

Weekly Bulletin - Trinity Lutheran Church of Freistadt!

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TRINITY'S WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

September 19-25, 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

A couple weeks ago I began a sermon by holding up a Bible and then asking the question, "Do you believe that this is the Word of God?" My answer, of course, is 'yes', and I am sure that you would not be a part of this congregation if you did not agree.

But there is always a gap between what we believe with our minds and what we believe in our hearts.

In my mind I believe that God's Word is true and that "an honest answer is like a kiss on the lips" (Proverbs 24:26). But my heart suspects that I will come out ahead by "improving" on the truth, especially when the truth might expose my own shortcomings.

In my mind I agree, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." But my heart is uncomfortable with the idea of being too closely associated with someone as unpopular as Jesus.

In my mind I believe, "...your sins have been forgiven on account of [Jesus'] name" (1 John 2:12). But my heart refuses to rejoice because it thinks it knows better: a man gets what he deserves.

There is always a gap between what we believe with our minds and what we believe in our hearts, and the only way to close that gap is through a leap of faith that we call obedience. I hear God's Word; I believe it to be true, and I put it into practice, and suddenly my heart has no choice but to come along for the ride. And because God's Word IS true, over and over again my heart is delighted to discover that God was right all along. Each leap of faith makes it a little easier to take the next one, as God closes the gap between my head and my heart.

This Week at Trinity

Saturday Sept 19th

9/18-20 Men's Retreat at Tree of Life, Greenbush

Sunday Sept 20th

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](#).

3rd Grade Bible Presentations

10:00 am Outdoor Service

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

3rd Grade Bible Presentations

9/18-20 Men's Retreat at Tree of Life, Greenbush

Monday Sept 21st

Tuesday Sept 22nd

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday Sept 23rd

Thursday Sept 24th

Friday Sept 25th

No School: Professional Development Day

Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm

News & Information

Trinity

TRINITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Kindergarten Teacher's Aid

Want to join an AWESOME team? Know someone looking for a few extra hours? Trinity is hiring a 5-day-per-week kindergarten classroom aid. The effective classroom aid supports the academic work of the teacher and helps to create a classroom culture of joy, inclusion, and engagement. For more details and information on how to apply, click [here](#).

Childcare Teacher

Our Mission is simple. Connecting children to Jesus. Nurturing the wonder of childhood.

Faith-Love-Play-Nature

We are looking for someone who is professionally prepared as a teacher of young children, especially in the field of early childhood education and development; meeting the requirements of the state licensing agency and someone who is a sensitive, mature individual who relates well to children and adults.

We're looking for people who are passionate about Jesus and want to share that with children and their families! If you love caring for children, have strong leadership skills and love nature (We go outside every day!) you might be just who we're looking for. In addition to supervision of children and proper management of a classroom, you will be responsible for planning and executing the educational program in accordance with the purpose and goals of Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Center.

Former childcare experience with infants and toddlers is required. If you are interested in applying please email jobs@trinityfreistadt.com.

Food Service Assistant

This position would be approximately 2 hours per day to help serve lunch and clean up. This will also include taking lunch over to the Childcare House once that is up and running. We will provide training and health and food safety protocol. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to cross train if Donna or Doris needs to be out on any given day. We love to have fun while we work and help each other at all times! Contact Doris for further information at dprice@trinityfreistadt.com.

September Nehemiah Project: School Food Service Program

Outstanding food service is a long standing tradition at Trinity. Nutritious meals are lovingly prepared in-house by dedicated staff. No "mystery meat" served here! Our program expanded a few years ago by adding a grab-and-go breakfast available to students every morning before the start of school. The food service program is entirely self-funded through revenues from meal and milk sales, along with reimbursement from the state

(DPI) for free and reduced meals served. The abrupt end of the school year last March, along with several changes this school year, require an additional investment in the program. Please consider a donation to the September Nehemiah project to help us meet our immediate needs as we step boldly into the new school year!

- **Change:** social distancing in our cafeteria and new seating area in the gym **Need:** additional rolling cafeteria tables
- **Change:** In-classroom lunch service for grades K3-K5 **Need:** cafeteria trays with lids for transport
- **Change:** Increased enrollment **Need:** additional cafeteria trays, utensils, trays, lids
- **New:** Food service will be delivered to our infant house (0-2yrs) **Need:** insulated food transport cart(s) and covered pans
- **Change:** All of the above + DPI will no longer allow older students to help serve or clean tables between service. **Need:** Part-time helper (2hrs per day)

Nehemiah Goal – \$5,500

FAMILY FALL FEST

October 16th 4:00-7:00 pm

REGISTER HERE

Your attention and cooperation with sign-up allows us time to plan accordingly for food, crafts and organize the cars participating in Trunk-or-Treat. Thank you for your understanding!

FAMILY FALL FEST—*An evening packed with fun for the entire family!!!*

Donations needed to make our evening a success:

- **Pumpkins/Gourds:** Pumpkins will be used in our decorations and children will be invited to take one home with them when they leave. We are estimating about 150 children. Pumpkins can be of any size.
- **Hay Bales/Cornstalks:** These will be used in our decorations as well as for our photo booth.
- **Fresh Apple Cider:** To warm our guests as they travel about outside
- **Apples:** Apples for the grab & go dinner bag

The following activities will be available throughout the evening and you may decide which activity you do and when.

- **Trunk or Treat:** (5:30-6:30 only) Receive a treat while checking out all the decorated trunks as part of PTL's Trunk-or-Treat. This year's theme is Bible Stories, so pick your favorite story and get creative! Vote on your favorite trunk! Details on participation can be found on the link provided above.
- **Craft Kit: Frame Decorating** Each family will have an opportunity to create a wooden frame to display your family's photo from the photo booth.
- **Dinner:** Grab and Go– brat or hot Dog, chips, bottle of water, carrot sticks, apple
- **Hot Chocolate & Apple Cider:** Available throughout the evening. There's nothing better than Hot Chocolate or Apple Cider around the bonfire (weather permitting) when the chill of the Fall air settles in.
- **Cookie Decorating:** Sugar cookie kit. Decorate your own dessert with this cookie kit loaded with everything you need to decorate a pumpkin cookie.
- **Photo Booth:** Have your family's picture taken at the fall photo booth. *(Pictures will be developed and sent home with child the following week).*
- **HELP US Stuff the PUMPKIN with cash, coin, or check:** *Financial support for Feed My Starving Children–Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.*

All donations collected will go to support FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN.

Jane's Story: A Promise Not Kept

We couldn't save Jane.

When our partner Richard from African Children Today found her at her father's funeral, she was barely clinging to life.

He rushed Jane to the hospital. She was so malnourished, the doctor said her system could only handle clear liquids.

She was too weak to speak, but Richard told me that she mustered every bit of strength she had left to whisper, "I want the food." So Richard made her a promise.

He promised her that as soon as she got a little better she could eat the MannaPack™ Rice, and that she could have as much as she wanted.

But he couldn't keep that promise. Jane died that night.

You might be wondering why we are sharing such a heart wrenching story with you. The fact is, we don't want to share it. And under ordinary circumstances, we never would.

But these aren't ordinary circumstances. Hunger continues to rise, and this year, our partners have asked us for more food than we can provide. We are dealing with a 70 million meal gap. This gap leaves children like Jane without food and without hope.

And for the first time in more than five years, we are unable to accept food aid applications for new partnerships.

This means lives are at stake. Your continued financial support is critical. Simply put, we can't feed kids without you.

I keep Jane's photo in my notebook. She's with me every day, and I'll tell you why. I never want to get so caught up in my daily life that I forget that this is a reality for so many precious children around the world.

We really do have the ability to save them one by one. You are the difference between whether or not children have a reliable daily meal.

You provide food when it matters most. You are the difference between whether or not children like Jane have a reliable daily meal. Will you help us keep our promise to feed God's children?

Every donation of \$0.25 will help turn hunger into HOPE for starving children throughout the world.

SEPTEMBER FOOD BARREL

Toilet Paper, Paper Toweling, Facial Tissues

Church

ARE YOU READY?

RLC begins Sunday September 27th!

Click on the picture for more information.

Opportunity to Serve:

Upcoming Elections for Church Leadership

Are you interested in serving Trinity through participation on the Board of Lay Leaders or the Endowment Committee? Would you be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee to assist in finding candidates to run for these positions? Elections will be held later this fall at the November 22nd Congregation Meeting.

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, contact::

Deb Yahr (Dbyahr@wi.rr.com), Drew Pipkorn (Drew.pipkorn@gmail.com) or Dale Bruss.

Thank you for supporting missions that by the grace of God will share Jesus' love at home and around the world!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2020 GivingTuesday challenge!

Because of you, **\$75,985.74** was given for mission work this Giving Tuesday!

This means LWML, through your generous gifts, greatly exceeded the matching amount of \$10,000 made possible by a generous family.

That brings the total to \$85,985.74 given to support the 2019-2021 LWML Mission Goal.

Thank you for making this a September to Remember!

School & Childcare

No updates this week.

Ask | Seek | Knock

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. Jerry and Patty Lawson serving in Russia

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: Christine Geidel (battling cancer); Pastor Warren Granke (struggling with a lung infection); For all those we name in our hearts needed spiritual and physical healing

In Celebration:

Leo Ross Hochradel (child of Andy & Kimberly Hochradel) made your child through Holy Baptism

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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