

The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Guided by
the Holy Spirit,
Trinity Shows & Tells
God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

Pilgrimage Ponderings

Change is difficult – ask anyone who has transitioned from being a single person to a married person, a person without a child to a parent, a teenage to an adult. I love that phrase, commonly used, “I just don't want to adult today.” Would that we could simply say, “not today,” and avoid all change.

By the end of this month we will have celebrated the anniversary of one of the most historic changes in human society. The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is being celebrated globally this month, including in our little corner of the world. 500 years ago a German monk sought to challenge the practices of the Roman Catholic church and, not seeking to establish a new tradition, but seeking some intentional soul searching and consideration of long-held theological constructs, posted 95 statements of concern on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. Those statements got the attention of folks who could read, and quickly gained footing among the masses.

Among the most significant issues for which Martin Luther longed some change, was the selling of indulgences, a certificate purchased which reduced the length of time a loved one would spend away from God's eternal presence after mortal death, presumably in a place called, purgatory. Luther had prayerfully searched the scriptures, looking for some sort of evidence to support that practice, but to no avail. Every text Luther read indicated that Grace was the unmerited favor of God for those who believe and trust in Jesus for forgiveness of sin and eternal life. The Bible repeatedly painted a picture that it was/is because we can't be good enough, avoid our sinful nature, or deserve God's unconditional love, that Jesus bore the brunt of our deserved punishment, died the death we caused, and was vindicated as worthy in God's raising him from the grave.

Nevertheless, for some unknown reason, we still seek to earn God's favor through works of charity, acts of kindness, impassioned prayer seeking deliverance. Maybe that's one of the best gifts of the Reformation, the gift of changing that belief by responding with joyful thanksgiving. No question, we are well on the way to making that change when we can boldly state, “For it is by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing, it is a gift of God,” Ephesians 2:8, and you don't even have to be an adult to lean into that promise.

God's peace, power, and protection be yours!

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Fall Worship Schedule

Sundays 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15-10:15am

Saturdays 6:00pm



10:00am Williams County
Anniv of the Reformation
Festival Worship & Dinner

Trinity Youth Annual
Cheese Sale will be Oct
21, 22 and 28, 29 and
Nov. 4 & 5 with delivery
planned for Nov 18 & 19



Saturday, October 28th
Movie Night - LUTHER

SAVE THE DATE

The 16 Annual TLMM
Chicken BBQ will be
November 5th, from 11:30-
1:00pm



Worship Focus for October

October 1st Seventeenth Weekend after Pentecost

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's Kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

October 7 & 8 Eighteenth Weekend after Pentecost

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

October 14 & 15 Nineteenth Weekend after Pentecost

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

October 21 & 22 Twentieth Weekend after Pentecost

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

October 28 & 29 Reformation Weekend

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

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God's Work. Our Hands. 4th Annual Observance

Thank You to Jan & Steve Mantel and Barb & Gary Arnos for coordinating the work sites and supplies for God's Work, Our Hands. 5 work sites, 43 volunteers, 2 ½ hours, 15 pizzas, and lots of warm fuzzies make this 4th annual observance of the ELCA day of service one for the record books.



Hurricane Relief

REUTERS/Alvin Baez

Florida Disaster Response Volunteer Opportunity is being planned. A few of Trinity members are interested in planning a winter trip to Florida to assist with Hurricane Irma recovery. The tentative dates are: Saturday, January 20 through Sunday, February 4, 2018. The plan is to travel in caravan by automobile, and take at least one travel trailer as well as supplies for various tasks which will be coordinated and assigned by Lutheran Disaster Response. Because LDR is just getting established and assessing needs, we don't know where we will be needed or what we will do, but it is important to get an idea of who wants to go. If you want to learn more, please plan to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2018 in the Lighthouse Room.



Movie Night to Benefit Disaster Relief

will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017. We will view "LUTHER". Admission and snacks are available for a freewill offering to benefit Hurricane Irma Disaster Response. The movie will be shown in the sanctuary. Invite a friend - join the festivities - support a worthy cause!

Thank you

Thank you to Rita Baird for her diligent tending to the deep cleaning of the church basement in preparation for Sunday School and Catechism. Every nook has been tidied and every cranny dusted. New crayons, glue, glitter and tape purchased and in place.

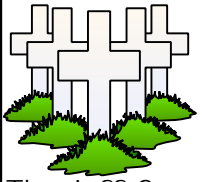


Thank you to the Midweek Manna Mavens & Men - MaryAnn Taylor, Linda Essex, JoAnn Ebbert, Peggy Vermillion, Carolyn Walsh, DeWayne Essex and Floyd Taylor and others who keep the pots bubbling, the dishes washed and nutritious meals served with a smile. For over 9 years this crew has faithfully served the needs of the community and congregation, and we are grateful!



Dear Church Friends, Thank you so much for helping us with gardening, window washing, painting, and cleaning our front entrance! You Rock! You truly did make my day. ♥♥ Jim & Jan Hitchcock

Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...



The Richard Buchsteiner family with the death of Sherry's brother, Thomas Soute, who passed away on August 22nd at the age of 75.

The Jeff Gunn family with the death of Jeff's brother, Doug Gunn who passed away on September 20, 2017. His funeral is September 30, 2017 at Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier.

"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them"



First Communion Training for children in Kindergarten or older who have not yet received communion will be at Noon on Sunday, October 8, 2017. We will gather in Weiblen Hall for conversation and lunch. A parent is required to attend the class with your child. Please call the church office to sign-up.

Church Council Nominees Sought

The nomination process is underway to seek members who are willing to serve on Church council. We will have 5 adult vacancies and 1 youth term to fill. If you are contacted by the _nominating committee, please give it your prayerful consideration. Terms are for 3 years and the current practice is that council members are not automatically the "Chairperson" of any given committee, but are expected to serve as a liaison to a committee of the church. If you or someone you know are willing to consider a nomination to serve on Church Council, please contact one of the following members of the nominating committee: Gary Arnos 419-270-2591 or Tom Smith 419-551-8039. Elections will be on Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5 and 11 & 12.

LOOK WHO'S NEW IN BLUE



Congratulations to Glen & Ann Newcomer in the birth of their grandson, Liam Michael Newcomer, born on August 27, 2017 to Matt & Sarah Newcomer. God's blessings of love and joy be with this happy family!



Trinity QUILTERS - (not Quitters) have handcrafted 56 warm and soft quilts to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief since last November. MaryAnn Taylor, Goldie Wieland, Joanne Wolf,

Barb Arnos, JoAnn Ebbert, Donna Hershberger, Jackie Uran, Marybeth Snider, Joyce Gendron, Kathy Foster, and Karen Hopkins have gathered faithfully one afternoon a month, with lots of work at home between gatherings, to cut, piece, sew, bat, tie and bind the twin-sized quilts. These gifts of kindness and time-consuming skill may be used anywhere in the world where Lutheran World Relief donations make life a bit more manageable for those struck by crisis or living in economic adversity.

Parish Education Award Winner



2017 Richard Buchsteiner Parish Education Award recipient is Thelma Coolman. Thelma taught 4th grade Sunday School for 10 years, just a "few" years ago. Her students learned the faith, and she exercised patience and love as the faith was taught. Thelma is married to Jim, and together they are parents to James, Jeffrey & Kathleen. Thank you, Thelma for your service to the church, and your faithfulness.

October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Chime Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	2 6:30 Prayer Shawl	3	4 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	5	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
8 8:30am Chime Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	9 7:00pm Council	10 12:30-4:00pm Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts	11 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	12	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
15 10:00am Williams County Anniv of the Reformation Festival Worship & Dinner	16 7:00pm Florida Disaster Response Volunteer Opportunity Meeting	17 7:00pm Dartball (home - Deshler)	18 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	19	20  Happy Birthday Ed Hulbert (83) Pastor's Day Off	21 8:00am TLMM Meeting 6:00pm Worship w/ HC supper club  cheese orders
22 8:30am Chime Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC Youth Service  cheese orders	23	24 Deadline for November Trumpet	25 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28  cheese orders 6:00pm Worship w/ HC 7:30pm Movie Night <u>Luther</u>
29 8:30am Chime Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC  cheese orders	30 7:00pm Member Care Outreach	31				



The Bishop's Fall Conference Visit

Join the Bishop for the Maumee Valley Conference Fall Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Hamler. The evening will include Taize style worship, an update about the synod's activities, introductions of new synod staff members, and the Bishop's Bake-off. Our conference Bake-off will feature Apple Desserts, and attendees will cast a cash ballot for their favorite tasty Apple treat. Vote proceeds will help fund the newly established Northwestern Ohio Synod Discipleship Institute. Pastor Mary Beth is planning to attend (and to bake something apple - probably an apple cake) and has space in her vehicle for a few passengers. Speak to her if you want to ride along - we'll leave the church at 5:30 p.m.



October brings birthdays for one of our Trinity Fellas. Ed Hulbert, 15271 Co. Rd. D50, celebrates his 83rd birthday on October 20th. We wish

him God's blessings as he celebrates this significant birthday.



CALLING ALL BAKERS

13th Annual Cookie Walk

Once again we will be organizing a Cookie Walk to benefit Trinity Lutheran's team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event will be held on December 9th in Weiblen Hall.

Volunteers are asked to bake 3-4 dozen holiday cookies. We need lots of different types of cookies in order to provide a special selection or variety to the public.

If you have the special talent of being a baker and would like to help a wonderful cause, please contact Michele Fireovid by email at mfireovid@cityofbryan.net or call 419-636-9021.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation Festival

Join friends from across Williams County on Sunday, October 15, 2017 when we gather for a Reformation Festival Worship, Lunch and Family Fun Day. Worship will be at 10a.m. at the Veterans Building, on the Williams County Fairgrounds in Montpelier. A catered lunch will be served after worship - tickets are \$10 for adults (over age 10); \$5.00 for children (age 3-9), and under age 2 are free. Following lunch we will share in fun activities including bounce houses, euchre, and corn hole. Come for the entire day or just for part - it will be a great way to celebrate a significant date in history - our history, together.

Take 5 for Faith

5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday!

1. Think about and share your Ups & Downs of the day.
2. Read the suggested Bible Passage.
3. Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.
4. Pray for Family, Friends, the Church & World.
5. Bless your self & others.

- Oct 1 - Psalm 25:1-9
- Oct 2 - Philippians 1:3-14
- Oct 3 - Philippians 1:15-21
- Oct 4 - Matthew 9:2-8
- Oct 5 - Colossians 2:16-23
- Oct 6 - Philippians 2:14-18;
3:1-4a
- Oct 7 - John 7:40-52
- Oct 8 - Psalm 80:7-15
- Oct 9 - 1 Peter 2:4-10
- Oct 10 - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Oct 11 - John 11:45-57
- Oct 12 - 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
- Oct 13 - James 4:4-10
- Oct 14 - Mark 2:18-22

- Oct 15 - Psalm 23
- Oct 16 - Jude 17-25
- Oct 17 - Philippians 3:13-4:1
- Oct 18 - John 6:25-35
- Oct 19 - 3 John 9-12
- Oct 20 - 1 Peter 5:1-5
- Oct 21 - Matthew 14:1-12

- Oct 22 - Psalm 96:1-9
- Oct 23 - Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
- Oct 24 - Revelation 18:21-24
- Oct 25 - Matthew 17:22-27
- Oct 26 - Titus 1:5-16
- Oct 27 - Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
- Oct 28 - John 5:39-47
- Oct 29 - Psalm 1
- Oct 30 - James 2:8-13
- Oct 31 - James 2:14-26
- Nov 1 - Matthew 19:16-22
- Nov 2 - Romans 2:17-29
- Nov 3 - 2 Peter 2:1-3
- Nov 4 - Matthew 23:13-28
- Nov 5 - Palm 43

OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Sunday October 1st	Keagan Nichols	Rob Goodlive	Joe Whisler	Team 2-rail Henry Burklo
Sunday October 8th	Noah Diaz	Mike Bever	Henry Burklo	Team 3 Floyd Taylor
Sun, Oct 15th 10:00am	Williams County Anniversary of the Reformation Festival Worship and Dinner			
Sunday October 22nd	Keagan & Brooklyn Nichols	Paul Vargo	Tom Smith	Team 5 Tom Smith
Sunday October 29th	Rachel Fireovid	Buddy Rossow	Rick Taylor	Team 1 Doug Johnson

ALTAR GUILD
Sue Motter, Betty Griffis
and Martha Eickhoff

OCTOBER BIBLE VERSE
"Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes which I am commanding you this day." Deuteronomy 8:11

September Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$5,066.00		
9/3 Sunday Worship	55	\$5,390.30
9/9 Saturday Worship	61	
9/10 Sunday Worship	44	\$1,679.30
9/16 Saturday Worship	50	
9/17 Sunday Worship	109	\$4,137.30
9/23 Saturday Worship	43	
9/24 Sunday Worship	101	
<i>Avg Attendance Sept 2016</i>	151	
<i>Avg Attendance Sept 2017</i>	116	
<u>Other Income for September</u>		
Media	20.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	20.00	
parking lot fund	20.00	
Warm Hearts Warm Homes	500.00	
world hunger	500.00	
Hurricane Response	185.00	
Hurricane Harvey	20.00	

OCTOBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4 Evelyn Fox	9 Daxen Frederick	22 Bruce Wheeler
5 Jackie Perry	10 Nathan Andrews	24 Marion Rickenberg
6 Mekenzie Andrews	12 John Miller	25 Joanna Stiverson
6 Brycen Andrews	13 Stanley Feather	26 James Knight
8 Rachel Fireovid	13 Arlene Dahl	27 Madilynn Rinell
9 Marcille Wheeler	14 Austin Huffman	27 Sandra Berning
9 Marsha Kirkpatrick	14 Kerrie Hutchison	29 Rachel Webb
9 Charlotte Johnston	18 Kenneth Chappuies	31 Joanne Wolf
9 Ashtyn Frederick	22 Andrew Hitchcock	31 Terry Witte
9 Eyon Frederick	22 Jacob Underwood	31 Michelle Andrews

Mid-Week Manna
A Free Meal For All God's People
Wednesday Evenings 5:30-6:30pm
October Menu


Oct 4 spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, fruit & dessert

Oct 11 porkloin, mashed potatoes, veggie, fruit & dessert

Oct 18 casserole night


Oct 25 beef/noodles, mashed potatoes, veggie, fruit & dessert


Nov 1 soup & sandwich



Orders for the 31st Annual Trinity Youth Cheese Sale

Youth Cheese Sale is Underway and orders will be taken on the weekends of October 21, 22 and 28, 29 and November 4 & 5. Delivery will be the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 18 & 19. Cheese types available include: Baby Swiss, Lacey Baby Swiss, Bacon, Butter, Colonial Cheddar, Yellow Colby, Farmer, Fiesta Jack, Jalapeno Colby, Marble, Monty Jack, Onion, Yogurt - Original, Yogurt - Jalapeno, Yogurt - Peppercorn Chive, Yogurt - Tomato & Basil, Yogurt - Herb & Garlic, Yogurt - Tomato & Garlic, Yogurt - Vegetable. Also available in both 8 ounce sticks and 3 pound wheels is Smoked Cheddar.





10th Annual Ready, Set, Relax!

Monday, October 2, 2017

Ready, Set, Relax is a family focused, BRYAN community day off beginning at 5:00pm. The event is held to raise awareness that strong, healthy families are the best protection against high risk behaviors among our youth.