

Weekly Bulletin - Trinity Lutheran Church of Freistadt!

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TRINITY'S WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

October 17-23, 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

Has the Red Letter Challenge challenged you?

I was glad to read that even Pastor Zehnder has never completed the Red Letter Challenge perfectly, because I have certainly missed a few days, and there have been more than a few days where I had to do some mental gymnastics to convince myself that something I had already done that day really ought to fulfill my commitment: "I left an extra couple dollars in my tip... I think that counts as serving someone who will not be able to do anything for me in return."

Yes, it has been a challenge to keep up with the Challenge. But the real challenge for me runs deeper. The real challenge is not about my actions; it is about my heart.

Jesus (quoting Isaiah) identified the problem when He said, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Matthew 15:8). The real challenge of the Red Letter Challenge is to offer God more than just my words and my actions, but to let Him have my heart.

If you, like me, have tripped up on a challenge or two (or twenty), I have good news for you. You are probably closer to success because of your failure. God brings our hearts near to Him through Jesus work, not our works. God brings our hearts near to Him through His love for us, not our love for Him.

You could, I suppose, try to look back through the book, find the challenges you missed, and make sure that you get them all completed. But if you are like me, you will probably find that your actions honored God, but your heart did not follow. On the other hand, you could leave those challenges incomplete and instead focus on the cross of Jesus. You could

marvel that God's love for you has not changed, and He supplies everything that is lacking in your life. You could let those incomplete challenges remind you that you have been saved by grace; your sins are forgiven; you are loved for you, not for what you have done.

And that, I know, will bring your heart nearer to God. And a heart near to God delights in His Word and putting His Word into practice.

When I focus on God's grace instead of my obedience, the challenge actually becomes less challenging.

News & Information

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN

Please Note: The extension of Wisconsin's mask mandate prevents us from offering a mask-optional worship service for the time being. However, because of the growth of our indoor worship service, we intend to move ahead with the new schedule. Because the Governor's mask order includes a broad range of exemptions, we are asking that those for whom exemptions apply *attend our Sunday morning services*. This will allow those who are particularly concerned about the effects of Covid-19 to be comfortable in worship on Saturday evening, knowing that all those present will be wearing masks.

We anticipate that the 5, 8, and 10:45 schedule will continue for the foreseeable future.

Saturday Evening | 5:00 pm | Sanctuary

In the sanctuary; **MANDATORY MASKS** and **SOCIAL DISTANCING** rules will apply; *We are highly suggesting that if you are not able to wear a mask due to health reasons that you please attend one of the services on Sunday morning.*

Sunday Morning | 8:00 am | Sanctuary

In the sanctuary; **Masks required** and **social distancing** rules will apply (*If you are unable to wear a mask due to health issues, please refrain from attending the Saturday evening service.*)

Sunday Morning | 10:45 am | Outdoor

The 10:45 service will continue to be held outdoors, weather permitting (**masks optional**)

Trinity

October Nehemiah Project: Ministries Supported by Trinity

Trinity supports a great many outside ministries each year and this year the need to support them is even greater! Reverend David Baker (missionary), Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Bethany Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, and needy families are just a sampling of those we support. All donations received through the month of October will be evenly divided between these and other mission needs that may arise.

Greetings from the Economy Center-

It has come to our attention that Trinity is presently in the middle of the “Red Letter Challenge” so some of you are no doubt may be looking for opportunities to serve the Lord outside the walls of Trinity, as encouraged by the book.

Well, look no further!

The Economy Center is a Lutheran thrift store located at 7814 W. Burleigh in Milwaukee.

This store is staffed by volunteers (most of whom are from Lutheran churches in the area) and the profits go to Lutheran Counseling and Family Services (LCFS). The store provides clothing and many other items at a very low cost to people in the neighborhood who can't afford retail prices. The store also provides opportunities to share the “Good News” and to “let your light shine” or as Pastor Carl told us in his most recent sermon “to be nice for no reason.” This store also benefits our volunteers by providing Christian fellowship and a feeling of accomplishment.

Almost anyone's schedule can be accommodated. Feel free to contact any of Trinity's members (Audrey Aiken, Neal & Erika Degner, Lois Wright, Ginny Jagla, Kathy Brojek, and Tom & Gayla Boehlke) who are already enjoying this opportunity, for more information.

Church

FAMILY FALL FEST

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

Fall Pitch In

October 24 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

PICK UP YOUR COPY of TRINITY'S PHONE DIRECTORY—NOW AVAILABLE

A stack of these directories will be in the Gathering Room for sanctuary services and will be available at the outdoor service (please see an usher). You may also stop by the Welcome Desk between the hours of 9a-3p to pick up a copy. A limited number of copies have been made and will be restocked as needed.

CEMETERY DECORATION REMOVAL DEADLINE

All seasonal decorations and flowers must be removed from cemetery plots by **November 1st**. Items remaining after that date will be either thrown away or placed by the dumpsters located at the back of the school for those wishing to retrieve them. Thank you.

OCTOBER FOOD BARREL

Cereal, granola bars, crackers, rice, potato flakes

School & Childcare

US SECRETARY OF EDUCATION BETSY DEVOS

On October 8th, 2020 parents from Trinity and Dr. Seefeld had the unique privilege of participating in a conversation about private education and school choice, with US Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. What an incredible opportunity to share the love of Jesus and the excellence of Trinity! #passionforlearning #trinityfreistadt

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 to pray for the following:

For Missionaries: David & Rachel Baker, Jana Inglehart serving in the Dominican Republic
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, Comfort & Protection:

Dru Wyatt (recovering from surgery), Christine Geidel (battling cancer), Marian Vorpapel (recovering from a fall and hip surgery), For all those we name in our hearts needed spiritual and physical healing, Ken Steiner (recovering from a heart procedure)