

Trinity Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Pastor Steele's Message—Encouragement

Many of you have seen those "Pass It On" commercials. They come from a group known as "The Foundation For A Better Life", a non-religious organization. Many billboards display celebrities, others common everyday people. Same goes for the commercials. One such commercial is entitled, "Encouragement!" In fact it was one of the organization's first advertisements.

The ad goes like this: A young married couple comes into a concert hall. Each are coming to their seats in the same row from opposite directions. They meet and say frantically, "Where's Tommy?" The scene immediately shifts to Tommy, the curtains open, and Tommy is sitting in front of the concert grand piano on stage. Of course, the parents are embarrassed. Tommy begins to play "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" on the piano. The camera shot shows the embarrassed parents sliding down into their theater seats. The audience gasps when suddenly, from behind Tommy, comes the concert pianist. He bends down, extends his arms around Tommy, and says, "Don't stop playing!" Tommy continues. The pianist embellishes Tommy's "Twinkle, Twinkle" melody. The duet ends with the parents cheering and a standing ovation from the audience. The commercial ends with the boy's narration: "Encouragement Pass it On!"

Paul writes many letters to the fledgling churches in Asia Minor. The majority of the letters were written to address on going strife in these churches. The letters all start with words of encouragement. Then he addresses the point of disunity. Finally he encourages the members to lay aside their differences and come together. The majority of these churches had members from different social-economic classes.

In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, he encourages women to cover their heads. Corinth was a very wealthy city. A woman's societal status was displayed in the braiding of woman's hair. The wealthier you were the more gold strands were braided into the woman's hair. He encourages the woman to cover their hair; so no animosity would rise among the women by the displaying of their braided hair. While in church the women covered their heads, as soon as the woman went back out in public the coverings would come off. In this small act Paul is encouraging unification of the women in this church.

My letter to you this month is a letter of encouragement. Not to long ago, due to COVID, You were not able to gather around Trinity's altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ; through which you receive forgiveness of sins, strength for your daily

walk, and the reminder of your newness of life in Christ. Communion is essential for the believer. Jesus' words are clear, "Where two or three are gathered in my Name, I am in the midst of them." The word communion comes from the word "community". Human beings were created to be in community. From the beginning, God stated that it was not good for man to be alone. So God created Eve so that Adam would not be alone.

It is not good for us to be alone. We need to come together. COVID, like the flu, is going be here. Its not going to be eradicated. As of now, we are living with the "Delta" variant. It is estimated that "Delta" will be in the upper Midwest by Fall or Winter 2021. The vaccines are out. Most of the "high risk" groups have been vaccinated. It's time to move out from our hovels and gather as a community around God's altar. The Psalmist cries: "Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, Creator of heaven and earth." God's help comes to those who gather at Trinity. God's help comes from where God's word is preached and the sacraments are distributed as our Lord and Savior commands. Lay aside your differences, it's time to come and worship our resurrected Lord and Savior. It is far better for us to rely on the Lord, then to rely on the politicians and bureaucrats. They are limited and seriously flawed. Moreover, God does it all. He will protect and guide you on your way. If you wear a mask, come! If you do not wear a mask, don't judge one who does not. If you are anti-mask, don't judge one who wears a mask. God is God of all! God gives us those in the medical profession to heal us. They also can take us only so far! The true healing of both body and soul occurs when we gather around God's altar at Trinity. We can do this!

God will not hinder us from coming before Him as one community under the banner of the cross. God is with us wherever we go! He will not abandon us in this place. Come let us worship our risen Lord and Savior! Trust him! He will lead us through the shadows of Death!

Jesus rose for you! He conquered death for you! COVID will not separate you from the love of God found in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steele
Vacancy Pastor



Elders Corner

It's harvest time again. We see many farmers and gardeners gathering in their crops as a visual reminder that the growing season is coming to an end.

In our congregation, the growth season is just beginning. We have grown in knowledge over the past months how to conduct the proper search for our next pastor. We have a call committee diligently working together and have gathered for many meetings and discussions to aid us in our search. These meetings begin and end with prayer for God's guidance to lead us to the one he has chosen. Our congregation will continue to grow with God's help.

This pastoral call is so very important as we read in James 3:1, "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." In Isaiah 50:4 we read, "The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary." We have listened to many sermons of the candidates, with the assured hope that we will call the one whom God has already prepared for us. Our congregation looks forward to growing in fellowship with our next pastor, as he will also continue to grow with us.

Out of our many discussions, the questions came up, "What is our most unique

quality that makes Trinity stand out in our community? What are we known for?" We had several qualities mentioned; our preschool, how visitors are thankful for our welcoming greetings, pizza making, spaghetti suppers, our parade float, our quilters, fund raisers, special holiday activities and others. What we overlooked was our greatest contribution to the community and the church as a whole.... MISSIONS!

We provide an outstanding contribution to missions both here and around the world! With our vicarage program over the past 22 years, there are now pastors in churches all around the country, because we were able to provide an important part of their education to equip them with the ability to carry out God's plan to others.

We fund missionaries around the world so they can bring the word of God to all those who would not otherwise have that opportunity to hear it. We are so used to contributing to missions that we take for granted what others see as our strong spiritual contribution to the rest of the world. We are directly helping to fulfill God's instructions as we read in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We have God's promise that he is always with us.

"Dear Lord, please grant all of us the wisdom and confidence to call the pastor you have chosen for our congregation. Help us to continue to provide missionary support around the world, Amen!"



The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

ISAIAH 50:4. NRSV



Christian Women's Fellowship



CWF met Monday September 13, 2021, with President Mary Lou Neumann presiding. Deede had opening devotions with the devotion called "The Big Picture." For September the LWML Mission Grant Story was Deaconess Ministry, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch for \$81,680.

Our monthly collections were put in the proper baskets and Shelley had the Federwitz Prayer.

Service committee this summer changed the Banners for different Sundays. They also had 2 Funerals, 3 Baptisms, a Wedding and Pastors retirement that needed special Banner displayed.

Denita Krause joined our group for the evening.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING:

Our group of CWF members are giving Memorial to Alvina Federwitz, in loving memory of one of members **MaryAnn Grunewald** that passed into heaven on September 6, 2021.

2021 LWML SWD Convention was held on June 24-27 in Lexington Kentucky.

The Fall LWML Retreat was September 17th & 18th at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh, WI.

LWML Sunday will be Sunday October 17, 2021, CWF will put a purple flower on the Altar for that special day.

LWML Zone 9 Rally is October 9th at St Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI. Guest speaker from Great Marriages for Sheboygan County. A Bible study will follow with Zone 9 Pastoral Counselor Pastor Matthew Shive. In gathering is Gifts from the Heart for Great Marriages.

September Birthday: Janice Liefing.

Secret Sister Thank you's were shared.

Meeting was adjourned, for closing devotions we said the Lord's Prayer.

A game of Bible Trivia was enjoyed by all.

October Prayer Calendar

1. Rejoice in the Autumn Season! Thank God for all seasons
2. Read 1 John Chapter 5. Believe in the power of Prayer.
3. Be thankful for special events upcoming in your life. Consider sponsoring the newsletter, bulletin, or altar flowers to commemorate.
4. Say the Lord's Prayer and heart fully ponder it.
5. Give thanks for and to Christian teachers. They make differences in many ways and many lives.
6. Remember to read your Portals of Prayer daily. Pick up a copy if you have not yet.
7. Jesus died for all. Pray for your enemies.
8. Remember our past Vicar's in your prayers.
9. Pray for peace and unity in our troubled world.
10. Today is Clergy Appreciation Day! Show your appreciation and give thanks to God for them.
11. Open your hymnal. Sing or just read the hymn you open it to.
12. Remember God is always with us. Christians are NEVER ALONE.
13. Pray for our congregation as we prepare for a new Pastor. Pray for continued blessings for our now retired Pastor, Pastor Bergelin.
14. Lord bless us all with understanding. All are equally created in God's book.
15. Recite Luther's Evening Prayer when you retire tonight.
16. Invite someone to worship with you, in person or virtually. There is always a valuable message
17. LWML Sunday is observed at our church today. Be thankful for the Christian women in your life, past, present and future. Wear something purple if you can.
18. Rejoice in the Lord! Always!
19. Pray for our Christian Missionaries and their families. He commanded us to baptize all nations.
20. Give thanks for this years harvest. Remember the upcoming food drive.
21. Get outside for a walk and some fresh air! What a beautiful world.
22. Fish Fry Friday! Always be mindful that we are fishers of man.
23. Pray for those who are ill. Many suffer daily with illnesses of mind and body. May they find comfort in the Lord.
24. Remember our Sunday school, Preschool and Confirmation classes and leaders in your prayers today.
25. Read and ponder Psalm 23.
26. Smile to all those you pass. SMILES are contagious!
27. Pray for our LCMS Seminaries and Seminarians.
28. Let us Ever Walk with Jesus! Look up this wonderful hymn. Sing if you are so moved.
29. Remember our country's armed forces, past, present and future. God is Omnipresent.
30. He hath made everything! Wonderful creations!
31. Reformation Day! Thanks Martin Luther.



Date: October 30

Location: Church parking lot.

Time: 1:00-3:00pm

Join in the fun as you decorate your cars/trunks and hand out candy to all the trick or treaters. Candy is provided for you to hand out. Masks will be available if needed.

**Trunk
Or
Treat**

**Sunday School
Teacher Installation
Sunday
Oct 3rd at both**



**Take
Note!**

Traveling Bulletins

Jerry Brandt—St. John Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids

Susie Sixel—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls

Dan Born— Ecumenical Worship Service, Sheboygan County Fair & St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls

Kathy Schmid, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls

Wally and Margaret Born, Ecumenical Worship Service, Sheboygan County Fair

John Born—Ecumenical Worship Service, Sheboygan County Fair

Liz Haag - Ecumenical Worship Service, Sheboygan County Fair , Trinity Town of Wilson/ St. Thomas Lutheran Waldo.

Gary and Dawn Hopf—St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Grafton

Special Voters Meeting



There will be a special voter's meeting on Sunday, Oct 3rd at 12:15 pm to vote to extend a divine call to one of our Pastoral candidates.

Candidates for the Pastoral Call:

Rev. Douglas Bender

Associate Chaplain at Concordia Wisconsin, Mequon 11/6/2017- Present
Associate Pastor at St. Paul Decatur, IL 7/13/14-11/05/2017

Rev. Greg Hovland

St. John (Senior Pastor) Portage, WI 8/16/2015- present
Our Savior Green Bay, WI 1/25/2009-8/15/15
Messiah LaCrescent, MN 3/10/02-12/16/08
St. Peter/St. Paul Vernon Center/Amboy, MN 4/6/97-3/02

Rev. Daniel Olson

St. Paul Luxemburg, WI (Sole Pastor & Principal of 4K-8 school) 7/27/14 - Present
St. John Buckley, IL 2008-7/14/14
Concordia Geneseo, IL 1999-2008
Immanuel/St. John Elgin/Hammond IN 1995-1998

Information sheets with a summary of interview question responses will be available Sunday, October 3rd before the Special voter's meeting. Due to district call procedures, the information sheets need to remain within the confines of the church. If you wish to see them before Sunday, Oct. 3rd you can see Toni in the office to look them over, but they must remain within the church building. Thanks for your understanding. -The Call Committee.

Christian Funeral: A Christian Funeral was held here at Trinity on Friday, September 10, 2021 for Mary Ann Grunewald. Pastor Bert Mueller officiated. Mary Ann passed away on September 6, 2021. We pray God gives strength and comfort to the Grunewald Family.

Congratulations to Marvin Barts and Audrey Parrish. Marvin and Audrey were united in marriage on Saturday, September 25, 2021 here at Trinity. Pastor Darrel Bergelin officiated. May the Lord bless them as they begin their new life together.

We welcome Reverend Donald and Denita Krause to our church family. Rev. Krause and Denita transferred to our church from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Delaware, IA. We welcome them and look forward to growing in our faith together.



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Henry leading the Pledge of Allegiance



Art time

Thanks
Be to
God!



Music Parade



October

BIRTHDAYS

October 1

Dan Endreas
Jessica Scharenbroch

October 2

Eric Kunze
Keaton Milbrath
Larkin Schlegel
Jeff Zimmermann

October 5

Lauren Kolb
Angie Schorer

October 6

Macey Schueler

October 8

Hazel Hansmann
Diane Neese
Marc Winter

October 9

Jacob Milbrath

October 10

JoAnn Bramstedt

October 11

Kinsley Gates

October 12

Kurt Fehlhaber
Preston Reiss

October 13

Stacia Schmidt
Hayden Zander

October 14

Jan Grunewald
Donald Plier

October 16

Savannah Heffernan
Kenneth Korb

October 17

Brody Grunewald
Evelyn Grunewald

October 19

Isabella Brandt

October 21

Elin Winter

October 22

Kris Bender
Betty Wippermann

October 23

Peter Sixel

October 24

Lynzzie Neese

October 25

Jordan Henschel

October 26

Joe Grunewald
Brody Timm

October 27

Marvin Barts
David Scharinger

October 28

Hadley Kunze

October 29

Kaitlyn Koenig
Liam Marthenze

October 31

Donna Bitter
Amy McEvoy



October

ANNIVERSARIES

October 1

Michelle and Scott Timm

October 2

John and Lucy Roediger

October 4

Joel and Jackie Moths
Wayne and Kay Schorer

October 5

Al and Marianne Opgenorth

October 9

Eugene and Carol Bubolz

October 11

John and Jennifer Erdmann
Jim and Toni Post
Rick and Sherry Rammer
Peter and Pat Sixel

October 13

Dale and Donna Bitter

October 14

Todd and Liz Kroll

October 21

Connie and Jim Schmitt

October 24

Jim and Jessica Meidl

October 29

Lance and Janelle Liermann

October 30

Shannon and John Beauvais

FUNERAL PALLS

The funeral palls we use for funerals here at church were purchased from Al and Marianne Opgenorth in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary. Their anniversary is on October 5th.

**Happy Anniversary
Al and Marianne.**

May God
continue to bless you.

LHS HighLites

Rooted & Rising

In December of 2020, Sheboygan Lutheran High School completed and dedicated a brand-new Worship and Fine Arts Center on its campus in Sheboygan. The building of a Worship and Fine Arts Center further demonstrated the school's dedication and commitment to making the fine arts an integral part of a well-rounded, Christ-centered, transformational education at Sheboygan Lutheran. The Worship and Fine Arts Center, which features a 600-seat theater, is a unique size for the greater Sheboygan area in that it provides ample seating room for larger events while still delivering an intimate viewing experience for every guest.

Sheboygan Lutheran High School (LHS) does not want to keep this beautiful facility to itself, however. From day-one, the vision of this project always included the notion that LHS would use the Worship and Fine Arts Center as a means to reach out to the greater Sheboygan area by providing programming that promotes education, leadership, and the arts with an eye toward building fellowship within the community.

Beginning this Fall, Sheboygan Lutheran High School is proud to announce a partnership with a Milwaukee-based organization, Wisconsin Music Ventures to bring a brand new concert series to Sheboygan County entitled "Rooted and Rising: A Wisconsin Emerging Artist Concert Series". As the name implies, the six-concert series will feature up and coming artists that call Wisconsin, or the Upper Midwest, home. Each of the artists featured in this year's lineup are ones you may not have heard of, yet, but are all extremely talented and span a wide variety of musical genres.

Kicking off the season on October 16th will be Americana singer/songwriter Zach Pietrini. Zach was recently voted Best Live Act in Milwaukee and has

opened for Huey Lewis & The News as well as Ray Wylie Hubbard. Tickets are on sale now!

And headlining the Christmas show on December 4th is world-renown accordion player, Stas Venglevski with special guest Carmen Nickerson. Stas' artistry, sensitivity, and dazzling technical command of his instrument has brought him increasing acclaim as a virtuoso on his instrument. Stay tuned for the rest of the series line up!

"Rooted and Rising" concert tickets can be purchased through the LHS website under the Fine Arts Center tab. All shows will take place in the new LHS Worship and Fine Arts Center Theatre and begin at 7 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$12/\$15 and student tickets start at only \$10 a piece. More information on the series as well as other events hosted by Sheboygan Lutheran can be found at lutheranhigh.com/FACEvents. We look forward to see you at a concert, or two!

In His service,

Matt Thiel,

Director of Music at Sheboygan Lutheran High School



2022 and Beyond!



This school year is off and running smoothly! We are excited to have over 220 young Christians here at LHS, learning and leading! And without taking a breather, we're looking at building our incoming freshmen class for next Fall 2022. Encourage someone you know to take advantage of a visit to Lutheran High School. There are a number of ways to check us out, so spread the good word!

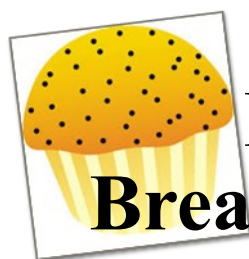
Open House for 5th - 8th graders ~ Monday, Oct. 11 from 5 - 6:45 p.m. Talk to teachers, tour around the school, and stay for the Music Department's Fall Sampler Concert at 7 p.m.

Educational Consultations ~ Several Sunday afternoons per month will be open by appointment for a private tour and consultation with Principal Bult. A schedule will be out soon on our webpage.

SALSA Experience Days ~ 7th & 8th grade SALSA students will get to spend a morning here at LHS to experience a few classes, chapel, and lunch. Dates to be announced.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when his is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Consider a Lutheran High Education with us! ~ In Christ, Derek Bult, Principal.



Bible Breakfast

Senior Citizens are invited to our monthly Bible study led by LHS Executive Director, Paul Gnan.

Join us in the LHS Atrium of the Worship & Fine Arts Center at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, a Bible study, discussion, and fellowship.

The fall breakfast dates are Tuesdays: Oct. 19, Nov. 16 & Dec. 21.

RSVP to the school office at 920-452-3323.

LHS Taproot Club

Exclusive but not exclusive! One and all are invited to be a part of Lutheran High's **Taproot Club**. The donations to the Club go directly to supporting the operating fund of LHS. Donations can be made year-round and we celebrate at an annual dinner with a keynote speaker. It's a great evening for a good cause!

The Taproot Dinner will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13 here at LHS in the Atrium of the Worship & Fine Arts Center.

Our guest speaker is Music Director at Concordia University -Chicago, Dr. Richard Fischer.

Contact Carmen in the LHS office for more information.




Fall Sampler Concert

The Music Department at LHS is in full swing and gearing up for the Fall Sampler Concert.

The concert will be held in the LHS Fine Arts Center Theatre on Monday, October 11 @ 7 p.m. and will be live-streamed for the general public for viewing at home. Look for the live-stream link on the LHS website or join us in person!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class <i>Installation of Sunday school Teachers at both services.</i> <i>Special Voters meeting 12:15pm</i>	4 8:30am Preschool	5 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Sunday school meeting 7:00pm Men's club	6 8:30am Preschool 4-4:55pm Confirmation 6/7 Grade 5-6pm 8th grade 6:30pm Altar Guild Meeting	7 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball	8 3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	9 9:00am LWML Fall Rally St. Paul's Sheboygan 2:00pm Rietbrock/Liermann Wedding
10 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	11 8:30am Preschool 6:30pm CWF	12 8:30am Preschool	13 8:30am Preschool 4-4:55pm Confirmation 6/7 Grade 5-6pm 8th grade	14 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball	15	16
17 8 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class LWML Sunday Voters Meeting following late worship.	18 8:30am Preschool Morning Meditations by Pastor Steele	19 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Education Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Council meeting	20 8:30am Preschool Due to Pastor's Conference there is No confirmation today	21 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball	22	23
24 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	25 8:30am Preschool	26 8:30am Preschool	27 8:30am Preschool 4-4:55pm Confirmation 6/7 Grade 5-6pm 8th grade	28 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball	29	30 1:00-3:00pm Trunk or Treat

31 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	Acolytes 	October 3 8:00am 10:30am October 10 8:00am 10:30am October 17 8:00am 10:30am October 24 8:00am 10:30am October 31 8:00am 10:30am	Addison Lallensack Chloe Grunewald, Mykenna Weigert Allison Schobert, Macey Schueler Sam Parnitzke, Matthew Schukow Greyson Reiss, Matthew Koenig Ethan Fenn, Joey Senkbeil Dylan Elias, Evan Erdmann Sam Parnitzke, Annika Liermann Jameson Schmidt, Cooper Schmidt Chloe Grunewald, Mykenna Weigert
	Altar Guild	October 3-10 October 11-24 October 25-November 7	Kristin Reiss and Robie Scharinger Ann Parnitzke and Pat Sixel Connie Biiter, Linda Plocar
	October Ushers October Elders	Early Team 5 Late Team 2 Early Peter Franz Late Team Dale Hopf	
	Video Operators	October 3—Lance Liermann October 10—Scott Timm October 17—Craig Lallensack October 24—Jim Post October 31—Lance Liermann	