

Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Pastor Steele's Message

May 2022, Newsletter

The Resurrection Fills the Void

Astronomers have found a massive void in the universe. Huge. Bigger than the mind can comprehend. About as hard to grasp as the massive void discovered on that 1st Easter Sunday morning long ago. Astronomers have found a big empty place in the universe. A massive void. This hole is gigantic, nearly a billion light-years across. Inside it there are no planets, no stars, no galaxies, no gases. It's just a huge cold spot. A whole lotta nothing.

It can stretch and even boggle your mind to think of the incredible distances between stars in the sky. You might be aware that a light-year is a unit of distance — it's the distance that light can travel in one year. One light-year equals about six trillion miles. Quite a distance. A massive void. No planets, no stars, no galaxies, no gases. Absolutely nothing.

An empty place. An empty space. The empty tomb. That the tomb is empty, void, is a massive, world-changing reality. This is the reality we celebrate every Easter Sunday. Mary Magdalene and two other women encountered a massive void when they showed up at the empty tomb, one that was as mind-boggling as anything at the edge of the universe. It was early when they arrived, and after meeting a young man and hearing about the resurrection "they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mark 16:8).

Can you imagine how empty Mary is feeling at this point? She has already suffered the crucifixion of her friend and teacher Jesus, and she's mourning his death deeply. Now she goes to his tomb to finish what she could not on Friday, and what does she find? Nothing. A huge cold spot. She didn't know that *you've got to pass through some empty tombs on the way to resurrection life*.

We know what this feels like, don't we? Each of us, at some time in life, comes face to face with a massive void, a big empty place. It happens ...

- when you give your heart to someone who doesn't accept the gift
- when you learn a sport, practice hard and still don't make the team
- when you study and pursue a profession, only to find you hate your work
- when you create something beautiful, and discover that no one's interested
- when you try to resist a temptation, but then give

in to it again and again

- when you jump to a new job, then lose it in a downsizing
- when you put money into a home, only to see your equity disappear
- when you retire from a long career, and wake up with nothing to do
- when you lose a spouse to cancer, and find yourself all alone in the world. These are huge cold spots are Massive voids.

Too often we try to pretend that there are no massive voids in our lives, no empty places. Sociologist Jean Twenge observes that young adults in particular have been told things such as "believe in yourself and you can do anything" — which is not very good advice. The truth is, bad things can happen to good people, and not every goal in life is realistic. You may believe that you're going to earn a graduate degree and get a great job, along with a perfect family in a beautifully decorated home, but life doesn't always give you what you want. Twenge thinks that overblown expectations are largely to blame for the recent rise in anxiety and depression in young adults. She says, "It's depressing to realize that your unrealistic dreams are never going to come true."

We're all going to face some empty places in life, and we need to take them seriously. You cannot expect to step into a dream job right out of college. Most of us are going to endure a lot of heartbreak before we find a partner for life. Loss and rejection are a part of just about every life story you can imagine. *You've got to pass through some empty tombs on the way to resurrection life.*

Mary and her companions make this journey as they flee from the tomb. They do not fall into the trap of thinking that if they believe in themselves, they can do anything. Instead, they feel a blast of alarm, terror, amazement and fear — and it is precisely these emotions that set them up for the surprising reality of the resurrection. They quickly discover that Easter is not about them — instead, *it's about God. In particular, it's about God filling the empty places in our lives with new and unexpected life.*

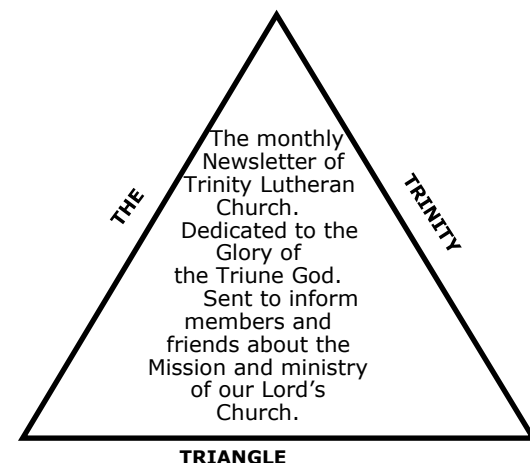
Through the resurrection, God fills the empty places in our lives. He does it for the first followers of Jesus, for the apostles, for Paul, for the early Christian of Church ... and for us.

That space ... is not nearly ... as cavernous ... as a heart ... without God.

About 350 years ago, Blaise Pascal, mathematician, philosopher and physicist, observed that the human heart is like an "infinite abyss." He discovered that we human beings try in vain to fill our hearts with everything around us — education, jobs, homes, money, friends, family. But none of these earthly things can help, "since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself." In spite of his brilliance and his contributions to mathematics, Pascal realized that life apart from God is empty. He found refuge in the resurrected Christ and Him alone. The empty tomb filled his massive cold void of his heart.

If you are feeling a massive void in your life, the very same will be true for you. Your emptiness will not be eliminated by a new career, a new spouse, a new house, a new car, a better salary. Instead, the hole in your life can be filled only by believing in the resurrection, and following Jesus into the future. The good news of Easter is that Christ is risen! He has been raised from the dead. He fills all massive void. He warms the cold spot of our hearts. He is with you wherever you go! His resurrection fills the void in each of us. We have a purpose this side of the grave and promise on the other side!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steele



Elders Corner

We have heard many times that change is constant for all of us, and one obvious change is the seasons transitioning now to warmer weather. May 1st is confirmation for six 8th grade students from our congregation. This is a big change in their Christian lives. Our summer schedule for worship services begins later this month, offering us yet another change. Students will be out of school soon for the summer. The peak of the vacation season is coming and will be upon us for several months to come. Our outdoor life styles will be changed for some time until the cooler weather returns in the fall. Family gatherings are already being planned and weekends will be busy with various events.

We sometimes have little control over all these activities and travels, and then on top of that, changes come about. Many are enjoyable, but others may be life changing and very stressful. Even with all the fast paced events this summer pulling us in different directions, we can always rely on the stability of our Lord and Savior. He never changes; He is always there for us, wherever we go, whatever we do. We must always pray and ask for His guidance and protection. We are unable to get through a single day in our lives without help from God our Father. As we go about our busy schedules, we should always be diligent to attend a church wherever our travels take us. Psalm 95:6 & 7 very clearly remind us: "Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."

Beginning in June, our congregation welcomes another change as Pastor Noah Fremer and his family arrive. In Ezekiel 34, we read that the Lord is our Good Shepherd and that he takes care of us as part of his flock. God has led us to call Pastor Fremer to be our new shepherd. We anxiously look forward to his ministry here at Trinity Howards Grove!

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to prepare for the many changes in our future and graciously provide comfort for us and our loved ones and neighbors. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF met Monday April 11, 2022, with President Mary Lou Neumann presiding. Mary Lou had the opening devotion "Must be Magic."

The April LWML Mission Grant Story "Propelling the Gospel LAMP Ministry Inc. \$65,000."

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING:

Mary Lou attended the LWML Spring Event on Saturday April 9, 2022 at Trinity Sheboygan. Around 25 people attended from the Zone 9 meeting.

Our group will put together a Welcoming Exporting Guide with different gift certificates, for Pastor Fremers and his family. Christine B. spoke on different ideas for the welcoming gift.

Shelley G. passed around a picture of the Mediterranean gift bowl with Oils, Specialty Vinegars and dipping Oils from Olivia on the Riverfront for Lutheran High Auction. The basket was purchase at the auction for \$50.00.

Denita Krause volunteered to be our delegate to the 39th Biennial Convention of the LWML SWD 80th Anniversary of LWML," Strengthened through His Spirit." Saturday, June 18, 2022 at St Paul Lutheran Church, 701 Washington St. Grafton, WI. Ingathering will be for Haven of Manitowoc County and Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County.

Mary Lou will be planting flowers in the Car Port when the weather gets nicer.

CWF will have a Bake sale with the Men's Club Brat Fry on April 30, at Howards Grove Piggly Wiggly. All member are ask to bring different bake goods and have the items there by 10:00 in the morning.

It was voted on to purchase a new type of Cradle roll packages, since the old packages are not available. Our Vice President will see to it that all Baptized babies receive the booklets.

For our May meeting we will have our salad supper. Please bring a muffin tin to use as a plate and a salad.

Birthday for April were Mary Lou and Connie. Mary Lou's birthday song was Beautiful Savior and Connie's was Lamb of God.

We had two guest Lee Schoessow and Debbie Henschel. Thank yous were share to our Secret Sisters.

Deede led us in the closing devotion: The Lords Prayer. Bible study "Growing in the Garden" Lead by Denita.



Prayer Calendar

1. Invite a friend to attend church with you today.
2. Pray for the health and welfare of Pastors and church leaders.
3. Pray for all Men's Club members as they meet tonight.
4. Be thankful for the gift of prayer.
5. Sing your favorite hymn.
6. Read Psalm 23 as a family.
7. Thank the Lord for another week of life.
8. Thank God for your Mother and others who "mother" you.
9. Pray for our Christian Women's Fellowship.
10. Thank the Lord for your family.
11. Thank the Lord for giving you another day.
12. Do something special for someone today.
13. Thank the Lord for the strength he gives you for doing your daily tasks.
14. Enjoy a special day with family and friends today.
15. Attend church. Thank the Lord for your Christian friends.
16. Continue to pray for all the many blessings here at Trinity.
17. Pray for the Church Council.
18. Thank God for His unconditional love.
19. Appreciate and thank God for 4 seasons of beauty.
20. Be watchful and stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong.
21. Pray for all those in the Armed Forces that God would keep them safe.
22. Pray for our shut-in members.
23. Remember our LCMS Missionaries include the Federwitzs.
24. Give thanks for daily bread.
25. Pray for Pastor Fremer that he arrives here safely.
26. Ascension Day ...Attend church and make this a special day of prayer.
27. Pray for peace.
28. Thank God for loving ALL big and small.

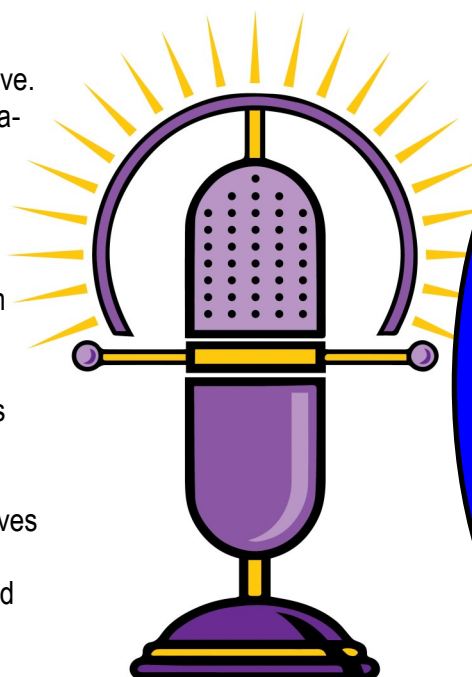
29. Thank God for the many joys of serving Him.
30. On Memorial Day remember those who have gone before us.
31. Thank God for undeserved blessings.



Rev. Noah Fremer will be installed as our Pastor here at Trinity on Sunday, June 5th at 3:00pm. A dinner will follow the installation service. More details will be available soon.

MORNING

Meditations Schedule



Tune in to WHBL-1330AM mornings at 7:26am and between 10:45-10:50am Monday through Friday to hear area clergy share the Gospel of Christ. The sponsor congregations in May are:

5/2-5/6 | Our Redeemer

5/9-5/13 | Trinity, Sheboygan

5/16-5/20 | To be determined

5/23-5/27 | Trinity, Howards Grove

5/30-6/3 | St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls

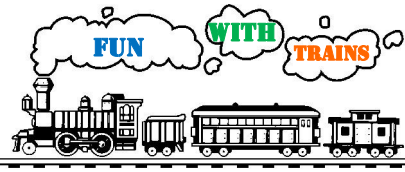
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May Special Offering is for the Tabitha Fund

The Tabitha Fund is for those in need from our congregation and "Friends of Trinity" and those in need outside of our congregation.

May Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

May 2

Amanda Holler
Sharon Horness
Aubrey Luecke

May 3

Steve Herzog
Natalie Jensema

May 4

Presley Liermann
Sherry Rammer

May 5

Everett Grunewald
Kyle Reiss
Derek Schueler

May 6

Connie Mallmann
Jim McGraw

May 8

Rita Winter

May 9

Kathy Franz

May 10

Amanda Grunewald

May 11

Travis Grunewald

May 12

Beckham Bender
Carson Grunewald
Dianne Marks
Ryan Richter

May 13

Chloe Grunewald

May 15

David Haag

May 16

Deede Bergelin

May 17

Evan Erdmann
Bryan Grunewald

May 18

Gavin Winter

May 19

Mona Jaeger

May 21

Christine Breunig

May 22

Tina Grunewald

May 26

James Hansen
Connie Voss

May 27

Ashley Holler
Nicole Schobert

May 28

Allen Dirks
Ethan Fenn
Grace Hansen
Donna Wolf

May 29

Tom Damrow
Shelli Milbrath

May 30

Nicole Englebert

May 31

Renee Bowermann



May 2

Glenn and Diana Reyer

May 10

Sharon and Roger Paske

May 20

Arwin and Marlyn Herzog

May 24

Eric and Allison Kunze

May 27

Richard and Sharon Horness

May 2022 Schedules

Acolyte May 1	8:00am 10:30am	Greyson Reiss, Cooper Schmidt Ethan Fenn, Chloe Grunewald
May 8	8:00am 10:30am	Allison Schobert, Addison Lallensack Sam Parnitzke, Mykenna Weigert
May 15	8:00am 10:30am	Macey Schueler, Matthew Koenig Annika Liermann, Matthew Schukow
May 22	8:00am 10:30am	Kaitlyn Koenig, Evan Erdmann Chloe Grunewald, Sam Parnitzke
May 26	6:30pm	Addison Lallensack, Ethan Fenn
May 29	9:30am	Cooper Schmidt, Macey Schueler

Greeter	8:00am 10:30am	Scott and Linda Plocar Judy Luecke
May 1	8:00am 10:30am	Alan Bramstedt Joshua Schorer
May 8	8:00am 10:30am	Peter and Kathy Franz Mark and Angie Schorer
May 15	8:00am 10:30am	Janice Lieftring Larry and Kris Bender
May 22	8:00am 10:30am	Jack and Sue Kober Barb Wolfert
May 26	6:30pm	Jean Hiebing
May 29	9:30am	Dale and Linda Hopf

Video Operators	May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 May 29	Lance Liermann Craig Lallensack Scott Timm Jim Post Lance Liermann
Altar Guild	May 1 -May 8 May 9-22 May 23-June 5	Wendy Forward, Debbie Henschel Margie Born, McCraw Janice Lieftring, Kathy Shircel
May Ushers		8:00am—Team 1 10:30am—Team 4
May Elders		8:00am—Aaron Kuhlow 10:30am—Mark Plocar

Flowers/Bulletin Sponsors

May 8th The altar flowers are from Gloria Hopf in memory of Donald Hopf's birthday.

The pedestal flowers are in celebration of Chloe Grunewald's 12th birthday. Happy birthday Chloe. God's blessings to you. Love Mom and Dad, Karly and Mikena.

May 22nd The altar flowers are in memory of Eileen Brandt

May 29th The altar flowers are in honor of Dan Born's birthday. Happy Birthday Dan. God's blessings to you.

May 15th Bulletin: The bulletin is sponsored by Arwin and Marlyn Herzog in honor of their **72nd** wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Arwin and Marlyn. God's richest blessings to you.



The parsonage is coming along very nicely. The painting is completely done. They are working on installing the flooring. The Cupboards are installed. The cupboard doors will be going on after the floor is completed.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping in any way.



Thank you to everyone who helped clean the church grounds. We were finished very quickly because we so many volunteers. It was AWESOME!



HighLites

Preparing Christian Leaders - One Student at a Time

A monthly newsletter

May 2022

An Experience that Cannot be Replaced

Band and choir students have an opportunity to go on the Music Tour every other year, and this year they traveled to sunny Florida. This trip included several concerts for grade schools and churches and a fun-day at Universal Studios. At the home concert, Director Matthew Thiel recounted several conversations with their hosts in each city. Some said that they only came to be supportive, but they found themselves mesmerized by the incredible talent of Sheboygan Lutheran High School's students.

Ambryn Diener, a senior, said "Music tour was an amazing experience for many students including myself. It was awe-inspiring to see how God can work through the gifts and talents He's given us so that we can share His Word with people across the country."

Asa Diener, a sophomore, said "Music Tour is an experience that can never get replaced because of everything we were able to do."

Whether it's bonding time with friends or making new friends on the bus, it's a great and memorable experience. In addition, being able to play and perform beautiful music in front of congregations across the country is just amazing."

Read the full story at
lutheranhigh.com/news



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- ✓ Take a tour of our school
- ✓ Talk to friends who go to LHS
- ✓ Attend the Spring Pops Concert
- ✓ Try a Crusader Summer Camp

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Crusade for Bids Dinner Auction

What an amazing way to bring people back to the annual dinner auction. This year's auction raised nearly \$170K resulting in about \$120,000 to the school and \$38,000 to the Fund-a-Cause, surpassing the \$30,000 goal. More than 50 students volunteered at their first LHS auction, 320 attended, and thanks to the generosity of our parents, alumni and local businesses it was a hugely successful night.

This year's Fund-a-cause project is to remodel the Commons to increase the dining space by moving the walk-in cooler and freezer to the other side of the hall near the kitchen. The project will also move the counter and microwaves to the other side of the room and includes the purchase of a few more lunch tables.

Our students have been separated in different rooms since Covid restrictions began and now this project will bring all of them back to the commons for lunch. Our Students are ready to get back together and we need to thank all who helped, contributed to, participated in, and bid at the auction.

Thank You!

Student Leaders of the month

These students have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude & academic achievements.

Freshman - Lauryn Boehlke
Good Shepherd

Sheboygan Sophomore
Molly Schultz St. John,
Plymouth

Junior - Gabby Morrelle
St. Peter, Sheboygan
Senior - Blake Allen

Honors Night

May 11 @ 6:30pm
Performing Arts Center

Pops Concert

May 18 @ 7:00pm
Performing Arts Center

Commencement
Bethlehem, Sheboygan, May 20th
at 7:00pm—Gymnasium

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 & 10:30am Worship with H/C 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class 10:30am Confirmation	2 8:30-11:30am Preschool	3 8:30-11:30am Preschool 6:00pm Sunday School Meeting 7:00pm Men's Club	4 8:30-11:30am Preschool	5 8:30-11:30am Preschool	6	7
8 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class	9 8:30-11:30am Preschool 6:30pm CWF	10 8:30-11:30am Preschool	11 8:30-11:30am Preschool	12 8:30-11:30am Preschool	13	14
15 8 & 10:30am Worship with H/C 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class	16 8:30-11:30am Preschool	17 8:30-11:30am Preschool 6:00pm Sunday school meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Council Meeting	18 8:30-11:30am Preschool	19 8:30-11:30am Preschool	20	21
22 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class Church Picnic	23 8:30-11:30am Preschool	24 8:30-11:30am Preschool	25 8:30-11:30am Preschool Pastor Fremer arrives	26 8:30-11:30am Preschool Final day of Preschool 6:30pm Worship with H/C	27	28
29 9:30am Worship with H/C	30	31				



Aaron and Kathy Kuhlow
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sheboygan

George and Sandy Marthenze
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan

Jerry Brandt
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids

Susie Sixel
St. Paul, Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls

Kathy Schmid
Vicar Lutheran Church, LaDue, MO
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hilbert

Janelle, Annika Liermann
Trinity Lutheran Church, Kiel, WI

Confirmation Class of 2022. Congratulations!! Your Trinity Church Family is very proud of you.
May 1, 2022



Left to right
Annika Louise Liermann, Addison Faith Lallensack, Allison Elaine Schobert, Pastor Adam Barkley, Samuel Lee Parnitzke,
Dylan Michael Elias, Evan John Erdmann

Confirmation Banquet





Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2022 will occur on Sunday, May 8. Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." - Proverbs 31:25-28

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