



Trinity Lutheran Church

MAY 2018

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“God sets the lonely in families.” (Psalm 68:6)

In the second chapter of the Bible it says that it is not good for us to be alone. God designed us to need connection with other people. God started something at the very beginning that each of us still feels very deeply. We need other people in life. God meets that need, at least at first, by giving us families. That’s how it starts. Psalm 68 says, “God sets the lonely in families.”

There are certainly exceptions to this rule. This world and our lives are horribly broken by sin in so many ways. Sometimes families do not connect. Sometime they don’t satisfy the desire to be loved and accepted, but rather only intensify the loneliness. Think about the pain which members of dysfunctional families feel. Sometimes other circumstances, like death, break a family. Think about the loneliness a widow must feel. While there are exceptions and while most families squabble to some degree, we have seen enough good in them to know it’s the right idea.

Think of some of your earliest and happiest memories of your life in your family. They probably revolved around your mom. Mothers cradled and rocked us to sleep in their arms. They fed us and clothed us. Mother’s played peek-a-boo with us, and tickled us as they tucked us in at night. Mothers held our hands when we crossed the street. They played our favorite games with us. Mothers have a special role in nurturing children. Our country recognizes that by dedicating a day to remembering the special role of motherhood.

Every person has had a mother, but not every woman is a mother. That is why I like to thank God for mothers AND celebrate the gift of family. Family can be a wonderful picture of heaven, a place surrounded by people that you love, and people that love you.

Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, were all about making us family by forgiving the sin that excludes us. We are his brothers and sisters through faith. God is our Heavenly Father too. We are part of God’s family because of Jesus, and he will eventually take us home to a place where we are eternally loved. He will take us to a place where no one will ever be lonely. Until then, let us continue to show love and kindness to the lonely here on earth, and cherish the gift of family.

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Women in Service

Trinity Women In Service met in the Conference Room on Thursday, April 12, 2018, for their regular business meeting. 11 ladies and Pastor Brauer were present. Hostess was Audrey Zautner.

Pastor Brauer presented an interesting study entitled "Savior, Teach Us So to Rise" (from the hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane"). We went through Bible passages regarding resurrection in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The business meeting was opened by President Ann Marcks. The minutes for March were in the April newsletter and were approved as printed. The treasurer's report for March was approved with a Women In Service balance of \$423.36 plus no Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) balance because it was sent to the Circuit. The basket collection today was for the W.I.S. General Treasury.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were read from Mike Porzky for the memorial and from the Rock River Rescue for the donation.

Old Business: We now have two non-leaking coffee urns: Nancy Zastrow purchased one online and West Bend sent us a free replacement. The West Bend urn was put into the Fellowship Hall-West since most people are used to using that style. The new one has

been placed in the kitchen.

The LWMS Circuit Rally will be held April 21 at Peace Church in Janesville.

New Business: There will be a funeral reception after the church service on Tuesday, April 17. Help was recruited from the ladies present.

The ladies had a good discussion about plans for an all-woman get-together (possibly with daughters, too) and for projects for our dwindling treasury. The ladies are to come to the May meeting with their suggestions for both events.

The June luncheon will be held at Two Sisters restaurant at 12:30 on June 14. More information will be forthcoming. We are encouraged to bring friends.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next regular W.I.S. meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Hostess will be Phyllis Kaesermann.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Kaesermann, Secretary



Remembering those fallen asleep in Jesus



Liane Porzky

Brian and Kristie Grulke
Bill and Caridad Pascual
Dale and Nancy Zastrow

Linda Van Beem

Darlene Hill

Charles McCullough

Herman and Pat Zastrow
Russ and Ann Marcks

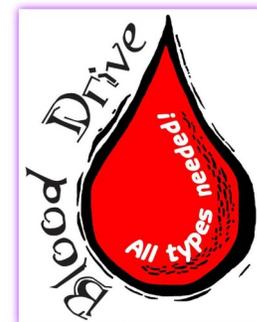


"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14:1-4

Blood Drive Results

Trinity's blood drive on March 22 had 43 people sign in. The goal was to collect 36 units. The actual collection was 32 whole blood units and 6 dual red units. Nine donors were Trinity members. Thank you to all the donors for giving your life saving blood to help members of our community. It is a generous gift of love for others. Thank you also to the faithful helpers: Ann Marcks and Dawn Winkelman for helping distribute posters to area businesses; Lyn Quinn and Claire Schmidt for helping serve donors in the canteen and Ann Marcks for stepping in at the last minute to oversee everything on the day of the drive. Your help was greatly appreciated! Trinity has two more drives scheduled for 2018: July 26 and November 15. If you would like to volunteer to help with future drives please call Becky Knauth at 920-260-0647.

Becky Knauth, Coordinator



Fallen Asleep in Jesus

Christian Funeral

James Schramm—funeral April 17 at Trinity

Financial Status

Thanks be to God for the gifts given for the work of the church!

In order to give a clearer picture of our financial status we will be reporting the weekly and monthly totals of offerings for the unified budget.

Weekly offering needed to support the ministry plan: \$14,031

Monthly offering needed to support the ministry plan: \$60,801

Offerings received the week of March 4	\$ 12,913.00
Offerings received the week of March 11	\$ 11,061.00
Offerings received the week of March 18	\$ 10,152.00
Offerings received the week of March 25	\$ 12,579.00
Offerings received through electronic giving for March	<u>\$ 4,640.00</u>
Total Offerings received in the month of March for support of the ministry plan	\$51,345.00



Treasurer's Report

As of the end of March, total operating income was \$453,531 or 62% of the annual budget. Total expenses are \$523,943 or 72% of the annual budget. Revenue and expenses are both expected to be at 75% after nine months. The income is behind for the year of \$70,410 for the amount of expenditures.

We borrowed \$45,000 from the money market to pay down mortgage. As of the end of March, current assets totaled \$ -6,855, comprised of \$-12,838 in checking, \$5,983 in the money market account. The Thrivent mortgage balance decreased to \$295,210, while member loans are at \$365,859. The 100th Anniversary Drive brought in \$107,433.

Teen Corner

Planning has begun for the WELS area youth outing to Six Flags Great America. The tentative date is June 20. The cost this year will be around \$55, which includes bussing and admission. If you are interested in going to Six Flags this summer with many other WELS teens, please let Pastor Yahnke know.

Teen Bible class continues to study the book of Judges. We are currently studying the judge Samson. If you are a student in 7th thru 12th grade, feel free to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Teen Room.

May God bless our graduates and confirmands! As we head into graduation/confirmation season, let's keep praying. Let's pray that our graduates and confirmands remain in God's Word and faithful to their Savior as they attend new schools, or begin to make new paths in life.



Ascension Day Worship Thursday, May 10—6:30pm

While he was blessing the disciples, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

Luke 24:51

PEBBLES FROM THE ROC

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection.” (Romans 12:9,10) As we plan the teen presentation for the dinner at the Golf Outing on June 24th, we are looking at the theme of siblings giving the presentation. God teaches us to love each other as we are to love a brother or sister. At THE ROC we pray the sibling love grows, but more than that, we pray the genuine love of God grows where our love increases for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please attend the ROC Youth Center Golf Outing on **Sunday, June 24, 2018, golf at 3 pm, eat at 7 pm at Watertown Country Club** – You can “Golf & Eat” (\$60) or just come for the dinner (\$25) and ***great ROC presentation***. Sign a golf team up or reserve your dinner as soon as possible. You are also invited to help by **donating an auction item or sponsoring a hole**. Maybe you also know someone who can donate an auction item. **Pass the word** – For registration and other info. call Don at 920-261-1319 or e-mail at debartz@charter.net.

THE ROC Rummage Sale dates are July 19, 20, and 21. Watch your bulletins for further information. We are still in need of someone who will help organize help with heavier items. Any questions or to volunteer, please call Ruth (920-261-6772), Pam (261-9674) or Joyce (253-6788). Thank you for your generous support.

TRINITY LADIES' AID/ TRINITY WOMEN IN SERVICE

* * 100 YEARS AGO * *

In December 2017 the Trinity Ladies' Aid/Trinity Women In Service celebrated the 100th anniversary of their organization. Articles containing Minutes and some of Pastor Stern's notes from the first year are presented monthly in the Parish Caller. We thank the Triune God for his guidance these 100 years, leading the ladies of Trinity congregation to be of humble service to Him and to our church.

"Fifth Meeting of Trinity Ladies Aid

The fifth meeting took place 2nd Thursday of April 1918.

The meeting was opened in the usual manner by the pastor.

A bill from the Stube Co. (Floral) for rental for palms (\$2.45) was allowed.

On motion a committee was appointed to make a service flag for Trinity Church. The following are members of the committee: Mrs. Sauer, Mrs. Archie, Mrs. Reutler, and Mrs. Frank.

Mrs. Young, Mrs. Schoppe and Mrs. Gorder were named as a committee to see all the ladies of the congregation & to look after refreshments. All others present were invited to assist them.

Mrs. Frank Schlueter was chosen to represent Trinity Ladies Aid in the local council of defense.

Mrs. Reutler & Mrs. Schoppe were appointed to call on new members this month; the Pastor named Mrs. Frazer, Mrs. Bush, and Mrs. Polzin.

Members on the serving committee for May are Mrs. Weideman, Mrs. Stern and Mrs. Wandschneider.

After the business meeting the ladies spent a pleasant hour in the discussion of topics pertaining to Christian doctrine & practice.

Adjournment followed with prayer by the pastor.

Mrs. H. A. Frank

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from Pastor Stern's personal notebook--April 11--add:

.....Read from '400 Years', Luther, Marriage P.139. After reading answered a few questions regarding Catholic Church, Purgatory, Oldest Ch., Marriage Ceremonies, etc.

...talked about buying Liberty Bond, but had to decide to drop matter for present reason--no money in cash.

...present about 14

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TRINITY-ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

What's New at TSL?

The last few weeks have seen a lot of activity as meetings were held, discussions took place, and some decisions were made. We would like to share some of these items (as of April 20 when this is being written) to keep you as congregational members and friends of TSL updated and informed.

- After discussion with the YMCA of Watertown, the TSL Joint Board of Education decided that they would not rent the Western Avenue campus to them for the next year. Several reasons were cited, foremost of which was the short time frame in being able to vacate the building and have the Clark Street campus prepared as a 3K through grade eight building. Another consideration was the uncertainty to what extent the Lord will bless the growth opportunities we have determined in early childhood ministry and participation in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Therefore, for the 2018-2019 school year we are planning on continuing our two campus location.
- Mrs. Rachel Helwig was called by Trinity congregation to serve as our half-time teacher in early childhood ministry as the congregation issued its second call for the position. Mrs. Helwig has returned this call, and we pray the Lord's continued blessings on her work in early childhood ministry at Crown of Life Lutheran Church and School in Hubertus. Trinity congregation is working with District President Jensen to schedule the next call meeting in the very near future.
- The Early Childhood Ministry Committee has forwarded to the Joint Board of Education plans to start a Morning Care program. We have a number of families interested in 3K or 4K five days a week. There are more children of families interested than is possible to put in a combined classroom. Starting a Morning Care program will allow us to provide services five days a week in addition to the child attending a three-day-week 4K program or a two-day-a-week 3K program. We will be sharing further information on this venture in the future.
- The proposed FY2018-2019 TSL Budget is currently on its fifth revision as we focus in on budgetary needs,

sources of revenue, and the impact of the proposed budget on our supporting congregations. Last month's newsletter article dealt solely with the budget; we hope the information provided help explains the budgetary needs of our school to its supporting congregational members. The proposed budget has been approved by the Joint Board and passed along to the church councils for final review and input. The TSL budget will be incorporated into each congregations' proposed budget to be adopted by each congregation in the weeks to come.

- It is about a year ago that the principal wrote an article for the newsletter entitled "Should TSL be a Part of the WPCP?" WPCP stands for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. After our supporting congregations gave their approval to enter the program last fall, the principal has been busy preparing the necessary paperwork, attending meetings at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in Madison (DPI), and verifying application forms. The deadline for submitting an online application was April 20. As of that date we had fourteen applications received, and all of the applications have been verified.

That does not necessarily mean, however, that fourteen WPCP children will attend TSL next fall. The DPI further verifies these application during the month of May. In June the DPI will send emails to families that submitted applications informing them if their application has been accepted. If the application has been accepted by the DPI, the parents of the child then have two weeks to inform the school to which the family applied whether their child will use the voucher issued by the DPI or not. As with any government program we are carefully monitoring the requirements to see that they do not compromise our school's mission and purpose. We are also working hard to make sure we are in compliance with the rules and regulations of the WPCP. We realize there are blessings to be received through the program. We pray the Lord's continued guidance and direction.

Art Walk and Talk

The first ever TSL Art Walk and Talk was held at the Clark Street campus on Thursday evening, March 15. This event allowed all of our students in 3K through grade eight to showcase their art work and talents.

What an evening! Over 250 adults attend the evening not

counting the school age children and younger who were in attendance. Many, many positive comments were received on the quality of the work, the presentations of the students in grades five through eight, and the opportunity for our school families and congregational members to gather together to talk, visit, and view and learn about art.

Our silent auction of classroom projects helped us defray the expenses of the evening and left a modest "profit" of \$300 to put toward art supplies and materials. Thank you to all who took part in the silent auction.

Many thanks to the teachers and staff for their faithful work in preparing this event. And thanks to all for your attendance and support of the visual arts at TSL!

End of the Year Events

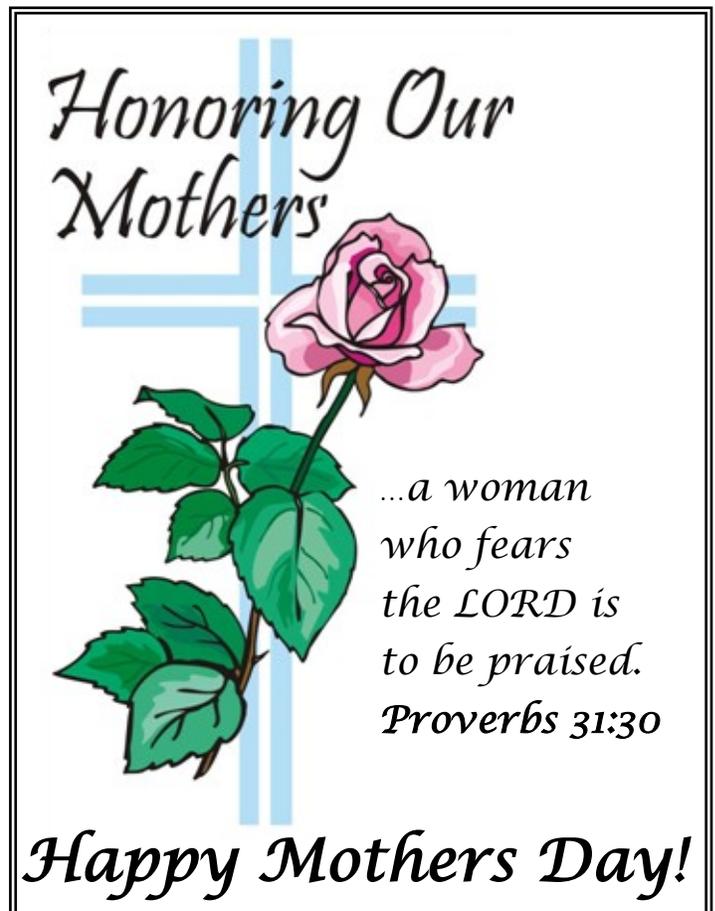
As we approach the end of the school year there are a variety of end-of-the-year events coming up. Please join us for these events.

- Wednesday, April 25, the annual Lakeside Lutheran High School Math Meet will take place at LLHS. TSL will send several teams from grades five through eight to participate.
- Thursday evening, May 3, the Spring Band Concert will be held at the Clark Street campus at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the TSL band performing, they will be joined by the Junior Choir who will sing their songs from the recent LLHS Fine Arts Festival, the grade four recorders, and the grade three rhythm band.
- On Ascension Day, Thursday, May 10, the children in 5K through grade eight will participate in their congregation's Ascension Day service reminding us of the Lord's commission to preach the Gospel through the service theme "Christian, are You Ready?" St. Luke's children's service will be held at 4:00 p.m. and Trinity's service at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17, the students in 5K through grade 2 will present their musical "Squirm" in the gymnasium at the Western Avenue campus. "Squirm" is a musical about things that are "gross", like spiders, worms, and other insects. You won't want to miss this!
- Thursday, May 24, both preschool classes will hold their closing program at the Western Avenue campus

gymnasium at 6:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, May 29, the kindergarten class will hold their graduation at the Western Avenue campus gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 30, we will conduct our thirtieth annual Relay Day at Clark Park.
- Thursday, May 31, we will conclude another school year.
- Friday, June 1, graduation will be held for this year's eighth grade class at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.
- In the days after the conclusion of the school year the faculty will hold meetings, conference with the principal about their teacher assessment forms for the WELS Commission on Lutheran Schools, and begin cleaning rooms and storage areas in anticipation of the 2018-2019 school year.

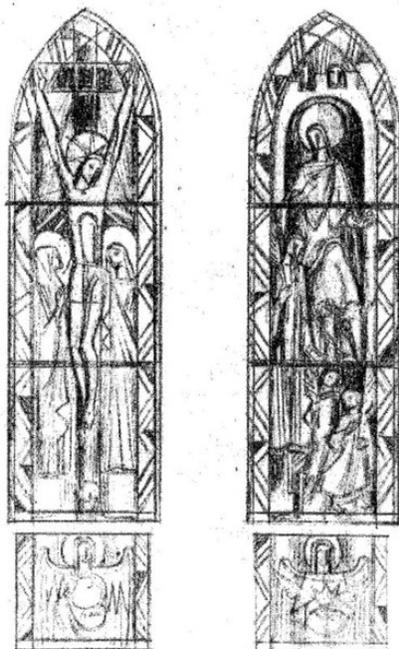
Add to this athletic events in track and softball, and you can see it is a busy spring. Please join us for these events!



Trinity's History

Installment #25

This article completes the third in a series of how Trinity Lutheran Church came to acquire the beautiful stained glass windows we see in our sanctuary today.



Thanks to the office staff at the Conrad Schmitt Studios, Inc. of New Berlin, we have been able to access the files of the Trinity window installation project. This drawing is a preliminary artist's sketch of the Crucifixion window (left) and the Resurrection window (right) today located in the north wall of the church.

Our thanks to Kim Herrick, secretary, and Eileen Crogan, archivist, of the studios for sending electronic copies of all the materials in the archival file.

The chancel is the area of the altar, pulpit, and lectern. The chancel windows in the south wall (pulpit side) contain the symbols of the four Evangelists, the men who wrote the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

- Matthew is represented as a winged man because the Gospel of Matthew stresses the incarnation of the Son of God.
- Luke is represented by the winged ox because the Gospel of Luke emphasizes the priestly office of Jesus and His sacrificial death. An ox was often used as one of the Old Testament sacrifices. Between these two symbols is placed the Bible which is the chief means of God's grace.
- Mark is pictured as a winged lion because the Gospel of Mark stresses the kingly office of our Lord.
- John is depicted as a winged eagle because the Gospel of John speaks of the grace and the divine nature of Christ. Between the symbols of Mark and John is the lighted lamp reminding the viewer of the divine inspiration of the Word of God.

The chancel windows in the north wall (lectern side) have symbols representing the two sacraments.

- Baptism is shown as a flow of water rising from the font within which flowers are growing. The flowers depict the faithful who are baptized and bring the fruit of obedience to the Word of Promise. Outside the core of flowers are thistles. The shell behind the Chi Rho is a symbol of Baptism. The Chi Rho is a monogram of Christ, the Greek letters of our Ch and R.
- The Lord's Supper is represented by the chalice and the paten. The birds partaking from the chalice are a symbol of the faithful partaking of the Sacrament. The Sacrament of the Altar window also has a form of the Chi Rho as well as wheat and grapes representing the earthly elements of the sacrament.

Above the altar is the Trinity window. Architecturally it is known as a triple lancet window. There is a left, a center, and a right lancet. The openings in the upper stone tracery are known as “kites”.

- The left lancet depicts creation as the work of God the Father. The hand of God created the universe and all things. God the Creator gave to man all of the necessities of life. The serpent in the left lancet shows sin and its temptation lurking as the result of the fall into sin.
- The center lancet portrays Christ the Son in glory. As king, He is seated on the throne of heaven crowned with the crown of victory and of eternal life. In His hand Christ holds a scepter, the symbol of His authority and of Messianic hope. The orb and the cross in His other hand represent the triumph of our Savior and of the Gospel throughout the world. The Lamb sits upon the book sealed with seven seals and represents our Great High Priest’s dying love for sinners. The scales of justice are in imbalance because the righteousness of the Lamb far outweighs the sins of the world.
- The right lancet shows the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier. The dove is rayed and limbed as it descends upon the disciples at Pentecost. The parted tongues of flame gave to these men divine Wisdom and the gift of tongues.. The scrolls at the lower right indicate the ability of the disciples to go forth and preach the Word of God throughout the world.

The upper transepts (the north and south balconies) probably have the windows which are seen the least of all the windows in Trinity Church. Four miracles of Jesus are shown in these windows.

In the north transept balcony is the miracle of healing the blind man at Siloam. The medallion shows a healing hand breaking through the darkness into light. The partner miracle is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The medallion contains a pomegranate which is a symbol of the resurrection.

The south transept balcony windows show Jesus’ first miracle which is the changing of water into wine at the marriage at Cana. The medallion is a cornucopia which is the symbol of the bounty of God. The other miracle portrayed is the Feeding of the 5000. Appropriately the medallion shows a basket of loaves and fish which the Lord multiplied to feed the many people who had come to hear him preach.

The very highest windows in the church are known as clerestory windows. Clerestory windows are high windows in a Gothic structure found above rooms or passageways. In Trinity’s case they are above the aisle. In these twelve windows a number of Christian virtues are presented through symbols. Starting by the window that shows Adam and Eve being drive from the Garden of Eden the symbols are:

- Love – shown by a rose
- Joy – represented by a lily
- Peace – a wreath of olive
- Longsuffering – a crown with palms
- Gentleness – a lamb
- Goodness – stars
- Faith – a cross upon a shield
- Meekness – a dove
- Temperance – a flame upon a hearth
- Righteousness – The Sun of Righteousness
- Truth – a flaming torch
- Hope – an anchor-cross

In the west balcony by the organ the choir windows can best be seen. These windows contain musical symbols in praise of God. They are:

- Harp – Glory to God on High
- Trumpet – We Praise Thee
- Cymbals – We Bless Thee
- Music – We Give God Thanks. The notes of the hymn shown in this window are from “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

From the west balcony the Rose Window can be seen close-up. This window is dedicated to God and contains at its center the Lamb Triumphant surrounded by rays of glory. When the original Wicks organ was installed at the time the church was built the case for the pipes was arranged so the window was not obstructed in any way. Flood lights were installed on the balcony ceiling to shine on the window so it could be seen from Veterans Park at night. When the current Wissinger organ was planned in 1990 very definite instructions were given that the design of the organ would not obstruct the window. The organ designers did a good job of meeting that request. However, the current organ case makes it impossible for the flood lights that were used to illuminate the rose window to be changed when they burned out. No longer is the rose window illuminated from the inside.

The northwest entrance to the church from Wisconsin Street is known as the North Porch. The window above the entrance is dedicated to the spirit of missions encompassing the whole world, at all seasons, for all eternity. The compass rose is at the center, and the four petals point to the four ends of the earth. The east points to spring and rain, the south points to summer and green leaves, the west points to autumn with its ripened fruit and red leaves, and the north points to winter and snow.

The window most unique to Trinity is the window found in the west wall of the hallway from the Fireside Room to the main entrance. Originally this window was located where the passageway starts in the church entrance. The construction of the parish center required its removal to a new location. To fit the design of the rest of the windows in the parish center the medallions were moved to the top of the windows. What makes the window unique is the Lutheran history it shows.

On the right Dr. Martin Luther is shown nailing the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The medallion is Luther’s seal, the skull of sin, and the scourge of penance which drove Dr. Luther to the Scriptures where he learned about salvation by grace alone. On the left the other window shows representations of Trinity’s first church building, the Church Home, used from 1919 to 1952. The second building is the current church building built and dedicated in 1953. The medallion shows a shepherd’s crook representing the ministry of the church, and the crown of thorns, the Gospel of our Savior’s willing sacrifice, which is the subject of Trinity’s ministry of preaching and teaching.

The donor of the original \$27.00 that was the seed of the Window Fund may never have seen into what their donation eventually grew. Those who worship at Trinity are the beneficiaries of their gift. Each worship service allows the worshiper to be visually stimulated in a spiritual way.



TOGETHER



Conference of Presidents spring 2018 meeting summary

At its recent meeting, the Conference of Presidents (COP) reviewed the pastoral vacancy situation. It was reported that there are 125 vacancies for pastorally trained positions, with 106 of those in parishes. The vacancy rate remains high, although it has not increased since last fall.

The COP has received questions about whether the Scouting organizations have changed in a way that would make it possible for WELS members to participate. In response, the COP has begun a review of the current nature and organizational statements of those organizations to determine whether conflicts with biblical principles remain. The COP will release a report and Bible study once the study is completed.

It is becoming increasingly clear that the workload for presidents of the largest synodical districts has grown to the point where steps need to be taken to provide assistance and relief. Since we continue to believe that its extremely vital that the district presidents remain in parish ministry, any solutions considered would maintain that approach. The COP hopes to have proposals for providing assistance to the presidents of the Western Wisconsin, Southeastern Wisconsin, and Northern Wisconsin Districts by next fall. The type of assistance may vary from district to district.

The COP called Prof. John Boeder of Martin Luther College to serve as a Christian giving counselor. Another call was issued to Rev. Eric Roecker to serve as the director of Evangelism.

The COP has begun to work with the Commission on Congregational Counseling to provide guidance to congregations seeking to merge or consolidate. The intent is to help those congregations to reconfigure their ministries in a way that results in healthy and, with God's blessing, growing congregations.

The COP will meet in May as the synod's Assignment Committee. Assignment Day at Martin Luther College is Sat., May 12. Assignment of vicars and graduates at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will take place on Thurs., May 24.

Called to eternal glory

Retired pastor Rev. William Bernhardt was recently called home to heaven by our risen Savior.

Bernhardt had served as the host of the *WELS Connection* for more than 25 years—from its beginning in 1987 until four years ago.

“As the host of *WELS Connection*, Rev. Bernhardt provided a consistency that helped the program become one of the most widely used communication tools in our synod,” says Mr. Steve Boettcher, who produces and directs *WELS Connection*. “Every month Rev. Bernhardt had the ability to bring the sights and sounds of our synod to life for our members. Rev. Bernhardt's steady presence reminded viewers that all the various WELS efforts worked together—serving our Lord under the banner of WELS and ultimately for his kingdom.”

Others have since stepped in to host the *WELS Connection*, but for many, Bernhardt will be the face that they always remember. We thank God for his service and for bringing another faithful warrior this heavenly goal.

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder



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9:15 am

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6:30 pm

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