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<u>Divine Services:</u> Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am Monday at 6:30 pm Family Education Hour 9:30 am

Bible Classes (throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School 3-K thru 8th grade 2 Year Old Childcare

### From the Pastors



Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

On February 14th-16th, 2020, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and School will host our 14th annual Higher Things Youth Retreat! Literally, thousands of youth and adults have been touched and lives have been transformed by attending this retreat. It truly is reminiscent of the old Walther League days (if you remember those good old days).

What is Higher Things? The mission of Higher Things is to assist parents, pastors, and congregations in cultivating a distinctly Lutheran identity among their youth and young adults. This year's retreat theme is "The Beautiful Life - The Sanctity of Human Life." God's love gives every human life worth and purpose. His work of creating, knitting a human being together in a mother's womb, proclaims all human beings special. His labor of redeeming, becoming incarnate as an embryo and incapacitated by crucifixion, proves all human beings precious. His activity of calling, making temples from sinful bodies, pronounces all human beings priceless. His grace - not anyone's age, appearance, or ability - provides sanctity and significance. We may receive every neighbor, even the least of these, as gifts and privileges. We get to declare it with courage and demonstrate it with compassion. Life issues like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis mean much more than political controversies or personal choices. The Gospel of Jesus Christ brings joy and hope, comfort and healing right where the world pressures to use death as a solution.

Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director from Lutherans For Life, will serve as our main teacher for the weekend. Pastor Salemink will teach us how to speak the truth of Scripture concerning the life that God has given to us. He will also teach us how to effectively show Christ's love to our community regarding the sanctity of human life. He will ultimately teach us how to share the gift of life in a better way than abortion and embryo experiments. The weekend will also offer many breakout sessions led by pastors that will explore meaningful topics that confront each and every one of us in our various vocations in life. This year we will also be renting the Sheboygan YMCA on Saturday evening for fun and fellowship.

Picture our sanctuary filled with over 150 teenagers, eager for the organ to begin the opening lines of the liturgy or their favorite hymns, listening intently as they learn how their Lutheran faith applies to their lives and relationships, and laughing as they horse around playing games and getting to know other youth from the area. That's a glimpse of what will happen at this Higher Things Youth Retreat!

All of this is possible by the generous support of our congregation and the many volunteers that work diligently during this fabulous weekend! In order to make this event successful we need many volunteers, financial support, and prayers. So please prayerfully consider sending your 7<sup>th</sup>-12 grade children to "*The Beautiful Life*" retreat on February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2020! We would like to have a large group attend from our congregation. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

In Christ,

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Rev. John M. Berg Associate Pastor Rev. Timothy J. Mech Senior Pastor

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# February 2020 Calendar Highlights

#### Sundays: Weekly

- \* Divine Services 8 am, 10:45 am
- \* Education Hour 9:30 am

#### Mondays: Weekly

\* Divine Service 6:30 pm

#### Tuesdays: 1st & 3rd

\* Women's Bible Study/with childcare 8:45 am (MC)

#### Wednesday: Weekly

- \* Adult Bible Study 8:15 am (MC)
- 2:30/3:30 pm Midweek Confirmation Class

#### **Thursdays: Weekly**

- \* Women's Bible Study 8:45 am (LR)
- \* Handbells 6:00 pm (MR)
- Mixed Choir 7:00 pm (MR)

#### Fridays: Weekly

\* Men's Bible Study 7 am (MC)

#### Saturday, February 1

 German Russian Group 1:00 pm (MC) (rescheduled from January)

#### Wednesday, February 5

- \* Board of Elders Meeting 7:00 pm (MC)
- \* Board of Christian Day School

#### Sunday, February 9

\* Lutheran High Sunday - Konzertchor

#### Friday - Sunday, February 14-16

\* Higher Things Youth Retreat

#### Monday, February 17

- No School at Trinity
- \* Senior Breakfast 8:30 am

#### Wednesday, February 26

- \* Ash Wednesday Services 10:00 am & 6:30 pm
- \* Soup Lunch to follow 10 am Service and supper before 6:30 pm Service beginning at 5:30 pm

#### Thursday, February 27

\* Altar Guild 1:30 pm (FH)

(MC- Ministry Center, FH - Fellowship Hall, CR - Computer Room)

#### **Higher Things Donations appreciated!**

To keep the costs lower for the *Higher Things*, we are asking for donations of food and grocery store gift cards. Other items that can be dropped off in advance in the kitchen include:

Plain Potato Chips Bags of Oranges
Nacho Tortilla Chips Bags of baby carrots

Granola Bars

Canisters of Hot Cocoa Mix

Ritz Crackers

Label your donations: "Youth Retreat" and drop off

By Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Baked goods are also needed

and may be dropped off in the kitchen Friday afternoon or

anytime Saturday, Feb. 14/15.

Devoured with appreciation!!

#### **LWML NEWS**

Pastor Berg led a Bible study on the Sanctity of Life at our January fellowship times. Jacky Drewry, for Anchor of Hope, was our guest speaker. She explained the mission of Anchor of Hope as Pro Life, Pro Love, Pro woman, Pro Family. This group has been helping and counseling and being an alternative to Planned Parenthood since 2015. LWML members brought items for newborns and parents and organized 8 "welcome baby baskets" for Anchor of Hope. A Thrivent Action Team project provide funding to add additional items to the baby baskets.

#### **Upcoming LWML events:**

- March 1 is the deadline to pay \$10 if you wish to receive the LWML Quarterly.
- LWML SWD Winter Getaway on Feb 7 & 8 at Marriot Milwaukee West, Waukesha \$60 registration includes breakfast and lunch. Walk-ins welcome.
- Prayer Service will be Mar. 7 at 10 A.M. at Bethlehem, Sheboygan
- Zone 9 Spring Rally will be at Good Shepherd, Two Rivers on May 13 at 6 P.M.

Next Trinity LWML Fellowship- Mar. 9 & 14. Watch bulletin for details.



FINANCIAL AID FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Each year Trinity's Endowment Fund awards financial aid For Trinity day school students, Lutheran High School Students and college students pursuing

a church-work vocation. Last year the Endowment awarded the following requests for student aid:

Trinity Day School: \$15,000 Lutheran High School: \$7,000 Professional Church Workers: \$1,500

Financial aid forms for Lutheran High and professional church workers are available from the church office. Please return forms by March 2, 2020.

Please contact the school office (458-8248) on how to apply for aid for Trinity Lutheran School.

#### **LUTHERAN CEMETERY**



**2020 Resolution**- Make your final wishes known, do not wait any longer, be the decision maker, Do not let someone else try to guess what you would have wanted. Make an appointment with John Jacobchick, the Sexton at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery & Garden Terrace Mausoleum to discuss your plans and set in motion the way you would

like them carried out. Call 920-452-6507 to talk with John Jacobchick- Sexton.

# From Our Principal



#### **Choosing Lutheran Education**

In the midst of enrollment season, I am reminded again of the great sacrifices families make to ensure their children can receive a Lutheran education. Financing Lutheran education can seem overwhelming, even with financial assistance, and families have shared with me that while they would love for their children to attend Trinity, they cannot afford to pay for 8+ years of parochial education. This is something I fully understand. My parents were Lutheran educators who lived paycheck to paycheck in order to pay for Lutheran education. We didn't have cable TV, take expensive vacations, or get the newest gaming systems for Christmas; we did, however, receive an excellent education and hear the Word of God daily.



These served us far more. My siblings and I attended Lutheran Universities and grew up to marry Christian spouses and to raise our children in the church. Our college educations have served us well in our careers and in supporting our own families. I say this as a reminder that what we invest in our children now pays great dividends in their futures. We fill them with the Word and excellent knowledge so that they, in turn, can be successful and raise children who will continue to participate in worship and growing the church on earth. As parents, we would all confirm that our children are one of our greatest priorities, and the gift of excellent, Christian education is one way we can ensure that we are giving them the absolute best. This simple truth makes all of the sacrifices worth it! Included below is information for the Wisconsin Choice Program—a wonderful opportunity for families to eliminate tuition costs associated with private education. Please share this information with friends or family who you know could benefit from a Trinity education!

Open enrollment for the Wisconsin Private School Choice Program runs from February 1<sup>st</sup>-April 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember, all current Choice students must reapply for the program each year; however, continuing Choice students are not required to provide income documentation. If your family qualifies, this program pays 100% of tuition costs for your child(ren). To qualify for this program, the family must earn an income equal to or less than 220% of the poverty level. See the chart below for income requirements. \*\*NOTE\*\* If the students' parents/legal guardians are married, income is reduced by \$7,000.00 when determining eligibility; therefore, a married couple could earn \$7,000.00 more than the table amounts below and still qualify.

Family Size	Yearly Income
2	\$36,212
3	\$45,716 (if married, add \$7,000)
4	\$55,220 (if married, add \$7,000.00)
5	\$64,724 (if married, add \$7,000.00)
6	\$74,228 (if married, add \$7,000.00)

In addition to the income requirements, students must (1) be applying to grades K4, K5 or 1<sup>st</sup> **OR** (2) meet one of the following requirements for the 2019/20 school year: (a) attended a public school in WI; (b) attended school in another state; (c) was homeschooled; (d) participated in the WPCP; (e) on the WPCP waiting list; all students must meet the residency requirement every year of living in a WI school district other than Milwaukee or Racine.

To apply, visit dpi.wi.gov/choice. Additional program information can also be found at this site, or in the school office. Please call the school office with any questions!

Jenna Roeske, Principal

#### **Return Service Requested**

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Mark your calendar...

Concordia Ft. Wayne Kantorei 2020 Lenten Tour

> Saturday, February 29 7:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church

Mark your calendar...

Concordia River Forest Chamber Orchestra & Laudate Concert

> Saturday, March 28 7:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church



#### The Beautiful Life

Higher Things Youth Retreat Trinity Lutheran Church February 14-16, 2020

Lent Begins...

**Ash Wednesday Services** 

February 26, 2020

10:00 am & 6:30 pm



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Other donations of any amounts always welcome. Please call the church office at 458-8246 for details.

For more happenings at Trinity and updated calendar information, go to www.trinitysheboygan.org