



Monthly Monitor

August 2022

Greetings in the Name of the LORD!

What a blessing it has been for me to serve as your vacancy pastor during this last year. I began on August 1, 2021, and here we are a year later. I, along with you, am patiently waiting on the LORD to supply the next Pastor to shepherd Trinity and you, its members. As you probably know, we are waiting for the next list of candidates from the District President's Office. I expect that list sometime in September, although if it happens to come a bit earlier, we can praise God even more.

Ministry at Trinity seems to be going quite smoothly for the most part. You get a variety of different pastor's preaching and administering at the weekly Divine Service. The shut-in's and hospitalized are being visited. Weddings, funerals and other pastoral care items are being handled by myself.

It is also a blessing to see that the members and leadership of this parish are doing the work of the Kingdom. The school is well-attended, its mission is being served. The properties and buildings are being well-maintained. The new parking lot was a long time coming, and much needed.

The one area of some concern is that the practices of stewardship in the congregation have not seemed to keep pace with the needs we have. When I talk about stewardship, I am talking about much more than just money. Yes, our weekly giving is down, even as more and more are returning to weekly services. But also, volunteerism seems to be lacking as well. Thank you to all who have continued to step up in both of these areas. For those of you who haven't either had the time or didn't see the opportunity to assist in these areas, please reach out to the leadership team here at Trinity to offer your support. The Trustees are always looking for folks with a little time and energy to assist with small projects in the school, the church and the parsonage.

The monies being spent on long-term projects in the church, the school and the parsonage, have mostly been raised outside of the regular giving stream of the weekly contributions. There is a team of that has been putting together an annual budget so that we are able to prioritize our spending. We have always been very frugal, but in these times when everything is more expensive than it was, we need to be doubly sure that the gifts that we receive from God through you, are well apportioned.

If you have not taken the opportunity to contribute toward the work God has given us to do, with your time or your talents or your treasures, please do so. If everyone would do their share, we as a congregation can do everything that we need to do, to maintain our facilities, to provide the opportunities for worship and fellowship and to reach out into our community to make the name of Jesus know to those who do not effectively know HIM. The world is dying and is in desperate need of the Savior, and we have been tasked by God to do our part in this endeavor.

May God continue to bless you as He continues to bless our fellowship together.

In Jesus Name,

Pastor Erv Hutter
Vacancy Pastor



TRINITY
MONITOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Choosing Our Path

God wants us to follow Him, but He gives us the freedom to choose what path we will take and whom we will serve. As we stand at the crossroads of life, God continually reaches out to us through His Word. In Jeremiah 6:16 we read, *"This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'"* Daily we are at the crossroads of life. The choice we make is our own. As Yogi Berra said, When you get to a fork in the road, take it."



The road we take will have eternal consequences. Will we choose God's way or the ways of the world? With God's help, our answer can be like Joshua's: *"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15).

Joshua's choice was that he and his family would be servants and stewards of the Lord. When you reach crossroads in life, you will hear God's call, "Follow Me," but the call to serve yourself and the ways of the world will be loud and boisterous. If you don't reject God's call and you follow, as Jeremiah did, the ancient paths, you will turn away from your self-interests and focus on ways to serve the Lord. Your lifestyle will reflect and deepen your relationship with Him. As followers of Jesus, we acknowledge God's ownership and love. We become stewards of what He entrusts to us. As followers of the Lord, we see others as brothers and sisters in Christ. We live with an eternal perspective.



**HANDLE
WITH CARE**

Stewardship

We've all received fragile items in boxes that are marked "Handle with Care." In some ways, the gifts we receive as stewards from God should be

marked with the words "Handle with Care." Shouldn't we handle our blessings such as abilities, money, time, physical health, and relationships with utmost care? In essence, we are handling with care the blessings God entrusts to us when we are faithful and responsible with them. Realizing that all of life is a gift helps us to receive with gratitude and to handle our blessings with care and thankfulness.

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We'd like to
talk to you
about cheeses.



Church Mice.



Trinity Lutheran School

The Classroom Chronicles

August

2022-2023

Dear Members of Trinity,

The school has been busy with non-student activities all summer in preparation for the 2022-23 school year. Floors are stripped and polished, carpets are getting done, the office is getting a face lift, classroom paint touch-ups are happening. The masonry on the eastern walls of our preschool and 1st grade classrooms has been repaired and the escape doors replaced. The main parking lot has been pulverized and is awaiting blacktop. So much is happening to be ready to welcome our Trinity school family back later this month. Our Trustees are an amazing group of guys who are working hard to keep our facilities in good working order. We have had great amounts of help from our school families with everything from furniture moving to painting as the projects are being completed.



Harry restocking the coolers.

Café Trinity

The Athletic Boosters did a phenomenal job with Cafe Trinity at the Cornfest again this year. Our school is blessed beyond measure to have this group of committed individuals working hard to support our student athletes and coaches. Once a Panther - Always a Panther! It was exciting to have a number of school families join the fun this year and I am confident word will spread and we will have even more next year!



Mr. Reszke working the fryers.



Trinity's Athletic Club President-Rich Kernstock
Auburn Cornfest Parade-Grand Marshal 2022

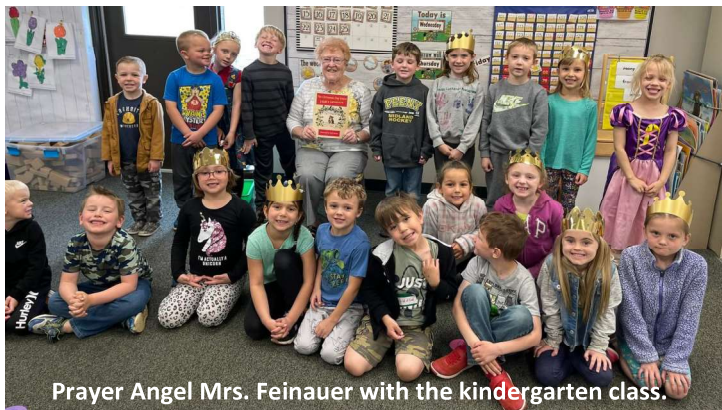


Future Cornfest leaders.



Landon filling orders.

Prayer Angel



Prayer Angel Mrs. Feinauer with the kindergarten class.

As we gear up for the new school year please continue to keep our school in your prayers and consider joining us as a Classroom Prayer Angel. This is an opportunity we are once again providing to create a connection between our congregation and school. Sandy Herzberger will be serving as our Prayer Angel Ambassador and help with coordinating congregational volunteers. Watch for information to be shared in the church Messenger as we near the beginning of school.



Parents in Prayer

Trinity has also been blessed to have a school parent agree to help us initiate a prayer group that will meet regularly to pray over our church, school, students, teachers, families, facilities. Once that schedule is established we will make it available as another opportunity to create a connection between our church and school.

PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS

Spread the Word - We have a limited number of pre-school slots still available. Please call the school for more information.

JOB OPENING

We have a position open in our Extended Care program for After School Care. This position is Monday-Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. Please contact Karen by calling the school office or email her at kfriebe@trinitymonitor.org.

Trinity Staff 2021-2022

I am happy to report we have a full teaching staff set for the fall. The following is our teaching line-up!

Kindergarten - Miss Rebecca Steffey
1st Grade - Miss Megan Gallagher
2nd Grade - Mrs. Kelli Dent
3rd Grade - Mrs. Becky Houghteling
4th Grade - Mrs. Deb Bierlein
5th Grade - Mrs. Suzanne Tomaszewsky
6th Grade - Mr. Brendan Harrison
7th Grade - Mrs. Joy Feinauer
8th Grade - Mrs. Judy Jean
Preschool - Mrs. Stephanie Parsons
Principal - Mrs. Karen Friebe
Confirmation - Pastor Hutter
Returning Classroom Aides:
Mrs. Lisa Mazure - Kindergarten
Mrs. Jenae Wojciechowski - Preschool
Mrs. Sarah Gibbs - Preschool

UPCOMING CALENDAR

August 15

Teachers return to school!

August 21

10:30 a.m. Service-Blessing of the Backpacks

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Move-In Day at School

August 24

First Day of School (1/2) Day



**Our Mission is to provide a
Christ-centered education for all of
God's children.**

TRINITY BLOOPER BALL TEAM

Matt Burk would like to put together a co-ed blooper ball team to represent Trinity during our Pig Roast weekend on August 13th & 14th. This will be a just-for-fun, Christian fellowship tournament, and anyone 14 years and older are invited to play. If you are interested in playing or would like to enter a team, contact Matt at (989)757-7509.



THANK YOU!

Trinity's Athletic Booster Club thanks EVERYONE who came to the Cornfest this year and supported Cafe' Trinity! We are so blessed with an army of volunteers who makes these events a success. We can't do what we do without YOU! Thank you!

-Rich Kernstock, Booster Club President



**The 10:30 a.m. service
for the following dates will
be held in the pavilion.**

August 14

August 28
w/Communion

*In case of inclement weather,
worship will be held inside
the church.*

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

39th Annual

Chicken BBQ & Pig Roast

Saturday, August 13th

Sunday, August 14th

12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Live Music

Saturday

6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Floyd G's Juice Machine

Outdoor Worship † Sunday
10:30 a.m.

CO-ED BLOOPER BALL TOURNAMENT

\$100 ENTRY FEE
GUARANTEED 3 GAMES



TO REGISTER CONTACT
MATT BURK
(989)757-7509



20 E. Salzburg Road, Bay City

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday/Sunday, August 13&14 marks the 39th year for our Weekend Tourney of Events! Once again, we'll need some volunteer help with:

- Concessions both days
- Chicken BBQ on Saturday
- Pig Roast on Sunday

Watch for the Sign-Up sheets at the back of the church!

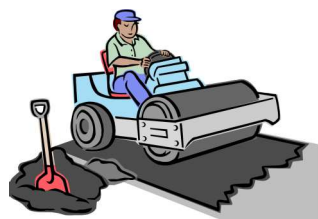
As we continue with the call process, if you find yourself in need of pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Erwin Hutter
(313)539-4400
ehutter@sbcglobal.net.





It's Game On at Trinity Monitor's VBS this year! August 1-4th from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. We're going to be playing a new game each night and dinner is included. This is for grades Pre-K through 5th grade. Games this year will include kickball, soccer, capture the flag and obstacle course day. We are going to have a lot of fun playing and learning about God. Volunteers will be needed, and the time you volunteer does count towards required school volunteer hours. Please sign up on the sign-up genius to help. And pre-register your kids on the google form, so we can plan accordingly. You can find these link on the Trinity Facebook page. For any questions you can email Jamie-Jo at rytlewskij@gmail.com, or call/text at (989)992-4875.



PARKING LOT REPAIRS

Work on the church parking lot began on Wednesday, July 13th. They started by pulverizing and grading the existing surface. The first layer of asphalt has been applied. They will return at a later date (sometime before August 24th) to finish resurfacing and to apply the lines.



HEARTFELT THANKS

The words, Thank You, just don't seem adequate to describe the overwhelming generosity of the Trinity families (both church and school) in the celebration of my retirement. My heart was touched with the outpouring of cards, gifts, and well-wishes. Thank you all for your support these past thirteen years! To remember your loving gift, we will be purchasing more fruit trees this fall for our property.

-Deadra Hurley

Welcome to the Trinity Family



Meet the Sauvage family!

Cindy, along with her children Jarrod Sauvage, Danielle Szeszulski, and her daughter Lana Szeszulski, transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church in June of 2022. Previously they attended St. John Lutheran Church, Amelith.

Cindy is retired from the medical field. Jarrod works at MyMichigan Medical Center in the dining and catering department and Danielle is a Medical Laboratory Tech at Ascension St. Mary's-Saginaw.

In their free time, the Sauvage family enjoys traveling and exploring new places.

When you see Cindy or her family, please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome them to the Trinity family!