



**HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!**  
News for the week of September 3, 2023

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

- **Willine (Wink) Below**, hospitalized last week with a herniated disc and nerve compression
- **The family of Linda Peterson**, called to eternal life August 23
- **David Norenberg** (Tracey Hackbarth's father), in a nursing home following his recent hospitalization

**BAPTISMS** We rejoice and celebrate the Baptisms of Jeff Geierman, Jr., on Sunday, August 27, and Leonard Kaufman, son of Joshua and Kathleen Kaufman, on Thursday, August 31. Please keep Jeff, Leonard, and their families in your prayers for God's continued blessing of faith.



**TRINITY TOWN HALL** A link to Pastor Potts' summer Town Hall update, designed to provide the latest ministry updates and answer member questions, was included in this week's digital newsletter email. You may also find this video at [tlcmonroe.org](http://tlcmonroe.org).

**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. **Please note that some studies launch prior to Sept. 27 – see our fall event preview for complete details.**

**ISRAEL TOUR MEETING** Interested in joining us for a tour of the Holy Land next June? Please plan to attend the informational meeting **this Wednesday**, September 6 at 6pm.

**CONFIRMATION** Parents of students in grades 6 through 12: We are excited to start confirmation again this fall. Children who are a part of households of faith and discuss their faith regularly remain followers of Jesus into their adulthood. Confirmation is one of the ways we at Trinity Lutheran help you as parents prepare your children for a lifetime of following Jesus. Therefore, we'd like to invite all parents who are interested in coming to an informational meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the chapel. Pastor Duerr will explain what confirmation is, why we do it, and how you can be involved. We look forward to seeing you there. In Christ, Pastor Mark Duerr

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** Pocket, digest, and large print copies of the October-December edition of *Portals of Prayer* are available in the sanctuary and narthex. Please take one! Daily readings include a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer. A collection of specific prayers is also included. If you're looking for a simple way to begin your day with God's Word, encourage family members, or share your faith with a friend, this devotional is a great resource!



**BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE** Many thanks to all who stopped by to donate blood on August 8<sup>th</sup> – 39 units were gathered! Trinity's next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 26.

**REMODELING LOAN UPDATE** After July loan payments to First Merchants Bank, the balance on Trinity's loan is \$438,764. Of the \$403,760 pledged for debt elimination, \$239,155 remains outstanding.

**PLEASE WELCOME CARMEN KIERSEY** A new finance manager has been hired! We encourage you to keep Carmen Kiersey in your prayers during this transition. Carmen's first day at Trinity is Tuesday, September 5. We give thanks to God for His provision is filling this role – we've been greatly blessed by Cathy Toburen's willingness to serve in an interim capacity, and we look forward to adding Carmen to our staff!

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

- In memory of **Jeremiah McBee** for TLS Adopt-a-Classroom Program (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) from Jeff McBee
- In memory of **Tim Grove** for TLC Debt Elimination from Laura Davis
- In memory of **Jerry Meek** for TLC Debt Elimination from John Boldt
- In memory of **Linda Peterson** for Trinity Work Program from Kim Lemanski

**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.



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**LORD**  
YOUR  
**LABOR**  
IS NOT  
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1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

*Happy Labor Day!*

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4



**CAMPUS CONNECT**

Know a college student looking to connect with an LCMS church close to campus?

**We can help!**

Contact the church office, or visit [michigandistrict.org/campusconnect](http://michigandistrict.org/campusconnect) to provide a local pastor with your student's contact information.

## THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

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

- Sunday, 9/3:** Worship @ 8:30a – HC (*usher team B-2*)  
Bible Study @ 9:30a in Graceful Grounds  
Worship @ 10:30a (*usher team A-4*)  
Trinity Family Meal @ 6p in the gym
- Monday, 9/4:** *Labor Day – No School; Office Closed*
- Wednesday, 9/6:** Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds  
Israel Tour Mtg @ 6p in the chapel
- Friday, 9/8:** Bible Study @ 1p in meeting room 2  
Ladies' Time Out @ 6p in Graceful Gr.
- Saturday, 9/9:** Braille @ 9a in the church basement  
Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Gr.  
Worship @ 6p – HC (*usher team A-2*)

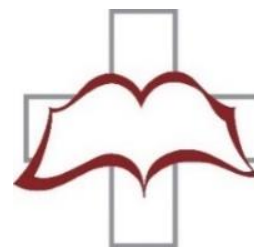
8/26 & 8/27 attendance: 6:00p–82 8:30a–99 10:30a–117

## THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for this weekend's services include Isaiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21 & Matthew 16:21-28*

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 16:25



## 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.tlcmmonroe.org/online-bible-studies>

### Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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

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