

TIDINGS

October 2023

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“When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem” Luke 9:51

Jesus had just been on the mountaintop, transformed in full glory with Moses and Elijah. He came down, performed exorcisms and taught his disciples about true greatness. True greatness is not being on the mountaintop and staying there, but welcoming others. Specifically Jesus said to welcome children who had no social standing in their society and were rarely acknowledged before they turned 12.

Then he set his face to go to Jerusalem. He knew the plan. He had just told his disciples that one of them would betray him and he would die. He knew his death was necessary for our redemption, for the forgiveness of our sin. Yet he set his face to Jerusalem.

We are called to follow in his steps and set our face to Jerusalem. Setting our sights on Jerusalem for us is to make our plans center around Christ and what he has done, does, and will do for us. Setting our sights on Jerusalem is to welcome those around us into our Christian community, especially those are not always accepted in society as he told his followers to do. Setting our sights on Jerusalem is to put our thoughts, minds, and actions on Jesus.

At Holy Trinity, there are many ways we can set our sights on Jerusalem in the next few months.

- October 1 at 1:30 there will be a pet blessing. Invite others to join us as we celebrate God’s creation.
- October 8 there will be healing prayers and anointing at both services, bring those who need this time of direct prayer.
- October 21 in the Harvest Fest. Come to celebrate the harvest with food and music and invite others.
- November 5 is All Saints Sunday. We will remember the lives of those who have joined the saints triumphant in the last 12 months. There will be a sheet in the narthex to add those who are not members. We will also celebrate those who have been baptized in the last 12 months.
- November 19, Pastor Stoller will be with us to preach at each worship service and be with us at a continental breakfast between services to help us share what we have been given by God through Stewardship.
- During Advent we will set our sights on Bethlehem, through the Jesse Tree.
- December 24, there will be one morning service at 10 am, which will be the culmination of the Jesse Tree through Hymns and Readings.
- Christmas Eve we will set our sights on Bethlehem with a children’s service at 4 pm and the bells will play at the 8 pm service. There will be candlelight at each.
- New Years Eve we will set our sights on the New Year, singing the top 5 Christmas hymns which you can vote on during Advent.

I look forward to seeing how God works through us as a community and individuals as we set our sights on God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

Coming Events 2023

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- Oct. 1 Pet Blessing at 1:30pm
- Oct. 8 Healing Services
- Oct. 21 Oktoberfest –  Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday
- Nov. 5 All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 12 Brief Congregational Meeting after each service
- Nov. 19 Pastor Stoller preaching, Continental Breakfast with Stewardship program
- Nov. 26 Advent 1
- Dec. 21 Blue Christmas Service at 6:00pm
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services at 10:00AM, 4:00PM. 8:00 PM

³²And we bring you the good
Tidings that what God
promised to our ancestors³³he
has fulfilled for us, their
children, by raising Jesus;
Acts 13:32-33a



ACOLYTE MEETING

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT **9:30am.**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!



Join us for Sunday School!

Our classes are divided into four groups: ages 3-1st grade, 2nd -3rd grade, 4th -6th grade, 7th - 8th grade (Confirmation class), and high school. All classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 AM.

We also offer a Sunday School class for adults.

All are welcome!!



BIBLE STUDYS CONTINUE.....JOIN at ANY TIME

BIBLE STUDY on THURSDAYS at Noon in the Miller Parlor.

All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY on MONDAY Evenings at 7:00PM in the Miller Parlor. Please join us!

All are invited Mondays at 6:00pm for PRAYER

Church Finances

CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING AUGUST 2023

<u>2023 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$368,322.31	\$7,083.12	\$4,916.87
<u>2023 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$118.00
<u>2023 NEW CHURCH ROOF FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$20,000.00	\$385.00	\$637.25

Online TithingThe church has set up online giving through **Tithley**. (the church incurs approximately a 3% fee or you may add the fee into your donation to cover that 3%). To donate through online giving please visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1399928>

Food Pantry

2023 Distribution Dates: Oct. 14th, Dec. 9th

Items always needed:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Mac & cheese/pasta | Applesauce | Baked beans | Cake/muffin/brownie mix |
| Canned fruit | Canned tuna | Cereal | Granola bars |
| Pasta Sauce | Oatmeal | Paper towels | Toilet paper |
| Peanut butter & Jelly | Potato/rice mix | Pudding Cups | Dog and cat toys and treats |

Special Requests for October distribution:

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| Canned yams | Stuffing mix | Canned pumpkin | Cranberry sauce |
| Mashed potato mix | Deodorant | Paper towels | Turkey gravy |

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes if you would like to donate cash. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Trinity Lutheran Care Fund (TLC) is a ministry of the church that offers assistance to members of the congregation experiencing financial need, due to extreme, unusual and/or medical circumstances. If you'd like to request help, please contact Pastor Sarah, Julie Kuhn, or Jodi Waugaman.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS IN AUGUST:

DYLAN KUNKEL
MICHAEL SHOTTS
TIM PAUL
RONI BARRY
ROCHELLE BELAK
RAY & LINDA WEST
SANDY TOMKO
PAT BAIRD
SHIRLEY ZINCK

MICHAEL TOMASELLO
RACHEL FAULKNER
CLYDE SIMMERS
LETTIE BLASIOLI
JOSH AND ANGELA BRITTINGHAM
DOUG & NANCY WOODRING
RICK & SHERRY BAVOLEK
CHUCK AND LYNN BALEGO
TERRY AND PEGGY ZIMMERMAN

NANCY BOYD
MARIE HOWELL
RUTH PORTER
NANCY BALL
DEE WITHROW
SANDY YONIKA
ADRIENNE AMANTEA
ANDREW ZIKELI
EARL WRIGHT

JOHN MARTINCHECK
JOANNE CAMPBELL
DOROTHY PETERMAN
BEN AND ELLIE BRATTON
JOHN & GLENDA WENDLING
CHARLES & MIMI WIELOBOB
RON & KELLY BERGMAN
STAN AND DONNA YUSKO
KIRA ZYVITH

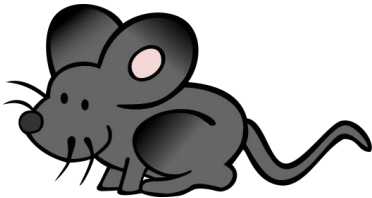
WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

TYLER HUFFER SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER



Your donation of gently used shoes and sneakers was outstanding! I delivered more than 50 pairs of shoes to Excelsa Square to be added to those collected by the hospital auxiliary. I also shipped 10 pairs of sneakers to Sneaker Impact. Thank you for responding to the appeal made at the Senior Luncheon slide show about the history of shoes. *Anne Coiner*

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Outdoor service and Luau! The food was delicious and the event was so much fun! Can't wait for next year!



Surprise! Surprise! Yes, it's me- Millie the Church Mouse coming out of retirement to share a few learning experiences the Lord has given me.

A year ago I would have never thought that I would be in an assisted living facility. But here I am and it has been a series of revelations.

Like most of you, I would visit friends or come to places like Baldoc and sing a few hymns and be satisfied I had done my Christian duty. When I first came here I will admit I was feeling sorry for myself and thought, "OK, Lord, this is it, I'm ready to go." But the Lord reminded me, "It's not about you, it's not your time yet. You will be an encourager to others. Look beyond the bowed heads and broken bodies because inside of that body is a person who had a family, a job, and a life. Be an encourager."

Letting go of all my stuff was another hassle. But I was reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:3. "There is a time to gather and a time to let go." Sure, I miss my stuff, but I hope that it found a home with family, friends, and the Goodwills. I have come to realize that life is not about stuff, but kindness, love, and sharing is what is important. So, my dear friends, don't be afraid if you need to downsize or move into assisted living. My new motto is, "Life is a circus and we are all clowns."

Share your faith and Jesus with others. Live, laugh, and love.

God Bless, Millie the Church Mouse (aka Ruth Porter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Come & Join the Fun

Saturday, October 21st @ 4pm

Featuring: *Your Favorite Fall Foods*

Entertainment: *The G BoyZ (back by popular demand)*



Tickets on Sale NOW

All tickets are \$12

Free for Children 10yrs & Under

(120 tickets are available so first come, first serve)

All Members and Friends are Welcome!

Raise the Roof!

Roof Fund: HOLY TRINITY Property's Committee has begun to secure bids to put a new roof on the church. Our goal for 2024 is to have \$100,000 for this project. The Roof Fund currently has approximately \$43,000. Thank you for your continued support of our Church.

**Pastor will meet with Confirmation families Sunday, October 1st at
10:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

DATE CHANGE: Holy Trinity's Constitution – Special Congregation Meeting November 12, 2023.

At the January, 2023, Congregation Meeting, changes to our constitution were "approved" by the congregation, beginning a multi-step process. The Synod required additional information that required changes to our bylaws. The Synod needed to see and approve changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions before these were submitted to the council and congregation for approval. The Synod Committee on Constitutions and Bylaws approved the proposed changes. Council has recommended these changes to the Congregation. Hard copies are available at the ushers stand in the Narthex. On Nov. 12 the sole purpose is to approve the proposed changes. The proposal must be approved by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting. The vote will be a "yes-or-no" vote. If the proposal is defeated, the process must begin again with preliminary submissions to the Synod. Please review the proposed changes before the meeting. Questions may be addressed to Nancy Woodring, Pastor Sarah or Jim Coulter. If the changes are approved on Nov. 12, the proposals must be ratified without change by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting at the annual meeting in January.

Women's Faith and Friendship Upcoming Events:

See you on October 18th at 7:00pm! See emails from Julie Kuhn and bulletin inserts for details!

<u>DUTIES for September</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
Sunday, Oct. 1	8:15AM	Jerry Kuhn	Julie Kuhn Chris Karpinsky	Delany Hillier	Pat Simmers	
	10:45PM	Jodi Waugaman	Anne Coiner Jeff Horvath	Will Little	Mike Little	
Sunday, Oct. 8	8:15AM	Tracy McNelly	Dave and Jodi Smith	Justin McNelly	Chris Karpinsky	
	10:45AM	Colleen Cochenour	Mike Stark Eric Walt	Ty Cessna	Bob Cessna	
Sunday, Oct. 15	8:15AM	Tracy McNelly	Maria Clark Debbie Gilkey	Jaden Brittingham	Angela Brittingham	
	10:45AM	Jodi Waugaman	Susan Siems Diane Kowalski	Natalie Amantea	Adrienne Amantea	
Sunday, Oct. 22	8:15AM	Jerry Kuhn	Julie Kuhn Chris Karpinsky	Landon Hillier	Fran Sivonek	Woodring
	10:45AM	Jodi Waugaman	Eric Walt Jeffrey Horvath	Joy Snyder	Jocelyn Snyder	
Sunday, Oct. 29	8:15AM	Heather Newell	Lois Brown Glenda Wendling	Jaden Brittingham	Chris Karpinsky	Darby
	10:45AM	Dannon Johnson	Joe Thomas Diane Kowalski	Grace Darby	Anne Coiner	

Altar Guild

Oct. 1 8:15 Glenda Wendling/Julie Kuhn
10:45 Mimi Wielobob/Debbie Hunt
Oct. 7 Set Up Glenda Wendling/Julie Kuhn
Oct. 8 8:15 Julie Kuhn/Cindy McCune
10:45 Pat Baird/Lynn Smith
Oct. 14 Set Up Mimi Wielobob/Jocelyn Snyder
Oct. 15 8:15 Cindy McCune/Glenda Wendling
10:45 Jocelyn Snyder/Debbie Hunt
Oct. 21 Set Up Pat Baird/ Lynn Smith
Oct. 22 8:15 Glenda Wendling/Julie Kuhn
10:45 Pat Baird/Lynn Smith
Oct. 28 Set Up Mimi Wielobob/Julie Kuhn
Oct. 29 8:15 Cindy McCune/Glenda Wendling
10:45 Mimi Wielobob/Jocelyn Snyder

10:45 Greeters

Oct. 1 Chris Richardson and Susan Richardson
Oct. 8 Luella Tomasello and Dee Withrow
Oct. 15 Sonnie Freed and Debbie Rominski
Oct. 22 Carol Jacobs and Pat Simmers
Oct. 29 Heidi and Grant Darby

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pentecost 18 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 Acolyte Meeting 10:00 Confirmation Class meeting in the Fellow Hall with Pastor 10:45am Worship 1:30 Pet Blessing	2 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	3 Property Meeting 7:00PM	4 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	5 Bible Study- Noon Worship and Music Meeting 6:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	6	7
8 Pentecost 19 <i>Healing Prayers</i> 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	9 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	10 Christian Ed. Meeting 6:00PM Stewardship Meeting 7:30PM Men's Group 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:45-9	11 COUNCIL at 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	12 Bible Study- Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	13 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	14 Food Pantry Distribution 9am
15 Pentecost 20 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-Baptism	16 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	17	18 Women's Faith and Friendship at 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	19 Bible Study- Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	20 Fellow Hall Rsvd.	21 Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm
22 Pentecost 21 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-Baptism	23 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	24 Men's Group 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:45-9	25 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	26 Bible Study- Noon	27 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	28
29 Reformation Confirmation 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	30 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	31	On All Saints Sunday (November 5) we will remember the lives of those who have joined the saints triumphant in the last 12 months. Starting October 15, there will be a sheet in the narthex to add those who are not members to be remembered that morning.			

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**Pet Blessing outside
on October 1st at 1:30.**
Please bring your pet,
leashed or caged
and join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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