



Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Caller

Reformation 500

Anniversaries are special moments. Last year we marked our centennial as a Lutheran congregation. We savored the worship and celebration as we thanked the triune God for a century of ministry under Christ at Trinity.

In 2017 we are marking an anniversary number that none of us could achieve in a lifetime: five hundred. The number takes us back to 1517, the traditional year marking the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. We thank Christ for all he accomplished, and still accomplishes, through the Lutheran Reformation.

This fall we will be marking the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation in several ways:

- Services beginning after Labor Day (and running through October) will have Reformation themes that highlight the blessings Christ gives us as Lutherans. We will incorporate video clips from the Luther movie (*A Return to Grace*) with comments by WELS scholars.
- Sunday Bible classes in October will study Reformation-based themes with longer clips from the Luther movie.
- We will mark the five hundredth anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in our services on October 29. Trinity members are invited to attend the Western Wisconsin District Reformation service in Madison on October 29 at 4:00 (to be held at the Alliant Energy Center).
- Members will be encouraged to participate in spiritual growth efforts starting this fall. During the month of October we will make available a reading/prayer plan utilizing Luther's Small Catechism. Beginning in November, we will promote reading the New Testament.

We intend to show the full-length Luther movie *A Return to Grace* in a large-group setting this fall. The tentative arrangement is viewing the movie on October 1 at the Western Avenue gymnasium, starting at 6:30. Stay tuned for more details.

Let's join our hearts and voices together in praising Christ for all he gives us Lutheran Christians. Let's make the good effort to make his Word central to all we do. Our Savior will bring his many blessings to our Reformation 500 worship and activities.

Serving Jesus and you,

Pastor Brett Brauer

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Women in Service



Trinity Women In Service offer many ways to become involved at Trinity. (We were the former Ladies' Aid.) We changed our name and eliminated dues and membership rolls. All of Trinity members (men, women, teens) are encouraged to serve on one or several of the various Trinity committees, which include: Altar Committee, Banner Committee, Flower Committee, Greeters, Mailing Committee, Shut-In Visitors, Sunshine Card Committee, Ushers, etc. There are many more. Many committees are under the wing of the Women In Service and are supported financially by the W.I.S. treasury (which consists of free-will offerings taken at regular W.I.S. meetings, donations from serving funerals, and other congregational donations).

The congregation is invited to the regular meetings of the Women In Service held the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 held in the conference room just off the Fireside Room; the June meeting is held at a local restaurant. The W.I.S. adjourns for the summer months after May and begins meeting again in September.

The regular meetings offer fellowship, dessert, a program by a guest speaker or the pastor, and a short business meeting where discussion is usually made regarding where our W.I.S. treasury monies can best be spent in support of non-budgetary items for Trinity Church. Mothers are encouraged to bring their small children along to a meeting but presently no babysitting is offered; but Trinity's nursery room is right next to our meeting room.

We hope to see you at one of the meetings, even if you can't attend regularly. If you can't be active on a Trinity committee, we still look forward to visiting with you at a meeting. If you would like to volunteer for a committee or have any questions, please call W.I.S. President Kathy Strucely (206-1745). The first regular meeting of the Women In Service (W.I.S.) for the coming year will be held on Thursday, September 14. The meeting will start with coffee, tea, and dessert at 1:00 in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. The hostess will be Audrey Zautner. All are welcome!

Sit-Craft-Chat Craft Group

Third Monday of each month
6-8 pm
Fireside Room

Prayer Partners *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).*

- Pray for the need of others.
- Praise God for the wonderful things he does.
- To join send, an email to sstrucely@gmail.com or call the church office. Prayer requests will be sent to you via email or by phone call.
- To request a prayer, contact Pastor Brauer.

Videotaped Church Services

The Sunday services are now being shown on Watertown TV, cable channel 985, Wednesdays 9 am and 4 pm and again on Sunday at 11 am. Services are also uploaded to the church website by Tuesday.

Pebbles from the ROC

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. (James 1:19,20)

Recently a teen said to me (Pastor Tim Mueller), "I hate my father!" Fourteen years ago when I began serving Christ at our ROC Youth Center, I probably would have interrupted the teen and quoted the Fourth Commandment to honor your father and mother. Today, I listen. My listening instead of speaking at that moment revealed that the teen was angry and deeply hurt as the father had cheated on his wife and was getting a divorce. After listening and listening, I shared our heavenly Father's faithfulness and love and how He will never leave

us as demonstrated by the giving of His Son on the cross to pay for all our sins. May God bless us with a discerning heart knowing when to listen and when to speak.

Many hours of hard work were put in by so many at the ROC Rummage Sale which raised over \$12,500 for THE ROC. Thank you to Trinity/St. Luke's for the use of their gym, to LPS and Lakeside for the use of tables, and thank you to all the volunteers (some literally gave hundreds of volunteer hours), including ROC teens, and to those who donated items and the shoppers. ***Thank you so much!***



Rock River Area Owls

Our local chapter of the OWLS begins a new 2017-2018 season with a gathering at St John Lutheran Church in Waterloo on September 19 at 1:30 pm. Guest speaker, Rev. Eugene Kock, will take us on his "Tour of Israel." Refreshments follow. Copies of the OWLS new program schedule for 2017-2018 are available.

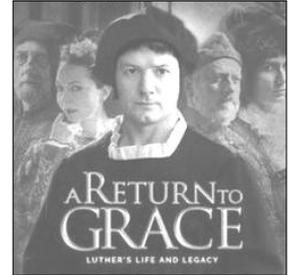
The Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) provides meaningful activity for those who are retired and/or 50 years old. Enjoy spiritual growth and the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. Come and get a historical tour of St John's in Waterloo, celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, led by Pastors Adomeit and Wils-mann, located at 413 E. Madison St. Be sure to follow the DETOUR signs, because State Highways 19 and 89 in the city are under construction. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Meetings;

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| <i>October 17- Trinity, Watertown</i> | <i>Prof Daniel Deutchlander</i> | <i>"How Luther Became a Lutheran"</i> |
| <i>November 21 - St John, Watertown</i> | <i>Rev James Werner</i> | <i>"Our Grenada Misssion"</i> |
| <i>December 19 - St Luke, Watertown</i> | <i>Ione Ibeling</i> | <i>"Origins of Christmas Carols"</i> |

Save the Date

On Sunday, October 1 we are planning to show the new Luther movie, "A Return to Grace", in the Western Avenue gym starting at 6:30 pm. A dessert potluck is also planned for the evening. Watch the bulletins for more information. Join us as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!



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

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| Offerings received the week of July 2 | \$ 8,459.00 |
| Offerings received the week of July 9 | \$ 8,954.00 |
| Offerings received the week of July 16 | \$ 9,905.00 |
| Offerings received the week of July 23 | \$ 11,074.00 |
| Offerings received the week of July 30 | \$ 8,673.00 |
| Offerings received through electronic giving for July | \$ 6,294.00 |
| Offerings received through Thrivent | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Total Offerings received in the month of July for support of the ministry plan | \$ 53,359.00 |

Treasurer's Report

As of the end of July, total operating income was \$53,058 or 7% of the annual budget. Total expenses were \$54,494 or 7% of the annual budget. Revenue and expenses are both expected to be at 8% after one month. The income is behind for the year \$7,741 for the amount of expenditures.

As of the end of July, current assets (cash and stock) totaled \$97,809, comprised of \$47,086 in checking, \$50,936 in the money market account. The Thrivent mortgage balance decreased to \$384,563, while the member loans are at \$365,859.



Remembering those fallen asleep in Jesus



Tim Johnston

John and Pat Klever

Dan Borchelt

Sue Bolden

Valarie Pitterle

James and Sue Mattek

Norman and Sylvia Immel

Bret and Janelle Loescher

William Ulm

Russ and Ann Marcks

Dale and Nancy Zastrow

Michal and Melissa Williams

Patti Bertling

Gene and Pat Cowen

Charles and Lois Bartz

John and Sandy Braun

Earl Roberts

Jerry and Donna Zautner

Tom and Mary Schultz

William and Mary Schultz

Brett and Lisa Brauer

Diane Schultz

Mae Wilkes

Gerald and Audrey Else

Gerald and Joanne Brandt

Jim and Linda Moeller

Gary and Sandra Johnson

Trinity WIS

Herman and Pat Zastrow

Randall and Darlene Schultz

Keith and Cheryl Hollatz

Denise and Dennis Saxby

Randall and Anne Marie

Adams

Alan and Leanna Wilson

Dean and Donna Christian

Maxine Erdman

John and Lynn Barr

Aaron Jones

Scott and Karen Fries

Michael and Jane Jensen

Dave and Meredith Weber

John and Vivian Block

Eldyn Pitzner

Jerome Casper

Herman and Pat Zastrow

Doris Baumann

Brett and Lisa Brauer

Dale and Nancy Zastrow

Canvass Report

After a morning session of Bible Study and training, followed by lunch, five teams of canvassers hit the streets around Trinity to ask the basic questions of "How long have you lived here?" "Do you have a church you regularly attend?" "What do you think Trinity could do for you and our community?". We met some neighbors who were fellow WELS members. We met people who were interested in our school. We also met some who weren't interested in taking the time to answer our questions. We even met a pair of Jehovah Witness canvassers, who were anxious to talk to us.

Several of the canvass teams had never done this sort of meet and greet, and were skeptical at first. Pastor Yahnke led us through a Bible study to show us the reason for our efforts to reach out to our neighbors and the promise of God to bless our work. Following this we did some role playing: first, being the canvasser and then acting as the person at the door. The person at the door was given a role of a possible encounter, such as belligerent, distracted, leery, and even a non-English speaker. Having a chance to react to these scenarios helped to make the canvassers more comfortable. Only a small sampling of the neighborhood was done at this time. This will be an ongoing effort by the Board for Evangelism. Look for more opportunities to meet our neighbors in the coming months.

SonWest Roundup

WOW! Sixty-seven children attended our Vacation Bible School last month. We want to thank our ten adult leaders and fifteen teen leaders who helped keep our little cowpokes happy and corralled. The children heard through stories, crafts, songs, games and treats God's plan for the Israelites through Moses and His plan for us through Jesus. Looking forward to next year!



Church Basement Ladies Outing



On Sunday, August 27 twenty-four ladies and two men attended the Fireside Theater production of “Church Basement Ladies”. After enjoying a wonderful brunch, we were entertained with the stories from a Minnesota Lutheran church in 1964. Many of us remembered our mothers, grandmothers and even ourselves relating stories like these as we served the potlucks, funerals and weddings in our churches.

We are planning to revisit the “Church Basement Ladies” next year for “Chapter Two.” Come and join the fun!

Outdoor Service and Church Picnic—Sunday, September 17

Our annual outdoor service and church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 17. This year the service and picnic will be held across the street in Veterans’ Park. We are hoping the neighborhood will join us. You are asked to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for the service.

Then join us for the picnic. Ham sandwiches and drinks will be provided. You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Games are being planned for after the picnic.



Teens’ Corner

Trinity Teen Bible Class is set to begin! We'll begin September 10 at 9:15 am. During our first meeting we will welcome the new students to our teen group, (incoming 7th graders), and we'll discuss Bible study topics and fellowship events for the year. One topic we will study this year will be Martin Luther and the Reformation. This Bible study will include video segments from the new Luther film, “Return To Grace.” Trinity Teens will join the adult Bible Class for this topic. We'll begin that class October 1. For our study of the Reformation we will not meet in our regular teen room, but we'll meet in the adult Bible study room in the fellowship hall. May God richly bless the beginning to your school year and our Teen Bible Class as we gather again this year.



Regular Schedule Resumes

On Sunday, September 10 the regular worship schedule will resume. Sunday services will be at 8 and 10:30 am. Wednesday service will be held at 6:30 pm. Bible Activity Hour and classes will begin at 9:15 am. Bible Activity Hour invites all children ages 2 through Grade 6 to join them for Bible Stories, crafts and songs. The Teen Bible Class for those in Grades 7-12 will meet in the Teen Room. Adult Bible Class meets in the West Fellowship Hall. The opening topic will be “Bible Essentials.”

Monday Morning Bible Class (topic: Luther’s Small Catechism) begins on September 11 at 7am. The Thursday Bible Class (topic: End Times) resumes on September 7 at 10:30 am. These two classes meet in the conference room.

Trinity St. Luke's School News

A New School Year

The new school year began on Tuesday, August 29. We have yet to hold our 3K and 4K orientation nights which will finalize the enrollment in those grades. A more detailed report will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Our faculty and staff for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

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| 3K and 4K | Mrs. Maria Ewings assisted by Michele Vick —ECE Aide |
| 5K | Mrs. Michelle Wegner |
| Grade 1 | Mrs. Emily Borgwardt – both Mrs. Wegner and Mrs. Borgwardt will be assisted by Shelly Cichanofsky —primary aide. |
| Grade 2 | Mrs. Alissa Schroeder (mornings) Mrs. Beth Schumacher (afternoons) |
| Grade 3 | Mrs. Laura Schultz |
| Grade 4 | Mr. Gregg Birkholz |
| Grade 5 | Mrs. Cheryl Holzhueter |
| Grade 6 | Mr. Timothy Torgerson |
| Grade 7-8 | Mrs. Morgan Beyer Mr. Jared Matthies |
| Extended Learning | Mrs. Peggy Uttech |
| Principal | Mr. James Moeller |

Mrs. Schroder and Mrs. Ewings

Mrs. Alissa Schroder and Mrs. Maria Ewings were installed as teachers at TSL by Pastor Anthony Schultz on Sunday, August 20. The congregation honored these teachers new to TSL with a reception and gift card shower following the service.

Alissa Schroeder is a native of Lake Mills and a 2001 graduate of Lakeside Lutheran High School. Following her graduation from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, in 2005 she married Mark Schroeder. While her husband finished his studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mrs. Schroeder taught at St. Marcus Lutheran School in Milwaukee working with third grade as well as serving as extended learning reading teacher for grades 7 and 8. Following Pastor Schroeder's graduation from the Seminary

the couple moved to Saginaw, MI, and served for two years at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, one of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) preparatory schools at the high school level. From Saginaw the family moved to Cary, North Carolina, where Pastor Schroeder served as a mission pastor at Tree of Life Lutheran Church. While in Cary Mrs. Schroeder taught Sunday school, headed up the children's church program, and taught 3K preschool at Precious Lambs Lutheran Preschool in Raleigh, NC.

In 2013 the Schroeder family moved to Watertown when Pastor Schroeder accepted a call to serve at Luther Preparatory School to teach religion, history, and coach football. Mrs. Schroeder served the past three years at St. John's Lutheran School in Watertown teaching art and also as extended learning teacher. At TSL she is one of the second grade teachers, replacing Mrs. Marilyn Ehlke who retired at the conclusion of the previous school year completing over twenty-five years of service to TSL. The Schroeders are parents of Lydia, Elijah, and Mya who attend TSL.

Maria Ewings grew up in Saginaw, MI, and graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 2012. Her parents are Pastor Paul and Leanne Prange who currently reside in Burlington, WI. Pastor Prange serves as the administrator of Ministerial Education for the WELS, and Mrs. Prange teaches kindergarten at St. John's Lutheran School in Burlington.

Mrs. Ewings is a 2017 graduate of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, graduating with a double major in early childhood and elementary education. On June 9 of this year she married Ben Ewings who is beginning his second year of serving as a tutor and dorm supervisor at Luther Preparatory School. At TSL Mrs. Ewings will be teaching 4K preschool on Monday through Wednesday mornings and 3K preschool on Thursday and Friday mornings. She replaces Mrs. Aubrey Hayes who with her family has moved from Watertown and relocated to the Appleton area.

Both teachers are excited at the prospect of teaching at TSL and look forward to the upcoming school year! As you have opportunity, please introduce yourselves to these servants whom the Lord has sent to us.

New Personnel at TSL

Mrs. Kay Christian is our new Office Manager at the Western Avenue campus. The principal keeps reminding her that a year from now she will know everything that takes place at TSL. It will be a year-long learning curve, and Mrs. Christian is going at it with a willing spirit.

Mrs. Linda Travis has been hired to be part of the After-School Care program. Together with Mrs. Sarah Horn, she will provide care for the after-school care students.

Mrs. Michele Vick will now serve as the ECE aide in Mrs. Ewing's classroom. At the conclusion of the preschool session at 11:00 a.m. she then takes over the Extended Care program until 3:00 p.m.

Moving Mrs. Vick to the ECE aide position meant we had opening in the primary aide position. After a discussion with Mrs. Wegner and Mrs. Borgwardt, it was felt this position could be reduced to an hour a day. Accordingly Mrs. Shelly Cichanofsky will start her day with an hour as primary aide and then move to the kitchen at Western Avenue campus to continue in her work as the hot lunch coordinator.

Please join us in welcoming these people new to TSL who are serving our Lord and His lambs. We pray the Lord would bless their efforts as well as those staff members who continue to serve His lambs and sheep.

Building His House

For over the past forty years TSL students have been participating in the "Building His House" Program available through the WES Church Extension Fund (CEF). Through the regular purchase of stamps at \$1.00/stamp children can fill a stamp book which is then converted into a savings certificate when filled with 25 stamps. Through the CEF, these funds are used to assist congregations with loans in building worship units and churches throughout the United States and beyond.

Parents have found this an easy way to teach their children about saving money as well as helping the children learn how their money can serve others as the Gospel is preached and the Word is spread. Information on the program is available from either of the school offices.

Way\$ to \$ave for TSL

We ask our congregational members to continue to save the UPC symbols from General Mills products that are marked as "Box Tops for Education". Through the General Mills Box Tops for Education program these UPCs translate into \$0.10 per UPC. Last year we received over \$1400 for student activities from this program.

Please also save the milk strips and milk caps from Kwik Trip milk products and labels from the Glazer donuts for Kwik Trip's Milk Moola program. When tallied and shipped back to Kwik Trip they, too, add up to hundreds of dollars that we use to assist with field trips, help with the expenses of Relay Day, and a number of events that can only be funded in this way.

These items can be dropped off at either of the churches in the collection containers or brought to either of the school offices. Thank you for your support in these programs!

The Campbell's "Labels for Education" program has come to an end after serving schools nationwide for many years. It was a great program while it lasted! Our thanks to all who saved Campbell's labels and UPCs for many years. This past June we redeemed our 57,000+ points that had accumulated and received the following items:

- Crayola sidewalk chalk (3 sets)
- 24' parachute (2)
- Tempera paints (3 sets)
- 10" playground balls (3 sets)
- 8.5" playground balls (5 sets – package of 6)
- 24 ultra-glide scooters
- stubby paintbrushes (3 sets)
- Elmer's school glue (2 gallons)
- Marker sets (100 markers each – 3 sets)
- 8' jump ropes (12).



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*Regular Schedule Resumes Sunday,
September 10*

Sunday Worship Services

8 & 10:30 am

Bible Activity Hour & Bible Class

9:15 am

Wednesday Worship Service

6:30 pm

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