

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2024

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Dear church family,

As we approach All Saints Day on November 1st, we take this opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of all those who have gone before us—our saints, both known and unknown. This is a time to reflect on their faith, the impact they had on our lives, and the legacy they leave behind. Their legacy inspires us to continue growing in love and service.

This year it is especially important for us to remember those who have gone before us as we celebrate our 175th anniversary as a church. I know I am filled with gratitude for the vast number of ministers and faithful laypeople who have sustained the church for all of these years.

Just think about all the blessings we have been able to experience because of those who went before. Think about all the years of faithful service to the West Seneca community, the baptisms, the weddings, and countless other activities that have strengthened our bonds as a community throughout the years. Each person throughout the ages down to all the members today, has played a vital role in making our church a welcoming and vibrant place, and I want to thank each of you for your commitment and passion.

As we commemorate this milestone, let us remember the words of Philippians 1:3: “I thank my God every time I remember you.” We are grateful for each of you and look forward to many more years of worship and service together.

Thank you for being an essential part of our church family. I look forward to celebrating with all of you! Let’s do our part and lay a faithful foundation for the next 175 years!

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Nyck Greig



Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00am.
 Remember to turn your clocks back!



Thanksgiving Worship

Wed. November 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

Trinity will hold a worship service on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 27th at 7:00 p.m. There **will not** be a service on Thanksgiving Day.



Trunk-or-Treat

Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00pm

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on October 30 at 6:00pm. Come to the Trinity parking lot; park with your trunk facing in, around the perimeter of the parking lot; have 2-3 bags worth of candy / treats. You and your children, in costume (no gory costumes or decorations please), will then make your way around the parking lot gathering candy! Bring your own collection containers / bags as well. Want to decorate your vehicle? Feel free to arrive at 5:30pm to do so. We'll share in a family devotion and there will be a hot chocolate sale to benefit Trinity's Youth Group. Prizes will be awarded for the best family costume and best decorated vehicle.

RaiseRight Gift Card School Fundraiser

Fundraising is made easy with RaiseRight! Just scan the QR code to download the app. Then you can buy gift cards (or e-gift cards) right from your phone. You get the full value, and the brand donates to our school. Win win! Orders for physical gift cards will be placed on the 10th of each month. Paper order forms available on the table in the narthex.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Please join us in collecting gift filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Please refer to the pamphlets on the table in the narthex for specific items to include and NOT include in the shoeboxes. Shoeboxes will be due back to church **Sunday, November 17th**. Please make sure to attach your BOY / GIRL tag securely to the top of your shoebox. *** If you are paying online via the website or QR code, please make a notation on your tag that it is paid. If you are paying with a check or cash, please attach it in an envelope to the top of your box or inside of your box.*** Thank you!

Youth & Family Ministry News

Welcome Nathan! We are excited to announce that Nathan Thomack has accepted the position of Director of Youth & Family Ministry here at Trinity! Nathan and his wife Kimberly will be arriving in Buffalo at the end of October and he will be starting sometime in November.

Thank You Mark! As you may know, Mark Willert relinquished this position effective 9/1/24. Thank you Mark for over 18 years of dedicated service in ministry at Trinity!

Ladies Bible Study

In November, the Ladies Bible Study will meet on **Monday Nov. 11 at 7:00pm**. All ladies past high school age are welcome!



2025 Altar Flowers & Candles

The 2025 sign-up charts are on the church coatroom bulletin board. Sign up for your special occasion today!

Flowers: \$10 per arrangement and you get to take them home after the Sunday service! We are asking that 2 families sign up for each week. Payments should be placed in the **Church Office's message center** - make checks payable to **"Trinity Lutheran Church" (memo: Altar Flowers)**.

Altar Candles: \$25 per month (per family). Two families should sign-up each month to cover the total cost. Checks should be made payable to: **"Trinity Lutheran Church"** and placed in the Church Office message center.

**Please make sure to include your name and * special intentions on the sign-up sheets.*

Trinity School News

Kids in the Kitchen Club

Students in grades 6-8 had the opportunity to participate in Kids in the Kitchen Club, run by FeedMore of WNY. The leaders taught the students about nutrition, followed by a cooking lesson based on healthy food choices. The students were then given the ingredients to take home and make the recipe of the week with their families. The kids loved the sessions, especially the taste testing!



Soccer Champions!

Both the Trinity Hawks JV and Varsity teams had undefeated seasons! The Varsity team won the championship game for the third year in a row. They used their bodies and words to bring praise to God. Way to go players and coaches!



Comfort Dog at Trinity

Hope, the comfort dog, made her first visit to the students at Trinity Christian School this week, bringing smiles and a sense of calm to the entire student body. As a specially trained therapy dog, Hope offers emotional support and companionship, helping students feel at ease. The students were thrilled to meet her, and many shared how her presence lifted their spirits. We look forward to welcoming Hope back for future visits as she continues to provide comfort and care to our school community.



Grandparents Day

Trinity Christian School recently celebrated Grandparents Day, with every student having a grandparent or special adult join them for the occasion. The day began with a special breakfast, followed by fun at a fall-themed photo booth and engaging activities that everyone enjoyed. The highlight of the day was chapel, led by Pastor Don Loos, where we gathered to thank God for the gift of grandparents and the profound influence they have on the lives and faith of their grandchildren. It was a memorable day filled with love, faith, and cherished moments.

Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

5:00pm-8:00pm

Don't feel like cooking dinner? Want a dinner that everyone will love? Come to our Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night to help our 6th-8th graders fundraise for their spring class trips. (This is in place of the Chiavetta's BBQ this year.) This is at the **Hamburg location only** near the McKinley Mall (3464 McKinley Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14219). You can order dine-in, take out, or drive thru (*mobile orders are excluded). **Just make sure to announce you are here for the Trinity Spirit Night before you start your order** so we get the credit. Thanks for your support and enjoy your delicious meal!

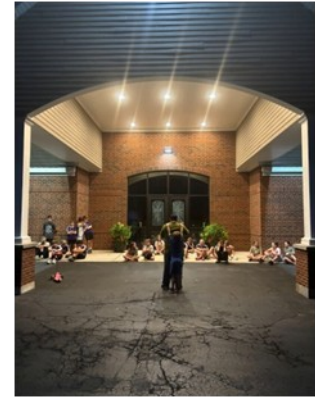
YOUTH SCOOP



Kate Barnas & Ellie Adams
climbing the Rock Wall



Youth Group in front of Lake Erie



Pastor Nyck leading devotion
at Youth Night

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Night: For the first one, we played Russian Dodgeball outside. Pastor Nyck shared a memorable devotion with a wet diaper. For the second one, we dressed up in fun costumes and played regular dodgeball in the gym. The best costumes were Cody Adams as a strip of bacon, and Hannah and Aliza Haas as the Bash Brothers from the Mighty Ducks. We decorated white pumpkins with dried flowers and paint - lots of creativity on display. Our next Youth Night will be **11/6 at 6:30pm-8:00pm.**

Thank You! We have five youth attending the National Youth Gathering next summer. Nathan & Stephanie will be the chaperones. Our most recent Craft & Bake Sale was on 10/13 and we made \$227. Thank you to everyone who purchased their goods and have supported their efforts. Our next fundraiser is a Cookie Walk on 12/7 & 12/8.

NOVEMBER

11/6 ~ Youth Night, 6:30pm-8pm: We will play Stephanie's favorite card & dice game called "Snoop". It's a fast past game and everyone wins a prize.

11/7 ~ Youth Quake Sign up: \$164 (\$99 early bird registration + hotel)* Scholarships are available.

11/20 ~ Youth Night, 6:30pm-8pm

DECEMBER

12/4 ~ Youth Night 6:30pm-8pm

12/7 & 12/8 ~ Cookie Walk Fundraiser after Saturday 5pm & Sunday 10:30am Worship

12/14 ~ Parent's Night Out Babysitting Fundraiser

12/18 ~ Youth Night 6:30pm-8pm

12/22 ~ Trinity Christmas Pageant at 10:30am Worship

SAVE THE DATE

1/24/25-1/26/25 ~ Youth Quake in Pittsburg, PA. Theme: Enough - John 3:16 (6th-12th grade)

5/16/25-5/18/25 ~ Pioneer on the Lake Youth Retreat (5th-12th grade)

7/19/25-7/23/25 ~ National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA . Theme: Endure - Hebrews 12:1-3 (Entering 9th Grade-20 years old)

Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care!

By Rick Warren — 09/30/2020

“Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.” Job 2:13 (NLT)

When you're ministering to someone in pain, you must remember this: The deeper the pain, the fewer words you use.

PASTOR RICK'S

If you're always in a hurry, then you're never going to be a great listener. To have great conversations, you start by looking with love at the other person, but then you must invest as much time as needed. Why? Because you can't listen well in a hurry. Great listening takes time.

Job was a wealthy man who lost virtually everything, including his money, health, and even his children. *“When three of Job's friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him . . . Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words”* (Job 2:11, 13 NLT).

This is called the ministry of presence. When you're ministering to someone in pain, you must remember this: The deeper the pain, the fewer words you use. If somebody's having a bad hair day, then you can talk about it for 30 minutes. But if that person has a major crisis, talking about it for a long time is probably not going to help. The truth is that you don't need to say anything. Just show up and shut up. You can't talk people out of their pain. Some pain is beyond words. This kind of investment takes time. Notice how many days Job's friends sat on the ground with him . . . seven. Do you have anybody in your life who'd sit on the ground with you for seven days without saying anything?

Stephen Ministers are members of Trinity who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. If someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Meissner, Kevin Kot or Colleen Kot.



“Pray ... Out Loud?!”

Did you know that praying with someone is an awesome way to show you care? Not only is it something that helps people trust you, it especially invites into someone's situation the help of our God who has the ability " to do even more than we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)

But how do I get there? How can I pray with someone when I'm not used to it? Here's a simple recipe I follow...

1. Start the prayer with thanks- thank God for the friendship you have with your friend and thanks that He's (God) right there too.
2. Next pray for what ever the issue is at hand and that God would help. Just a few sentences.
3. Last you can thank God for the love he has for us and that he cares so much.

Less than a minute is fine and just be and sound like yourself. I had some confirmation students once say, "I don't know how to pray like pastor," because that's the only example of prayer they had. People will most relate to how you normally sound. I tell people to fumble through it. It will get easier. But people appreciate our sincerity and reaching out.

Six of us have started a small group called Reaching Out learning to become comfortable having God conversations with people, as well as becoming inviters to welcome people to our church. We've met once, there's room for a few more and meet only twice a month. Those that attended our first gathering are looking forward to the next on October 30 at 5:15pm! If you're curious, see me or give me a call 716-601-8570.

~Mark Willert



Happy Birthday

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|------|---|-------|----------------------------------|-------|--|
| 11/2 | Dawn Stroh
Bonnie Schwab | 11/8 | Gail Rieman
Lisa Manzo | 11/21 | Aubrey Conti
Joshua Barnas |
| 11/3 | Carole Jaekle | 11/12 | Linda Hodge
Dawn Barnas | 11/23 | Paulette Bogumil
Courtney Jelowski |
| 11/4 | Caitlyn McLaughlin | 11/15 | Lauren Berton | 11/28 | Corrine Rodgers
Ryan McKernan |
| 11/5 | Jane Sirgey
Christian Tripi | 11/16 | Dick Schultz
Dennis Glinski | 11/29 | Renata Schultz |
| 11/6 | George Hodge
Gary Haas
Linda Wrobel | 11/17 | Charles Gass
Abigail Anderson | 11/30 | Christine Hawkins
Robert Meissner
Christine Harris |
| 11/7 | Riley Greig | 11/18 | Nathan Barnas | | |
| | | 11/20 | Theresa McKernan | | |

Happy Anniversary

11/26 Vincent & Lucille Zarbo



Christmas Poinsettia Plants

We will once again be placing poinsettia plants on the altar for Christmas services this year. Order forms can be found in upcoming weekly bulletins or you can contact the church office (674-9188). Both red and white plants will be offered for \$8.50 each, and you get to take them home after the Christmas Day service. Orders are **due by Sunday, November 24.**

LWML Fall Event at Trinity
Saturday, November 2 9am-12pm

Registration fee is \$5.00 (Mites monies will also be collected). RSVP to Sharon McGuan (716-803-3767 / salmcg23@gmail.com). Speakers will be Pastor Knowles and Margaret Walsh. Hands on project will be making cards for those on the Eastern District prayer list and others needing a kind greeting. Ingathering items needed are protein foods, canned / boxed staples, personal care items, paper products.

LADD

LADD (2280 Seneca St., Buffalo) is in need of the following items: new or clean gently used boys and girls clothing; household items. Donations can be dropped off at LADD Monday-Thursday and Saturdays from 10am-3pm. Smaller items can also be placed in the LADD collection box that is located at church.

Shut-In Members

If you know of a member of Trinity who should be on our **shut-in member list**, please let Pastor Nyck and the church office know. We want to care for all!

Shut-ins can receive our weekly Life at Trinity announcement sheet and monthly Trinity Tidings newsletter by mail or email. Contact the church office (716) 674-9188 to find out more information.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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