



# TRINITY TIDINGS

## SEPTEMBER, 2019

*Believing in Christ, we are called to grow and are sent to serve.*

### Thinking Out Loud With Pastor Josh

In my humble opinion, the greatest question we can ever ask is “Why.” It weaves past a lot of built in assumptions, it scoots around routines, it ignores expectations. Why do it that way? Why go that direction? Why keep listening to them? Why are we here?

Trinity’s leadership Council has been skillfully working through a book called Living Lutheran: Renewing Your Congregation in which the author, Dr Dave Daubert, works his readers toward the question “Why.” We have spent a remarkable amount of time-well used, valuable time-processing his questions at the end of each chapter. Sometimes we get stuck, most of the time we have discovered that each of us has been and continues to think and pray deeply for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our congregation. Each in our own way.

Why are we here?

It is always worth a congregation’s time to sit with this one question. Without it, we’ll continue down our paths and do the things we do and probably do great things, even if we’re not sure why. Or if it’s worth it. Or if it’s the best use of our resources. Or if it’s what is most important to the heart of who we are as a congregation. Church bodies change with new visitors, families moving on, and the passage of years.

Just as we as individuals and families are not who we once were. Always this realization that we have changed brings at first a little sadness. We’ve lost a step on the basketball court. We can’t quite write or draw as we once did. Our kids grow up, our houses get big, our cars break down, our job status changes.

And yet, we are people of a living God and we trust that God’s love goes with us as Grace continues to shape and move us. Maybe now we’re wiser. Maybe now we’re more settled. Maybe now we’re more energized and excited to serve. Maybe now we have a child. Maybe now we’ve discovered that we love to paint and create. Maybe now we are far enough away from our past not to be paralyzed by it.

You are not the same. I am not the same. This church is not the same. So, friends, why are you here? What is God calling from you? God chose poor shepherds to lead nations, God chose a youth to be a dynamic prophet, God chose fishermen and strong women to build the first churches. God chooses you. And God has chosen this congregation.

Why are you here? Why is Trinity Lutheran Church here at the corner of Brayton and Ogle in Mt. Morris, IL? Let that one word, “why,” rumble around in your prayers with God, and let’s listen together to how our Lord might respond.

Trust in God’s Grace.

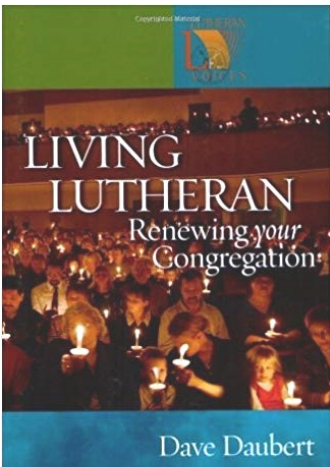
Pr Josh Ehrler

## WHAT MINISTRIES MUST CONTINUE AT TRINITY?

The special finance budget committee continues to meet and needs your input. Please share your thoughts regarding ministries that Trinity must continue with this special committee. Share your thoughts by returning them to the church as a note, sending an email, or by talking with a committee member. (Committee members are listed below.)

Thanks for sharing!

Pastor Ehrler	Sandra Stengel
Scott Diehl	Louise Stengel
Valerie Glotfelty	Louise Suttman
Joshua Keene	Rob Urish
Doug Raney	Jim Vickery
Joe Ricks	Vern Welp
Julie Robinson	Phil Wessels
Wayne Schelling	



## COUNCIL BOOK STUDY

**Living Lutheran:  
Renewing Your  
Congregation**  
**Rev. Dr. Dave Daubert**

Do you know Trinity's mission statement? Its probably scattered across this newsletter but we'll

put it right here for you: Believing in Christ, we are Called to Grow and Sent to Serve.

Well, then, what does that mean? That was the heart of our council discussion around chapter 7, "A Purpose Statement Isn't Enough." Dr Daubert challenges his readers to go beyond the slogans and catchy words and ask the question of what matters most to our congregation. Can we name that? Next month Council reads "Developing Your Guiding Principles." Don't be surprised if some of what Council discusses becomes community conversation. Keep reading and join the talks.



## PRAYER WALK

Sept 15 11 a.m.

Want to take a stroll through parts of Mt Morris? Join Pr Josh and a few others as we leave the main doors of Trinity and travel by foot up and down our area streets. The intent is to meet our neighbors, see our community from a different angle and pace, and pray. We may, if able, ask Three Questions of our neighbors, though this is not the most important task. No hard evangelism, no nosy intruding, no door knocking, simply a walk around town with a hope to see to Christ around us.

## THREE QUESTIONS

**What do you like about your community?**

**What is something you would like to see changed about this community?**

**If we could work on this change together, how would you be willing to help?**

These are the THREE QUESTIONS we are invited to ask our neighbors. Half sheets are available in the office and around the building if you would like a semi-formal way of taking notes. Ask folks while you're standing in line at the grocery store, grabbing coffee or in your backyard. THREE QUESTIONS is meant to be a safe, easy way for any of us to engage our community and gain some ideas on what people are thinking about in Mt Morris and beyond. Feel free to drop off your notes with the office and Council will compile all the information. We can't wait to hear from our neighbors.

## DEEP DIGS ADULT LEARNING

**Constitution Notes And Council Updates**

**Sept 22, Sept 29**

We have a Congregational Meeting set for Sunday, Oct. 20, and our Council expects several items will be discussed. Be sure to attend one of these learning events after worship Sunday Sept 22 and 29 to be caught up on all of the information you will need. Our Council believes in transparency and we are striving to always improve our communication. We hope we have a chance to chat with you and hear your questions at one of these important forums.

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

A summary of the August 12, 2019 meeting:

- Devotions were from Chapter 7 of Living Lutheran
- Discussion held on “A Purpose Statement Isn’t Enough.” Council had a lively discussion around ministries that we hold on to out of tradition and those that reflect our mission to Grow and Serve.
- Began discussion on Trinity’s identity.
- Motion passed to adopt the August 12, 2019 Agenda.
- Motion passed to approve July 8, 2019 minutes.
- Finance Committee reported has meeting with ELCA representative on developing a gift-giving policy set for August 19th.
- Finance Committee will hold second Budget meeting on August 14th.
- Craig Suttman presented information from one solar energy provider. Property committee is tasked to seek out more bids for solar conversion.
- Pastor Josh explained the E.L.C.A. declaration of becoming a Sanctuary Church in the U.S.A. Pastor Josh also summarized the Churchwide Assembly discussions and results.
- Meeting adjourned with prayer.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### JULY, 2019

Total Monthly Budget Income	\$ 15,578.46
Total Monthly Budget Expense	\$ 18,364.24
Year-to-date Budget Income	\$128,619.55
Year-to-date Budget Expense	\$132,595.08
Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (3,975.53)

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Many of us have found it much easier to make online transactions than cash or checks.

Trinity offers that option for regular giving as well. The church office has the form needed to get started.

## OGLE COUNTY CROP WALK CELEBRATES IT’S 50TH YEAR OF ANNUAL WALKS!

**Sun, Sept 29, 1:30 pm Reg. 2 pm Walk**

Did you know? **25%** of funds raised stay right here in Ogle County to benefit our Food Pantries, which includes Loaves & Fish & Oregon Lifeline

Pick up a Sponsor pamphlet & join others for a walk in and around Polo! There’s a walk option for all levels! 1 mile, 3 mile or 5 mile!

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Church Council has two committees that need volunteers:

Nominating Committee and Audit Committee. A brief explanation of each follows:



### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee will:

- Be voting members elected by the Congregation Council.
- Seek to obtain the names of candidates for every vacant Congregation Council position – presently 3 positions
- Solicit Council members, committee members, and the congregation for suggested names of candidates
- Seek qualified candidates who represent a cross section of the congregational demographics and who display gifts for particular areas of congregational ministry
- Make use of the newsletter, bulletins, temple talks, and the Trinity website to solicit names of candidates in the fall of the year
- Present slate of candidates to Council no later than January Council meeting

### AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The Audit committee will:

- Be three (3) voting members elected by the Congregation Council.
- Will not be members of the Congregation Council nor members of the Finance Committee.
- Be responsible to conduct an examination and review of all congregational financial records, including all established funds, to assure that such records fairly represent the financial condition of the church.
- Submit the findings of the audit to the Church Council and these findings shall be documented in the Annual Report of the Congregation.

Both committees are short-term. If you are willing to serve on either or both committees, please contact either the church office, Pastor Erhler, or a Church Council member below:

Vern Welp—President      Craig Suttman - Vice Pres.  
Joshua Keene—Secretary      Jim Vickery - Treasurer  
Arika Black, Joe Dettloff, Tom Dula,  
Holly Handschuh, Dave Link

## RESPONDING TO GOD:

## SHARING OUR GIFTS ·



### Our Churchwide Expression

Because we are not an independent church but part of a larger denomination that reaches into the world, part of our financial offering each month is shared with the Northern IL Synod (regional church body) and the ELCA (national church body). Our whole church, the ELCA, gathered for our triennial assembly in Milwaukee Aug 5-9 this year. Posted are the significant decisions, topics, and conversations that arose from this significant event.

+Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.

+A declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.

+Approved resolution declaring the ELCA is a “sanctuary church body,” encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources for this work.

+Approved support for the World Council of Church’s *Thursdays in Black*, awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.

+Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.

+Approved a declaration for inter-religious commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.

+Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church.

+Approved memorials: affirming but not endorsing the Poor People’s Campaign, care for immigrants and refugees, and other statements.

+Adopted a new social statement, “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Lutheran Call to Action,” and its implementing resolutions.

+Constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) to be ordained, from the previous practice of consecration.

+Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women’s ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.

## FAITH5 – “EVERY NIGHT IN EVERY HOME”



**Share** (highs and lows).

**Read** (a Bible verse or story).

**Talk** (about the Bible reading).

**Pray** (for each other). **Bless** (one another).

5 formative steps that may take 5 minutes or much longer before supper or getting into bed.

Look for the book marks in the pews and take one home for your own use.

Use the verse of the week found at the top of every Refrigerator Reminders as a way to open the Bible together.

Take 5 to Faith 5  
as a family, with friends, on your own.

### WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Our theme for September worship is “Set Free” and our format will be from the ELW, Setting 8.

We will be thinking of the ways we are Set Free and how we can Set Free our imaginations (and our fears) because we are wrapped in Grace.

Set Free

Sept 7/8 – Nothing Beyond God, Luke 8.22-35

Sept 14/15 – Not Missing a Thing, Luke 15.1-10

Sept 21/22 – Can’t Have Both, Luke 16.-13

Sept 28/29 – Rejoice God’s Presence, Luke 10.17-20

### 2019 CANTATA: I HEAR THE PROPHET CALLIN’

**Sunday, December 8, 3 pm**

**Weekly Tuesday practices for Vocalists begin**  
at Trinity on October 8th at 7 pm

**Weekly Tuesday practices for Instrumentalists begin**  
at Trinity on November 5 at 7 pm

Conductor/Jennie Saltzgiver  
Accompanist, Coordinator/Karen Larson  
karensarlson@gmail.com (219-309-4405)  
Instrumentalist Coordinator/Andy Eckhardt

Visit: [www.mmchristmascantata.com](http://www.mmchristmascantata.com)

## LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY NEWS

LIFELINE is located in Conover Square at 201 N 3rd St, Suite 6, Oregon, IL 61061

Hours: **Tues** 1:30 - 4:00 PM (food & clothing)

**Thurs** 1:00 - 4:00 pm (clothing only)

**Fri** 1:30—4:30 pm (food & clothing)

**Sat** 10:30—1:30 pm. (clothing only)

We thank everyone who helps us. Special thanks to those who come without much notice to help unload the trucks and those who stock the shelves. Thank you also goes to our Volunteers who sort the clothing and those who serve our clients. We are very grateful for all your help. Thanks to everyone that donates food or gives us a contribution.

We served 252 clients this past month.

**We are in need of: spaghetti sauce, pasta and noodles, tuna fish, jam and jelly.**

**Questions?** Call 815-564-8234

## LOT 12 MENTORING PROGRAM

Lot 12 is located at Mt. Morris Mobile Home Park.

Donna Wells will be doing her second year as the scheduler for mentors. Most months, they have 8 to 9 mentoring sessions. Signing up for even one Tuesday or Thursday afternoon is a big help. Time needed is 3:40 to 4:40 pm.

The mentoring program is for Kindergarten thru 6th grade. This school year, there are more younger children (kindergarten thru 2nd grade) than older children.

You can contact Donna at 815-734-7098 or [sdbtwells@comcast.net](mailto:sdbtwells@comcast.net).

Questions? Talk to one Trinity's mentors: Pastor Josh and Bev and Steve Opalka.

Thank you for your prayers and support for Lot 12.



## LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY

serves Mt. Morris & Leaf River.

It is located on the lower level of The Church of the Brethren: 409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris.

Hours: **1st & 3rd Thurs of each month: 4:30 - 7pm**  
**2nd & 4th Mon of each month: 2 pm - 4:30 pm**

For July, 104 households were served, for a total of 282 individuals.

Trinity's representatives on the Loaves & Fish Pantry Board are Barb Diehl & Marilyn Pazera.



Quick, what was the last thing you bought through Amazon? Did you use Amazon Smile and name Trinity as the recipient? Don't feel bad if you didn't. Next time you make that rush order of do-dads, check to make sure you're on the Amazon Smile side (it will say those words somewhere in the upper banner). If not, follow the directions below. Every order you make will give a small percentage to Trinity Lutheran Church. You get what you need and your church receives a financial gift. A win-win.

Type: [Amazon.com/Smile](https://www.amazon.com/Smile)  
Search for "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church" in Mt Morris, IL

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2. Peel off the Prairie Farms cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code.
3. Go to [www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause/](http://www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause/)
4. Click on Redeem Codes Now.  
Choose a Category. Faith Based & Religious  
Choose Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Morris
5. Enter cap codes.
6. Click the donate button

## LAST SUMMER'S GREEN BANNERS ARE NOW QUILTS

Last summer the Worship & Music Committee created temporary banners for the season of Pentecost. Fabrics which were donated to the quilters from Trinity friends & members were sorted into varying shades of green, from early spring pale greens to deep fall greens. The fabric was sewn into strips of color which reflected the green of the earth's seasons.

Last fall, when the season of Pentecost was over and the liturgical paraments changed from green, the cloth was taken down and given to Trinity's quilters. The group meets on Wed. mornings to create quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They put these strips together and made them into quilts that are hanging in our worship space and will be sent this fall with our other quilts and school kits to LWR to combine with quilts & kits Lutherans all over the United States provide for LWR. LWR sends quilts & school kits across the world for those who need a warm blanket or shelter following a disaster.

**The Quilting Group meets Weekly on Wed. 9-11 am beginning Sept. 11. No experience necessary!**



### NOISY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER

#### Trinity Quilters

The purpose of our Noisy Offering is to teach the joy of giving to God. Often our Noisy Offering supports ministries far beyond our walls. For September, we're collecting for our own Quilters group, which does all of their work beyond a line in our annual budget. They gather faithfully in the church basement and put together beautiful quilts for the purpose of having them packaged and shipped across the globe through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your generosity toward this vital ministry of our church. **Results of the Collection for LOMC = \$256.01** (for entire month of July and August)

## TWELCA NEWS

T.W.E.L.C.A. = Trinity Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. TWELCA's Mission statement: **to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**

**Naomi Group** meets the 4th Monday at 1 pm From April through November in the chapel/gathering space. In August & December they have joint events with the Dorcas Group

**Dorcas Group** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9 am in the chapel/gathering space. In August & December they have joint events with the Naomi Group.

Both groups welcome all women to join them!



### TWELCA WOMEN SPONSORING LWR SCHOOL KITS

Please help children around the world by donating from the list below **by Sunday, Sept 22nd**, when they will be assembled during coffee hour.

**Monetary donations are also welcome!** Please put monetary offerings in the offering plate or leave in the office with note "for TWELCA school kits."

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- \***Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approx. 8" X 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper**
- \***One 30 centimeter ruler, or ruler with Centimeters on one side and inches on the other**
- \***One pencil sharpener**
- \***One 2 1/2" eraser**
- \***One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**
- \***Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**
- \***Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- \***One box of 16 or 24 crayons**

**A Drawstring backpack is provided by Trinity.**

**Please, per LWR, do NOT donate the following items:** any with religious symbols/ messages, or decorated with a U.S. Flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to armed forces, including camouflage. (Tiny American flags showing where the items are made are okay.) Marked buckets for items are placed in the back of the church & in the bell tower hallway.



## RALLY DAY! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

We want to kick off this year's Sunday School program for everyone with a Rally Day celebration.

Please join us on the church lawn following the 9:30 am worship service (weather permitting - in fellowship hall if inclement weather)

Bring a dish to pass if you'd like! We will provide hot dogs, chips and baked beans.

There will be games on the lawn for the young and young at heart.

We will also enjoy a cake walk! **We are asking for 4 people to provide 2 dozen cupcakes each.**

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office, or, you can contact the office at [trinitymmooffice@gmail.com](mailto:trinitymmooffice@gmail.com) or 815-734-6354.

See you There!

## MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING

### FOR 6th GRADE thru HIGH SCHOOL

**Sunday, September 22.  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**



Meet in the fellowship hall. We will be playing the game "Romans and Christians" to kick off our year of youth ministry.

Bring friends, \$5 per person and be ready for fun!  
We will meet the 3rd Sunday of each month

## PRE-CON: A NEW SUNDAY GROUP FOR 5th-6th GRADERS Sunday, Sept 29th, 11:00am

Pr Josh and Melissa have created a new opportunity specifically for anyone in 5th-6th grades. A little too old for traditional Sunday learning, not quite ready for YC, Pre-Con participants will meet with Pr Josh once a month for learning, chatting, and periodic activities. On other Sundays, pending plans with our younger students, Melissa will hang out with and lead the Pre-Con group. Other adults will be recruited as well. The formal schedule will be finalized and distributed to all interested families. Parents and loving adults, you are always welcome to attend and are warmly invited to our first session Sunday Sept 29th, 11am.

## SINGERS WELCOME!

Chancel Choir is always looking for people who love to sing. Singers from junior high age and up are welcome to join their voices in praise. Our first rehearsal will be 9/11 from 7-8 pm. We will sing in worship at least once a month on Sundays and for special services throughout the year. Invite a friend and come and join us.



"I just wanted to say Thank You to those who helped out with Illinois Junior

Chefs! It cannot be done without the help of our volunteers. The University of Illinois Extension appreciates all of the extra hours and hard work you put in. The kids had such a great time and learned so many new things! I think they are very excited to start using their cookbooks. Thank you for encouraging all of the children on their kitchen skills and making healthy choices. Thank you again!"

Natalie Coy,  
SNAP Educator  
University of  
Illinois Extension



## JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

### YC First Night September 25

YC = Youth Confirmation, our junior high leadership and learning ministry. If you are going into grades 7-8, YC is designed for you. Plan now to attend our First Night Sept 25, 6:30 pm, with your parents/loved ones and you'll find out how it all works. Already planned for 2019-2020:

- \*devotions at the Mt Morris Fire Department
- \*wandering a cemetery (at night!)
- \*driving with Jesus at Sunset Golf Course
- \*monthly hang outs at LOMC
- \*road trips to a synagogue, a mosque, and a church in Rockford
- \*our awesome annual weekend retreat to Chicago May 1-3, 2020

Participants do not need to be members of Trinity or affiliated with a congregation. Yes, we talk about faith and churchy stuff; we also talk about how to be dynamic leaders and role models in our community. YC is meant to help get you ready for your next stage in life. See you at First Night and feel free to invite a friend.



## 2019 SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Our 7th season of serving lunches ended on August 1st. We wish to thank all of our dedicated and amazing volunteers! We truly could not do this without YOUR help!

Amanda & Buck Cowen  
Carolyn Dilbeck  
Mary Jo Dilbeck  
Melody Dula

Joshua Keene  
Robin Keene  
Marilyn Pazera  
Steve Pearson

Darlene Raney  
Charlotte Smith  
Ruth Stauffer  
Louise Suttman

Whether it was washing tables with bleach water beforehand, packing lunches in coolers and taking them to the lawn & back; counting and dating left over lunches; washing tables afterwards; cutting apples and oranges; opening food bags; handing out wet wipes, reading stories or visiting with the children, each and every task was done with loving care!

Once again, the LeFevres, Reckmeyers, Urishes & Welps delivered their coolers for our use for the entire two months! We appreciate your willingness to loan them to us!

We had 26 days of serving meals. Some days were beautiful, some were windy. Some were cool and rainy, some were hot and humid! Through it all, everyone came and generously gave of their time!

We averaged 21 meals served per day. We had a core group of 6 children who came each and every day, and several families who dropped in regularly, and others who stopped by occasionally.

We are grateful that Trinity is willing to open our church and provide the tables, carts, refrigerators, and money for extra food (on the days the children outnumbered the meals ordered) It's a guessing game!

We were generously blessed by many donations; we hesitate to list them individually, for fear of missing someone's generous donation!: popsicles from the Mount Morris Community Outreach Committee when they hosted Porchfest at Trinity. The kids favorites: yogurt & string cheese, from Steve & Georgia Pearson. Ice cream from Joe Dettloff & Floyd Drumheller to make shakes with our leftover milk! Plenty of sidewalk chalk & laminating pouches from Joshua & Robin Keene, that gave the children lots of opportunities to share their artwork. To the Ricks family for donating the umbrella table & chairs that provided cozy seating, especially for our smallest attendees. Plastic totes from Linda Duffy that kept the share table items organized and kept paper plates, cups & napkins from blowing away. Dixie cups from Craig & Louise Suttman for the children to have plenty of water on hot days and after playing games. Cheez Whiz from Amanda & Buck Cowen for the broccoli and green beans that were harvested from our very own garden! We couldn't have planted our flower bed by the Brayton Road door without Property Committee members cleaning out the evergreen roots and preparing the soil!

Thanks to Amanda for juicing pounds of oranges to make fresh orange juice, and making apple crisp. Both were delicious ways to use up leftovers.

We are grateful for the prayers and donations of money that we receive to continue this ministry. We look forward to serving our community for the 8th season! With much appreciation, Linda Duffy & Nancy Nelson





# TRINITY'S SERVANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

## Altar Guild

All Month Melody Dula

## Acolytes

1 Caleb Ehrler  
8 Caleb Ehrler  
15 Cooper Johnson  
22 Alex Persinger  
29 Noah Johnson

## Ushers/ Greeters\*

Sat: Kevin Nelson (all month)  
Sun: Bob & Crete Lefevre (all month)  
Please see note below+

## Song Leaders & Cantors

1 Doreen Vickery  
8 Linda Borneman  
15 Steve Pearson  
22 Lily Welp  
29 Mary Jo Dilbeck

## Assisting Ministers:

Aug 31 Sept 1 Avery Sellers  
7 Arika Black 8 Ashton Persinger  
14 Arika Black 15 Ashton Persinger  
21 Arika Black 22 Carolyn Dilbeck  
28 Arika Black 29 Carolyn Dilbeck

## Blood Pressure Checks

29 Robin Keene & Crete LeFevre

## Lector Schedule\*

1, 8, 15: Steve Pearson  
22 & 29: Lily Welp

## \*Scripture Readings

31/1 Psalm 112  
Luke 17.11-19  
7/8 Psalm 1  
Luke 8.22-25  
14/15 Psalm 51.1-10  
Luke 15.1-10  
21/22 Psalm 113  
Luke 16.1-13  
28/29 Psalm 103.1-5, 20-22  
Luke 10.17-20

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Sign up sheet is posted on bulletin Board outside office. Or, call or email office. See far left column for phone & email information

31/1 Melissa Nicholson  
7/8 Rally Day on the Lawn!\*

14/15  
21/22  
28/19

## Altar Flowers

Calendar & Information for providing flowers is on bulletin board in Narthex (back of worship space). Questions? Ask Karen Larson, any Altar Guild member or contact office.

31/1  
7/8  
14/15  
21/22  
28/19

## Home Communion

(Normally 1st Sunday of Month)

Dave & Cindy Link  
Sandra Stengel

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon. — Thurs.**  
**8:30 am — 12:00 pm**  
**1:00 pm — 4:00 pm**

**Friday:**  
**8:00 am — 12:00 pm**

**+Ushers/Greeters Needed  
for Oct. Nov. Dec, Jan.....  
Please consider taking a  
month, or half  
of the month, etc.!**

**A sign-up sheet is posted on  
bulletin board outside office,  
or contact the office.**

**Thank You!**

## **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Believing in Christ,  
we are called to grow,  
and are sent to serve.**

Ministers: All Members of Trinity

Pastor: Josh Ehrler  
Office 815-734-6354, Ext 1001  
Email: prjoshehrler@gmail.com

Christian Education Director  
Melissa Nicholson  
815-440-0279  
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Office Manager: Nancy Nelson  
Office 815-734-6354, Ext 1002  
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Sexton: Floyd Drumheller  
815-734-6354

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## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**SEPTEMBER 2019**

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (\*DETAILS INSIDE)

SATURDAY evening worship service at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship Service  
Fellowship Time following Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL: **Resumes September 8th\***

We also have a Youth Group (6th grade through high school) that meets the 3rd Sunday of each month!

### WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS RESUME:

**Wednesday, September 11.**, 6-7 pm Chime Choir+  
7-8 pm Chancel Choir++

++Chancel Choir will only meet on Sept 11. They will resume meeting weekly beginning Wed., Oct 2nd!

+Chime Choir will meet weekly starting Sept. 11th.

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE (\* DETAILS INSIDE)

- Thru Sept 22 - Collecting LWR School Kit items\*
- Wed Sept 4, 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
- Sun, Sept 8, 10:45 am Sunday School Rally Day!
- Wed. Sept 11, 9 - 11 am Weekly Quilting Group
- Sun, Sept 15, 11 am Prayer Walk w/Pastor Josh\*
- Sun Sept 22, 7-8:30 pm Youth Gathering 6th—12th \*
- Wed, Sept 25, 6:30 pm YC First Night\*
- Sun, Sept 29, 11 - 11:30 am 1st session of Pre-Con. for 5th & 6th graders & parents.\*
- Sun, Sept 29, 1:30 Reg. 2 pm Walk 50th Annual CROP Walk in and around Polo\*
- Tues, Oct 8, 7-8 pm First weekly vocal rehearsal for 2019 Cantata, to be held Sun, Dec 8, 3 pm, here at Trinity\*
- Sun, Oct 13, 3 pm Fall Concert: Jacques Saint-Cyr, flute, & Erik Olson, pianist 10