



# the Trinity Trumpet

October 2024

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The Parish Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church; Danville, Illinois

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The fact that I am writing about it may seem a little self-serving. Bear with me. I am not seeking your appreciation. I don't have to. Trinity congregation and her members express their appreciation to me routinely. In all my years of ministry here I have rarely, if ever, felt unappreciated.

But I think it's important for people to know WHY they should appreciate the pastors who serve their congregations and families.

Some people appreciate their pastor because he has a great sense of humor. Some people appreciate their pastor because he's kind. Some people appreciate their pastor because he shares their personal interests or political viewpoints.

There's nothing wrong with a pastor having a sense of humor or being kind. Pastors, like all people, have personal interests and political views. But that's not why parishioners should appreciate their pastors.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 sheds light on the matter. It reads, **"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work."**

Did you hear that? **"Because of their work..."** Pastors are to be respected and highly esteemed in love not because of them, or their personalities, or their shared interests and points of view. They are to be respected and highly esteemed in love—appreciated, if you will, because of their work. Because of what they do.

On Sunday, October 27, we will celebrate the Reformation. If we learned anything from the Reformation it is that God does His good and saving work through His

Word and through His promises that He adds to the Sacraments.

The Reformation simply affirmed what the Bible says, that **"faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God,"** that **"the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation,"** that, **"the Holy Scriptures are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."**

So what is the "work" the pastor does, the "work" for which He is to be appreciated? It is the work of teaching the Word of God and preaching the Gospel. It is the work of administering the Sacraments—baptizing and celebrating the Lord's Supper. It is the work of hearing confessions and speaking the absolution.

Preaching requires a preacher. Teaching requires a teacher. Baptizing requires a baptizer. Celebrating the Lord's Supper requires someone to consecrate and distribute it. Confession requires a confessor to hear the confession and speak the absolution.

Pastors exist for the sake of the means of grace—the means of grace through which the Lord Jesus Himself speaks His Word, forgives and washes away sins, and feeds His people with the body and blood that He gave and shed for them on the cross.

In that way, when you appreciate the pastor because of his work, you are appreciating Jesus who has called him and placed him in the congregation to serve you with the means of grace.

When you respect and highly esteem the pastor because of his work, you are respecting and esteeming Jesus who shepherds His flock through that work. That's why we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month.

### **A VOICE FROM THE PAST**

CFW Walther, the 1<sup>st</sup> President of the LCMS, preached these words on Reformation Day, 1861—less than two years before Trinity's founding:

*Oh, how we should rejoice today, how we should praise God today, how we should thank Him today, that we by his grace are children of this Reformation and members of the Church resurrected by it! If ever, today we should cry out, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Yes, today we should forget all the need and misery of our time and let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with praise.*

### **IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY**

<b><i>Class</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Date/Time</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>
-Cafeteria Class	Cafeteria	Sundays, 8:30 a.m.	Gospel of Mark
-Thursday Morning Class	Cafeteria	Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.	Book of Romans

### **OFFICIAL ACTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Funerals: Sandra Jean Nosler, 9/25

Calls: 25 (5 HC) thru 9/25

### **BULLETS FROM BOPE (Board of Parish Education)**

- In addition to reading your Bible at home, join us for one of our weekly Bible classes at Trinity. We are studying Paul's Epistle to the Romans on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. we are walking and talking our way through Mark's Gospel in the cafeteria class.
- Parents, be sure to bring your children to Sunday school and confirmation class so they can gladly hear and learn God's Word.

### **SCHOOL MUSINGS**

-As always, it was wonderful to have our school students and their families join us for breakfast, Bible class & Sunday school, and worship on Sunday, September 29. Many thanks to the Sunday school and day school students for singing God's Word to us in the service.

-We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Abby Carlton who very ably taught grades 6-8 while Mrs. Cathy Huff was on leave. Even as we are very happy to have Mrs. Huff back; we will miss Mrs. Carlton.

-Thank you to everyone who purchased mums and spirit wear and who has contributed money or personal hygiene products to the TLS first quarter mission project—The Dwelling Place. Your help and support mean the world to us!

-Also, thank you to all who helped prepare or serve the Patriot Day breakfast or who simply came to show their appreciation to the firefighters, law enforcements, and medical first responders who serve us so faithfully and so well.

### **CHURCH PICNIC—BINGO!**

If you weren't at the church picnic you missed a wonderful meal, great conversation, and a lot of fun. Kudos to Maghen Wells, Abby Muehl, and all who helped provide our congregation with an utterly delightful afternoon.

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY!**

Reformation Sunday is always the last Sunday in October—this year, Sunday, October 27. Here are some suggestions on how to mark the day:

- Pick up a DVD copy of the movie *Luther* from the church library, then curl up with a bowl of popcorn and watch it.
- Check out a Luther biography from our church library and read it during the month of October. Roland Bainton's *Here I Stand* is a classic, while *Luther: Biography of a Reformer* by Frederick Nohl is a little more accessible. Younger readers might enjoy the graphic novel, *Echoes of the Hammer*. Pastor Tibben can help you find the books and the videos.
- Make a German meal and enjoy a good beer in honor of Luther and the Reformation.
- Read Luther's *95 Theses*, meditate on the words of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," or use the month of October to review The Small Catechism—just the part that Luther wrote.
- Last, but not least, come to church on Reformation Sunday to hear the preaching of the pure Gospel and to receive the Lord's Supper administered according to Christ's institution.
- You are a Lutheran! Act like it!

### **THANK YOU REV. SALCIDO—AGAIN!**

The Rev. Richard Salcido will teach Bible class and lead the Matins Service on Sunday, October 13. He very graciously filled in for Pastor Tibben the last two Sundays in July and has graciously agreed to help out in October. We are much obliged!

*Sola Gratia*  
Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*  
Faith Alone

*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone

**TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of Trinity Lutheran Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ to our members, our community, our world, and to the next generation.

**THE VALUES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE:** Strong Biblical preaching and teaching; our Lutheran heritage; fellowship in faith and love toward one another; bringing Christ's mercy in Word and deed to the community; and our Lutheran day school.

**TUNE INTO THE RADIO BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY** on WITY, 980 AM or 99.5 FM and listen to The Lutheran Hour at 10:00 a.m. and Trinity's church service at 10:30 a.m. You may also listen to Trinity's service again at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

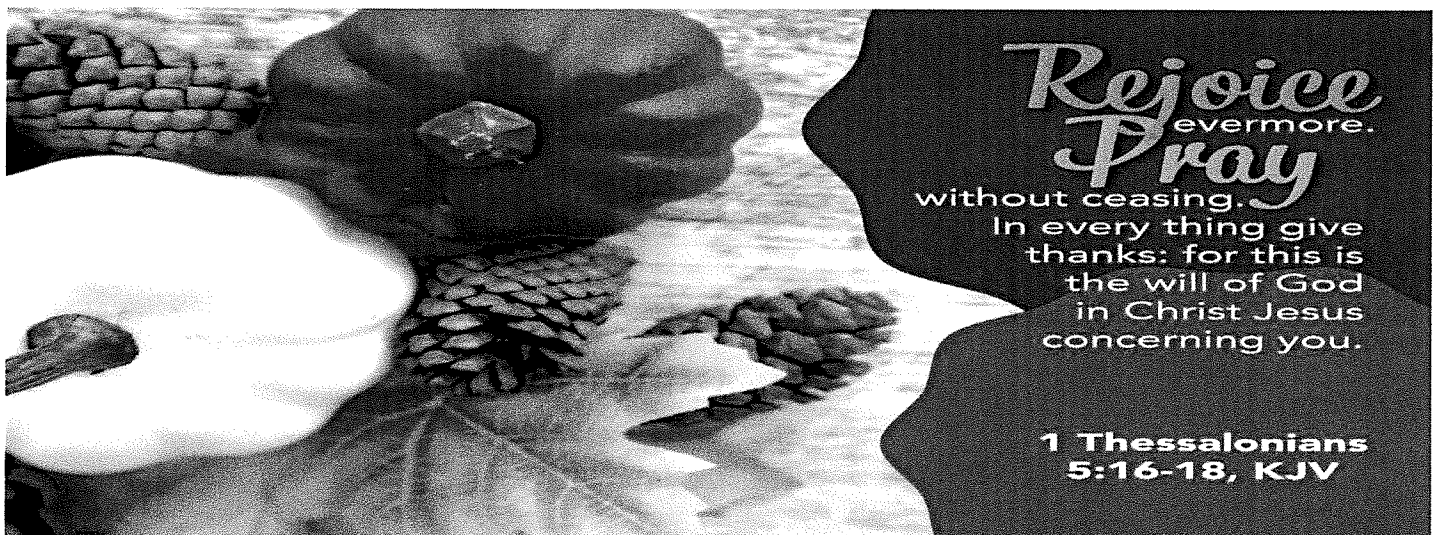
**WORSHIP ANEW** celebrates the new life all believers have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through weekly Scripture readings, favorite hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. View every program at [www.WorshipAnew.org](http://www.WorshipAnew.org) or tune in Sunday mornings on channel 49 WCIX Springfield at 7:30 a.m., channel 50 CW at 8:00 a.m., or channel 2 WTWO Terre Haute at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

**PRAY FOR THESE TRINITY MEMBERS:** Glen & Laura Berry; Jenon Bilstad & daughters, Morgan & Madison; Janet Bohner; Frances Bond; Susie Bond; Adalyn Bowman; Jerry & Linda Boyer; Shane & Nikki Boyer & son, Wyatt; April Brown; Roger & Michelle Brushaber & children, Joshua, Emily, & Aaron; Dennis & Cynthia Bryant; Patricia Bryant; Krystal Bryant & Christopher, Darren, & Shavon; David & Monica Budnovich & granddaughter, Aniya Woodley; Carolyn Burke; David & Mary Burmeister; Dallaz Camareno; Cierra Camareno & sons, Landen & Carter; Chuck & Lanette Cannady; Trish Ceader & daughters, Tory, Tannah, & Taylor; Cindy Chanley & daughter, Emily; Taryn Chesrown; Brian Clapp; David & Lisa Clapp & children, Kelsie & Kevin; Judy Clem; Chad Cooper & son, Anthony; David Cooper; Orlando Cooper; Teresa Cooper & sons, Davien & Hunter

**BETHANY BARKS** It is said, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." In that case, Bethany is very flattered! Bethany served as the model for the "Comfort Dog" at Sunset Funeral Homes and most recently for a dog being trained to work in-house at the Vermilion Co. Child Advocacy Center. Each of these dogs do basically the same comforting work as Bethany, except Team Bethany always offers God's words of encouragement and provides the opportunity to pray with them.

**THE DEADLINE** for submissions for the November newsletter is Friday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.

**THE OCTOBER SCHOOL BOARD** meeting has been changed from October 17 to October 24 at 5:00p.m.



## **SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN OCTOBER:**

**Altar Guild:** Linda Pollert, Pat Hubner, and Diana Gernand

### **Sound Schedule:**

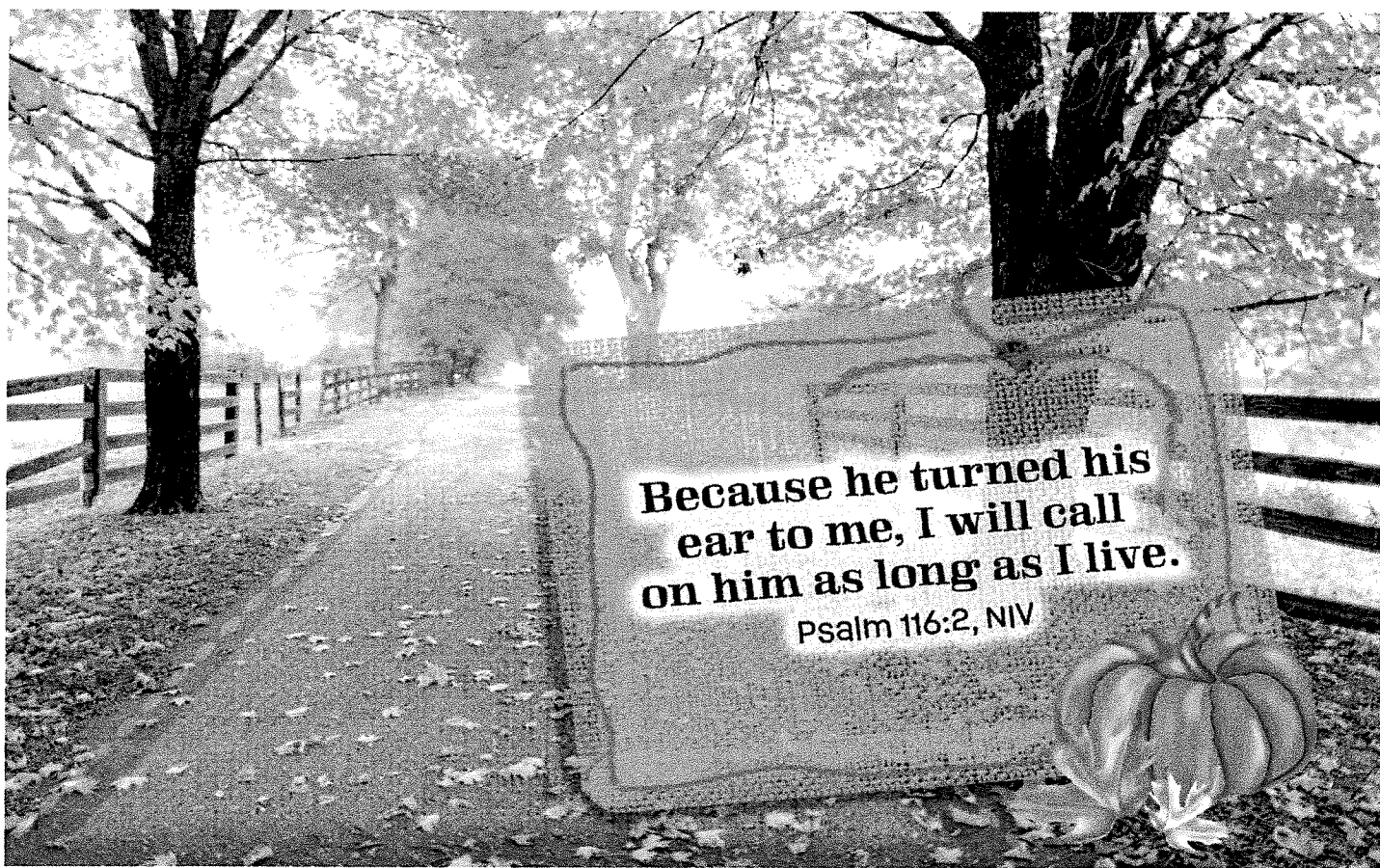
October 6 - Laura Hutchison  
October 13 - Dave Tobeck  
October 20 - Teresa Parish  
October 27 - Chris Kienast

### **Usher Captains:**

October 6 - Cliff Peak/Terry Mourer  
October 13 - Mike Klepp (Brian Parke)  
October 20 - Adam Muehl/Alex Muehl  
October 27 - Mike Westfall

### **Communion Assistants**

October 6 - Brad Pollert and Mike Westfall  
October 13 - Matins  
October 20 - David Sanders and Phil Muehl  
October 27 - Terry Mourer and Brian Parke



## **LWML-EUNICE NEWS** (information for ALL women in the congregation)

Eunice cordially invites all ladies of the congregation to join Eunice members for a dessert on Thursday, October 10, at 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Drinks and table service will be provided. Members are reminded to bring a dish to share. Come and join us in fellowship as we enjoy a dessert and plan upcoming events.

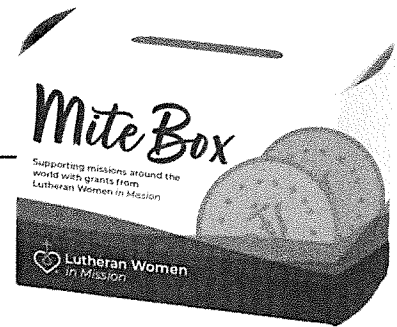
### **Mites -**

The October Prayer Calendar is included in this mailing. Mites are collected the first Sunday of each month at either entrance, then sent to LWML-Central Illinois District for distribution to the various mission grants, both for our District LWML as well as for National LWML. For more information, view these websites – [www.lwml-cid.org](http://www.lwml-cid.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

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*This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings. Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For Autumn and cooler weather.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #23.
3. For Poland, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the LWML North Dakota District.
5. For immigrants and the people who help them settle in the USA.
6. For coaches who give their time to young athletes.
7. For the country of Russia.
8. For musicians who bring us wonderful Christian music.
9. For Youth Group leaders.
10. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Meeting Manager.
11. For LWML Mission Grant #24.
12. For the LWML South Dakota District.
13. For the Florida-Georgia District.
14. For the country of Rwanda.
15. For our senses that allow us to enjoy our beautiful world.
16. For people who struggle to put food on the table.
17. For the country of Siberia.
18. For the LWML Minnesota North District.
19. For our local, state, and national elected leaders.
20. For Sunday school teachers.
21. For the country of Sierra Leone.
22. For the stars God created that are too numerous to count.
23. For beautiful sunsets that bring us to the close of each day.
24. For the country of South Korea.
25. For LWML Mission Grant #25.
26. For God's promise through a rainbow after a storm.
27. For our waste and recycling collectors.
28. For food pantries and people who donate and volunteer their time.
29. For the country of Sri Lanka.
30. For the sun that brightens our days.
31. For the Lutheran Reformation.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting  6:00 Choir 6:15 Adult Instruction	<i>2</i> 8:30 Chapel  6:30 DIVINE SERVICE	<i>3</i> 9:30 Bible Class  5:15 Yoga 6:00 Elders	<i>4</i> 4:00 Eunice Rummage Sale, Chili Supper & Bake Sale	<i>5</i> 8:00 Eunice Rummage Sale & Bake Sale
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