



Formally Worship for Shut-ins
 Can be seen at 9:00 AM Sunday WEVV-TV Fox 44.2
 Daily 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM WOW Channel 9

November 3, 2019 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost *All Saints' Day Observed

Psalm 149; Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3

“God’s Israel” - Sermon Text: Revelation 7:9-10 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

November 10, 2019 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 148; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8,13-17; Luke 20:27-40

“God Chose You” - Sermon Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

November 17, 2019 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Luke 21:5-28

“Don’t Get Tired!” - Sermon Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13 - Rev. Bill Mueller

November 24, 2019 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Psalm 46; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:39-43

“What’s Your Epitaph?” - Sermon Text: Colossians 1:18 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

ST. PAUL’S LADIES GUILD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE & BRUNCH

The St. Paul’s Ladies Guild-LWML would like to invite you to our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Brunch. It will be on Thursday, November 21st. Our theme this year will be “God CARES For You!” The service will be at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary where the ELS students will be joining us and singing. The offering collected will be given to LWML Scholarship Fund. A brunch will follow in the fellowship rooms. We look forward to a morning of giving Thanks and Praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and great fellowship with our Christian friends and families. If you have any questions, please contact **SUE COFFMAN** at 812/457-9443

During the month of October, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **KARON WATHEN, LISA KECK, GARY GANN, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, IVAN WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, KERRY KECK, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA KAHRE.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 5	9
Sunday, October 6	87
Saturday, October 12	7
Saturday, October 13	78
Saturday, October 19	11
Sunday, October 20.....	81
Saturday, October 26	10
Sunday, October 27.....	79
Afternoon Service.....	241

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Oct 6</u>	<u>Oct 13</u>	<u>Oct 27</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	5	7	0
Adult Bible Classes	26	36	16
Music & Office	2	2	1
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WHAT'S COMING UP

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20th of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20th. You can also submit items by emailing them to: trisha@tldarm.org

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: This year we will hold our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00 PM. Bring one of your favorite pies to share for fellowship after the service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: "Operation Christmas Child National Collection week is quickly approaching! National Collection Week is November 18-25th. We will be setting up on Sunday November 10 at the Youth Meeting at 6:00 PM. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex to sign up to help collect boxes during the week. As before, we will need heavy lifters Sunday November 24th off and on all day on Monday November 25th. If you have any questions, please talk to **PASTOR** or **SARA KNEA**. Thank you!"

SARAH BIBLE CLASS: It is not entirely too late to fall in line with the Sarahs to complete the march through the history of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel –with by-ways regarding which prophets were serving during which reigns. **STILL COMING UP:** the kings Manasseh and Josiah and Zedekiah, among others; the prophets Jeremiah, Micah and Zephaniah, along with others; the Babylonian Exile and the Restoration!! Ladies, bring your Bibles, bring your friends, bring your taste for excellent coffee and treats to the Christian Fellowship Room at 9:00 AM on Thursday; studies begin at 9:30 AM.

“CHEERS & TEARS”



Cheers to the Fun Fundraisers and all those who helped prepare food and serve in the booth for this year's fall festival.

Cheers to everyone who help on Workday and throughout that week to get ready for the Reformation Service.

Cheers to the Stewardship Board for hosting our Loyalty Sunday with the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog ministry.

Cheers to everyone who participated in the Reformation Service that was held here at Trinity on October 27. It was a beautiful service.

Cheers to everyone who helped with the dinner after the Reformation Service.

Cheers to the following couples, who celebrated an anniversary in October:
Ron & Nancy Korff, who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on October 15th.

THANK YOU

Dear Trinity Members,

Thank you to all who celebrated with me as I received my Eagle Scout Award. Thanks to Pastor Temme who had the opening prayer. And thanks to all for your congratulations and cards for such an achievement in my life. My project was to put a prayer area in the cemetery with benches and a flagpole. I hope everyone will be able to enjoy it from years to come.

God's Blessings to all of you, Jacob Letterman

We would like to thank everyone for the loving support and encouragement following our loss of Philip. Pastor Temme's message at the memorial service was exactly what we needed to hear; God's promise of forgiveness, even for the sins we commit as we die, paid for by Christ's sacrifice for us.

Thanks so much to all who contributed to the wonderful meal provided after the service. I would name each of you individually, but for fear of leaving one out, which I couldn't bear.

Thanks to all those who showered us with love, encouragement, fond memories and togetherness as we marked Philip's passing.

Blessings on you.

With Love, the family and friends of Philip Gann.

Thank you to all the congregation members that donated to the boy scout project to update our playground. He has met his goal and will be putting the final touches on our playground soon. Our preschoolers are so excited for new equipment to play on.

We thank all those who served for our Joint Reformation Service on October 27, especially the bell players, choir, and musicians who beautified our service with music and the board of fellowship and all those who helped setup, decorate, and serve the meal. Through His saints, our Lord served 241 of his people during worship and 160 for the dinner.

LWML COLLECTION

The LWML will be collecting can goods and non-perishable items for needy families in our church congregation. If you wish to participate, please bring any of these items and place them in the Vestibule Entry Way. They will also take monetary donations to buy perishable items for these families. Please give that to Trisha in the office. God has blessed us all in many ways.... let's share with others.



2019 HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 21-24

Contact Pastor or Linda to register youth for "Watermarked"
Calvin U., Grand Rapids, MI.

*"In a wat'ry grave are buried
All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried
Us across death's raging flood."*

("Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying", LSB 597, stanza 2)

YOUTH AGED 2 TO 92: Meet in the fellowship hall **Sunday, Dec. 8, at 6pm** for Graham Cracker (or Gingerbread) House Making. Each person should bring a bag of **candy** to share, a foil covered **pan**, a box of **graham crackers** (or pre-baked gingerbread walls & roof). We'll build our houses first, then enjoy pizza for supper, and then add decorations to the houses. Come and enjoy the creativity and fellowship. RSVP to Linda Temme by Dec. 4, and she will bring a bag of cement icing for you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH OF ALL AGES TO SERVE:

Thursday, Oct. 31, 4:45 to 7:00 PM – Trunk or Treat, help with games and have fun
Sunday, Nov. 10, 6:00 PM – meeting & Operation Christmas Child setup in the new entrance

Saturday, Dec. 7, 6:45 to 10:00 PM – serve at the Pancake Breakfast

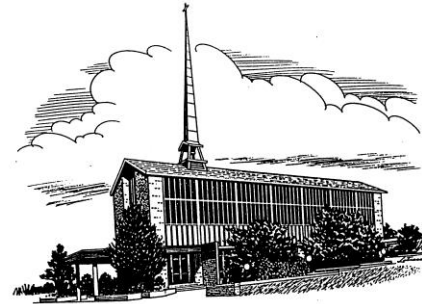
Sunday, Dec. 23, 3:00 PM – Christmas Caroling followed by pizza & fellowship

PRESENTATION ON HOSPICE CARE

On Sunday, November 17, following the church service, a lecture on Hospice Care will be presented in the Fellowship Hall. Mia Roberts, Director of Heritage Hospice, will talk about the services that Hospice can offer and how to identify a loved one who could benefit from and be eligible for Hospice Care. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative lecture.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Knowledge of God by Creation

“I believe in God . . .” This short statement is how we begin the Apostles’ Creed in which we confess the Triune God. But how do we know there is a God? The Bible certainly tells us about God, but often times there are scoffers of the Bible. “The Bible is just one of many religious books,” they say. “Give me proof.” Okay, here’s the proof . . . without using the Bible.

Suppose you are walking through a meadow. You see something shiny on the ground and bend down to pick it up. It’s a Swiss watch. You open the back and see all the tiny gears, springs, and levers. Each little component is intricately designed to keep the watch ticking. You wonder, “Where did this watch come from?” It didn’t sprout from the ground. It didn’t fall from the sky. It didn’t just happen by chance. No. Somebody made this watch - somebody with intelligence. They designed it and put all the pieces together. You reason, “If there’s a watch, there must be a watch maker.”

But then you begin to notice other things in the meadow: grass and plants and trees with roots which draw moisture and with foliage which photosynthesizes; birds that fly and reproduce young. You look down at your hands and feet. You consider your own bone structure, skin, cardiovascular system, eyes, ears, and digestive system, all commanded by a brain and nervous system. Where did these things come from? By a chance explosion? No. These living things are way more complicated than that Swiss watch. Somebody with intelligence made these things. You reason, “If there’s a creation, there must be a creator.”

This is the theory of intelligent design. We look around creation and see all kinds of designs in living things. Some of these designs we try to mimic to make useful products. Other designs we don't even understand, but we know they work. Someone with an extreme amount of knowledge and intelligence had to come up with these designs. If there's a design, there must be a designer.

I used to work at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, making aircraft. I was a design engineer on the F-18 for the Navy. I was one of several engineers at the company who worked with naval engineers and subcontractor engineers just on the landing gear. But there were tens of thousands of engineers, using their intelligence, to design all the other systems on the aircraft: radar, life support, weapons, fuel, hydraulics, and flight controls. This aircraft is an engineering marvel that can fly faster than the speed of sound. But suppose a bystander looked at one of these finished aircraft and remarked, "This complicated airplane must have happened by mere chance without any intelligence. I suppose a tornado swept through a junk yard and out came this plane." His ignorant comment would insult me and all the other engineers, who knew that this plane came about through intelligent designers.

And yet people sometimes look at a newborn baby and say the same thing. This human being must have evolved by sheer chance from a big bang and collection of random molecules without any intelligence at all. Unknowingly, their ignorant comment insults the Designer. They insult God, whose divine intelligence designed this child. For a human being is way more complicated than a F-18, which can't think, or heal itself, or even reproduce little F-18's.

Men who want proof of God need only look around at creation for evidence of his existence. And if they still deny Him, they are intentionally suppressing the truth to their own condemnation. They are without excuse. The apostle Paul writes in Romans chapter one, "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been *clearly seen, being understood from what has been made*, so that men are without excuse." The Scriptures continue to point out the proof of God through His creation. The Psalmist declares, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." (Psalm 19:1) "Every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything." (Hebrews 3:4)

The creation we see around us gives us knowledge of God. We call this *natural knowledge of God* because everyone has it, even an atheist who must suppress the truth of God in his own mind. Next month we will look at another *natural knowledge of God* apart from the Bible that supports our confession, "I believe in God."

Pastor Temme

PRESCHOOL NOTES

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is welcoming November with the start of a wreath fundraiser. We will be selling wreaths and holiday centerpieces. An order form can be found on the table in the back of church. We will begin taking orders on November 1. The last day to place an order is November 15 by 9 AM. Wreaths will arrive between December 4-6 and will be ready to pick up at church.

Save the date for our Preschool Christmas Program Wednesday December 18 at 6:30 PM. The congregation is welcome to join us and watch our students in action.

MEN'S RETREAT: All men of our congregation are invited to attend the retreat "Real Men Follow Jesus" at St. John Evanston on Saturday, November 16 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Speaker is Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, Dean of Students at Ft. Wayne Seminary, who has done numerous retreats on vocation, family, parenting, and particularly manhood. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and the cost is free. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to attend.

YES IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR! We will be having the Pancake Breakfast and Nativity display on Saturday, December 7th from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Live Sacred & Secular Music will begin at 8:00 AM. The Nativities will be on display from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM on December 7th. More information about the Nativities will be coming in the bulletins soon.