



Trinity Tidings

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TRICK OR TREAT!

You're invited to Trinity Lutheran Church's

TRUNK-OR-TREAT OCTOBER 31

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fun & Games • Safe • Convenient

See you in the parking lot!



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Sunday, October 19

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM
- Trinity Times 10 AM
- S&S and TW-ELCA meeting 10 AM

Monday, October 20

Tuesday, October 21

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 22

Thursday, October 23

- Adult Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- **No Comfort Crafts & Friends**
- Dartball at Dupont

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

- Baby Shower 8:30 AM

Sunday, October 26 - Confirmation

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM
- Trinity Times 10 AM

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8 AM - 12 noon

Other times by appointment

October FREE Community Meal

Chili and hotdogs will be served to the New London community on **Wednesday, October 29, from 5 to 6 pm.**



We need donations of chili for this meal. There are white containers (gallon size pails and quart size containers) located in the Narthex outside of the church sanctuary. Please take one or more and return your chili to church during office hours or during Sunday services. **Please no noodles in your chili donations.** Place the chili in the upright freezer in the storage room in the Fellowship Hall by **Friday, October 24.**



- Azim & Hamida and their families
- Leonard Blank - father of Trista Jo Westphal
- Jodie Laatsch - cancer
- Jill Willner - cancer
- Bonnie Robertson - aunt of Dixie Hill, hospice
- Patricia Erb - sister of Kelly Lehl, stroke and cancer
- Pastor Dean Desilet - friend of Pastor Chuck, cancer
- Klaudine Steinberg - daughter-in-law of June Steinberg, health concerns
- Jerry Carls - friend of Tom Luba, cancer
- Joy Flohr - cancer
- Paul Dobrydnia - friend of Tom Luba, recovering from a stroke
- Jaxson Empey - nephew of Woody Haag
- Juliette Ort - granddaughter of Lisa & Donn Howard; leukemia
- Susan Millard
- Sarah Hughes - relative of Terry & Lois Wegner, cancer
- Gene Guth - partner of Susan Millard and friend of Nancy Millard - cancer
- Sheryl Dunday - mother of Neal Dunday
- Carleen Bull - co-worker of Dan Wesenick, recovering from cancer treatment
- Tony Krajna - friend of Dan Wesenick, cancer
- Trista Jo Westphal - health concerns
- Leslie Larson - uncle of Marta Wesenick, cancer
- Kaden Wegner - grandson of Michael Wegner, health concerns
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns

Fall Fundraiser coming!

TW-ELCA will be hosting a **fall basket and Quilt fundraiser to support the missions of our church.** The fundraiser will kick off Oct 26 and run until Nov 30. We will need people to donate baskets with items or if you just want to donate items we will make baskets. Some donated baskets and bags are on the bench in front of the church office for you to take home and fill. Items and baskets can be dropped off in the church office. **We need your baskets or items before Oct 26.** Thank you all for your support of Trinity's missions near and far.



ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

If you would like to honor a loved one who passed away this past year, please **email** or **call** the church office with your name, the name of the one to be remembered and that one's relationship to you by Monday, October 27.

Trinity has received a request from the United Methodist Church of New London to support their Thanksgiving meal mission. Trinity has been a partner in the past and this is the month we do not do the Grab and Go meals. There is a container in the Narthex for any donations you wish to make to this meal. Donations need to be brought to their church the first week in November.



Bingo isn't the same without your prize donations! Do you have some regifting items to donate for Bingo? To make the party a success we will need some small prizes donated. Bingo will be held for about an hour after church service on November 9. Please drop off in the bin outside (clearly labeled for Bingo) or in the church office. Thank you!
Support and Service committee

Comfort Crafts makes prayer shawls, afghans for the Mission of Hope House, and hats and scarves for the schools. If you knit or crochet, please consider participating in the ministry. Yarn has been donated and is available.

You may also donate yarn to this ministry. Contact a member of Comfort Crafts or the church office for more information.

Comfort Crafts & Friends meets at Trinity from 6 - 8 PM on Thursdays. If you want to learn to crochet or knit, they are happy and honored to help you learn! Can't make it at 6:00 or every week? Come anytime during that time period or work at home. Feel free to bring whatever craft you are working on or just bring yourself for fun and laughter!

Do you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl as a source of comfort? Please contact the church office or someone from Comfort Crafts and they will be honored to help you pick something. Recipients do not need to be Trinity members.



We are looking for volunteers to serve as Slide Presenters, Live Stream Operators, and Altar Guild. Training will be provided.

Even if you aren't sure, please consider training and/or shadowing before making your final decision. It might not be as complicated as you are imagining! *The schedule for December through February will be done in mid-November and we could really use more help!* Contact [Dan Wegner](#) for slides or live streaming. Contact [Sue K.](#) for altar guild. Or contact the [church office](#).

Are you looking for a volunteer experience that directly helps your neighbors?

Make the Ride Happen is searching for volunteer drivers. You will provide rides medical appointments, the grocery store, and other essential needs. Not only will you be helping people get to where they need to go, but you will also be helping to overcome the barrier



of isolation that can be caused by the lack of transportation. You will have great conversations and possibly build new friendships. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact Shannon Zwitter directly at [920-979-0314](tel:920-979-0314) or the call center at [920-225-1719](tel:920-225-1719). Shannon.zwitter@lsswis.org; www.maketheridehappen.org



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;
⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil

and will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



Perseverance

What an act to follow! This is a picture of myself with Dr. Corey Pompey, director of the University of Wisconsin marching band. I had this picture taken 2 years ago before a game.

I began a relationship with him when he started about 4 years ago.

He followed the legendary Mike Leckrone, who was there for 50 years.

I had the privilege of marching in the band under Leckrone for 4 years, in the late 80's.

He took over a small band in 1969 and turned it into a powerhouse.

Many of you have seen the band.

Even when the football team has struggled, people have always enjoyed the band.

Mike was all about energy!

Then after 50 years he stepped down.

Dr. Pompey was contacted and interviewed and reluctantly accepted the position.

How do you follow a legend who served 50 years?

Just after he started I decided to email him some words of encouragement.

I know what it is like to follow someone who was popular.

I remember when I started my first call I was told how great a preacher my predecessor was and that I had big shoes to fill.

I knew that it especially had to be tough for him to



succeed someone who had been there 50 years and was adored by band members and fans.

He responded to me with gratitude.

He said it means a lot to him and the band to get words of encouragement and support.

I continue to email him every so often, and he responds with gratitude.

We all need encouragement.

Especially in our faith when we are living in difficult times, or when we are living through painful situations.

This is what we're seeing in Second Timothy.

Timothy, a leader in the church, is being encouraged to persevere in the faith in the midst of persecution as well as false teaching.

The author writes:

"But as for you, CONTINUE in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Timothy is reminded of all who have gone before him in the faith and guided and instructed him.

Most of all he is reminded of what continues to instruct him now: God's Word.

At that time, they only had the Old Testament (as the New Testament had not been compiled yet) but that was the foundation of the faith.

Timothy is told that all scripture is inspired, or literally in the Greek "God breathed."

All scripture is a means by which God can breathe life and faith and hope and love and forgiveness and resurrection, into people.

He has a tall order following all of the apostles who have gone before him.

He is encouraged to hang in there and rely upon the Word and the witness of other brothers and sisters in Christ.

Timothy is to persevere in the faith and teach others to do likewise by passing along the instruction he has received. What is his example for remaining steadfast despite the threat of persecution and the challenges posed by other teachers spreading false doctrine? Paul.

Paul went through incredible opposition: beatings, stonings, etc. but completed his mission.

Today we as Christians have the same tools as Timothy to persevere in the faith.

We have the Scriptures and the witness of all who have gone before us, as well as one another.

I just got back from our synod theological conference in Door County.

It was a great opportunity to support and uplift one another.

We worshipped and prayed together and encouraged one another in how are we as pastors and a church carry out the Gospel in a world full of hatred and division.

Some pastors were in pain, facing hostile and divided congregations, which reflects our society in many ways right now.

We uplifted one another.

We were reminded that we are not the church of the past but of the present.

We can learn from the past and build on the faith of those who have gone before us but trust in God's Word and one another to move forward.

We believe in a God who through Jesus' death and resurrection has reconciled us to God and is the God of the past, present, and the future.

We are in his hands.

Amen.

Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

Cindy Wolford, Jack Thurk

Lector

Cherrine Gagnow

Communion Assistant

Cherrine Gagnow

Musician

Sally McCormick

Slides

Treston Kaepernick

Livestream

Terry Lathrop

Altar Guild

Anita Simonson, Hazel Hoier



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October Sunday School

- **Every Sunday in October:** Story time will be held in the library for children ages birth to 3K.
- **October 5:** Sunday School at 10 a.m.
- **October 12:** Sunday School at 10 a.m.
- **October 19:** Sunday School at 10 a.m.
- **October 26:** It's a Pumpkin Party! Parents/guardians and students can join in the fun of carving pumpkins while we listen to a fun Pumpkin Parable. We'll show off our pumpkin carvings at Trunk-or-Treat!
- **October 31:** Trunk-or-Treat from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Unless otherwise listed, please drop off Sunday School students at main sanctuary door in the upper level parking lot. Pick up students at the lower level parking lot.*

