

SEPTEMBER Trinity Tidings Newsletter

Creative Crafts with a Mission will be hosting a Fund Raiser/Craft Sale on Sept 16th. In addition to a free will offering there will be a display table for our mission project Gabriel's Box as well as a small craft sale. All funds go toward purchasing items for and assembling memory boxes for parents who have lost their baby. Boxes are given to local hospital to aid grieving parents. Your consideration and generosity would greatly be appreciated.

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ATTENTION VETERANS:

If you or someone you know from the congregation is a veteran you are asked to provide some information detailing your service. Your name, branch of service, rank and how many years you served are what we are collecting. Also, if you have a picture you would like to submit please send this and all of the information to Judy in the office by October 11, 2018. The information you are sending will be utilized for a Veterans Day Celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you have any further questions please call Justin Hackett 320-249-3813 or any member of

Lay Ministry.



Upcoming Events:

Sept 3—Labor Day

Sept 5—Parent Mtg. for all families

Sept 9—Rally Day Mission Festival

Sept 12—God's Grub & Confirmation Classes begin

Sept 16—Gabriel's Box Offering & Congregational Meeting

Sept 23— Voter's Meeting & Circuit Forum at Trinity

Sept 24—Dine to Donate at Mongo's Grill

From the Pastor's Pen

"All good things must come to an end." vest in these new beginnings! So said Geoffrey Chaucer in the 1380's. In fairness, you need to know, that these new things

the calendar flips another page, we see the end of sum- tations, fears, doubts, brokenness, challenges; these mer. break, the end of summer schedules, the end of a sense promises isn't just a change, it's something better...far of "freedom" for families. Personally, I'm closing in better. On a cross Jesus said, "It is finished!" Through on the end of my first year among you. While I hope Jesus John was able to see what would come next: a that we are excited about the days ahead together, I rec- new heaven and a new earth, a new creation...one born ognize some of you mourn the end of Pastor Paul's ten- of the Spirit, one given truly perfect earthly substance. ure. Soon enough, we will even have to say goodbye to Resurrection and righteousness, eternity and blessedour beloved DCO, as Craig's ministry among us will ness, joy and satisfaction; these are marks of a new bealso come to an end. Terms and tenures come to an ginning, a better beginning, without end. Sin comes to end. All good things, it seems, must do so.

The Apostle John, exiled on an island called Patmos, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man...He will saw the end coming. Then I saw a new heaven and a wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crypassed away... Revelation 21:1. The first heaven and ing, nor pain anymore, for the former things have first earth had passed away...that's the heaven and passed away...Behold, I am making all things new...I earth we are on, the one we know. It will come to an *am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the* end.

Good things end. Perhaps. But if there is any truth to it, then it can also mean something new is coming. Summer is at an end; yet September welcomes a new season and a new time of learning. Fall will come. And students of all ages will pick up the mantle of growth - both in the academics of society (math, science, language, etc.) and in the academics of the Spirit (prayer and reading, Biblical study, devotion in action). Worship life in the festival season of the Church year will begin. We will gather, discuss, and plan new initiatives and see anew lives being enriched and enlivened by the Gospel; and much that was at an end will be "reborn." We will confirm. We will graduate. We will plan. We will grow.

These beginnings will have their cycle. They are valuable and helpful. And these new beginnings will invite our time, our talent, our treasure, to become something valuable. Some new things at Trinity are already planning. Such as: A Rally Sunday Mission Festival; intentional conversations regarding how we form Christian character in our confirmands and how we desire to do so; a new year look at our personal management of God's Gospel and earthly gifts in the spheres of our lives (in society, in the Church, in the home); kicking off Lent with a congregation-wide Bible reading/study emphasis; increased efforts at communication, planning, and decision-making amongst us; and much more. These are indeed some exciting beginnings. You are a

part of these new beginnings! Things end, yes; yet things arise anew too! I hope you ask how you can in-

His words echo through the centuries. As will also be marred by some of the "old" things: temp-September marks the end, the end of summer haven't ended completely yet. But the new that God an end.

end.

Rev. David Hinz

DCO Craig Cooper Retirement Party: On Sunday, October 21st, we will worship at one

service at 9:30am. Following the service, there will be a potluck lunch and program to thank Craig and Jody for their many years of dedication to the ministry. Please bring a dish to share, as indicated, according to the first letter of your last name:

A-J, Salad, K-Z Hot dish, dessert will be provided. Our Anyuak friends will participate with us. Please join us for this special day!



DCO CORNER

Rev. Peter Meier, Executive Director of the Center for United States Missions recently traveled to Ethiopia. The following are some excerpts from an article he wrote upon his return entitled, <u>Multiplication Lessons from Ethiopia</u>.

"Our purpose was to visit some of the Evangelical Mekane Yesus churches and leaders to consult with them about mission and ministry, and to gather with pastors and evangelists for training, prayer, and encouragement.

For many years, I have heard of the phenomenal growth in the Mekane Yesus church (EECMY). They are a case study in multiplication, having grown rapidly since it was officially constituted in the late 1950s. In the past ten years, EECMY has grown from 2.3 million members to over nine million today (an increase of over 290%!)

Originally, when I was invited to come and present, I was hesitant - what could I share with the church body that has outshined nearly every other denomination in terms of church planting? I decided to go and learn. I was not disappointed by what God taught me. Lessons from the Ethiopian church for the North American church are abundant! Here are several of the lessons I brought home with me.

The EECMY is the penultimate multiplying Lutheran church.

They have done this in several ways worth noting and emulating...

- they utilize the gifts of the priesthood of all believers. Lay evangelists are used to preach and plant. Elders and Lay Leaders serve as worship leaders as well as congregation leaders, leaving the pastors to do the work of pastoring (Acts 6). How are we engaging the priesthood in ministry?
- they have multiplied rapidly through community development projects health, agriculture, income producing projects. Through these projects, people's lives are blessed, and doors are opened for the Gospel. "Mekane Yesus" means "the Place of Jesus," a name aptly describing what these service projects portray, and Who they intend people to meet through community development. ... How are we seeking to bless and serve our communities in ways that they desire?
- they are a praying church. The political trials of the past have led them to deep prayer for their country and leaders, for the Gospel and their church, for the Lord's intervention and help. We experienced this first-hand. One of the most moving prayers I heard was sung - I didn't know what it was, so I asked, "What was that beautiful song?" It was The Lord's Prayer! While I didn't sing the Amharic words of the prayer, the music and words carried me along in my own prayers. Do we recognize and use prayer as the deep connection to God's heart and presence in our lives and ministries?
- the people of the EECMY expect to multiply. Church planting in new places to reach new people is simply understood as the work of the Spirit through His church. There is no question, "Should we plant?" The question is "Where is the next place we will plant?" "Who shall we send?" Planting is a way of life for EECMY Christians.

With the rapid growth and multiplication, many new people have been baptized. However, our Ethiopian friends readily acknowledged that they are in need of deeper and more intentional discipleship training. We see the same need here in the States. When many of us were growing up, discipleship happened naturally in our homes - family devotions and Lutheran schools were an important part of my experience. Our children also benefitted from these discipling tools. While in Ethiopia, I recovered a deep respect for the Small Catechism as the teaching tool for families that Luther intended it to be. While passing along the teachings of God's Word, the family is the place where faith is lived and modeled in real-time. How does discipleship take place in your family? How could our churches help equip our parents for home discipleship?"

Many of our Anyuak members here at Trinity are from Ethiopia and some have connections with the Mekane Yesus Church. We have much to learn from the Lutherans in Ethiopia!

Craig Cooper, DCO

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Prince of Peace

POP has two main fundraisers each year. Our first is coming up on Oct 6th with our annual walk-a-thon. Funds raised from this event primarily aide with school operating expenses. Watch for details. One Sunday in September students will be collecting a special door offering for the walk-a-thon. Please consider giving in support of this event. Thank you!

Spread the Good News about your business...

Research has shown that church-going people are some the most loyal consumers when it comes to making a purchase from a fellow member or supporter of their church. You can make Trinity members aware of your business by placing your message in the Trinity newsletter 11 times each year. Each month the newsletter is delivered to the 350 member households and posted on the Trinity Lutheran website where it is viewed by hundreds more. The cost per insert is just \$27 for 1-7/8" x 1 inch ad paid in advance with an 11-issue contract. The cost per insert is just \$49 for 1-7/8" x 2 inch ad paid in advance with an 11-issue contract. Call 252-3670 to get started.

Lutheran Student Fellowship Grace and peace to each of you! We are prepared (as much as we can be) for the arrival of students for this fall semester. The first event we hosted was an ice cream social! on August 27th hosted by Holy Cross at LSF from 2 PM until 4 PM. Funds were provided by Thrivent. With the extra money, we will have new brochures of the ministry house on one side and our events along with the area churches listed of whom support LSF on the back side with Worship times listed. Please reach out to these young people as you see them visiting you each Sunday. Invite them to stay for Bible study and or fellowship hour between worship time. You do make a difference to them!

Playhouse Child Care Center

is excited to announce that we have opened an infant classroom. We are now licensed to serve children 6 weeks – 5 years old. If you are looking for child care please contact Dawn at

320-230-9116 to schedule a tour. Keep in mind that our mission states that we prepare each child for school readiness. If you are

looking for a positive Early Childhood Experience, we could be right the fit for your family.



Rally Day Mission Festival

Trinity Lutheran Church is excited for Rally Sunday coming September 9th. We are excited to announce that Rally Sunday this year is going to be a **Mission**



Festival. We will have each group represented as well as food, fellowship, games and activities for children and families. Lunch will be provided following the 10:30 service along with other activities for children and families of all ages. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Lisa Hejhal at 320-980-0433 or lhejhal@charter.net or Pastor Dave at 320-815-2779 or

or Pastor Dave at 320-815-2779 o pastorhinz@trinitysr.org.

Worship and Music Notes

Instruments of Praise

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Rev. 4:11 God created us for His pleasure. We were framed by God in a way which would give us the capacity, opportunity, and enduring joy to bring pleasure to the Creator. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are blessed to be members of the church family at Trinity. Our opportunities for worship are numerous! The music ministry at Trinity is a wonderful conduit for you to express and share your unique talents. The musical agencies are in place, but the extent of their offerings is dependent on your participation! As the Lord's creation, we are His instruments of praise.

[®]Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made... the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise." Isaiah 43:6b-7, 23 As children of God sing and play the praises of the Lord, they must be consciously aware that God dwells within them and that they, the believers, are His instruments of praise. What an incredible responsibility!

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. Hebrews 13:15

The success of our musical offerings is dependent your participation! As we openly profess His Name through music, we want to give Him the best we have to offer. Won't you consider being a part of this sacrifice of praise? (It is a 'sacrifice' because it involves giving of your time, a commitment to be at rehearsals, possibly altering weekend plans, and making ministry a priority.) Considering what our Lord has done for us, I consider that a small price to pay!

We are actively recruiting participants for Adult Choir, Celebration Ringers and Worship teams. We have had many consistently faithful members in the past and hope they will be joined by new friends who will help in this noble endeavor. Please join us as we rehearse for Adult Choir and Celebration Ringers on Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 PM and Worship Teams on Thursdays @6:30 PM.

God has placed much emphasis on music in His Word. Music has a tremendous power to unify His people.

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; *TOGETHER* they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy *TOGETHER*, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. Isaiah 52:8-9

Music unifies God's people! The congregation which sings together, with heart and mind prepared for the message together, will be unified to reach the unsaved together- one voice, one mind, one heart and one spirit. (This article contains themes from the book *Music in the Balance* by Garlock and Woetzel)

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: ALLELUIA! LSB 796:5

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Sauk Rapids, MN

Festival of Nativities

This is the earliest I have ever started planning for Christmas, but our Festival of Nativities Committee is busy planning a Christmas celebration worthy of a king. We are planning a celebration for our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will be inviting our neighbors, community members and churches too.



On Sunday, September 9th we will have a table for

Trinity's Rally Day Mission Festival. Stop by and see what is planned for the festival November 30th and December 1st. If you are interested in volunteering, we will be happy to help you find an area to share your gifts and talents. Join your church family in

celebrating our Savior's birth with our neighbors and community through Festival of Nativities. Please join us in preparing for the event!

There will be Congregational Information Meeting on Sunday, September 16th

after the second service in the Fellowship hall for the purpose of discussing Trinity's Pastoral needs. The Leadership Team is also scheduling a Voters Assembly Meeting on Sunday, September 23rd at 11:45am as a follow - up. Please plan to attend these important meetings.

We are getting ready for another wonderful year of Sunday School

With that comes a need for teachers/volunteers. Our young children are looking to us to teach them and guide them spiritually. Please speak to Lisa Hejhal if you would like to be a part of our staff this year!



<u>Memorials and</u> <u>Endowments:</u> By Joann Kath in memory of Jared Lazer

By Lee & Jan Gratke, Delores Schafer, Carol Behrendt, Jan Grunert, Jan Sorell, Bob Behrendt, Ken & Alice Norbie, Don & Gail Reginek, Brian & Connie Berseth, Gordon & Delores Rehder, Ted & Margaret Boatman, Virg & Sue Bragelman, Deb & Tim Wenz in memory of Chuck Schafer

LWML

The MN North LWML Convention, June 2018, was attended by 275 delegates and guests. Trinity delegate was Sandy Machula,

who attended a session led by Carole Borchers of Moorhead who spoke on "Thinking Out of the Box." Another session as led by Cynthia Kohn, Director of Community Engagement with POBLO International. Convention offerings totaled \$16,890.32. Offerings went to the 2018—2020 Mission grant goal, C.R.O.S.S Appeal (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools) and Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Cotton Tree Liberia. Mite Walk offerings totaled \$3673.33. Our September meeting is Thursday, September

13th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Guests Welcome!



Greetings to you in Jesus' name! This year at Prince of Peace our school theme is to be "Strong in the Lord" from Ephesians 6:10.

I am very excited to begin my first year at Prince of Peace. I am thankful for the warm welcome that my family and I have received and for the many prayers that were lifted up during this call process. My family and I have begun settling into life in St. Cloud as we moved the second weekend of August. My husband, David, works at Pawn America as their eCommerce Auditor. Our children, Maddux – 6th grade, Samuel – 3rd grade, and Steven – 1st grade, are looking forward to school beginning and making new friends.

This school year begins my 19th year in the teaching ministry. I taught for four years at East St. Paul Lutheran School in St. Paul, MN. Then I served for fourteen years at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Prior Lake, MN. During my time at St. Paul's, I earned my Master's Degree from Concordia University, St. Paul, as well as completed the SLeD (School Leadership Development) program through the Missouri Synod.

I look forward to meeting you soon and perhaps seeing you around the school as many of you help us out in many ways. Have a blessed September!

In Christ,

Mrs. Anne Neilitz

Upcoming POP Events

- September 19 Grandparents Day for Kindergarten through 8th grade
- September 24 Dine to Donate Mongo's Grill 11am 8pm
- October 6 Walkathon

Bouja at Trinity!

Bouja is back. On Sunday, October 14th following worship there will be a Bouja dinner. Please plan to join us for this delicacy! For those who do not appreciate bouja, there will be alternative foods available.

Mark your calendar now!

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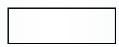
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If so, Rev. Jaime Nava from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you in Alexandria on Tuesday, Sept 18 from 10:30am to 1:00pm or at Concordia St. Paul on Sept. 17, from 8am to

4pm. Visit navai@csl.edu or call pastor Nava at 314-505-7224 to make an appointment. Family and friends are welcome to join you.

September 2018								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	We	ednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
SEPTEMBER							1 9:00am Altar Guild	
2 8:00am Worship (HC) Z2 10:30am Worship Z3 12:00pm Anyuak Worship (M,Y)	3 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	4 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	6:00pm Par 4th – 10th g	n's Bible Study ent Meeting for graders (FH) ebration Ringers	6 9:00am Sewing and Crafts (F) 6:00pm Finance Meeting 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	7 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Narc. Anon. (CC)	8 9:00am Altar Guild 12:00pm Private Event	
9 Rally Sunday 8:00am Worship Z4 9:15am Mission Festival 10:30am Worship (HC) Z5 11:30am Mission Festival/Picnic 12:00pm Anyuak Worship Fall Pastor's Conf. at LIC	10 6:00pm Bev's CC (CM) <i>Fall Pastor's</i> <i>Conf. at LIC</i>	11 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W) <i>Fall Pastor's</i> <i>Conf. at LIC</i>	5:00pm God 6:00pm Con 6:00pm Wor		13 1:00pm LWML (FH) 5:30pm Lay Ministry 6:00pm Lead. Team Rehearsal 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	14 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Narc. Anon. (CC)	15 9:00am Altar Guild	
16 Gabriel's Box Door Offering 8:00am Worship (HC) Z1 9:15am Bible Class, New Member Class & S. S. 10:30am Worship Z2 11:30am Congregational Mtg. 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 7:00pm Good News Bible Study	17	18 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	19 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS		20 9:00am Sewing and Crafts (F) 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Narc. Anon. (CC)	22 9:00am Altar Guild	
23 8:00am Worship Z3 9:15am Bible Class, New Member Class & S. S. 10:30am Worship (HC) Z4 11:30am Congregational Mtg. 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 2:00pm Little Falls Circuit Form Mtg. (FH)	24 9:30am Parish Workers (NL) 6:00pm Bev's CC POP Dine to Donate at Mongo's Grill	25 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg. 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	26 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Fest. Of Nativities Mtg. (lcf) 5:00pm Private Event (Y) 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Conf. Classes 6:00pm Adult Choir Practice		27 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal 7:30pm Bible Study @ Benton County Jail	28 9:00am Parish Workers 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm Narc. Anon. (CC)	29 9:00am Altar Guild 3:00pm Haffner/Benoit Wedding	
30 8:00am Worship Z5 9:15am Bible Class, New Member Class & S. S. 10:30am Worship Z1 12:00pm Anyuak Worship (M,Y)		Notes:	<u>.</u>		·		<u>.</u>	
Room Reservation Key O=Overflow Room	W=Worship Space F=Fellowship	Scl=Small Class Room Lcl=Large Class Room		M=Music Room Y=Youth Room	Lcf=Large Conf Room Scf=Small Conf Room	CM=Care M K=Kitchen	inistry	
CDC=Child Development Cntr	Hall							

September Birthdays

Coott Alexale and	9/30
Scott Abraham	
Brielle Andvik	9/15
Ron Becher	9/12
Benjamin Behrendt	9/10
Brady Behrendt	9/15
Carol Behrendt	9/13
Ryan Benoit	9/27
Cathryn Bjorklund	9/17
Sandra Braun	9/4
Jayden Brower	9/9
Todd Buttweiler	9/20
Aiden Clark	9/10
Amelia Clark	9/23
Ashton Clark	9/10
Linda Clark	9/28
Paul Cloeter	9/6
Jody Cooper	9/26
Rose Dohrmann	9/2
Elaine Dollar	9/24
Kyle Dusing	9/14
Thomas Elgin	9/16
Corrine Eskelsen	9/2
MacKenzie Felchle	9/27
Rachael Felchle	9/12
Les Fread	9/4
Kaylie Freborg	9/6
Madelyn Friedrichs	9/13
John Gerads	9/24
Brandon Gerchy	9/30
Sophia Hackett	9/17
Owen Hansen	9/13
Sue Henkemeyer	9/13
Rhonda	5/24
Holzheimer	9/20
Jaime Huinker	9/24
Glenn Ireland	9/10
Molly Johnson	9/19
Rob Keck	9/20
Fred Kjorlien	9/9
Callie Knafla	9/9 9/13
	5/15

Terry Kurash	9/28
Jill Lindquist	9/20
Emily Lockridge	9/20
Blake MacKenzie	9/14
Bonnie Meemken	9/22
Joseph Meierhofer	9/20
Jody Miland	9/15
Mason Molitor	9/25
Randy Mousky	9/10
Ali Murphy	9/18
Ryan Neils	9/27
Liam Nelson	9/11
Kathleen Ness	9/10
Ariet Oman	9/22
Aperngo Omot	9/16
Trinity Parsons	9/25
Michelle Peacock	9/23
Caleb Petersen	9/8
David Petersen	9/18
Ayers Putnam	9/17
Bethany Ramler	9/7
Whitley Reginek	9/11
Carson Reichel	9/7
Kyle Riehm	9/28
Jon Roesch	9/19
Nathan Rucks	9/17
Misty Sauer	9/8
Allan Schlueter	9/11
Lynn Schlueter	9/7
Brady Schultz	9/16
Evora Sorokie	9/10
Chloe Stockinger	9/12
Bob Terpstra	9/22
Lynette Truenow	9/6
Andrew Tvrdik	9/28
Loren Tvrdik	9/23
Tim Tvrdik	9/26
Maria Voigt	9/14
Stacy Volkers	9/15
Robert Wainright	9/15

Thomas Wainright	9/23
Jamie Weappa	9/28
Jameson Weide	9/22
Clint Wenger	9/1
Brady Willman	9/20
Corey Willman	9/29
Betty Winczewski	9/3
Ashley Woitalla	9/9
Mindy Woitalla	9/21
Sharon Wolfgram	9/24
Klaire Zimmer	9/10
Kelly Zwick	9/13

