

October 2026 Newsletter



Enjoy the October edition of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church newsletter!

We appreciate your comments by emailing us at: trinityug.office@gmail.com

Newsletter compiled by Kim Casebolt

Upcoming October Events:

- Oct 10 Clean-up Day 8:30am
- Oct 12 WOW Meeting - Monday 7pm
- Oct 15 Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Oct 16-17 Ark Encounter weekend
- Oct 24 & 25 Mission Festival with brunch 9:00am Sunday
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat 5-7pm, Worship Service 7-8pm
- Nov 15 Voter's Meeting

Indoor/Outdoor Clean-up Day!

Saturday, Oct 10

Starting at 8:30am

Sign-up sheet in Narthex—even if you can only help for a couple hours! All help is appreciated!

Inside church projects (5)/ Outside church projects (7)

Parsonage projects (4)/ Cemetery projects (2)

Donuts and lunch will be served



Mission Festival weekend—October 24 & 25

Seminarian Ben Schwartz will be here to preach for both worship services (Sat 6pm, Sun 10:30am). In addition, Chaplain Aaron Schultz will lead the presentation on Sunday morning beginning at 9:00am. The topic will be "A City for God". This is a WELS affiliated organization dedicated to bring the love & teachings of Jesus in the urban Milwaukee area.

Brunch will be available at 9:00am for all attendees!



TRUNK or TREAT!!

October 31 5-7pm

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Saturday night worship service will start at 7pm to accommodate all our little trick or treaters!



Don't Fall Behind!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 1 2:00am



November 1

Sunrise 6:27am / Sunset 4:46pm

November 30

Sunrise 7:03am / Sunset 4:21pm

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPT 17, 2026

- **ADULT MINISTRIES**

⇒ 20 people attended movie night on Aug 28.

- **CHILDRENS' MINISTRIES**

⇒ We expect approx. 38 children in Sunday School this year. Teachers are confirmed. Only about 1/2 of the children that are signed up attended on Sept 13 the first day of Sunday School.

⇒ The teens are planning a weekend trip to the Ark Encounter in KY Oct 16-17.

- **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

⇒ Parsonage basement project is 99% complete. Other repairs completed.

⇒ Oct 10 work day.

⇒ Update on the cemetery projects.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

⇒ Discussion at Nov 15 voter's meeting: new logo, a/c in basement, budget

A Very Special THANK YOU to our Dedicated Sunday School Teachers!

Thank you also to our substitute teachers!

ORANGE GROUP: Dave Gorsuch

PURPLE GROUP: Lisa Woelbing

BLUE GROUP: Carol Gorsuch

RED GROUP: Sharon Urban & Yvonne Croninger

Music Director: Kari Pomije



ADULT CHOIR



It's not too late to join Trinity's adult choir!

Practices are on Saturday's from 5-5:45pm (before worship). Even if you won't be here to sing during worship, We invite you to join us for these practic-

Pastor's Corner —

Worship

For our Mission Festival on October 24-25, we will welcome "A City for God" to our campus. A City for God is a WELS-affiliated organization. "Through our dedicated team of chaplains, ACFG brings the love and teachings of Jesus into the lives of thousands of students, families, and educators in urban Milwaukee." Seminarian Ben Schwartz will be here to preach for both of our worship services, and Chaplain Aaron Schultz, from A City for God, will lead the presentation.

Adult Bible Study

Over the next several weeks, we will be studying the book of Judges following Sunday morning worship. This is a great opportunity to engage with a book of the Bible you may not be very familiar with. Each lesson stands on its own. So, you will not be entirely lost even if you are not able to attend each week. Please join us as we discuss the history of the Judges and grow in our knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

Choir Practices Resume

Rally Weekend also marks the start of our choir season. Beginning September 12th, we will meet most Saturdays from 5-5:45 pm. Join us for some fun and fellowship as we practice singing several pieces to sing during worship. We will also learn some liturgy settings for the new hymnal. Even if you won't be here to sing some of these songs in worship, I would still invite you to join us for these practices.

Catechism Classes

10 students are studying Luther's Small Catechism this year. We will begin the year by taking an in depth look at the Lord's Prayer. Concerning prayer, Luther wrote, "We must see to it that we do not lose the habit of prayer and deceive ourselves into thinking that other kinds of things are more important, when they are not. Then we might become careless and lazy, cold and indifferent when it comes to praying." (A Simple Way to Pray) Each petition offers so much for us to meditate on and pray about. May our study of these petitions enhance the prayer lives of our students.

Trunk-or-Treat

Get your cars and costumes ready for our annual Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31st. We will gather in our parking lot from 5-7 pm and pass out candy to everyone who stops by. (The date and time are connected with trick-or-treating throughout the village of Union Grove) Since this event is the same time as Saturday evening worship, the Council recommends we push back worship to 7 pm on that week.

Pastor Pomije

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Devotion from September 17 Church Council Meeting

And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

(Philippians 1:9-11)

When you pray, what do you pray for? Perhaps it is a simple prayer before you eat or as you lay your head down on the pillow at night. Perhaps it is a prayer in a moment of need or after many persistent problems start to pile up. Whatever it is that draws you to pray, when you pray, what do you pray for? Perhaps your prayers focus on your earthly wants or needs. When life become difficult, maybe you vent your frustration or demand answers from God. Finally, your prayers might revolve around you, or a select few of your closest family members and friends.

Now, please don't take this the wrong way. I am not saying the prayers above are wrong. Not at all. In fact, Jesus taught us to pray for daily bread, for all our physical needs. When we are weary and burdened, Jesus invites us to his side. Our God cares about our anxieties and worries. He patiently listens and provides many comforts and answers in his Word. And, since you know your own needs and challenges, it's entirely natural the things on your heart and mind will find their way into your prayers. However, it is beneficial for each of us to remember the well of people and reasons to pray is deep and wide.

As Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians, he was in chains on account of the gospel. I am sure you would understand if his prayers were preoccupied with his own needs and challenges. And maybe there were plenty of those prayers. God led Paul to this conclusion, "I want you to know, brothers, that the things which happened to me actually took place to advance the gospel. And, through my chains, the majority of the brothers in the Lord have become much more confident about daring to speak the word of God fearlessly." (Phil. 1:12, 14) The remarkable result Paul was witnessing fostered his prayer for the Philippians. He was praying for their spiritual growth and wellbeing. He was praying for the body of Christ. We benefit from this prayer, too.

9 And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. In every want, remember God is the source from whom all blessings flow. Trust in him to provide and bless, just as he has done since the world began. Trust in him; and be content with the blessings he graciously provides. When life scatters challenges and darkness along your path, trust your Shepherd is with you. He will lift you out of every pit, he will carry you in his arms. Even surrounded by the darkness of death, he will fix your eyes on the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ "No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me." (CWS 752 v.4) Dear believer, these words ring true for you.

Let this be your prayer for someone you know who is drifting away from God, that God use the events of their life to lead them back. Let this be your prayer for the body of Christ, that as it continues to gather around Word and Sacrament, as it remains in Christ, the body may be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. Pray for your Synod, its pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Pray for our leaders and volunteers here at Trinity. Pray for our members, young and old. Pray that we abound in love and unity until our Shepherd returns to bring us home.

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OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9am- WORSHIP 10:15- Bible Study & Sun. School	7pm Catechism					5-5:45 Adult Choir 6pm WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion
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