

# Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Glory of the Triune God.
Sent to inform
members and friends
about the Mission and
ministry of our Lord's
Church

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# Pastor Bergelin's Message

**TRIANGLE** 

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

The weather should be warming up soon and it will feel so good. Warmth always feels good. Being warm often makes one feel cozy and comfortable. That is the way the word of God should make every one of us feel. To be sure there is nothing warm and cozy about our sin. It is chilling and cold when we see what sin does to us and to our world.

Problems, troubles, sickness, and death itself are all result of sin. We can all talk about the sins of others and how horrible they are, and indeed they may be, but the truth is that none in this world commit greater sins than each of us. We must all stand alongside the Apostle Paul and declare with him that we too are the chief, the worst of sinners. Now don't despair, rather take heart, here is where the warmth comes in. Our Lord loves us sinful people. He loved us so much that He went to the cross and died for us. We are forgiven. Day in and day out the Lord is present with His love and forgiveness. Doesn't that warm you up to know that you are so undeservedly loved? As the hymn writer put it, "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling."

There will be many nice warm days ahead over the next months here in Wisconsin. Don't waste them. And when I say "don't waste them," I mean don't let a single one of them go by without thinking about the warmth of God's love and forgiveness that surrounds you every day no matter what the outside temperature reads.

May the Lord Bless and Keep you in His care,

Pastor Darrel Bergelin pastorbergelin@trinityhowardsgrove.org



# Vicar Veen's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

When we face these new events, we worry ourselves about what it will be like, what we can do to effect it, and what it will be for us. We can spend hours pondering if this will be what we need to do in our lives or if it is something we can avoid. However, worrying about these small things can turn into giant obstacles for us. Jesus said in Luke "which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?" We worry about the small things in life.

We often forget that what happens in our life, is not just our own planning, but it is the plan that God has for us. Every step of our way, while we might think that it is our plan, God is in control. He knows everything that will happen to us and everything that we could possibly need. He has given it to us already. Christ is the plan for us. Christ's death and resurrection was the plan. The plan that brings us eternal life and salvation.

So especially now in this time of the Coronavirus, where we have to deal with this issue day by day with each new piece of information, We look to God as our source. Many of us will be anxious, many of us will be worried about what is going to happen but always remember that God is in control of this. He has not abandoned us, but instead He has given us all we need, Jesus Christ to be our savior. So when life seems to be throwing everything at us and we get anxious, remember that God is always in control and let that comfort of his peace calm you.

In Christ, Vicar Evan Veen vicar@trinityhowardsgrove.org

### Elder's Corner

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### Fear of the **Future**

With the Coronavirus and all the other things desire. If we happening in our world today it is easy to fear the future. Fear of the future can torment us. It can paralyze us from taking action to prevent the very things we fear the most from coming to pass - the "what ifs". What if I lose my job; what if I get a lifethreatening disease; what if my kids make some stupid mistake; what if the economy collapses; what if there is a nuclear holocaust? The list can go on and on. When you are fighting fears about your future and need clarity, it's time to turn to God. Fears about the future may haunt you, but it is not God's will for you to live under that pressure. God has not given us a spirit of fear! While we can't control what the future

holds, we can

steps to help fashion our future to the image we eat right and exercise, we increase the likelihood of having a long life. If we live within our budget and save money, then it is more likely that we can have a retirement without financial burdens. While it's good to be concerned enough about your future to make wise choices today, don't let your concern turn into worry or fear. Trust God that no matter what happens, He will take care of you. Even if you have made mistakes and wrong decisions, He is merciful and will sustain you and bring you out. Trust in Him, and he will give you peace and clarity. The Bible is God's guide for your life, and it says to trust on the

Lord with all

your heart and

lean not on your own understanding: in all ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your steps.

Psalm 34:4 I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

### Deuteronomy 31:6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

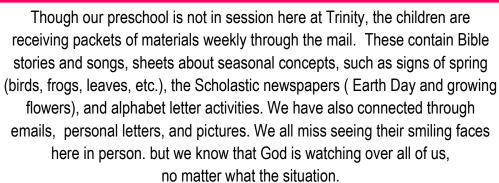
### Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you Hope and a Future"

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen!"



Mrs. Heinemann sent them a reminder of the days of the week.





Logan C. Working on the letter S.





Mrs. Heinemann sent them a reminder picture of what the color and shape were for April.



Harper F. working on the letter H. with tooth picks.



Elin W. working on the letter U



Preschool Page



Virtual hug to Mrs. Heinemann from Lincoln W.



Caylee W. working on her letter S with her mom.



Marli M. working on tracing the ovals.





Kendall L. working on the letter S.



Kendrick K. working on cutting and gluing.

Kalvin K. working on gluing to the right object.

Learning
from
HME



Pastor Bergelin sent an email giving project ideas for Holy Week. We would like to show you the projects some of our members did and shared with us.



From the Mark and Casie Winter Family



Marc Winter





From Mike and Betty Butzen





From the Bryan and Phyllis Becker Family

They made dogwood stick crosses and planted grass for "There is a Green Hill Far Away" Their grandchildren painted rocks and you can see one in the grass.

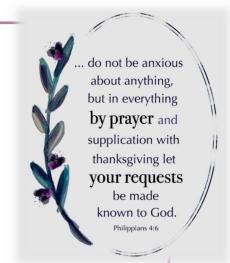
## **Christian Women's Fellowship News**

The Mites and the Federwitz faith promise offerings will be sent away on May 11th. If you would like to give your offerings you may send a check to Janice Lieffring or to the church office. You may also drop your promise offerings off in the mite box located in the narthex of church. Looking ahead to the summer, the offerings will be sent, June 30th and August 11th. It is important we continue to give as they depend on our faith promise offerings.

### **Prayer Calendar**

## The prayer calendar is written by members of Christian Women's Fellowship

- **1.** May Day! Brighten someone else's day today! A call, a card, a message, a small gift?
- **2.** Keep the effects of COVID—19 in your ongoing prayers. Effects are widespread. With God, all things are possible.
- **3.** Thank a church worker or volunteer for their service. Appreciation goes a long way.
- **4.** End the day with Luther's Evening Prayer.
- **5.** As Concordia St Louis observes its Multiethnic Symposium, Keep in mind that the church reaches to all cultures as we are directed in God's word.
- **6.** God adores the sound of your voice...talk to him often.
- 7. Read Ephesians 2:1-10--Be mindful of His mercy and grace.
- **8.** Remember your Baptism. Give thanks for the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **9.** Give thanks for the many birds—all created by God. They enrich our lives with beautiful sights and sounds.
- 10. Mother's Day. Give thanks for your mother!
- 11. What a Friend We Have in Jesus! Keep this hymn in your head today!
- 12. Praise God for the gift of each new day!
- **13.** As the Zone 9 SWD LWML Spring Rally is today, remember women of faith in YOUR life—past and present. Pray for the missions of the LWML—far and near. Drop something in the Mite Box if you can.
- 14. Pray for Pastor and Vicar and their families and their ministry.
- **15.** Remember our endangered species in your prayers. God created all they creatures and some have diminished. Some, thankfully, have made a comeback.
- **16.** Lord, lead us to look to You and not to ourselves for our answers.
- 17. Worship the Lord with Gladness.
- **18.** Remember all college graduates in the class of 2020 in your prayers.
- 19. Call or message a friend. Friends are God's way of showing us what love is about.
- 20. Pray The Lord's Prayer
- **21.** Today.. God has a purpose for you. Strive to do as He would.
- 22. Remember those who have gone before us—visit a cemetery if you are so inclined.
- 23. Read and ponder Psalm 23.
- **24.** Planting season is upon us. Enjoy and give thanks for all that grows and beautifies.
- 25. Memorial Day. Give thanks for our Veterans and those currently serving our country.
- **26.** Heavenly Father, help us to ask for the things that bring glory to Your name.
- 27. Begin your morning with Luther's Morning Prayer
- **28.** Pray for safety of those travelling this weekend.
- 29. Lord God, grant that we may work and keep your gifts for Your service and glory. Amen
- **30.** 1 John 5:14—And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to his will He hears us.
- **31.** As the month comes to an end, reflect on all the blessings bestowed upon you and our church this past month.





# May 2020

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3 Steve Herzog Natalie Jensema	4 Sherry Rammer	5 Kyle Reiss Derek Schueler	6 Connie Mallmann Jim McCraw Cody Stange	7 Holly Arreguin Sean Daehn	8 Rita Winter	9 Kathy Franz
10 Amanda Grunewald	11 Travis Grunewald Darci Milbrath Scott Timm	12 Carson Grunewald Dianne Marks Ryan Richter	13 Chloe Grunewald	14	15 David Haag	16 Deede Bergelin
17 Evan Erdmann Bryan Grunewald	18 Linda Grapentine Gavin Winter	19 Mona Jaeger Kari LaPean	20 Abigail Brickner	21 Wayne Schorer	22 Tina Grunewald	23 Jordan Gollhardt Laura Reinemann Nick Wychesit
24	25	26 James Hansen Connie Heling	27 Ashley Holler Nicole Schobert	28 Allen Dirks Ethan Fenn Grace Hansen	29 Tom Damrow Shelli Milbrath	30 Nicole Englebert
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Our bulletins, newsletters, portals of prayers etc. are being placed in the salt box outside of the office wing door. If you would like copies other than the copies online, please stop by and take what you need.

Acolyte, Greeter and all other schedules will be mailed when we are able to worship at church again.

Many people have asked how they can give their offerings while we are unable to meet for worship.

- You may mail it to the church office.
- You may have your offering automatically withdrawn from an account of your choosing. You may go to our website for a deduction form or we can mail you one.
- You may drop it off at church. There is a table outside of the office.



We are streaming our Worship services live on Facebook at 8:00am Sunday mornings. The video

will remain on Facebook so you can watch it anytime. You may also watch it on our website at trinityhowardsgrove.org

If you would like Communion, please contact the church office and speak with Pastor Bergelin to schedule a time.

## Flowers/Bulletins/Newsletter

### May 10

The flowers for May 10th are given from Gloria Hopf in memory of Donald Hopf. Donald was born on May 14, 1935. He would be 85 this year.

#### May 24th

The flowers for May 24th are from Jerry Brandt in memory of Eileen Brandt.

#### May 17th Bulletin

The bulletin is sponsored by Arwin and Marlyn Herzog in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary. To God be the glory! Congratulations Arwin and Marlyn. Happy Anniversary!!

### May 24th Bulletin and the May Newsletter

The bulletin is sponsored by Nathan, Jennie, Hannah and Spencer Cassity in honor of Beth's High School Graduation. Congratulations Hannah!! To God be the glory!

Graveside services for Charles Albrecht took place on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Pastor Bergelin officiated. May God send His comfort to the Albrecht family. Burial was in the church cemetery.

If you are graduating this year, please let the church office know so we can recognize you. Please email your Sr. picture with a note of what your plans are for the Fall.

### **Join us ONLINE for our 40th Annual Auction**

WHEN: May 15, 16 & 17, 2020

**WHERE:** From the comfort of your own home!

HOW: The online bidding link will be sent to you.

#### **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**

Crusade for Bids

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Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, our Auction will be online only. The Friday preview night festivities has been cancelled for this year. The Saturday dinner is also cancelled.

# Our very own Willard Kuhlow was interviewed by the Review. Enjoy!!

90-year old barber maintains a brisk clip by Sarah Hall Correspondent for The Review Permission granted to copy.



As he approaches the seventieth anniversary of his career in barbering, Willard Kuhlow, age 90, shows few if any signs of slowing down.

Not only is he still open for business full-time, but he also continues to pursue his active lifestyle filled with civic club and church involvements, including charter membership in the Lions Club of Howards Grove — to which he is so devoted that he has gone 46 years without missing a meeting.

His Howard's Grove Barber Shop building — where Kuhlow also lives and raised his family — is

literally a local institution. It was once the State Bank of Howards Grove, built in 1912, opened for business in 1913 and moved across the street to its current location in 1949.

"I like to make people look nice and it gives me something to do. I don't smoke and I don't drink, so I cut hair!" Kuhlow said. "I enjoy what I'm doing and I don't want to look at the four walls."

His own hair is soft, lustrous, thick and white, a walking advertisement for his profession. He and Donald Bennin — a 75-year-old barber in Cleveland who was once Kuhlow's wife's student — regularly cut each other's hair for free, and have done so for more than 50 years.

To hear Kuhlow on the phone, one might presume he is decades younger than he is, as he instantly grasps every word and speaks clearly, quickly and distinctly — so much so that when this reporter first called him, she initially thought she had reached the wrong person.

And to watch him in action is like seeing a pro in his prime, as he darts and dips about the barber's chair swiftly yet with a gracefulness and economy of motion refined through long practice.

He has been cutting hair ever since he served in the army, from April 1951 to March 1953, during the Korean Conflict. While still in basic training in Arkansas, he took an instant dislike to the assembly-line barbering he witnessed.

"You got in the barber chair, the barber would throw a cloth around your neck and make a couple of swipes across the top of your head and then rip the cloth off, and the hair flew in your face and he says, 'NEXT!'," Kuhlow recalled. "That was terrible. Everybody got a butch! I thought, well, I can do better than that."

His father sent him some clippers and he started his first venture into barbering, which continued for the nearly two years he was based in Alaska. He would cut hair for other soldiers wherever they could plunk down for a moment — in the barracks, latrine or outside where cuttings did not have to be swept up — for 50 cents each.

Kuhlow's "little" brother Daniel — a mere age 79, and the owner of a Christmas tree farm in Elkhart Lake — was there visiting and getting a haircut when the interview began. He quipped that the service would cost him "three onions."

"We do a lot of joking around here. It keeps everything a little lively," his big brother pointed out.

Before long, another Daniel — Daniel Lamb of Sheboygan, who first became Kuhlow's customer more than 20 years ago when he was a student at nearby Lakeland College — stepped into the shop.

"He still gives me a very good haircut ... and if he doesn't have it down by now, he never will," Lamb said, as a razor whirred behind his head.

Clearly, Kuhlow values precision. His walls are covered with old photos and newspaper clippings, with all the details neatly labelled. After the handsome, antique clock on his wall stopped working, he refused to pay the \$500 he was told it would cost to repair it, yet does not want to cause confusion as to what time it is — so he carefully cut a circle out of cardboard to cover the clock's face. His recall of dates, names and events is astounding.

Kuhlow was born at home as the ninth of 14 siblings on January 4, 1930 — not long after the start of the Great Depression — to Ella (Rautmann) and Albert Kuhlow on an 80-acre farm in the Town of Sheboygan Falls, close to where the Sheboygan County Airport is now. He was named after former Sheboygan Mayor Dr. Willard M. Zonnenberg, who attended his birth.

Longevity must run in his family, as Kuhlow has two older sisters who reached the ages of 95 and 100 before passing away. He is now the oldest of five surviving siblings. His father's mother, Ida Kuhlow, lived to be 106, and she had a daughter Alma who lived to be 103.

"I can remember things back all the way to 1932. My parents would say, 'he doesn't know anything yet,' and my ears would get real sharp," he said. "For example, I remember that when I was about two years old, my parents had a light bill of four dollars and some cents, and they couldn't pay it. So they took some eggs, went downtown and bartered."

"I never went to high school. After graduating from eighth grade in 1944, I had to go to work," Kuhlow continued. "There were just two of us in my graduating class, and I was the second smartest kid." His first job was in a gravel pit in Sheboygan Falls, and he also worked in other construction jobs.

After serving in the army, Kuhlow knew what he wanted to do with his life and went to barber school, completing a nine-month course at Milwaukee Area Technical College and graduating with the Class of 1954.

His younger brother LeRoy became a barber, too, and practiced in downtown Sheboygan for 53 years before passing in 2014. "He had a head of hair like I have," Kuhlow noted.

Willard worked for other barbers in Milwaukee for a couple of years before taking over the barber shop of Henry "Hank" Altmeyer in Howard's Grove on July 14, 1956.

"I heard the shop was available and bought it right away for \$10,500," Kuhlow said. When he first opened for business, he charged \$1.25 per haircut, and was soon attracting ten or more customers a day.

His Uncle William Kuhlow loaned him \$2,000 to complete the purchase.

"He was so tickled pink to help a nephew out. And in six months, I had it all paid back," Kuhlow said.

On November 10, 1956, he married Jeanette Hinz of Herman — a teacher who had been a good friend of his younger sisters. They had started going together when he got out of the service. She died on January 11, 2016.

His favorite thing about barbering? "The friendship. My customers are like family to me," Kuhlow said.

One of his oddest barbering experiences happened about 30 years ago, when two Lakeland college students who may have had too much to drink requested "monk" haircuts, in a perfect circle on top of their scalps. Kuhlow reluctantly complied, only to learn afterwards that the students complained about their deliberately awful cuts when they continued on to local bars.

"I want people looking nice when they leave here, and it doesn't take me long to achieve that!" Kuhlow said. "Basically, everyone who comes in that door is my boss, and I want to make sure they come back." He generally completes every haircut in 15 to 16 minutes.

His only pet peeve over the years is people who come in with greasy, dirty hair. "I tell them that when you rinse, your hair has got to squeak!" he said. "The best thing to do before you go to bed at night is to wash your hair."

Constant movement helps him stay fit, and he marches in place to help himself wake up every morning.

"I don't have any arthritis or rheumatism or anything like that. I never have any trouble with my hands or feet. I don't care how old you get, you've got to move!" Kuhlow pointed out.

Another key to his longevity, he says, is not to waste time worrying because you "can't do a thing about it anyhow."

He was an avid gardener for years and often reads magazines to pass the time in between customers but has never been a sports fan or hobbyist.

However, as an active member of Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, Kuhlow hardly ever misses Sunday services. He loves to belt out hymns and broke into a deep baritone to sing the Star- Spangled Banner while this reporter was there, admitting that he sometimes croons while he's alone in the shop.

While his business has slowed to a more leisurely pace, he still has his regulars — only two of whom are older than he is.

"Most of my customers are walk-ins now, because they know I'm not real busy," he said. His shop is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Aside from having a health crisis about 20 years ago which required major surgery, he is almost never sick, and his shop is almost always open. He charges \$14 per haircut, with a \$1 discount for seniors.



July 2, 1991 edition of The Review, the caption read:

"CELEBRATING 35 YEARS in business this summer, Kuhlow still isn't ready to hang up his barber shears, he says. Kuhlow got his start in the hair business during military service in the Korean War, when he offered cuts to fellow soldiers for 50 cents. — Review photo by Sam Arendt"

Kuhlow said he is grateful to his three grown children and their spouses for their support: Renee, who is married to Joe Brotz and lives in Sheboygan; Aaron, who is married to Kathleen Gray and lives in Howard's Grove; and Rachel, who is married to Dean Branstedt and lives just north of Howard's Grove. He also has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"Years ago, people were more particular about how they looked. Now, anything goes!" Kuhlow pointed out. But he equates sloppy hair with a careless attitude — and that is clearly not for him.

As this reporter left his shop, he suddenly remembered something and leapt up — as agile as ever — from the barber's chair where he was momentarily relaxing after hours. Then he grabbed from his cabinet a sweet token he often gives to visitors: a couple of little chocolate bars.

If you would like to order Scrip, please contact Susie Sixel at 920 565-3634 or the church office at 920 565-3669.

### Schedule for May 2020

Sunday's at 8:00 a.m. Worship online at facebook.com/trinityhowards Summer Thursday Evening Worship will begin when we are able to worship at church again

Monday's at 6:30 p.m. Vicar Veen's Online Bible Study. (Not held on Memorial Day)