

# Weekly Bulletin - Trinity Lutheran Church of Freistadt!

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## TRINITY'S WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

November 14-20, 2020

### A Message from Pastor Carl

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I was recently reminded of how limited the written word is. Two weeks ago I wrote a note for the bulletin encouraging our congregation to approach the upcoming elections with faith placed firmly in Christ, rather than in any human being.

I received a letter this week from someone who read that note but who does not know me well. I think she misunderstood my note to be taking a political position for Mr. Biden. I say, "I think" because all I have is a return address, not a phone number, so I could not make a quick phone call to try to clarify. Unless I am misunderstanding her written words, my own written words were misunderstood, and I am limited to using even more written words to try to clarify that my intent was not at all political.

Written words are limited. I cannot interact with written words the way that I do with a person. A person will resist being ignored, forgotten, misunderstood, or manipulated, but words on a page can be easily ignored, easily forgotten, easily misunderstood, and easily manipulated. Words on a page are limited. Words on a screen even more so!

And so it should be no surprise that God refuses to be limited to words on a page. The Word became flesh (John 1:14). God's revelation to us is not merely words on a page; it is a person, Jesus, who confronted our sin, showed us in unforgettable ways what it means to serve God, and demonstrated the depths of God's love in as unmistakable a way as can be imagined, through His death on the cross. And the Word kept on becoming flesh (imperfectly), even after Jesus' Ascension. The Apostle Paul was a master of the written word, writing more books of the New Testament than anyone else. And, yet, almost all of his letters include words like this: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1) or "...become as I am, for I also have become as you are" (Galatians 4:12) or "...keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us" (Philippians 3:17). He expected God's Word to keep on becoming flesh, so that imitation of mature believers would be just as essential as attention to the written word.

If you take a moment and reflect, I bet you will find that 90% or more of your spiritual growth has been prompted by people who were living God's Word (most often your parents), rather than by simply reading the Bible. The written word, alone, is too easily ignored, forgotten, misunderstood, and manipulated. We need each other!

All of which is not, by any means, to discourage your personal discipline of spending time in God's Word. In fact, I'm hoping this note will prompt you to give even more attention to the written Word of God. Consider how critically important it is for your children, grandchildren, colleagues, friends, and neighbors that they encounter the Word made flesh! And where will they find that, if not in you?

## This Week at Trinity

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## News & Information

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Join us as we gather to...

*Give Thanks*

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

**Due to Social Distancing**  
**Pre-Registration is encouraged!!!**

**Communion Services:**  
Thanksgiving Eve— November 25—6:30 PM  
Thanksgiving Day—November 26—9:30 AM

Note: **“No pews available”** via the links indicate that the church is at capacity. We thank you for your patience and flexibility. We invite you to participate in our Worship in the Home services.

Wednesday, November 25th, 2020 | 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 26th, 2020 | 9:30 am

## Trinity

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins This Weekend!

Our annual food drive supporting the Mission of Christ food pantry begins this weekend. Yellow collection bags will be distributed after worship services.

Our green NEIGHBOR version of the bag will also be available so that you can involve friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Arrange for a pick-up date/time or follow the instructions on the bag and pick them up on **Sunday, November 29 after 12 noon**. We encourage you to give a green printed Thank You card with Trinity identification to everyone who contributes. Cards and extra bags will be available in the Gathering Room.

Place your filled bags of non-perishable food items (no glass please) in the south church entrance or return to school by **Sunday, November 29**.

**Monetary donations** are also accepted. Clearly mark your envelope or check memo line with **Food Drive**.

Your generosity and prayers make a difference in the lives of many.

***By putting God's words literally into practice, you will find the life God has made for you! #redletterchallenge***

## November Nehemiah Project – Goal \$3,500

God is at work! He is blessing our school ministry by entrusting us with many new school families and with families who have been attending our school for years. Some live close by, some do not. Some are members of our congregation, some are not. Some are Christians, some are not. All of our school families share at least one thing in common – they all need Jesus!

We have a tremendous opportunity and responsibility to connect our students to Jesus and make disciples. With the help of the Spirit, our faculty and staff live out this mission every day. Connecting our student families to Jesus is equally vital and you can help support one of those efforts through our November Nehemiah project. We seek funds to present a



Christmas gift to all of our school families to thank them for entrusting their children to us and to encourage and support their walk with Jesus. It is a privilege to join in His mission – TOGETHER!

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BRING HIS KINGDOM RIGHT HERE AND RIGHT NOW. #redletterchallenge**

**Elections for Trinity Leadership will be held at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2020 following the late service (approximately 12:00 PM).**

**Please plan to attend.**

[Agenda | Congregational Meeting | 11-22-20 Noon](#)



- **CANDIDATES FOR ELDER, (ELECT 1)**

**Tom Boehlke-** Tom has been a member of Trinity most of his life. He has been married to Gayla for 46 years. Tom has served Trinity in many capacities (Choir member, usher, 4 th of July committee, served on Board of Lay Leaders and was the Vice Chair for 8 years). He is currently serving as an Elder.

**Neal Degner**– Neal and his wife Erika have been members at Trinity for over 30 years. Neal has served Trinity in many capacities (usher, Board of Adult Education, Sunday school navigator, and Board of Lay Leaders). He was part of the LCMS SW District Child Education Committee from 1989-1997. Currently he serves as a Worship Assistant and an Elder. Prior to joining Trinity he was an usher and Sunday School Superintendent at St. John’s Lutheran Church in West Bend 1978-1983.

- **CANDIDATES FOR ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, (ELECT 1)**

**Robinson (Rob) Butz-** Rob and his wife Jane joined Trinity Lutheran Church Freistadt in 2017. He is currently serving on the Endowment Committee and is also active in the Homebound Program. They have been married 47 years and have a daughter, twin sons and a granddaughter. In 2010, after 34 years with Robert W. Baird & Co., Rob retired as a Sr. V.P. of Investment Operations. Interests include gardening, golf, traveling, online courses, music and creating short video movies.

**Marianne Menzel-** Marianne and her husband Gary have been members of Trinity for 12 years. They were previously members at Beautiful Savior in Milwaukee. Marianne is retired after teaching physical education at Martin Luther High School for 30 years. Marianne and Gary have two married sons and 6 grandchildren. They have a grandchild at Lake Country High School and a grandchild at Divine Redeemer. Marianne has been an active volunteer at Trinity. Her service includes hosting at Lenten Suppers and other congregational events, tutoring at Trinity's after school program and packing college care packages.

**Jenise Seeger-** Jenise is a lifelong member, being baptized, confirmed, and married at Trinity. She attended grade school at Trinity from K through 8th grade and has great memories of her teachers and pastors and is so thankful for both the academic and faith foundation that they built in her. She is married to Scott and they have a beautiful daughter, Emily, who is a junior at Germantown High School. Jenise has a degree in Horticulture from UW-Madison and works for Carlin Sales Corporation, supplying greenhouses, nurseries, and landscapers with the supplies they need. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, cooking, and spending time with family.

- CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF LAY LEADERS (ELECT 3)

**Richard (Dick) Frohmader-** Dick and his wife Patti have been members at Trinity for 38 years. Their children attended Trinity School. Dick has served as an usher, and in the past on the Board of Properties and School Board.

**Jack Hoelz-** Jack and his wife Cheryl have been members of Trinity for 20 years. Daughters Kaitlan and Sophie attended Trinity and Living Word Luther High. Kaitlan graduated from Concordia Mequon and Sophia graduated from Concordia Seward last December. Jack has served on several committees over the years. Jack and Cheryl have also chaperoned for two youth gatherings and participated in mission trips to the Wind River Reservation.

**David Kaemmer-** David Kaemmer has been a member of Trinity for 30 years. David and his wife Crescent have two adult children. Jeremy and Noah both attended Trinity School. David had been involved at Trinity in Board of Evangelism (6 years), Board of Elders, taught 7/8 grade Sunday School (4 years), along with attending Bible study regularly. David enjoys spending time playing tennis, pickle ball, golf, hiking, drums along with volunteering percussion talent with the students at Living Word Lutheran HS.

**Dave Otis-** Dave has been an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church- Freistadt since 2015, after moving to Germantown. He would like to expand his participation within the church community by being a member of the Board of Lay Leaders. Previous related experiences include: Member of Call Committee for finding a replacement Assistant Pastor in 2018, serving on the Church Council (Social Ministry) at St. Luke's in Slinger, WI for 3 years, being a manager at Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac, prior to retirement in 2012 as well as volunteering at church assisting with communion setup, painting projects, and meal preparation kits for export to Africa.

**Adam J. Schoessow-** Adam has been a member at Trinity for over 40 years. He attended school at Trinity from Kindergarten through 6th grade. Adam and his wife Christina have 2 children that attend school at Trinity.

**Deb Yahr-** Deb and her husband Jim have been Trinity members for over 20 years. Their two sons, Preston and Luke are Trinity graduates. Deb has taught Sunday school/ T3 for kids over the past 20 years and participates in small group Bible study. She has also volunteered for activities including the Trinity Human Care board, Trinity School PTL board, Basketball Tournament Committee, tutoring, and she is currently on the Board of Lay Leaders, serving as Vice Chair. Deb is a Physical Therapist and enjoys golf, sports, fitness activities, gardening, and time with family and friends.

Share the good news of Christ's birth during the Christmas season! Christmas cards are now available for purchase in the Schedler Bookstore (located in the church basement). Payment can be made at the self-serve checkout on the green counter in the Bookstore.



**LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!**

It is hard to believe that winter has already moved in, and seems determined to stick around for a while. Trinity has a partnership with a company for snow removal and ice control for our main thoroughfares and parking lots this year, however, we are still responsible for our own maintenance on the sidewalks and entrances. From time to time, this can be a big job to handle. If you are someone who is looking to serve and help out the church and school, we could sure use your help. After (or during) a snowfall, we could use willing volunteers to help clear off snow from the various entrances and our assortment of sidewalks.

If you would like to offer your services, please contact the main church office, or send an email to Chris Kapitanski ([ckapitanski@trinityfreistadt.com](mailto:ckapitanski@trinityfreistadt.com)). Help before school, before worship services, or ahead of evening activities are especially critical. Thank you for considering.



Due to the growing numbers of Covid-19 cases, it has been decided to cancel our LWML meetings for November and December. Mites can be brought to the mite box in church or sent to our Treasurer, Carla Heiden. Please continue to pray for our mission grants. You can follow their progress on the website.



**The annual “Giving Tree” will be in the  
Gathering Room starting on Thanksgiving!**

**MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK!!!!**

Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the glory of God by Lowell & Lois Fink in loving memory of their 3 grandsons, Gavin, Nicholas, & Ryan Fink (sons of Dan & Susan Fink) who have been called home to their heavenly Father.



**THANK YOU TO TRINITY**

John and I were humbled by the tremendous outpouring of Christian love by cards, candy, phone calls, flowers, meals, and desserts which we were showered with at the time of my stroke and two hospitalizations and rehab. Thank you to Pastor Chris for his hospital visit and to Pastor Carl for his phone call of encouragement. We are grateful and appreciative to all of you. I am slowly recovering and it's wonderful to be back in church. God bless you all.  
~John and Laurel Dobberfuhl

Starting this weekend, Trinity is switching to the ESV Bible. More details to come next week.

## **School & Childcare**

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**No School | Thanksgiving Break | November 25th – 27th, 2020**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Are you all out of PTL's famous pizzas?  
Then we have some good news for you...  
PTL has a limited supply of pizzas available for sale!



**Saturday, December 5th  
from 9 am-11 am  
in Cafeteria.**

Pre-sales or discounts are not available.  
Pizzas will be sold on a first come first serve  
basis only.

**Pizzas and prices are as follows:**

- Cheese \$6.50
- Sausage \$7.00
- Pepperoni \$7.00
- Sausage and Pepperoni \$7.50
- Sausage, Mushroom and Onion \$7.75
- The Works \$8.50



**Thank you for all your support! Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will be directed towards playground improvements. We hope to see you there!**

## **Birthday and Anniversaries**

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### **Ask | Seek | Knock**

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*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,  
Rev. Adam & Deac. Melissa Degroot serving  
in North America

Our military, serving our country: Joseph Seifert (serving in Spain), 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)

Celebrations:



Abram & Theodore Dummann (twins sons of Ryan & Hannah Dummann) brought to the Waters of Holy Baptism

Continued Healing, Comfort & Protection:

- Ric Gesch (recovering from Covid), Yvonne Heinzl (battling cancer), Cindy Mollwitz (recovering from hip surgery), Karen Ernst (recovering from hip surgery), Christine Geidel (battling cancer), Robert Heiden (hospitalized for Covid), Elaine Landers (recovering from Covid), Bev Bergmann (recovering from Covid), Elaine Riemer (recovering from an incident), Marian Vorpapel (hospice). For all those we name in our hearts needed spiritual and physical healing.
- For our health care workers to stay healthy, so that they can continue to treat the ever-growing number of COVID patients. Encourage, strengthen, and work through them as they work under pressure and strain. Thank you for the healing You continue to provide for so many patients.

Do you know of others for whom we should be praying?

Let us know by sending an email to [trinity@trinityfreistadt.com](mailto:trinity@trinityfreistadt.com).

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