

# Trinity **Being the Light of Christ!** Messenger

October - November

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## A Generous Life

We need only look at the life of Jesus to see the best example of living a generous life! During October we will be preaching and teaching about being generous and finding happiness in that generosity. As Pastor Barry and I have talked about what to focus on for our stewardship time, we found ourselves realizing that we want to focus as much as possible on loving generously. Pastor Barry found a devotional book entitled “A Generous Life – 28 Days of Devotion” which fits well with how we use our talents and gifts. Each week we will focus on a theme. Week one is “Born to Be Generous”, week two “Grounded in Gratitude”, week three “Revealed Through Prayer”, and week four, our final week (which also happens to be Reformation Sunday) is “Sealed by Faith”. Our daily devotions will follow and be tied to these same themes.

Our hope is that we can all feel closer to finding a place of meaning, happiness, and fulfillment as we are inspired to see Jesus in various new ways through our daily devotions and weekly worship services. The hope is to inspire all of us to read scripture,

seek and hear personal stories and anecdotes that challenge us toward the recognition of the power of gratitude, prayer, and faith in living out our lives as followers of Christ.

I shared the idea of Ubuntu - a person is a person through other persons. Living a generous life will naturally allow us all to live out that idea and to be a reservoir of joy and compassion to all those around us and to those we have yet to meet. Sharing God’s love with each person we meet, sharing the gifts we have because they come from God and by giving to others they become our offering of love back to God.

With the knowledge that we have all been given an overly-generous amount of God’s mercy and grace, we enter this time trusting that God’s generosity becomes more and more apparent to each person we can reach.

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of the most generous Christ Jesus!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Beth Clothier".

Pastor Beth Clothier

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Highlights from Congregational Council

### Monthly meetings

*Council meetings are held each month. Each meeting is opened with a devotion and prayer. Those present approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting and continue with reports from the Treasurer, Pastor, staff and Committees. The following is a brief synopsis of the most recent meeting. For a full record of the minutes, please call the church office.*

Minutes: Motion to approve by Sarah. Second by Zach. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Contributions are under budget by \$13.5K year to date; which is a declining trend since June. Expenses are under budget by \$16K. Motion to approve by Inge. Second by Sarah. Motion passed.

Pastor Barry's report: Consecration Sunday details were reviewed. The theme is "A Generous Life". Letters with daily devotions will be sent to the congregation.

Regarding funerals, food will be delivered to the family and they will be able to invite whomever they would like. There are constraints in the church building due to covid-19 and it is hoped this is a better option for families.

The first Youth Group of the school year was held at Eljer Park on 9/13/2020. It was very successful with 18 youth in attendance and 7 adult leaders. GRASP also started on 9/13 with PB and Amelia Shrum. Confirmation will occur on Reformation Sunday – 10/26/2020.

Pastor Beth's report: Women's Ministry is growing with several small groups meeting regularly. Letters will be going out asking people to become small group leaders and commit to meeting in groups of 8-10 for a year. Will begin by using "The Bible Project" to help with connections.

Lisa's Administrative report: The transition to a new company for technology is support is going very well. Everyone at the church and school is very happy with the primary contact Jeremy. A member donated funds for listening devices, which have been purchased and installed.

Discussion regarding Health Coverage through Portico. Motion to maintain the current plan by Jon. Second by Zach. Motion passed.

Plans for Operation Christmas Child and Care Train are in the works. There will not be a Christmas cookie sale this year.

Day School: The CDSC met on 9/14/2020. Financially there is a YTD net gain of \$60,271

against a budgeted net gain of \$55,241 (\$5,030 ahead of plan). Cathy continues to meet weekly with the Union County School Superintendents and Dr. Orcena from the Health Department for updates related to covid-19. Any case of covid has to be reported to the Health Department within 24 hours. Cathy and Travis completed the Corona Relief Fund Grant through ODE and it has been approved. Total enrollment is 172, which includes all of early childhood. K-Prep through 6th grade is 118. At this point the calendar following the Thanksgiving break will not be changed unless the health status of the building changes. The Blue Jean Ball will be a virtual auction (E-bay style).

Margaret Rausch Fund: Executive Committee was asked to remain following the Council meeting to review applications. Motion to add \$6,000 to the amount for JWhite bringing total support to \$16,000 was made by Jon. Second by Amelia. Motion passed.

Old Business: Discussion regarding mission/vision of the church. Sarah reviewed past Focus Group information. Despite being rooted in tradition, there was a lot of feedback on wanting to grow and change – to grow our membership in numbers, and to adapt to meet today's needs. There is a focus on community and outreach – spreading the Word of God, displaying His love and connecting to our community, and growing outreach efforts.

Motion to Laura, and second by Inge to adopt the following:

Mission Statement:

Follow God

Love each other

Be a light to the world

Vision Statement:

We will live by faith.

We will be known for our love.

We will be a voice of hope to the world.

Motion passed. Next will be development of core values, non-negotiables, and goals. Discussed three goals for three years with the idea of one large goal per year so that everyone can participate. An example might be to implement intentional small group ministry.

## Sunday Reservations

More and more of us are comfortable with worshipping in person! It's wonderful to see everyone! As we get into flu season, reservations for worship become even more necessary, allowing us to ensure safe social distancing, and providing contact tracing if necessary.



There are several ways to make your reservation. Scanning the QR code will take you to the reservation site, or you can go on line through Facebook, our Trinity website has a button link, or through the weekly email you are receiving. You are also welcome to call the church office to make your reservation.

When you make your reservation, we will do everything we can to get you into a familiar spot, or close to it.



## A Generous Life

What if there were another way  
to a happier, more meaningful life?

Together, let's take a journey to meaning, fulfillment, and happiness. Through the month of October we will discover that we are: Born to Be Generous, Grounded in Gratitude, Revealed Through Prayer, and Sealed by Faith.

You will be receiving a devotion card listing a daily Bible verse and reflection questions designed to lead us to the generous life we were born to live.



## Simple ways to Give!

There are several ways for you to support the ministries of Trinity.

Simply Giving is a convenient electronic funds transfer program allowing you to give anytime. Use your smart phone to scan the QR code to set up a giving program that works best for you. This can be as a 1 time gift or as a recurring automated giving. Call the church office to do this manually.

Set up automatic giving with your bank. The church office can provide the necessary account information.

Go to Trinity's website and follow the link "donate now" to set up a one time gift or automated giving.

Mail your weekly offering to the church office. 311 E 6th St.



# Food Distribution

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers we had all summer long! We couldn't serve our community without your dedication and commitment to this invaluable ministry!! We'll have dates for next year soon!!



**Annual Election Day  
Soup Supper!  
Drive Through  
November 3  
4:30 - 7:00  
\$9 for adults**

Tickets will be on sale during October.



## Youth Mission Trip

Trinity students in the 8th grade through 12th are invited to participate in the mission trip 2021! We'll be heading to Wilmington, NC, June 12-19.

A \$50 deposit is required by October 1 to reserve your spot.

Contact Tara Gilbert for additional information.  
tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org



Subscribe to Trinity's new Youtube channel.

## TrinityMarysville

Watch Sunday worship and daily devotions.

We will be live streaming worship on Sunday mornings at 8:00 & 10:15

beginning on May 31

When you subscribe you will receive notifications of new postings.



## Support Trinity School!!

Watch for information about the virtual auction! You'll have opportunities to bid on all the great projects created by students and classes.



## Grief Share Workshop

Grief Share is meeting on Sunday afternoon between 2:00 & 4:00pm. This is a video series offered to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Participants are given tools to help each other work through the different stages of grief. Participants will meet in Cana Hall.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Pastor Beth in the church office.



## Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start thinking about providing Christmas for young people around the world!

We will be packing shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. Plastic Shoeboxes will be available at the church or you are welcome to pick one up and bring to church.

For additional information go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Shoeboxes will need to be returned for delivery by November 8.

## First Communion Classes

Students interested in receiving their First Communion are invited to meet with Pastor Barry, Pastor Beth and Amelia for classes.

A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office.

If you have questions about the class, please feel free to call Pastor Barry.



Scan this QR Code to get to the

**New Trinity on-line bulletin.**

Included are announcements, readings for Sunday, and updates regarding worship and online studies for youth, women and men.

# Trunk or Treat



**Save the Date!!**  
**October 25**  
**Beginning at**  
**3:00pm**



Trinity  
School



**Mission Statement:**

**Trinity Lutheran Church and School exists to  
provide the highest quality education  
in a Christ and family centered environment.**

Our school year is off to a great start and on September 25th, we completed 6 full weeks of in person learning. Yea!!!! Thank you to our staff, parents and congregation for the support and prayers we received. As we know, this year is a year unlike any other. While there have been procedural and policy changes it's exciting to see our students learning and participating in many normal activities. The students and staff have adjusted quite well to new policies and understand the importance of keeping each other safe. The kids and staff are AMAZING!

Despite the challenges that have presented themselves, Trinity Lutheran School is committed to creating an environment that is safe, kind, supportive, and provides opportunities for our students to learn, grow and thrive! Teachers are being creative with their learning and are utilizing outdoors spaces such as the courtyard, Partners Park, and Eljier park as an extension of their classrooms. Our chapel services are often outside or in the gym which allows for us to still gather together for this special time. Even though we may look a little different than previous years, we are not allowing that difference to change the mission we all share, which is to "Provide the highest quality education in a Christ and family centered environment." Our administration continues weekly collaboration with the Union County Health Department, as it relates to the health and safety of our school community and Union County as a whole.

The Trinity students and staff value the partnership we share with our parents, congregation and our community. Everyone is important to the success of our students and school and it is YOU that help make Trinity so special.

**TOGETHER we are TRINITY...and.....TOGETHER we are TIGER STRONG.!**

Serving in Christ,  
Cathy Kester-McNabb  
Interim Prinipal

**Trinity Tigers, Rah, Rah, Rah! Trinity Tigers, Rah, Rah, Rah!**



A Matthew 19:14  
Church Family  
“Let the children come to me...”

### A note from Amelia

Have you ever heard of “*the Jesus Storybook Bible*”? In Fall 2019 a wise and insightful member of our congregation asked me this question... and I’m sure glad she did! I had read a piece of this book and loved it...not even realizing it was just a tiny part of something much bigger. I went home from our conversation and purchased the book. My family then read it cover to cover and I’m not going to sugar coat it...I cried. This book where “Every story whispers his name” is beautifully written; giving valuable perspective on the Bible lessons we all think we know so well. The simple and meaningful language and concepts explain God’s “never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking, always and forever love” so wonderfully. It’s been a gift to me and my family...which is why I’m so excited to be reading through it with our Trinity Family this school year. Children’s Sunday School, Rooted (our children’s evening group), and Pray and Play (our family small group) are all using this Bible for their lessons this school year. It’s been so wonderful watching on our virtual meetings as children open up their copies and follow along. A physical reminder and presence while we are socially distanced. We’re reading the stories and learning about Jesus through each one....and if that wasn’t great enough Trinity is using a Thrivent Action Team to help us purchase this book for anyone interested in joining us!

**So...wanna read it with us?** Don’t be fooled by the “storybook” title; I’m confident this is for our Trinity Family members of all ages! We have a reading plan of 1-2 stories each week this school year, which you can read on your own or with us.

Please reach out to me ([ashrum@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:ashrum@trinitymarysville.org)) if you are interested in getting a copy of this Bible.

Mark 10:15 *“Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”*

God’s blessings,  
Amelia Shrum  
Family Minister  
[ashrum@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:ashrum@trinitymarysville.org)

## Calendar:

**GRASP Confirmation “Lord’s Prayer” Learning Event:** Sunday, October 11th 2:30-4:30pm

**Restore(d) Youth Leaf raking/Fall Clean up:** Sunday, October 18th 2-5pm! Please consider allowing the Restore(d) youth to help with your fall clean up. Email Tara ([tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org)) to sign up!

**Reverse Trunk or Treat:** Join us Sunday, October 25th 3-3:30pm for this fun (not scary) drive through experience as Trinity’s Parking lot will be transformed for the afternoon. Feel free to stay in your vehicle...this year we’ll deliver the goodies to YOUR trunk ;) Don’t forget to wear your costume!

**GRASP Confirmation “Sacraments” Learning Event:** Sunday, November 8th 2:30-4:30pm

**Trinity Youth Group “Restore(d)”:** 7th - 12th graders group. Small groups are taking place Sunday evenings 6-7:30pm. Contact Tara Gilbert ([tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org)) with questions and to ensure you are on the contact list for up to date information.

**Trinity Children’s Group “Rooted”:** Preschool - 6th graders group meeting virtually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 6:15-7pm. Contact Amelia Shrum ([ashrum@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:ashrum@trinitymarysville.org)) with questions and to ensure you are on the contact list for up to date information.

**Trinity Pray and Play Family Group** 9-9:30am the 2nd Sunday of the month: Families are invited to join this virtual call together as we pray and play! Contact Amelia Shrum ([ashrum@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:ashrum@trinitymarysville.org)) with questions and to ensure you are on our contact list for up to date information.

**GRASP Confirmation Ministry:** where students come to GRASP their faith. Throughout the year students are given opportunities to serve, learn, and grow. This is a program designed for students to start in 7th grade. If you would like additional information, have questions, or would like to register your child, please contact Amelia Shrum ([ashrum@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:ashrum@trinitymarysville.org)).

## Restore(d) News

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.'*

Members of Trinity's youth group began gathering in September at Eljer Park on Sunday evenings. We have been having a wonderful time studying God's word in small groups and fellowship. One of my favorite things that I have seen so far, and been reminded about, is the community that is built between the youth. They are different ages and come from different schools, but when we join together they all love and support one another with joy.



We are rotating with our Bible studies and fellowship/service activities. For the month of September, we wrote letters to some members of our congregation.

We look forward to October, where we will continue with bible studies, and also do leaf raking/ pumpkin carving fall fun.

God's Blessings,  
Tara Gilbert  
Youth Minister



Do you need your yard raked, or any fall clean-up done? Please let the Restore(d) Youth help you!! We will be doing this on Sunday, October 18th from 2-5pm. Please email Tara @ [tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org](mailto:tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org)





Listening aids are available!  
Please stop by the Welcome  
Center and ask about them.

## Bible Studies at Trinity

All Bible Studies are being held  
on line with some meeting in  
person. Contact the church  
office or check “Church News”  
at [www.trinitymarysville.org](http://www.trinitymarysville.org).

Sep - Team 1  
Oct - Team 2  
Nov - Team 3

Those  
Who  
Serve

TEAM #1  
Dennis Schulze, Karen Schulze, Mary Alice  
Elk, Bob Overbaugh, Beth Overbaugh,  
Mark Kemp, Barb Kent, Kevin Quick, Sara  
Quick, Daren Griffith, Tina Foss

TEAM #2  
Len Baldwin, Jean Baldwin, Joy Kreis, Rose  
Arth, Dick Brake, Kathy Brake, Leo Baker,  
Karen Baker, Mike Pharr, Sharon Streng

Team #3  
Melissa Yinger, Kelly Reed, Linda Rabley,  
Kay Lewis, Tara Gilbert, Les Schinke, Betty  
Schinke, Deb Jackson, Kaylee Clemans

## Celebrate 80+ Birthdays!

### OCTOBER

- 16 Sally Burns  
843 Pinehurst
- 19 Elsie Kandel  
678 Wood Run Dr.
- 26 Jim Evans  
23470 West St  
Broadway, OH 43007
- 28 Bill McCarthy  
404 Grand Ave.

### NOVEMBER

- 10 Betty Feucht  
209 Prarie Dr
- 24 Betty McVey  
402 Aldersgate
- 27 Jeanne Welsh  
645 Timberview Dr.



Please be sure to update  
your contact information and  
include your birthdate!!  
Call the church office.  
937-642-1616