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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8am and 10:30am



Sundays: 9:15 Sunday

School and Bible Class



Wednesday, February 22

10:30am and 6:30pm



FEBRUARY 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Each woman of the LCMS is invited to embrace

her opportunities as a Lutheran Woman in Mission.



Please join us for Christian Woman's Fellowship

Monday, February 13 in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 7:30 Special Program *"I Am the Heart of LWML"*

Regular Business Meeting of CWF to follow for those interested.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21)

Our treasure is Christ, our heart is with him and is shown in our service to others through fellowship as we engage in mission: education, inspiration, service and support.

February 17/18
CHAPERONES NEEDED

Confirmation Lock In

(See page 11 for more details)

Hear, See, Feel

I had to see the lake.

As I was getting settled in here at Trinity over the summer, trying to get the house in order and starting to go out and meet you all, I was enjoying myself a great deal. But, there was still something left to do. I had to see the lake. Lake Michigan. There's nothing like it in the American West, that vast expanse stretching to the horizon and beyond. So I went, I stood on the shore, and felt something I'd not felt in ages. It wasn't because of what I was seeing, though.

God has woven incredible beauty in nature, but you can **see** that beauty in pictures. **Seeing** is not enough, you have to be there, to stand at the place yourself. Then, the true majesty of what God has made comes into proper focus. Pictures cannot capture the colors of the lake; they're warmer, richer in person. They cannot capture the smells, iron, exhaust, rotting seaweed. The sounds, the gentle rolling of waves on surf, the cries of the gulls, the distant shouts of playing children. Pictures, most importantly, cannot capture the **scale** and presence of what you are looking at. How small you are. How enormous the lake is. How ancient and timeless, water beating sand against the shore for thousands of years or more. Our open and primal spaces are God's canvas, and He has given us an art gallery beyond all comparison.

If all that is so, I ask you, why then do we often say that **seeing is believing**? It's not seeing that gives nature its touch. We could look at pictures all day, and we are **seeing it**, but seeing isn't enough. You have to be there. So why do we think that if we see, that means it is true? We recognize that our national monuments and nature preserves and all that have to be fully experienced to be fully appreciated. Why do we think that seeing is believing?

The Bible tells us something different. The Bible tells us that **hearing is believing**. **"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"**

Hearing is believing. We hear our faith told to us, explained to us, preached to us. We have not seen Christ with our eyes. We have heard Him with our ears, and that is good enough. Why? Hearing is believing.

That is hard to swallow, but why? Seeing pictures isn't enough, you have to be there, we recognize that. We think that hearing isn't trustworthy because there are so many lies out there. But God's Word is true, and God's Word gives us Jesus through our ears. It tells us what we need to hear and what we need to know. It is hard to listen because we live in such a noisy world, full of lies and distractions and ads. It's maddening. It's hard to hear a man talking and remember that God's Word is coming out of his mouth. It's hard to read a book and remember that this is what God wants for me.

In that book, in those words, you have God's presence, just like going out and seeing Lake Michigan or The Grand Canyon gives you the presence of those places. When you hear God preaching to you, even though He is using the voice of men, He is coming to you in His grace and mercy. I know that's hard to imagine. A sermon or devotional book just doesn't have the same punch, the same impact, you don't feel it in your gut like you do staring at a canyon or a lake up north. But your senses are lying to you. When God speaks, things happen. When He says, "I forgive you all your sins," He's there, doing it. When He says, "take, eat, this is my body" He's there, making it so, even if it looks like a machine-stamped wafer. When He says, "I am with you always, 'till the end of the age," well, that is how He does it. With words. Words that make that same intangible difference that standing at the lake does.

-Pastor Noah

As February begins and Valentine's Day approaches, we hear of people sending and receiving cards, flowers, and various other gifts from friends and loved ones. Many of these cards will say "I love you". As meaningful as those words are to the sender and receiver of these cards, this love is merely an earthly love.

As I ponder this word "love", I am reminded that there is no deeper love than God's love for us. As it is said in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Thank you, Heavenly Father for your great love and sending your only son so that we may have eternal life in Heaven with you. Amen.

Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting Highlights

CWF met Monday, January 9th, with President Denita Krause presiding.

- ◇ Janice had the Opening Devotion, "The Joy of God's Trust".
- ◇ January's LWML Mission Grant story: "Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico"—"God Cares About You Mission" \$98,000 (paid in full).
- ◇ Mary Lou had the Federwitz Prayer.
- ◇ Our monthly collections were put in the proper baskets.
- ◇ Mary Lou read the minutes for the November and December meetings and they were approved as read.
- ◇ Shelly read the Treasurer's Report. Balance in the bank was \$345.53. The report will be filed for audit at the end of the year. The Alvina Federwitz total is \$7,977.42.
- ◇ Assignments for next month are on the yearly copy.
- ◇ Voted on Christmas gift offering to go to Morning Meditations
- ◇ Constitution reviewed and will be voted upon in February
- ◇ Logo for the year: "I am the Heart of LWML"
- ◇ Reviewed assignments for March 11th, 2023 Prayer Service
- ◇ Volunteers for June 22nd-25th, 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee can find the forms in the LWML-South Wisconsin website under "Resources".
- ◇ Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Event, "A World For Christ!!!" is April 15th, 2023 in Brookfield, WI.
- ◇ No January Birthdays
- ◇ Morgan had the closing devotion: "Manna is Daily" (Psalms 78:24-25)
- ◇ Chris led our Bible Study "Working Together in Our Group"
- ◇ Sang "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"
- ◇ Closed with Lord's Prayer

Thank you,

Mary Lou Neuman
CWF Secretary

February Prayer Calendar

submitted by Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

1. Reflect on a time when you have received more than you asked for or expected. Thank God for the bounty and blessing.
2. Pray for those who serve and have served in our military.
3. Let us cherish God's creation and strive to protect all that He has wonderfully made.
4. "Dear God, Give me a heart filled with your love!" "In my moments of fear, confusion, or anguish; may I be guided by Your omnipresent love."
5. "Lift High the Cross!" The Love of God proclaim! Tell all you meet today.
6. Oh God! Give me the strength to live this day as you have planned for me.
7. Remember Lutheran schools in your prayers today.
8. Keep up with regular daily Devotions. Portals of Prayer?
9. Sing praises to God today—wherever you are!
10. Remember those in your life and our church who are homebound. Winter can be long. Reach out??
11. Pray for Christian teachers, that they are always empowered by Jesus.
12. Remember....Each time you leave the church, you enter the mission field. Be a blessing!
13. Give thanks for each new day—look for opportunities to witness today.
14. Valentine's Day! Remember God's ultimate love for us!
15. Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see the good in all things.
16. Read Psalm 56:3. Trust in the slow work of the Lord.
17. Pray for our Pastors—past, present and future. All God planned and God given.
18. Rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit! Always. Let God lead!
19. Pray for divine guidance. May God continue to lead us to live the life we were meant to.
20. President's Day—Pray for our country and it's leaders--- past, present and future.
21. Pray Luther's Evening Prayer at bedtime.
22. Ash Wednesday. Make it a prayerful Lenten season. Start a regular Lenten Devotion.
23. Remember! Prayer is powerful. A privileged conversation with God. Anytime, anywhere and about anything!
24. Read or sing a favorite Hymn. Ponder the words and take them to heart.
25. Reflect on the sights and sounds of nature around you. No matter what season or climate, The Earth is full of God's love!
26. First Sunday in Lent. Journey with Christ, the Resurrection is promised.
27. Give thanks for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Through it, we are endowed with the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.
28. Pray for the safety and fruitfulness of your LCMS affiliated missionaries.

Save the Date



CWF will host a prayer service here at Trinity on Saturday, March 11th from 10:00am to around 12:00pm. Pastor Fremer will be preaching. Registration will start at 9:30 and will be free to all. This will be a beautiful service, so please join us and be enriched!



2023 Special Offerings

January: Lutheran Indian Ministries

We are a nonprofit organization headquartered in Brookfield, Wisconsin serving Native American communities in dispersed locations, including Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, the Makah tribe in Neah Bay, Washington, and others. We serve to strengthen community relationships, educate children and adults, improve individual health, and foster practical expressions of God's love and share the life-changing power of the Gospel.

February: Sheboygan Lutheran High

Lutheran High School is located in Sheboygan and of which our congregation is an association member.

March: Love INC. (Love In the Name of Christ)

Local Christian Churches transforming lives and communities through relationships in the name of Christ.

April: Morning Meditations

Daily devotions conducted by local LCMS pastors on WHBL, 1330 AM at 7:25 a.m. and approximately 10:45am.

May: Tabitha Fund

Those in need from our congregation and "Friends of Trinity" and those who are in need outside of our congregation.

June: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

The Ranch exists to help at risk teens and their families. The Ranch is a Rostered Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Our offering is designated for Spiritual needs at the Bismarck Campus.

July: St. Mark's Food Pantry

This agency provides food to Sheboygan County area recipients in need of food. They are open the first & third Friday of each month from 9:30-11:00am.

August: A Place of Refuge

A Lutheran Home for pregnant women and pre-born children.

September: AbleLight (Formerly Bethesda Lutheran Home)

We believe the world shines brighter when people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential. We pioneer life-changing services that empower the people we serve to thrive. We include all people, cherish the opportunity to improve lives, and humbly accept our responsibility to lead by example. We are proud to be a Recognized Service Organization with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and, guided by our Christian mission, we welcome, serve, and love every person.

October: Christ's Care for Kids in Kenya

Providing for the needs and education of children from families who have had to give up their children and place them in our Lutheran orphanages in Kenya. At this time, it costs \$1,080.00 a year to provide for a child's earthly needs. This includes food, clothing, a safe shelter and a Christ centered home at our Lutheran orphanage, and a Christ centered Lutheran academic education. Our monthly offering will go toward providing for the needs of a child.

November: Concordia University, Mequon, WI.

C.U.W. is owned and operated by our LCMS and it provides a Christian education for students preparing for occupations in many walks of life.

December: Deaf Ministry

Deaf Ministry—SWD serves the deaf community in Delevan and other locations throughout the South Wisconsin District.

The special offerings were approved at the January 22nd Voter's Meeting . The changes from the previous year are noted in red.

Preschool News

The preschool children are hearing Bible stories about the ministry and miracles of Jesus. We have been learning about our five senses, and how healthy food, dental care, exercise, and sleep help us grow and stay healthy. We are hoping for more snow to play in on our playground.



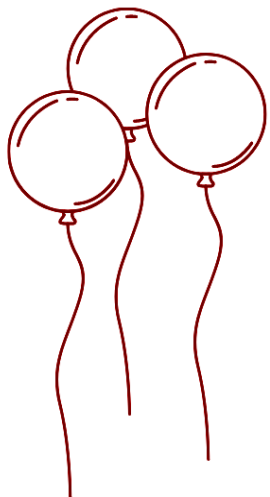
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February Anniversaries

- Feb 2 Michael and Kim Holler (38)
Feb 4 Michael and Kristine Wiltzius (39)
Feb 5 Brenda and Ed Justinger(24)
Feb 24 Stephanie and Sean Cote (11)



Happy

Birthday



- Feb 1 Duane Lau
Feb 1 Brandon Zipperer
Feb 2 Toni Post
Feb 3 Connie Hansen
Feb 4 Susan Sixel
Feb 5 Sue Born
Feb 6 Dan Bitter
Feb 6 Peter Franz
Feb 6 Andrew Schukow
Feb 7 Justin Hopf
Feb 10 Donald Krause
Feb 10 Timothy Wolf
Feb 11 Christopher Liermann
Feb 13 Steven Endreas
Feb 14 Betty Butler
Feb 17 Sophie Reiss
Feb 18 Bradlyn Endreas
Feb 18 Kristine Wiltzius
Feb 19 Derek Bergelin
Feb 19 Connie Bitter
Feb 19 Spencer Cassity
Feb 19 Doris Osterloth
Feb 20 Aiden Holler
Feb 21 Elizabeth Landwehr
Feb 21 Debra Zimmer
Feb 25 Monique Brandt
Feb 25 Ellie Schueler
Feb 28 Luna Polzin

THANK YOU

Amazing...what a wonderful holiday season!

Thank you so much for your generous donations (toys, books, games, clothing items, personal hygiene items, food, household items, blankets, food baskets, gift cards, Christmas parties) and especially your continued support to the children and families of Sheboygan County! Your generosity and caring spirit towards the children and families we serve at **Sheboygan County Department of Health and Human Services** provided a magical holiday season for so many in our community. Sharing your kindness and care through purchasing gifts, hand making gifts, and spending time planning and organizing is greatly appreciated.

The smiles on the faces and the excitement of these children and families are truly special and memorable. Thank you for what you do, how you do it, and why you do it. No matter the reason, the cost or the time, you have made an impact and helped another individual in need.

Thank you are two small words but mean so much!
Your generosity and thoughtfulness are appreciated.

Thank you for your donation to the
Department of Health & Human Services.

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Thank You
Pat



Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, February 11, 2023:

Luther Memorial will host an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for dine in. Seating will be limited, so purchase a ticket in advance for only \$12 per adult by February 5th. Children under 12 will eat for free. The meal will include spaghetti with your choice of homemade meatballs, meat sauce, or vegetarian sauce; Texas Roadhouse dinner rolls and salad; and homemade desserts. The address is 1127 Eisner Avenue in Sheboygan. Carry out and delivery will be available between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. upon request. Please, call (920) 458 - 1322 for tickets. Feel free to leave a message; someone return your call. Join us for delicious food and fellowship.

Upcoming Sales

2/7-2/11	Books 50% Off
2/14	30% Off Everything in the store
2/15-2/18	Socks and Shoes 50% Off
2/21-2/25	Linens 50% Off
2/28-3/4	All Picture Frames 25¢



Store Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Calling All Senior Citizens!

Bible study & breakfast - what a combination! Senior citizens, you're invited to join Executive Director Paul Gnan in the beautiful fine arts center atrium for devotions, LHS updates and a delicious hot breakfast buffet at 8:30 a.m.

Kindly RSVP to Carmen Dolson at dolson@lutheranhigh.com or 920-452-3323 for the next dates:

February 21
March 21
April 18



Crusade for Bids Dinner Auction

Save the date for our annual fundraiser to support LHS:

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Travelling Bulletins

Susie Sixel

Hingham Church-Hingham, WI

Tim and Shelley Gessler and Family

Faith Lutheran Church-Appleton, WI

Mark and Karen Plocar

Brooklyn Lutheran Church-Brooklyn, WI

THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH IN FEBRUARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Feb 5	8:00am 10:30am	Emmet Kunze and Greyson Reiss Rylan Bahr and Bryce Peter	Al Bramstedt
Feb 12	8:00am 10:30am	Brodie Timm Kaitlyn Koenig	Peter and Kathy Franz Josh Schorer
Feb 19	8:00am 10:30am	Andie Koenig and Matthew Koenig Joey Senkbeil and Matthew Shukow	Janice Lieftring Mark and Angie Schorer
Feb 22	10:30am 6:30pm	Chloe Grunewald	Jack and Sue Kober Larry and Kris Bender
Feb 26	8:00am 10:30am	Cooper Schmidt and Macey Schueler Emily Harris and Bryce Peter	Jean Heibing Barb Wolfert

<u>Date</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>
Feb 5	Josh Schorer
Feb 12	Scott Timm
Feb 19	Mark Schorer
Feb 22	
Feb 26	Craig Lallensack

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
Jan 30-Feb 12	Donna Wolf and Viki Grunewald
February 13-26	Linda Hopf and Kathy Franz
Feb 27-Mar 12	Rita Milbrath and Susie Sixel

<u>February</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
8:00am	Team 3	Peter Franz
10:30pm	Team 6	Mark Plocar



Ash Wednesday is February 22nd

Service times for Lent are Wednesdays:
10:30am and 6:30pm.

Trinity Announcements

River William Ray Grunewald, born 10/11/22 to Travis and Mariah Grunewald, was welcomed into our church family through Holy Baptism on 01/08/23. His sponsors were Tyler and Evelyn Grunewald, Carley Thompson, and Alexis Morissette.

Volunteers Needed: Please prayerfully consider helping with any of the following -

- > Our church's 170th Anniversary is this year and we need a group to head up the celebration. (Trinity in downtown Sheboygan and Trinity in the Town of Wilson are also celebrating their 170th, as well.)
- > More video operators are needed.
- > Anyone interested in playing chimes, please speak to Lee or Dick Schoessow.

Did you know?: The book "My Story" by our very own Margaret Born is available to read in the church office.

Special Thanks from Todd Bender for all the prayers and support from this congregation. Please continue to pray for healing and strength as he is gradually improving. Also continue to keep his wife and family in your prayers.

From Roger Wagner: "Thank you friends at Trinity for your continued prayers and the many cards you sent after my accident and surgery. Continued prayers for healing would be greatly appreciated."

The Confirmation Lock In is at Trinity Lutheran Church on February 17/18, 2023. The lock in will begin Friday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday, February 18th at 7:00 a.m. The Youth Ministry Team from Concordia University Mequon will be leading this event. Each student needs to bring \$3 plus a snack to share. The students can bring a friend if they wish. Pizza and beverages will be served throughout the evening. **PERMISSION SLIPS ARE REQUIRED FROM EACH ATTENDEE, including guests of our Confirmation Students.** Please complete the permission slip and return to the church office by Wednesday, February 8th. Permission slips are on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

Chaperones are needed. There are 3 shifts and 4 chaperones per shift are needed. The shifts are: 6:30pm -11pm 11pm-3am, and 3am-7:30am. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

February 2023

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5 8am and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class	6 8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilters	7 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Sunday School Meeting 7:00pm Men's Club	8 8:30am Preschool 4:00pm Confirmation	9 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball Mustangs @ Tigers	10	11	
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