

Weekly Bulletin - Trinity Lutheran Church of Freistadt!

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TRINITY'S WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

September 26 – October 2, 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 Chris

I recently heard a story about a third grade class that was tasked with building gingerbread homes. Each student was given a gingerbread home kit at their table and could build however they wanted. But the teacher had one rule: they could not eat any of the candy until the house was finished. So, the kids began building their houses and all was going to plan...until the teacher broke a candy cane.

The teacher picked up the pieces of the candy cane, but then did something which caused a scandal among the students: she ate it! The young, judicious third graders were quick to notice and called the teacher out on her action. The teacher, knowing her good-standing and integrity were at stake among the students, replied, "It broke, so I had to eat it!" Thinking her reply restored order, the teacher then had the students continue their project. Yet it did anything but restore order; all of a sudden, the students were breaking their candy canes and other candy so they could eat them saying, "It broke, so we had to eat it!"

Needless to say, the gingerbread project didn't go as planned.

So, when I consider this story, I immediately go back to the teacher's response to her third graders after eating the candy. I wonder what would have happened had she just confessed her choice as wrong and apologized to the students. Would they have accepted the apology and not eaten any candy? Even more, would her good-standing among her third graders have remained intact? It may seem odd to ponder such questions from a story which really doesn't impact anyone in a big way. Yet the story offers us insight as to the consequences of not accepting responsibility. One of the most important things we value as humans is our reputation, and much of this is connected to integrity. Essentially, integrity can be measured by how often our actions reflect our words, and vice versa. The less we do what we say or say what we do, the lower our integrity.

Going back to our story, the teacher valued her integrity among her students. So, out of fear an apology might cause that integrity to drop, she instead made up a new rule for candy. Yet, by avoiding an apology, her integrity may have remained intact, but the situation only went south for the gingerbread project.

Proverbs 10:9 tells us, “Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his way crooked will be found out.” In short, an apology goes a long way. Not only do apologies preserve integrity, but they relieve a person of making up more rules and potential lies in order to get the same result. The more rules and dishonesties we create, the sooner we will be found out.”

Apologies can be scary. They force us to become vulnerable and subject ourselves to the responses of others. Despite this fear though, Jesus gives us the best incentive for confessing our sin: forgiveness. When we come forward to God with a repenting heart, we are promised He will forget that sin and assure us of life eternal with Him (even if another person doesn't accept our apology). If God gives us such promises, then maybe a confession to someone else isn't that scary.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday Sept 27th

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](#).

11:15 am – 1:00 pm Confirmation Orientation

8:00 pm RLC ZOOM Bible Study

Hosted by the Saleska and Weber families: <https://cuwaa.zoom.us/j/6663925646>

28th

Tuesday Sept 29th

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

News & Information

Trinity

Trinity's Worship Schedule: Mask Mandate Extended

Because Governor Evers has extended Wisconsin's mask mandate, we will be unable to offer a "mask-optional" worship service inside our building for the time being. Therefore, until we announce otherwise, we plan to continue with our present schedule: 8:30am indoor service (masks required) and 10am outdoor service. We are monitoring the size of our indoor service and, if needed, we will adjust our schedule even while the mandate remains in effect to limit the need for overflow. If the mandate is lifted by Governor Evers or the courts, we will shift to our new schedule a week later, so that we have one weekend to communicate the change via the website, bulletin, and announcements.

TRINITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Janitor

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.

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 were 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!!!

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 hotdog, 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.*

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

We are looking a few handymen (or women) that would be willing to volunteer and assist us with items that need to be addressed on our campus from time to time. If you are interested in using your gifts and talents with us please email office@trinityfreistadt.com.

OCTOBER FOOD BARREL

Cereal, granola bars, crackers, rice, potato flakes

Church

Roadway Cleanup

October 10 @ 8:30 am - 10:00 am

FAMILY FALL FEST

October 16 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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.

- Due to health and safety concerns, the Mighty Mites bake sale has been cancelled this year. We will still celebrate LWML weekend October 3rd & 4th. Please wear **purple** and consider giving a generous donation for mites.

- The zone 5 LWML fall rally scheduled for October 19th at St. John's West Bend has been cancelled. Please visit the South Wisconsin district [LWML website](#) to read the "Mission Lamp" for local updates.

School & Childcare

Two weeks ago, our teammate, Brian Brauer, announced a personal leave of absence. Our community continues to lift him up in prayer during this time, and we wish nothing but the best for his future. The sudden change created an immediate search and interview process for his replacement. Our team worked tirelessly to conduct a thorough and timely search. Today, we are proud to announce our new full-time middle school science teacher!

Mr. John Tarr earned a B.A. in 6-12 education with an emphasis on Broad Field Social Studies from Concordia University, Wisconsin. He began teaching middle school in central Wisconsin and then transitioned to Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, Wisconsin where he taught various subjects for nine years. From there he took a Call to St. John Random Lake, Wisconsin where he taught a variety of grade levels, subjects, and served in the role of assistant administrator. He is completing a masters degree in Educational Design and Technology from Concordia University, Wisconsin, and brings with him 15+ years experience as a called Lutheran educator.

Most importantly, John stood out among other candidates for his commitment to Jesus and students, strong experiences in instructional design, and a willingness to take on new challenges. We are **THRILLED** to have him on the team.

John begins orientation work with us on Monday, October 5, and begins in the classroom on Wednesday, October 7. Feel free to give him a 'SHOUT OUT' at jtarr@trinityfreistadt.com.

Welcome, Mr. Tarr!

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. Herb & Markie Burch serving in Belize

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: Helen Suelflow (celebrating her 80th birthday); Dominic Amoroso (brought to the waters of Holy Baptism); Marion Frenz (gift of great medical care)

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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