

# 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

Hands down, autumn is my favorite season of the year. Crisp, cool days. Leaves changing colors as they fall to the ground. Bright sunrises and muted dusks. That opinion is only changed when the autumn brings foggy mornings or rainy days. As we move into autumn the days grow shorter, the darkness more intense, the stars more brilliant in the night sky.

Autumn makes me more reflective - seeking some time for silent introspection, accompanied by prayer and meditation. That is a serious reality for this season's change as we experience dramatic changes in our lives together in the Williams County ELCA Parish. Some of those changes have been "in your face" like a foggy, autumn morning - changes in worship times, the fact that the pastor/deacon is not immediately available only to 1 congregation, the necessity to share the load of leadership and programming. Additionally, the Bishop's stirring, albeit challenging words, about the life in Paradise and how we acknowledge the value, long term, in sticking with the course charted, speak volumes to our season of change.

As such, I want to lay it right out there - I am seeking the blessings, the good, the clear and crisp, sundrenched environs in each of the congregational contexts and in the parish ministry. I believe that we are destined to reap far more benefit, than the burden of change will cost. Those hope-filled environments may not always be rosy and fun - conflict that gives rise to growth, respect and understanding is still conflict. There will still be loss - for some this just won't be the expression of church they desire, and for all of us a transition from "my will and wants" to "our will and wants" could be difficult.

But, oh, the joy at the end of the day. Reflecting on God's faithfulness after seeing the journey through, metaphorically as if, that a day which began socked in with fog (and the resulting desire to snuggle further down into the warm bed), ends with an evening of crisp, cool weather perfect for a bonfire, revealing a starry sky is the blessing in disguise. I really trust that is the kind of story God is writing, inviting us to trust, inviting us to commit to the whole process, inviting us to know that even this season of change brings hope of new and eternal life. Perhaps the benediction we all seek will be with words that sound like, *"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21 (NIV).*

Sharing the journey, anticipating the joy-

*Pastor Mary Beth*

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Fall Worship Schedule  
Sundays 10:00am  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Saturdays 6:00pm

October 1, 2018  
Ready Set Relax



Kayaking Trip  
October 13, 2018

Trinity Youth Annual  
Cheese Sale will be during  
the month of October  
with delivery planned for  
Nov 17 & 18



Mark Your Calendars...

November 3 & 4 All Saints

November 4, 2018 - Time Change

The 18 Annual TLMM  
Chicken BBQ will be  
November 4th, from 11:30-  
1:00pm



# Worship Focus for October

October 6 & 7      Twentieth Weekend after Pentecost

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

October 13 & 14      Twenty-First Weekend after Pentecost

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

October 20 & 21      Twenty-Second Weekend after Pentecost

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

October 27 & 28      Reformation Weekend

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers-that-be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

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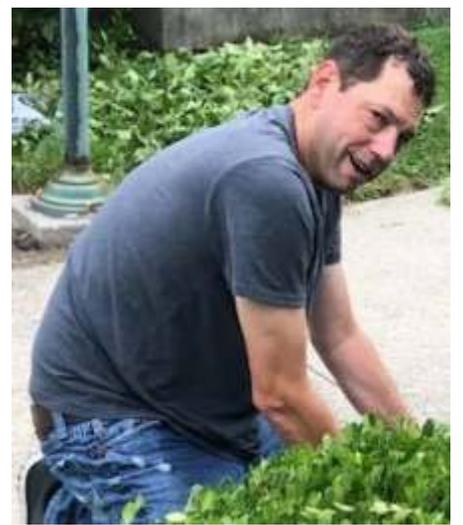
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## God's Work. Our Hands. 5th Annual Observance

God's Work. Our Hands A HUGE SUCCESS!! Thank you to the many hardworking, faith-filled folks who built bunk beds, washed windows, spread mulch, trimmed shrubbery, groomed lawns, and pulled nasty invasive weeds from the lawn - at the church and other locations. The impact of nearly 50 people was evident and inspiring. Thank you to coordinators Barb & Gary Arnos, Mindy & Steve Hess, and Jan & Steve Mantel. God's Work. Our Hands - a tradition at Trinity for 5 years and counting!





Everyone is Invited to share a Fall Adventure on the Mongo River - KAYAKING! Saturday, October 13, 2018 - we will depart from Trinity at 8 a.m. (St. Peter's will depart at 8:30 a.m. since they are a bit closer already) and carpool to The Trading Post Canoe & Kayak Livery, 7525 E. 300 N, Mongo, IN. We will enjoy a 1 ½ hour float - with a little necessary paddling - down the river about 4 miles, and be transported back to the livery where we will enjoy a picnic lunch. Bring a finger food dish to share - wieners, buns, condiments, plates, and bottled water will be provided. Cost is \$28 per person for kayak rental (including a paddle and life jacket.) Shared costs for car pooling will be determined by each driver, but a recommendation of \$5.00 per person is suggested. Check out the website, [www.tradingpostcanoe.com](http://www.tradingpostcanoe.com) for prices for 2 person kayaks and the canoe alternative. Families, men, women, youth - all ages are welcome. A towel, change of clothes, and water shoes are highly recommended. Anticipated time of arrival back in NW Ohio will be about 4:00pm. This is a Williams County ELCA Parish Activity Inspired by members of Trinity - Friends are welcome too.

## Thank you

Dear Trinity Family,

Mike and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who took part in the bone marrow transplant benefit spaghetti dinner held on August 24th. We were truly humbled by the turnout, generosity and the volunteers that came together to make it a reality.

We would like to thank the kitchen workers, spaghetti cookers, servers, and anyone else who helped them, inside and outside. A special thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who baked or donated pies, what an awesome selection we had!

Thank you to those who attended, dining and supporting the various raffles and auctions. To those who helped Friday afternoon to set up and clean up the Moose dining room and kitchen, thank you!

We were astounded by all the donations. For fear of missing someone, we apologize that a list of individual names, isn't included in this thank you - please know that each of you are part of our group of encouraging, angelic, care and support.

Sue and Mike Bever



Dear Trinity Scholarship Committee, I am honored that I was chosen for this years scholarship. I will begin classes in my second year at the University of Toledo and these funds are greatly appreciated. Thank you. Allie Darrow



Dear Friends in Christ, It has been our privilege to and delight to pray for the members and leaders of Trinity each day for the past month. We did this as a part of Bishop Beaudoin's year long emphasis on prayer. We prayed for your spirit, your health, your mission and for your perserverance in faith. May you be a blessing to one another and to your neighbors in and around Bryan. Dave & Jean Witelmann, Woodville, Ohio



Trinity Lutheran, Thank you very much for sending volunteers to help out at the sanctuary. We appreciate your thoughtfulness to help us in this ministry. Michael Matthew, Sanctuary Director

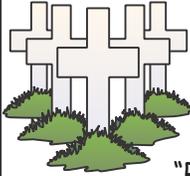


Thank you to those folks who blessed me with phone calls, cards, visits and prayers during my stay of respite care at FountainPark. Blessings, Arlene Goshia



Dear Trinity Family, Thank you for your continuing support of my college education at the University of Toledo. I am now in my 2nd year, hoping to become a pharmacist. Your encouragement and generous scholarship make a huge difference in the attainment of that goal. God bless you all! Josh Webb

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



The Esther Lanius family with her passing on September 19, 2018. Esther's funeral was held here at Trinity on September 24.

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



## 32nd Annual Trinity Youth Cheese Sale

Youth Cheese Sale is Underway and orders will be taken during the month of October. Delivery will be the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 17 & 18.

## Church Council Nominees Sought

The nomination process is underway to seek members who are willing to serve on Church council. We will have four adult vacancies and one 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: Trudy Day 419-636-3806, Paul Vargo 419-636-3241 or Matt Wieland 419-553-0624. Elections will be on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4 and 10 & 11.



The Commemoration of All Saints' will be observed at worship on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4.

We will remember those who have entered the church triumphant since November 1, 2017.

Those from our congregation include: Cecile Plummer, Norma Thielan, Christa Hitt, Barbara Steckly, Kevin Wilson, Paul Johnson, Mary Babinger, Ann Deepe, Zale (Zeke) Harvey, Loella Pepple and Esher Lanius.

"Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord." (taken from the Prayer of the Day for All Saints' Sunday, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.)



October brings birthdays for one of our Trinity Fellas. Ed Hulbert, 15271 Co. Rd. D50, celebrates his 84th birthday on October 20th. We wish

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

## CRUX is launching - January 2019

with the following opportunities to equip the laity for leadership and care in congregations. If you believe that God is calling you to share your gifts of caring for others, or leading worship & preaching, please speak to Pastor Mary Beth for further details.

### 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 - 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 Oct 2 - 1 John 2:18-25  
 Oct 3 - Matthew 18:6-9  
 Oct 4 - Galatians 3:23-29  
 Oct 5 - Romans 8:1-11  
 Oct 6 - Luke 16:14-18  
 Oct 7 - Psalm 8  
 Oct 8 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-9  
 Oct 9 - 1 Corinthians 7:10-16  
 Oct 10 - Matthew 5:27-36  
 Oct 11 - Hebrews 3:7-19  
 Oct 12 - Hebrews 4:1-11  
 Oct 13 - Matthew 15:1-9  
 Oct 14 - Psalm 90:12-17

Oct 15 - Revelation 7:9-17  
 Oct 16 - Revelation 8:1-5  
 Oct 17 - Luke 16:19-31  
 Oct 18 - Romans 15:7-13  
 Oct 19 - Revelation 17:1-18  
 Oct 20 - Luke 22:24-30  
 Oct 21 - Psalm 91:9-16

Oct 22 - Hebrews 6:1-12  
 Oct 23 - Hebrews 6:13-20  
 Oct 24 - John 13:1-17  
 Oct 25 - Hebrews 7:1-10  
 Oct 26 - Hebrews 7:11-22  
 Oct 27 - Mark 8:22-26  
 Oct 28 - Psalm 46  
 Oct 29 - 1 Peter 2:1-10  
 Oct 30 - Acts 9:32-35  
 Oct 31 - Matthew 20:29-34  
 Nov 1 - Hebrews 9:1-12  
 Nov 2 - Romans 3:21-31  
 Nov 3 - Luke 10:25-37  
 Nov 4 - Psalm 24  
 Nov 5 - Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10

# October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 Prayer Shawl	2	3 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Bell Choir	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 6:00pm Worship w/ HC cheese orders
7 8:30am Chime Choir 9:10am Sr. Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC cheese orders	8 7:00pm Council	9 12:30-4:00pm Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts 7:00pm Dartball (away - Deshler)	10 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Bell Choir	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13 Kayak Trip 6:00pm Worship w/ HC cheese orders
14 8:30am Chime Choir 9:10am Sr. Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC cheese orders	15 7:00pm Member Care Outreach	16	17 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Bell Choir	18	19 Happy Birthday Ed Hulbert (84) Pastor's Day Off	20 6:00pm Worship w/ HC supper club cheese orders
21 8:30am Chime Choir 9:10am Sr. Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC cheese orders	22 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting	23 Deadline for November Trumpet 7:00pm Dartball (home - Okolona)	24 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Bell Choir	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
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## The Bishop's Fall Conference Visit

Join the Bishop for the Maumee Valley Conference Fall Meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. The evening will start with worship, followed by the Bake-Off, and a time of learning. Bishop Daniel will kick-off the evening with the introduction of the Year of Scripture, after which attendees can choose to attend one of two presentations:

**People, Purpose, Parish, and Perspective: Resourcing for God's Call with Sherry Krieger**  
**Removing the Barriers to Generosity in your Congregation: A Systematic Approach, Step 1 with Kent Wilsonoff**

All are invited to participate in the Bishop's Bake-Off! Here's how: When you register, indicate that you are interested in bringing a dessert. Find your favorite recipe that matches the flavor of the evening (ours is "bakers choice"). We're also looking for your favorite Bible verse and/or a prayer that you would like included in the cookbook. If you want to share your recipe, bring it with you to the Gathering. Please make sure all recipes are legible! Recipes will be collected for our "NWOS Fall Gathering Cookbook", which will be available on the synod website or via email by request. Pastor Mary Beth is planning to attend (and to bake something) 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.

### Wise Words

WHEW! What a start we all experienced in September. Thank you for making the adjustments to our new model as the Williams County ELCA Parish. We all have had to give a little to hopefully gain a lot.

I read these quotes the other day that encouraged me:

"When patterns are broken, new worlds emerge."

Socrates wrote, "The secret of change and adaptation is to focus all your energy not fighting the old but on building the new."

I truly believe God is leading us into this new partnership and he will bless our work in his kingdom.

I had an interesting discussion among friends the other week about the ritual of "passing the peace." Some people like it and some don't. Some people want it at the beginning of the service and some at the end. One told me he didn't really care and another stressed she was an introvert and touching all those people made her feel uncomfortable.

While the passing of the peace has evolved into a time of greeting and fellowship in some churches, the significance of this part of our service goes back many centuries. Passing of the peace is a practice that was recorded in the Didache, an early Christian writing nearly as old as many of the New Testament writings. "Peace be with you" is a greeting Jesus himself used with his disciples.

The gesture is simple, but the meaning quite deep. When we extend our hand to another, we, like Jesus, are practicing God's call to make every effort to maintain peace among people. Sharing the peace begins the work of reconciliation taught to us though the life and words of Christ.

Passing the peace often comes after the confession and absolution. Having made peace with God, we now reconcile with one another before sharing communion together. The table of the Lord is not a meal eaten among enemies but among family and friends. Passing of the peace is not just being pleasant or nice to another ; it is a bold act declaring our forgiveness and love to one another.

Peace of Christ to you all!

*Jeanie*



## OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	ACOLYTE	PROJECTION	SOUND	USHERS	LAY LEADERS
October 7	Trinity Slabaugh	Buddy Rossow	Rick Taylor	Team 5 Tom Smith	Joe Whisler
October 14	Ava & Aiden Moore	Mike Bever	Henry Burklo	Team 1 Doug Johnson	Martha Eickhoff
October 21	Eyon Frederick	Rob Goodlive	Jim Helbig	Team 2 Henry Burklo	Keith Day
October 28		Rhonda Fackler	Tom Smith	Team 3 Floyd Taylor	Lisa Whitman

### OCTOBER BIBLE VERSE

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'  
Matthew 25:21(NIV).

### Mid-Week Manna

A Free Meal For All God's People  
Wednesday Evenings 5:30-6:30pm

#### October Menu

- Oct 24 sausage gravy over biscuits  
veggie, fruit & dessert
- Oct 31 ham & bean soup, corn bread,  
fruit & dessert

### OCTOBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

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

### September Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,823.25		
9/2 Sunday Worship	70	\$2,166.00
9/8 Saturday Worship	32	
9/9 Sunday Worship	90	\$5,238.00
9/15 Saturday Worship	38	
9/16 Sunday Worship	45	\$1,345.00
9/22 Saturday Worship	30	
9/23 Sunday Worship	91	
9/29 Saturday Worship		
9/30 Sunday Worship		
Avg Attendance September 2018		
<u>Other Income for September</u>		
Media	30.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	70.00	
parking lot fund	30.00	
Sue Bever benefit	200.00	
world hunger	500.00	
cc reimburse	6.00	
building use	300.00	
loose offering synod disciples	62.17	

### ALTAR GUILD

Bonnie Staup, Betty Griffis  
and Martha Eickhoff



**11th Annual Ready, Set, Relax!**  
Monday, October 1, 2018

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.