doors now work with the same key.
- Evan Hart has installed security cameras and flat panel screens in the church office and downstairs in the Mary Martha Hall.
- Evan also repaired the ceiling fans in the bathrooms on the first floor. This involved replacing the fan motors. These were old and overheating and could be a hazard.
- A contract has been signed with 1-800-Striper to re-stripe the parking lot. This work will be scheduled in the near future.

## Miscellaneous Items:

We are still trying to get a bid for work to repair the North entrance driveway. We need to get this done before the snow falls. Also, Gatti Plumbing was scheduled to de-scale the sewer line from the Church. However, they were not able to accomplish that but did do a more thorough camera inspection of the line including that running out to the main sewer line on Rt. 31. It may require more of an effort (and cost) to do the job of de-scaling than originally estimated. I am waiting to hear back from them.

Faithfully submitted,  
Rodney Boatman



## Matt's Coats For Kids

This letter goes out to everyone who has helped since 2004, when I started a mission to honor my oldest son by helping others. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Due to some physical health challenges and possibility of surgeries ahead and being unable to find someone willing to take over my responsibilities, Matt's Coats for Kids will not be having our annual coat drive and distribution days this year. Although this saddens me a great deal as this cause was so dear to my heart, I will forever be blessed with memories of what we all were able to do together. I know that Matthew, Giana, and my Mom and Dad have been lovingly honored through this organization. At this point, I am unsure about the future of Matt's Coats for Kids and only God knows what is in all of our futures.

Blessings, love and hugs from me to all of you.

Karen B. Leidig  
Matt's Coats for Kids



## Sunday School News

Rally Day 2022

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> after church. It will include a welcome and a 'get to know you activity' with details about individual classes and plans for the school year. We will end with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL! YUM!

I encourage everyone, both young and old, to join us and invite a friend or neighbor. I'm told we have LOTS of ice cream, and toppings. Come help Trinity get this school year off to a great start.



## Church Council Welcome

I would like to welcome Debra Rayter, our new church council secretary and also thank Arda Davey for her long-standing service as our out-going council secretary. Thank you both for volunteering your time for this important job of deciphering what is said at the council meetings.



Cathy DeConinck,  
Council President



## 50/50 Sale update

I am happy to announce that the church received \$480 from the 50/50 Sale that was held on the weekend of July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trinity partnered with 'Heather Acres,' which is the housing tract that includes the streets that surround the church neighborhood; they hold an annual garage sale. Trinity Christian Pre-school had their own number and raised \$385.

I would truly like to thank everyone who worked during the sale. Kim Rivers, Allen and Anne Klauda, Carol and Jerry Ernsthausen, Arda and Joe Davey, Ruth Hagmier, Ellie Graupman, Sue Oswald, Madeleine Antonio, Roseanne George, Al Vizgirda, and Chris and Betsey Reigle. Special thank you goes out to all of Trinity's youth who prepared the hotdogs. I apologize if I have forgotten anyone, if so, Thank you. Chris said we gave away about 150 lunches which included a hotdog, chips and a bottle of water. Many of the people gave a donation!!

Thanks to everyone! We need to decide what project to put the money towards. If you have any ideas, please share it with me.

Cathy DeConinck

thank  
you

*Dear friends at Trinity,*

*Thank you for the prayers, the many cards, the special memories, and the expressions of Christian love to me and our family. Ron loved you all and found so much joy at Trinity congregation in his "retirement" years. You were a special blessing to us.*

*He wanted always to share the Good News of the love of Jesus. John 3:16*

*Love in Jesus, our Savior,  
Bernie Ginter*

**Please Mark Your Calendar!**

**The Triune  
Deadline for October is  
Friday, September 16**

## **Stewardship Moment** **Bones**

In Ezekiel 37 we hear an interesting narrative. Ezekiel tells of how God brought him to a valley, littered with "Bones". He described them as "Very Dry", but God then inquired of him as to the possibility of any of those bones being resuscitated. Well Ezekiel didn't have a clue and he told God that he certainly had no answer to that question.

As one would have expected, "All Things Are Possible With God" and at that point God instructs Ezekiel to "Prophecy Over Those Bones". The message Ezekiel was instructed to deliver was, "*O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.*" Well what God proposes God executes and as Ezekiel reports the bones began to reassemble. The bones were now bodies with muscle, sinew and flesh but no life.

God wasn't finished though. He instructed Ezekiel to prophesy to "The Breath", "*Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.*" Sure enough, the bodies came alive, stood up and Ezekiel reported that there was an exceedingly great army.

God told Ezekiel that what he was looking at was "The Whole House of Israel", but we've heard this narrative before, all the way back in Genesis 2:7 where God created all of humankind. In Genesis though, there was a certain excitement of "New" and everything was "Good".

God still isn't finished and after He explains that Ezekiel is viewing the "House of Israel", He then reveals that these individuals feel "Hopeless", "Helpless" and "Without a Heritage" but God exclaims that He is about to remedy that situation. Again, He instructs Ezekiel to prophesy, telling them, "*Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.*" This is a different sequence though since God didn't initially talk about



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2022**

**Members present:** Don Ennis, Cathy DeConinck, Lisa Castricone, Kim Rivers, Dave Sylvester, Pastor Steve, Rodney Boatman, Debra Rayter.

**Treasurer Report:**

Chris Reigle not present.

**Financial Report: L. Castricone**

Lisa Castricone presented reports from June and July. New updates needed from Chris for March, April, and May. All deposits have been made. There were no discrepancies from bank. A list of missing months will be needed from Chris with actual expenses. This to be added to the September minutes.

**Elders Report: D. Sylvester**

- Bev Lillie's husband had eye surgery.
- Wedgewood Nursing home August 10<sup>th</sup> service has been canceled but should be rescheduled for September.
- The website for church/preschool may be combined into one website.
- Cathy, Craig and Jerry interviewed for the organist position, Kevin Lee. This would be a two month contract which may start in September.
- Confirmation classes changing to possibly teaching the Old Testament and catechism first year. New Testament and catechism second year. (Suggested by Pastor Steve)

**Pastor Report: S. Shrum**

Pastor proposed getting a new website for church. He met with Emily Parker to discuss the church's and preschool's website needs. Emily would be able to train those who need to maintain it. New website would be at no cost to the church but would be an \$800 charge for the pre-school. The proposed website offers many good options to help the church grow and is very user friendly. Look up COHchurch.com. This church uses this website if you want to get a sneak preview. Pastor requested a meeting between the church and preschool to work out some things.

**Education: C. DeConinck**

- Rally Day and Sunday School begins September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Outreach: K. Rivers**

- Combined Neighborhood/50-50 Sale - 150 Hotdog lunches were given out.
- Totals from sale - Church #1 \$480 Pre-school #2 \$385

**Trustees (Building Maintenance Team): R. Boatman:**

Current completed projects:

- New door installed on 6/29. Side doors have all been re-keyed.
- Evan Hart installed security cameras and repaired a ceiling fan in women's bathroom.
- Contract signed with 1-800 Striper to restripe parking lot to be done later in the month.
- Getting a bid for work to be done on end area of driveway out to Nichols Street. There is also an issue that the gas line runs under the driveway in this area. This needs to be repaired before winter.
- Sewer repair is needed; Gatti Plumbing states pipes need descaling

**New Business:**

- 26 people attended the Red Wings baseball game.
- Installation of new officers.
- Spectrum approval needed for installation of new internet

**Old Business:**

- Don Ennis suggested back doors remain open during service on hot days in the summer.
- Looking into a new pictorial directory for the church
- Suggestion of having available a list of current Elders' names posted and what they are responsible for

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with Lord's Prayer



## SERVING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2022



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

	<b>September 4 9:30AM Communion Worship Service</b>	<b>September 11 9:30AM Rally Day Worship Service</b>	<b>September 18 9:30AM Communion Worship Service</b>	<b>September 25 9:30AM Praise Worship Service</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Elizabeth Hammond	Victor Castricone	Lily Ingham	Ryan Ingham
<b>USHERS</b>	Bob DeVantier Mike Mayer	Mitch Frey	Ron Lillie Ryan Ingham	John Gentzke
<b>LECTORS</b>	Brian Miller	Chrissy Hammond	Carol Ernsthause	Joe Davey
<b>ELDERS</b>	Dave Sylvester Bev Lillie		Craig Coon Eileen Bruton	
<b>COUNTERS</b>		Cathy DeConinck Mitch Frey		Tim McMullen Nancy Goehring
<b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY COFFEE SET UP *</b>		Rally Day Ice Cream Social	Sue Oswald	Madeleine Antonio
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Carol Ernsthause			

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45AM

#### PLEASE NOTE:

*Starting September 18<sup>th</sup> Adult Bible Study will be held in the Mary Martha Hall*

*\* Coffee will be served downstairs in the kitchen*





## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Schedule of Sunday Service:** Worship Service at 9:30AM/Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:45AM  
(live streamed on youtube)

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