



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

EXPERIENCING AND SHARING JESUS

October 2021

*"Come, let us return to*  
**THE LORD.**  
*He... will bind up our wounds."*

Hosea 6:1, NIV

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Traditional Worship - Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

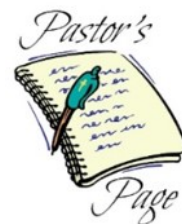
Traditional Worship - Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship - Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Join us online - Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. [trinity-urbana.org](http://trinity-urbana.org)

Is it possible to be overwhelmed when studying God's Word? There is so much in the Bible, where do you start? What's the number one thing to get out of it? If you were studying for an exam in a class, perhaps you'd start with a list of essential topics which you expect would be on the test. But with the Bible, *life* is the test, so where do you begin? What is the first and most essential message that you need to know from God's Word?

The message of the Bible is not topics nor knowledge to be mastered, but a person to be worshiped and adored. The message of the Bible is Jesus; and it is God's Spirit who brings Jesus to life for us in the pages of the Bible. From now until May, we'll walk through selected readings in the Bible to see just how wonderful Jesus really is. Here are just a few references:



### **True God**

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form." Colossians 2:9 (NIV)

### **True Man**

"There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:6 (NLT)

### **King of kings – Lord of lords**

"He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords." 1 Timothy 6:15 (NKJV)

### **Servant of all**

"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." Philippians 2:6–7 (NIV)

### **True Forgiveness**

"He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:6, NLT) – "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)

### **Living Hope**

"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7 (CEV)

These quotes are from the famous Apostle Paul. Though Paul is a famous person of the Bible, he had a decidedly infamous beginning. As a passionate Pharisee, he assiduously studied and memorized the Bible, though he hadn't yet tasted of the Spirit who inspired its' writers. He worked tirelessly to wipe out the work of Jesus Christ. It was on one of these destructive missions that he met the living Lord Jesus. Paul, who started as the self-proclaimed, "worst of sinners," came know God's powerful love expressed through Christ's patience and mercy. And he realized that the Gospel could transform anyone (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Later, as Paul reached the end of his earthly life, Christ's gift of faith and the Spirit sustained him. As we read the Bible, we see that Paul doesn't focus on all the bad things he was experiencing—prison, persecution and the prospect of martyrdom. Why? In Christ, we experience the powerful presence of God, in part, even now. True, our remaining sin and the consequences of sin interfere with that experience, but our faith is not anchored to any of these. It is anchored to Christ. God, Himself, is our joy. Yes, He will wipe away our tears. Yes, He will heal our wounds and cure our diseases. Yes, He will finally do away with that awful enemy, death. But all of these blessings, while infinitely great, just speak of the character of who Jesus is. Having Him and being His is what brings joy. It's essential for us to focus and refocus on Jesus. We have constant tension with this in the world, but to savor the beautiful Savior is pure and refreshing. This is why we are walking through this study together. Not just to know or learn God's Word, but to see Jesus. To see and know God—who He really is.

Blessings in Jesus,

*Pastor Shawn*

## President's Report to the Congregation

Dear Trinity Members,

On November 14, we will have our fall congregation meeting, which is called a "Voters' Assembly" in our Constitution and Bylaws. Our agenda will include reports from some of the elected congregational officers on Parish Council, including President (Winkel), Treasurer (David Lange), and Property Manager (Dan Roney), and from chairpersons of the Building Committee (Dave Kuehn) and Preschool Committee (Carol Niemann). In addition, we will have reports from Ministry Council (Pastor), and Board of Elders (Kevin Donoho).

The final agenda is being prepared and may include additional items. Among the issues that we will be considering will be the 2022 church budget, our building project, and election of Trinity's congregational officers, including President, Vice President, and a Member-at-Large.

Regarding the elections of congregational officers, if you are interested in being a candidate, please contact Nina Frank ([ninamcf13@gmail.com](mailto:ninamcf13@gmail.com)) or David Lange ([davidlange@me.com](mailto:davidlange@me.com)), who are on the Nominating Committee. Each position would be for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.

I am currently President and would be willing to serve again if elected. Dean Hull is Vice President but has decided not to run again and we thank him for his service to Trinity. Dave Kuehn has said that he would serve as Vice-President if elected. Jennifer Holhubner had been serving as one of two the Members-at-Large but resigned in June and we thank her for her service to Trinity. Harry Rouse has been appointed to serve the remainder of Jennifer's term which ends December 31, and he has said that he would serve as Member-at-Large if elected to a new term.

For anyone who is interested in being candidate for an elected congregational office at Trinity now or in the future, I recommend becoming familiar with Trinity's Constitution and Bylaws, especially Trinity's mission and the duties and responsibilities of Parish Council and the Ministry Council. To that end, I will email a digital copy of the Constitution and Bylaws to all members.

In closing, my prayer is that we do God's will as we come back and enjoy worship and fellowship together, and that as we rebuild and improve our church property, we do so out of love for Him and for one another.

Grace and peace,

Rick Winkel, President  
Trinity Lutheran Church

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## **Building Committee Report**

Major work in progress involves transferring all utilities to new connection locations to enable demolition and construction to commence. Also, several trees and stumps must be removed to allow access of heavy construction vehicles. The trees will be removed first followed by transfer of the utilities.

On Wednesday, September 29, a meeting was held at church with Robert Huddleston, site supervisor for Zion Church Builders and George Burrell of Zion. Representatives of our church at the meeting were Pastor Boylan, Architect Elsa Reifsteck, President Rick Winkel, Building Committee Chair David Kuehn, Head Elder Kevin Donoho, and Property Manager Dan Roney. Prior to the meeting, a representative from Ameren and Davis Electric also were on-site. Reports from the meeting are included below.

### ***Utilities Transfer: Property Manager Dan Roney reporting.***

Zion will have construction fence installed around the site leaving the garden and preschool doors as emergency exits only.

The gas line will be rerouted by Ameren.

Ameren will finish installing the transformer and run power lines.

Davis Electric will install CT box and meter head.

Construction trailer will be placed along the northeast side of the church.

The tentative date for demolition is the middle of October.

### ***Tree Removal: Kevin Donoho reporting.***

Bids were solicited from nine tree removal companies and three responses were received.

The bids were compiled and submitted to Jim Hinze and Bob Huddleston of Zion.

It was decided to choose the bidder that would cut down the trees and haul stumps away at the most reasonable price. Marty Downing of Mansfield was chosen and invited to perform the work. We are waiting for his response.

Downing's bid is to cut down all marked trees for removal. Stark construction will dig out the stumps and Downing will haul the stumps for disposal.

The trees need to be removed very soon to allow transfer of utilities. Trees will be removed beginning with the large cypress and oak trees, then progressing north and circling clockwise around the property until all marked trees are removed.

David Kuehn  
Building Committee Chair

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## Wee Disciples Preschool News

A big thank you to the Rott family for donating books to the preschool. We feel so blessed by this thoughtful contribution to our preschool.

With the start of the Trinity Fellowship Hall Construction, Wee Disciples Preschool will begin new student Drop off/Pick up procedures. Since the back parking lot will be blocked off, we will have a drop off and pick up line along Anderson Street so the students can enter the building at the front entrance of the church. Drop off is between 8:30-8:45 am each Monday-Friday and Pick up is between 11:30-11:45 am each school day. Cones will be placed in front of the church along Anderson each morning to create a line for cars each school day, and this will inhibit parking directly in front of the church when preschool is in session. I want to thank the Trinity Lutheran Church membership for your cooperation, patience and understanding with the procedures we are putting in place during construction.

October is an exciting month at Wee Disciples Preschool. We will start the month finishing up our unit on Taking Care of the Earth. Then we will jump into learning about Construction and construction vehicles. Having a construction site right outside the classroom window is going to be awesome! In Bible Time we will continue to make our way through the Old Testament focusing on some of our favorites such as Moses, David, and Daniel.

Mark your calendars for a free parenting workshop entitled, "Go Family, 9 Ways to Bring More Team Unity to Your Home," on October 12, 2021, from 6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom meeting format. This is a presentation by Christine Leeb from Real Life Families and is open to the community. To register for this event, please email me at [weedisciplespreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:weedisciplespreschool@yahoo.com). A Zoom Invite will be sent out to all participants on October 11th.

Monday, October 11, is no school at Wee Disciples to observe a Fall Holiday. October 21 & 22 is our Chapel time with Pastor Shawn. On October 26 & 27, we will have Fall Parties for our students to celebrate this wonderful season with some fun games and snacks. Finally, on October 28 & 29, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held for all Wee Disciples students. There is no school on either of those days to accommodate the conferences.

God's Blessings,

Karen Rohrer,

Director and Teacher

## Free Parenting Seminar **Go Family!** 9 Practical Ways to Bring More Team Unity in our Homes



**This world needs stronger families and it starts in our homes and the relationships that we build within it. Building a strong family takes time, energy, prayer, patience, love, balance, discipline, and teamwork. In this Parenting Seminar, Christine Leeb, author of Go Family!, will:**

- **Teach strategies for helping your kids feel like they belong**
- **Share practical, powerful, and even a little crazy-creative ideas for inviting cooperation into your everyday life**
- **Empower you with relationship-building tools to establish a team environment in your home**

**Presented in Zoom Format**

**October 12 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Email by October 10 to Register**

**[weedisciples-  
preschool@yahoo.com](mailto:weedisciples-preschool@yahoo.com)**

**Sponsors:**



**Real Life Families**



**Wee Disciples Preschool  
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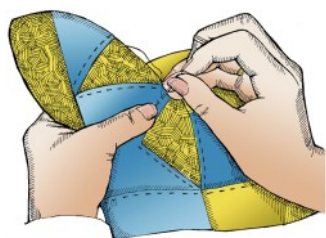
## WIM NEWS:



**LWML Champaign Zone Rally:** We had a successful LWML Rally on Sept. 15 at Trinity with approximately 50 people in attendance from 9 churches in our Champaign zone (including our Trinity ladies). Our "Gifts From the Heart," recipient, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, received \$315 in cash donations, which was greatly appreciated. The opportunity to gather together in worship and fellowship was truly a blessing for all who attended.

We also want to thank all Trinity members who donated items for our school, layette, and hygiene kits. These will be sent to Orphan Grain Train in October and distributed to needy persons. Our quilts will also be sent to Orphan Grain Train and we pray they are a blessing to those who receive them.

-Faith Wetzel, WIM President



**Pieces of Love** - quilting - we have started meeting again on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the church library. If you would like to join us, please contact Jennifer at [jholhubner@hotmail.com](mailto:jholhubner@hotmail.com) or 217-840-9439.

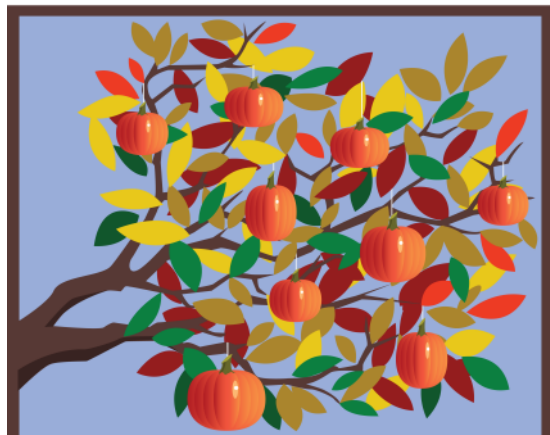
We are also looking for any donations of queen- or king-sized flat sheets to back these beautiful works of art. Prefer solid color, but will take any.

Donations of fabric or sheets can be left outside the classroom we use.

Thank you and God's blessings to you all.



# OCTOBER



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

10/1 Lindsey Cox  
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10/2 Wayne Matthews  
10/3 Lauren Holderfield  
10/5 Janet Boerngen  
Etimet Stifanos  
10/6 Bill Peifer  
10/7 David Nation  
Auggie Rusch  
10/8 Kathleen Harvey  
Scott Summers  
10/9 Bill Benton  
10/12 Carolyn Meyer  
10/13 Risë Lange  
David McWilliams  
10/16 Tammy Cress  
Ed Werner  
10/17 Paul Otis

Joseph Umphenour

10/19 Bonnie Renfrew  
10/20 Denise McWilliams  
Megan Roegge  
10/21 Wade Althoff  
10/26 Randa Davis  
10/30 Kevin Albers  
10/31 Wayne Schmidt

### Anniversaries

10/1 Jim & Kerry Rossow (27 years)  
10/7 John & Susan Sheppelman (26 years)  
10/8 Jeremy & Shawna Benton (3 years)  
10/11 Mike & Betty Strom (41 years)  
10/12 Brad & Kathy Ashmore (30 years)  
10/15 Daniel & Rachel Albers (10 years)  
10/24 Wayne & Lavonne Schmidt (50 years)  
10/26 Debesai & Senait Stifanos (19 years)

### Prayer Requests:

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer or have praise to share. Prayer request cards are available in the narthex.

Or, submit your prayer request to us electronically via email at [prayer@trinity-urbana.org](mailto:prayer@trinity-urbana.org) or through our church website at <https://trinity-urbana.org/prayer-requests/> Or contact our church office at by phone at: (217) 367-8923, M-F, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



### Trinity Small Groups

Please reach out to the individual group leaders for additional meeting details.



- Women's Book Group - 7 p.m.-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (Risë Lange, [riselange@icloud.com](mailto:riselange@icloud.com))
- Pieces of Love at church - 6 p.m. Wednesdays (Jennifer Holhubner, [jholhubner@hotmail.com](mailto:jholhubner@hotmail.com))
- Women in Mission at church - "LWML (WIM) LWML meeting is October 12 (Faith Wetzels, [fdorzelurb@gmail.com](mailto:fdorzelurb@gmail.com))
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Pastor Ehlers) - weekly bible class Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Class will not meet on Tuesday, October 12 as Pastor Ehlers will be away on a trip.
- Young Adults Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom (Jill Boylan)
- Breakfast Bible Study at Urbana Gardens (Phil or Joyce Bell)
- Couples Bibles Study (Risë Lange)
- Home Bible Study at the Rouse's (Hilary Rouse)

### September Giving

September 5, 2021	\$6,086
September 12, 2021	\$5,630
September 19, 2021	\$3,862
September 26, 2021	\$3,432
September total offerings	\$19,010
YTD receipts	\$197,133
Copies of Trinity's monthly income, expenses and full budget breakdown are available in the narthex.	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30a Traditional Service 8:30a Online Worship 10:45a Contemporary Service 10:45a Online Worship	4 9:30a Pastor Ehler's Bible Study	5 9:30a Pastor Ehler's Bible Study	6 6:00p Pieces of Love 6:30p Young Adult Bible Study	7	8	9 5:30p Worship Service
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