



**HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!**  
News for the week of September 17, 2023

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

- **Larry Barnes Jr.** (nephew of Larry & Anna Slaughter and Dave & Donna Thompson), hospitalized with an infection
- **Earl Freimark**, recovering from a fall
- **Bonnie Jondro** (cousin of Joanne Timiney), battling cancer
- **Allen Ciapara** (nephew of Joanne Timiney), paralyzed after a COVID-19 infection

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** For the next two weeks, we will be exploring and discussing the Lord's Supper. We look at the Scriptural occurrences and how it connects to God's promises in the Old Testament. We will also explore how the church has engaged in the practice of the Lord's Supper throughout history. Come join us! Starting in October, we will be doing a month-long study on being faithful participants in God's Mission.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** Anyone desiring to become a member or learn more about Trinity is encouraged to join us Wednesday, Sept 27 for the first class in a new Who We Are series. Pastor Potts will lead us through six weeks of study of what we believe, teach and confess at Trinity. Please RSVP to Pastor Potts or the church office (734-242-2308 or [info@trinitylutheranmonroe.org](mailto:info@trinitylutheranmonroe.org)) if you plan to attend.



**THE CHOSEN: SEASON 2** Movie night at Trinity is back! Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in Graceful Grounds (doors open at 5:30) for season 2 of *The Chosen*. All are invited to come and see this dramatic series about Jesus' earthly ministry. For more information, please contact the office.

**3G GAME NIGHT** Mark your calendar - Gatherings in Graceful Grounds resume this week! We hope you'll join us Friday, Sept. 22 at 6:30pm. Bring a game (cards, dice, board) or play one of those provided. Come alone or with friends. Don't like games? Just come for the fellowship and treats!

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Graceful Grounds



**SPARKLE WOMEN'S RETREAT** Ladies, you won't want to miss this! Trinity is excited to host its first ever Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 7th, 2023. This one-day event is the perfect opportunity to come together with other women to be encouraged, inspired and fed both spiritually and physically. The day's activities include a message from our guest speaker (author and empowerment coach Kisha Jones), ice-breaker games, a presentation from local charity Children with Hair Loss, delicious meals (breakfast, lunch and dessert included!), and plenty of time for fellowship and relaxation. Our theme is based on Zechariah 9:16: *"The Lord their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown."* Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, connect with other women, or simply take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, this retreat is for you! Invite a friend and purchase your tickets today! Space is limited, so don't wait to register. We can't wait to see you there SPARKLING! Please [click here](#) or visit [tlcmonroe.org](http://tlcmonroe.org) for tickets.

**REMODELING LOAN UPDATE** After August's loan payment to First Merchants Bank, the balance on Trinity's loan is \$408,487. Of the \$403,760 pledged for debt elimination, \$237,095 remains outstanding.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** Trinity's Children's Ministry program will host a Trunk or Treat event Sunday, Oct. 29 from 3:00-4:30pm. All are welcome – bring your friends! If you'd like to host a trunk to distribute candy, please email Stacey at [kidsmin@trinitylutheranmonroe.org](mailto:kidsmin@trinitylutheranmonroe.org). Sign-ups are already underway.



**TRINITY WEDNESDAYS** We are starting something new this year: a family night of studies and activities at Trinity each Wednesday starting Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to bring dinner for your family (homemade, drive-thru, or pizza), and we'll all eat together at 5:30 before dispersing at 6:00 for various Bible studies, activities, or lessons. Perhaps you'd like to watch season two of *The Chosen* and learn how it fits in with the Biblical narrative. Maybe you are a parent preparing your child for confirmation and want to head to that class, or maybe you are interested in learning more about Trinity and what we teach and believe in our Who We Are class. Perhaps you are looking for some help as parents to nurture spiritual growth in your households. There will even be activities for children (age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade). We would love to have our whole Trinity family come together for an evening of fellowship and learning.

**PRAYER LIST & MEMORIALS** Our monthly prayer list will return in October! Look for an attachment to your weekly newsletter email, or pick up a copy at one of the church information tables. We will also begin sharing memorials monthly – find a record of these gifts on the reverse of the prayer list. Questions? Know of someone in need of prayer? Please contact the office (734-242-2308).



**ALTAR FLOWERS** If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/memory of someone, contact Shelly Vorrath at (734) 621-3548 or email: [1wyldkingdom@comcast.net](mailto:1wyldkingdom@comcast.net). The sign-up board is hung on the back wall in the sanctuary. If you sign up on the flower board, please include your phone number and email address.

### THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

*(Please contact the church office for more information)*

**Sunday, 9/17:** Worship @ 8:30a – HC (*usher team B-4*)  
 Bible Study @ 9:30a in Graceful Grounds  
 Worship @ 10:30a (*usher team C-2*)  
 Trinity Family Meal @ 6p in the gym

**Tuesday, 9/19:** Choir @ 7p in the chapel

**Wednesday, 9/20:** *School Picture Day*  
 Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds  
 Confirmation (Mod. 6) @ 6p in the chapel  
 The Chosen @ 6p in Graceful Grounds  
 Israel Bible Study @ 7:15p in the chapel

**Thursday, 9/21:** GriefShare @ 5:30p in the chapel

**Friday, 9/22:** Bible Study @ 1p in meeting room 2  
 3G Fun Night @ 6:30p in Graceful Grounds

**Saturday, 9/23:** Braille @ 9a in the church basement  
 Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Gr.  
 Worship @ 6p (*usher team A-3*)  
*M&M Weekend: St. Joseph's Helpers*

9/9 & 9/10 attendance: 6:00p - 91 8:30a - 95 10:30a - 100

### THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for this weekend's services include Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12 & Matthew 18:21-35*

“So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”

Romans 14:8b-9



### How to Watch / Worship / Join Us!

#### Weekend Worship –

- In Trinity Sanctuary - Times: Sat. 6 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Facebook LIVE - Sundays at 10:30 a.m. (or later on our Web site)
- Recorded services can be watched on cable TV – Xfinity 21 or Spectrum 187 / Wed. 5 p.m. and Thur. 9 a.m.

**Many Bible Studies Online** <https://www.tlcmunroe.org/online-bible-studies>

#### Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

Main Office: (734) 242-2308 & 241-1160 / 323 Scott Street, Monroe, MI 48161 / Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30a – 4p

**Web sites** – and [www.tlcmunroe.org](http://www.tlcmunroe.org) and [www.tlsmonroe.org](http://www.tlsmonroe.org)

**Facebook Pages** – Trinity Lutheran Church Monroe ~ Trinity Lutheran School Monroe