

Weekly Bulletin August 22-28, 2020

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The Latest News & Information **August 22nd-28th, 2020**

If you have information or news pertaining to Trinity's ministries, please submit those articles to office@trinityfreistadt.com or call the office at 262-242-2045. Deadline for all submissions is **12:00 Noon on Wednesdays**.

A Message from Pastor Carl

Have you ever started a project, only to discover that what you are attempting is literally impossible? I have had that experience more than once. If I am lucky, I make the discovery while still in the planning stages, but there have certainly been moments where I have had to throw away hours of effort and tear apart something I had started building so that I could try it again a different way.

Our sermon text this weekend will take us to Peter's confession of Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" and as I was meditating on that passage, I suddenly saw Jesus' response in a new light. Jesus declares, "This was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven." As I read those words, it hit me: the revelation of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, was not just a divine gift for Peter, but every time those words are believed, it is a gift from God.

It is impossible for flesh and blood to reveal who Jesus is. Only God creates faith.

See where this is going? Our school year begins tomorrow, and our church's program year will soon follow. We have been in the business of proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God for more than 180 years. And yet, not once, in all of those years, have we convinced someone that Jesus is the Christ. It is literally impossible for us to do so.

Only God reveals who Jesus is. Only God creates faith. And so the natural response is to become people of prayer! And we can also provide the same thing Peter had. Time with Jesus. We can invite individuals to enter into the presence of Jesus with us as we listen to His word, as we worship, as we pray, as we love. The same shift in thinking speaks to our family devotions. I cannot produce faith in my children. But I can invite them into an encounter with Jesus. And I can pray that God will do what I cannot.

And when I do, my focus turns away from my efforts or the results I hope to see in my children. And instead my focus turns to Jesus. My eyes are on Him. My faith is in Him. And I am no longer working on a project that is literally impossible.

WEEKLY BULLETIN UPDATE

WHEW! It has been a whirlwind of a week!! We never saw it coming, but we all know that God does not always reveal His plan to us until the very last moment.

This was definitely the case this past Tuesday, when God sent us over 20 new school children from the Mequon-Thiensville school district and placed them in our classrooms. (Current enrollment ~215) WOW! It was all hands on deck to get them already in a very short period of time as Trinity was beginning school the very next day!

Trinity's TUESDAY BULLETIN will go back to being called Trinity's WEEKLY BULLETIN. What does that mean? Our goal is to email or print off and send important and exciting news and information to you by the end of each week on Fridays. All information, starting next week, can be found on our website under "Weekly Bulletin".

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This Week at Trinity

Saturday

August 22

7:00-8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

August 23

8:30 am Sanctuary Service

All worshippers will be asked to wear masks. Paper masks will be available for those who

do not bring their own.

Read more about our sanctuary worship [here](#).

10:00 am Outdoor Service

Weather permitting.

Read more about our outdoor service [here](#).

Monday

August 24

Tuesday

August 25

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

August 26

Thursday

August 27

Friday

August 28

Worship Assistant / Usher / Acolyte / Nursery Schedule

This section will be updated when the regular worship schedule returns.

News & Information

TRINITY JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our school building is buzzing again with kids and activities, and as a five-star school, we work very hard to maintain a clean, healthy and safe facility. With our enrollment on the rise, so is our increasing demand during the day to keep things squeaky clean. With new measures for sanitation and disinfecting, additional help is needed. This position entails light janitorial duties and assisting on special projects like set-up or special events. This is a part-time position, around 20 hours per week, with flexible hours during the school day. If you are interested, please contact the school office, or email the Director of Facilities and Grounds, Chris Kapitanski at ckapitanski@trinityfreistadt.com.

A few months back, the congregation approved the replacement and upgrade of our HVAC control system for our entire building. We are ready to proceed with the project, and would like to have everything upland running prior to the start of school at the end of August. We have received a few gifts towards this project, and this week, an anonymous donor has contributed \$5,000 towards the project. Praise God! The total amount needed for the project is \$32,500, and to date, we have been fortunate enough to see God's people respond with generous gifts totalling over \$15,000. School starts in less than 5 weeks, and the install will take a full week. Over the next 4 weeks, our Nehemiah Project is our new HVAC control system. We need to raise approximately \$17,500 to complete the upgrade. If you would like to contribute towards this project, please drop off your donation at the office, or place it in the offering box, and mark it HVAC. Thank you for considering, and thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of Trinity.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

From time to time, members of the Trinity family need a little financial help. In the last few weeks, the generosity of our members has helped pay a few bills for a member in a difficult financial situation and provided professional counseling for an individual working to overcome some past and present challenges. If you would like to contribute so that Trinity is in a position to help when these needs arise, you may mark your check "Needy Family Fund" and the donation will be set aside for members of our church and school family who are in a time of financial crisis. Thank you for these tangible expressions of God's love!

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Trinity staff and members have recently been targeted with messages that claim to be from a member of our staff, and request the purchase of gift cards in order to help someone urgently in need. These messages are part of a scam, and should be deleted. If you are ever in doubt about the legitimacy of a communication that claims to come from Trinity's staff, please call that individual directly in order to verify.

Church

MUSIC DURING THIS TIME

As the fall season approaches, we would still like to be able to enhance our worship services with special music in a safe way. I welcome and encourage you to use the gifts that you have cultivated to help others worship God more fully.

First of all, I am looking for musicians. If you play an instrument (guitar, trumpet, violin, flute, clarinet, etc..) and would be interested in playing along on hymns or providing pre and post service music, I would love to hear from you. We can do things as simple or complex as you would feel comfortable with.

I am also looking for people who would be interested in doing solo or small group singing. I would require that you wear a mask while rehearsing and singing in church as well as maintain social distancing.

All music and practice links would be sent to you ahead of time for you to rehearse at home. We could then meet for a shorter amount of time to put things together thus minimizing exposure.

If this is something that you are interested in, please contact Marlene Forshee during the day at 262-242-2045 or evenings at 920-698-2971. You can also reach her at mforshee@trinityfreistadt.com.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE

Click on the picture for more information.

MEMBER THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our church family, to the pastors, and all our friends for keeping Bev in your prayers during Bev's recovery. We especially thank our Lord for His healing power and strength.

Bev & Mel Bergmann

LWML NEWS

PRAISE GOD! Our treasurer, Carla Heiden, sent in a check on August 18, for what she calls "our pandemic mites". The amount? \$315.02. Thank you for being faithful givers!

TRANSITIONS: We knew it was coming. Gene and I are moving to St. Charles, MO, on September 8. I have passed on the "books" to our vice president, Mary Starosta. She will fill in until a new president can be elected. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It is a wonderful job, full of blessings, and I encourage you to think about trying it. Let Mary know if you are willing. I pray God's blessings on Trinity's LWML in the coming years. I will miss all of you! Jan Ladendorf

School & Childcare

CONGRATULATIONS BOB ANDERSON

Last Sunday, we honored Mr. Bob Anderson, Trinity's 8th grade teacher who has now retired after 40 years in the teaching ministry. Due to Covid, we were never able to give him a proper celebration and so presented him with the sign as shown here that read:

“By touching so many lives you have changed the world!!”

The celebration we would have had for Bob would have included a chance for parents and members to honor him with gifts. If you would like to acknowledge Bob during this important time of his life and ministry you may send a card to him in C/O Trinity or directly to his home address at: 336 N. 115th St., Milwaukee, WI 53226

DR. SAMUEL SEEFELD RECEIVES HERB KOHL EDUCATION AWARD

Last Spring Dr. Sam Seefeld received the Principal Leadership award from the Herb Kohl Education Foundation, an award that we were finally able to celebrate together at our school opening service on Sunday. He received this award in recognition of the remarkable achievements in our school during the last two years.

Under Dr. Seefeld's leadership, students and faculty alike were convinced that they were loved, valued, and capable of more than they had ever guessed. Our faculty responded to his belief in them and in their students, and that quickly led Trinity to progress from a 3 star to a 5 star school on the state report card.

Dr. Seefeld's heart burns as passionately for disadvantaged children as it does for excellence. At the same time as he was energizing our students and faculty to reach new heights, Dr. Seefeld was also working to attract more students to the excellence in our school. Under his leadership, Trinity erased 19 years of declining enrollment in a single year, and will begin this year with our highest enrollment since 1996. We open our doors every day as an intentionally diverse school serving Caucasians, African-Americans, Indians, and former refugees from Asia.

Dr. Seefeld is driven to ensure that our school is part of a ladder out of poverty for disadvantaged children, no matter their background. This is evident not only in his enrollment goals, but also in the inspiring way in which he believes in our students. I have frequently heard him say, “She's going to be a success story in a couple of years,” and because he believes those words, he respects, loves, and challenges the students in our building.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 3rd GRADE PARENTS REGARDING THE BIBLE PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

2 Corinthians 3:12

Wednesday, August 19th is a day we have long waited for...the return of our school children both old and new friends. We praise God for the opportunity to love and nurture His children and to be able to share HIS LOVE with them all! Please keep them and our entire team in your prayers as we BOLDLY STEP OUT to proclaim God's love and promises.

Dr. Seefeld shared the following statistics with the congregation at our back to school worship service this past Sunday. We praise God for His goodness:

- Most students enrolled since 1996; over 200 – a 65% increase in only 2 years
- Students coming from all over, representing nearly 30 zip codes
- Each classroom from 3K to 8th grade receiving new interactive SMART panel screens or projectors with cloud-based programming and interactive content
- Students in 1-8 grade in new uniforms promoting our brand
- Athletics 'Trojan' logo updated after 45 years! Check out the gym!

Community

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Click on the Picture to find out more about our College Care Packages:

Sign up to receive a care package
See items needed for package

SEPTEMBER FOOD BARREL

Toilet Paper, Paper Toweling, Facial Tissues

Birthday and Anniversaries

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

A printed copy of this calendar is available for those members who do not have internet capability. Please stop by the office for your copy.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. – Matthew 7:7-8

Please take a moment right now and pray for those listed below.

For Missionaries: David & Rachel Baker, Rev. David & Barbara Bush (serving in Hong Kong)

Our military, serving our country: Sarah Geidel (Reserves), Rebecca Guild (serving in San Diego), Akan Udoeyop (serving in Germany), Madison Kessel Lyon (serving in Germany), Nicholas Zanow (Charleston, South Carolina), Kurt Degner (WI National Guard), Mark Liedtke (Fort Lewis, Washington)

Continued Healing & Protection: Mark Jaeger, Marie Ernst (recovering from surgery), Carson, Bev Bergmann, Debbie Bultman, Laurel Dobberfuhr (recovering from a stroke) Family of Jim Yahr (Jim's sister, Barbara passed away last week)

In Celebration:

Dennis & Wendy Bruss (celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary)

Dennis & Joanne Kruse (celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary)

Florence Ernst (celebrating her 100th birthday)

Arlene Wetzal (celebrating her 93rd birthday)

Blessings on an amazing start to our school year, for teachers, staff, and all of our students!

Do you know of others for whom we should be praying? Let us know by sending an email to trinity@trinityfreistadt.com.

Office Hours | Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Guidelines for Visitors

- Following CDC recommendations, sanitize or wash hands upon entering and leaving the building.
 - Maintain a distance of 6 feet from others.
 - To protect our office staff, please refrain from congregating in the main office.
 - Limit non-essential movement in the building to only the areas necessary during your visit.
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- Between the times of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, visitors must ring the doorbell by pressing the outside buzzer at the main office doors.
 - Office personnel will determine entry.
 - Visitors must report directly to the reception desk located in the main lobby.
- All visitors and volunteers (non-delivery personnel) seeking access to the building will be screened and documented at the reception desk in the main lobby and will be **required to use PPE** (available at reception desk).
- Screening procedures include the following:
 - Temporal scan (temperature must be less than 99.5 degrees fahrenheit)
 - Simple questionnaire (self-reporting)
 - Shortness of breath?
 - New or worsening cough?
 - Have you or anyone in your family been exposed to someone known to have COVID-19?
- Office personnel will provide the visitor with a badge; **all visitors must sign in.**
- Guests are invited to wait in the main lobby while the office personnel contacts the staff member expecting the visitor and/or escort visitor to the appropriate location.
- Visitors must **return to the main lobby/front office** after their visit to sign out and return their badge.

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