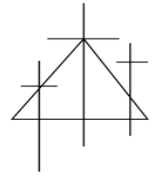
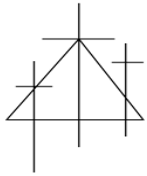


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Congregation School Childcare

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Making Known the Love of Christ



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From our Pastors

God Helps Those Who Cannot Help Themselves

Jesus said, “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me” (John 15:26).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,



There's an old saying that many subscribe to, “God helps those who help themselves.” Except, there is just one problem with it. The saying is patently false. You cannot help yourself when it comes to setting yourself free from sin and death. You need help. You need spiritual help because your mind and heart are not conformed to God's will. You need bodily help because you are dying. You need help.

God knows this and it is why He sent His Son, Jesus Christ into the world. Jesus, God Himself in the flesh, needed no help. Jesus lived the perfect life, suffered, and died for our sin in our place by becoming sin for us, and then rose from the dead winning for all the world a new life in Him. Jesus promised after that that help was on the way, and it arrived at Pentecost when He sent His Spirit to deliver His forgiveness, life, and peace won at the cross.

Likewise, He sends His Spirit to you in the water and word of Holy Baptism, and whenever and wherever His Word is proclaimed, and His body and blood is put into people's mouths, hearts, and lives. Your “help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:2). The Holy Spirit helps you by giving you Jesus Himself and everything He won for you in His suffering, death, and resurrection, including freedom from sin and death.

You need help. We need help. We need more help than we can even fathom most of the time. So thank God that you have help, and that your help comes from God Himself in Christ, “who sends His Spirit to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.” This Spirit of the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, helps you by putting Christ with you so that God is for you now and forever. At your baptism He promised you this, “Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). So never forget that you are baptized, and you have a Helper. It is true, God helps those who cannot help themselves, including you! Amen.

In Christ,

Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



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Divine Services:
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:30 pm
Family Education Hour
9:30 am

Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School
3-K thru 8th grade
2 Year Old Childcare

May Calendar

Sundays: Weekly

- * Divine Services 8: & 10:45 am

Mondays: Weekly

- * Divine Service 6:30 pm

Wednesdays: Weekly

- * Adult Bible Study 9:30 am (FH)
- * Men's Choir 5:45 pm (MR)
- * Mixed Choir 7:00 pm (MR)

Thursday: Weekly

- * Women's Bible Study 9:00 am (FH)

Thursday: 2nd & 4th

- * Stephen Ministry 5:00 pm (FH)

Fridays: Weekly

- * Men's Bible Study 7 am (FH)

May 2024

Wednesday, May 1

- * Easter Concert 6:30 pm (Holy Name)

Thursday, May 2

- * Profession of Faith 7:00 pm (Church)

Friday, May 3

- * Muffins With Mom 7:30 am (Gym)

Sunday, May 5

- * Confirmation 10:45

Monday, May 6

- * School Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 7

- * Council Meeting 7:00 pm (FH)

Wednesday, May 8

- * PTL Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 9 - Ascension

- * Divine Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Friday, May 10

- * Trinity Track & Field Day (Howards Grove High School)

Saturday, May 11

- * Ziemann/Martens Wedding 2:30 pm
- * Trinity Trivia Night 4:00 pm

Monday, May 13

- * LWML 1:30 pm

Wednesday, May 22

- * Kindergarten Graduation 8:30 am
- * Voters' Assembly Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 23 - Last Day of Trinity School

- * School Picnic (Town of Sheboygan Firehouse Park)
- * SALSA Graduation 7:00 pm (LHS)

Friday, May 30

- * Trinity Hymn Festival 6:30 pm



NEWS & NOTES

FINAL GRANT OF 22-24 BIENNIUM IS PAID!

Every two years, at our South Wisconsin LWML Convention, we vote for Mission Grants that have been submitted from a multitude of different people and organizations. All of our Mission Grants for these past two years have been paid by our Mighty Mites brought by women across our state. The final grant has been paid in full as of Easter Sunday right here in Sheboygan County! The focus on Easter Sunday was the Resurrection of our Savior as people gathered for the Spanish service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. This was also the setting for the presentation of the \$11,060 check which is the final grant to be paid for this 2022-24 biennium.



Pastor David Blas serves Sheboygan County in Hispanic Outreach and Javier Zavarce, Board President. It was explained that these funds are to be used to expand the message of Hispanic Outreach in Sheboygan County through the use of recorded media. This, in turn, is designed to create a base of support that goes beyond the worshipping community so that the ministry may continue to flourish. Adult confirmations, baptisms, weekly worship serving people of another language is an energetic, vital outreach to those being served, thanks to God's abundant blessings and the dedicated work of those in Sheboygan County and the South Wisconsin District. Join LWML in prayer that these funds will lead to the desired outcome of increased knowledge of this ministry and the financial and prayer support to allow this to expand and be an example for others.

LWML SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Plan now to join your LWML sisters for the LWML SWD Convention on June 14-15, 2024, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Trinity has five newly commissioned Stephen Ministry Caregivers: Tim Herrmann, Tyler Shadick, Jerry Toerpe, Bernadine Watson, and Cathy White and two new Stephen Ministry Leaders: Liz Ekblad and Matt Makela. They are ready to use their skills to care for and walk the journey with people who are experiencing a crisis in their life, whether it is large or small.



We congratulate all of them for their hard work and look forward to seeing how God uses them in this Ministry. If you have questions or wish information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Roger Buck, (920) 912-0788, or one of the pastors.

HYMN FESTIVAL AT TRINITY: All are invited to a Hymn Festival here at Trinity on Friday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. titled *Singing the Life of Christ*. Pastor Berg will provide the meditations on the hymns, and Kantor Eatherton will be leading the singing from the organ. Instruments and Choral participation will accentuate the hymnody as we sing our way through the church year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Mark your calendar.....for Vacation Bible School!



Combined VBS: Luther Memorial, St. Paul & Trinity

When: July 15-19, 8:30 - 11:30 am

Where: Trinity Lutheran

VBS is free and for ages entering 3K-grade 5

From our Principal

“Connected to Christ” John 15:1-5

Dear Trinity Members,

It is hard to believe, but we are already in the last month of school! The end of a school year comes with a sense of finality, but it also means a new season of change. Each summer, we “reset” as a school. Teaching loads shift, new teachers come on board, curriculum changes, and new families register. Sometimes, these changes can feel uncomfortable. After all, we are Lutherans who *ahem* don't always love change!

Fortunately, as Christians, we are reminded of the enduring presence of God. In the face of life's inevitable changes, we find solace in the words of Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." His character remains constant, offering us unwavering assurance and hope. His promises endure forever, including His promise to give us the gift of eternal life.

And so, while it may feel uncomfortable at first, Trinity Lutheran School and Childcare is prepared to embrace the coming changes as we close one school year and prepare for another. We continue to rely on God and His perfect plan. We remain connected to Him through Word and Sacrament, knowing that his love is unchanging. Thank you for your prayers and support

this school year! We are blessed to do the work of Jesus alongside such a supportive congregation.

Dr. Jenna Roeske
Principal



Upcoming End of Year School Activities

(Please note some additional field trips may be planned)

- Fri., April 26 - 6-7:30pm Living History Night
- Sat., April 27 - Scholastic Olympics at LHS
- Wed., May 1 - 7pm Easter Concert (students arrive at 6pm for rehearsal)
- Thur., May 2 - 7pm Profession of Faith (8th grade confirm-ands)
- Fri, May 3 - Muffins with Mom
- Sun., May 5 - 10:45am Confirmation
- Mon, May 6 - SALSA Band Tour
- Thur., May 9 - 8:30am Ascension Day Service
- Fri., May 10 - SALSA Track & Field Day Gr. 5-8 (Howards Grove High School)
- Sat., May 11 - Trivia Night
- Mon, May 13 - 8:45-11:15pm - 3K, 4K, 5K to Shaw Family Playground
- Tue., May 14 - Awards Presentation in afternoon (gr. 1-8)
- Tue., May 14 - 7pm SALSA Band Concert at LHS
- Fri., May 17 - 1:30pm - Gr. K-4 Track and Field Event (at Trinity)
- Mon., May 20 - Gr. 1-4 Field Trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary
- Tue., May 21 & Wed., May 22 - 8th Grade Class Trip to Wisconsin Dells
- Wed., May 22 - 8:30am Kindergarten Graduation
- Wed., May 22 - 8:45am-1:15pm Gr. 5 & 6 Field Trip to Christopher Gardens
- Thur., May 23 - End of Year Celebration at Town of Sheb. Firehouse Park
- Thur., May 23 - 7pm - 8th Grade Graduation at LHS

FAREWELL & OPEN HOUSE FOR SAM & LOIS EATHERTON



You are invited to an open house in honor of Sam Eatherton Sam and Lois Eatherton. Sam has accepted a Call to the Seminary in St. Louis, to serve as Kantor and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Lois Eatherton has accepted a Call to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Des Peres, Missouri to be a part-time teacher and music ministry assistant.

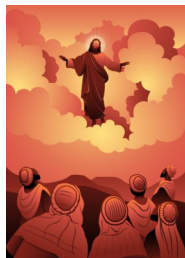
The Open House is Friday, May 31, after the Hymn Festival in our gym. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to thank Sam & Lois for sharing their talents and their faithful service to our congregation and school.

We would like to show our appreciation to the Eatherton family with a congregational cash gift. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please send your check (made out to Trinity, indicating it is for the Eathertons) or cash to the church or school office. There will also be a box for cards and well-wishes available in the gym during the Open House.

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Ascension Service
Thursday, May 9
8:30 am & 6:30 pm



Voters' Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, May 22
6:30 pm



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For more happenings at Trinity and updated calendar information, go to www.trinitysheboygan.org