## **Trinity Lutheran Church**



### Congregation School Childcare

Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Making Known the Love of Christ



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#### From the Pastors



#### The Wind Ceased

"When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God'" (Matthew 14:32-33).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Jesus had just performed the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 after which "He made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds." He then went up on the mountain by Himself not only to pray, but to watch over them.

If you ponder this awhile you realize that Jesus is doing the same thing for His people today. He puts us in the boat of His church while He, the ascended Lord, prays for us and watches over us.

But that's not all. Jesus saw His disciples were in trouble and that the wind was against them, so He went out to them, miraculously walking on the water to be their Savior. In the midst of their terror of the wind and the waves and their thinking that He was a ghost, Jesus says, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27b).

Today we find that the wind is against us, too. We're dealing with the wind and wave after wave of a relentless pandemic. At the same time there's a gale force wind of racism, civil unrest, and violence in many communities. So Jesus miraculously comes to us by means of His Word on the water of Holy Baptism and in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion to calm our fears and brings us His forgiveness, comfort, and peace. He's not a ghost today either, for He says, "Take eat; this is my body...Drink of it...this is my blood (Matthew 26:b, 27a, 28a).

We hear that Peter got out of the boat and was actually walking on water until he took his eyes off of Jesus. As a result, he was overcome by the wind and the waves and began to sink. But Jesus doesn't let him go under. He takes him by the hand and puts him back in the boat and with that, the wind ceases.

Likewise, Jesus will not allow us to sink into despair or to be overcome by the chaotic waters of sin and death no matter how strong the wind or how big the waves. He takes us with Him into the boat of His Church, and the wind ceases. There is the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. And you, like me, join with the Church triumphant in saying of Jesus, "Truly you are the Son of God!

In Christ,



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School Phone: 920-458-8248

Web site: trinitysheboygan.org

<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

> Timothy J. Mech Senior Pastor

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John M. Berg Associate Pastor

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#### **August Calendar**



#### **Sundays: Weekly**

\* Divine Services 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am

#### **Mondays: Weekly**

\* Divine Service 6:30 pm

#### Fridays: Weekly

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

#### Monday, August 10

\* Teachers Return

#### Monday, August 17

\* A Special Divine Service 10:00 am (Masks required)

#### Wednesday, August 19

Back-to-School Event (sign up required)

#### Sunday, August 23 - 9:30 am Service

- \* Eatherton Installation and Gift Card Welcome
- \* Placement of Faculty & Staff

#### Monday, August 24

\* First Day of School - Noon dismissal

#### Friday, September 4 & Monday, September 7

\* No School/Offices Closed

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#### **Operation Backpack**

Operation Backpack is a great opportunity to give to our community and help families in need.

How you can help? You can

donate school supplies and backpacks. Bring them to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1614 S 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Sheboygan or contact Rev David Blas 630-229-2455/ 920-452-8759; Tim Glocke 920-565-2912

**Distribution date:** Saturday August 8, 2020; 1:00-3:00 PM At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Curbside pickup. Items needed:

Pens
Pencils
Plastic pencil box
(8 ½ x 5 ½)
Erasers
Crayon box
Children's scissors
Glue sticks
Bottle of glue
Black dry erase markers
Wide lined composition

Box watercolor paints
Washable markers
Back Packs (we need more for boys)
Highlighters
Colored pencils
One inch 3-ring binder
Two inch 3-ring binder
Pkgs. lined index cards
Coloring books

notebooks
Spiral wide-ruled notebooks
Pocket folders

#### **Eatherton Family Welcome**

We cordially welcome the Eatherton family to Trinity! Sam begins his work as our new Music Director this month and Lois will be teaching 5th grade. The Eatherton children are Hannah and Rebekah, age 19; Ruth, age 16; David, age 14; and Sarah, age 10. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their work and Trinity and make their home with us here in Sheboygan.



#### **Eatherton Family Welcome**

Please join fellow members of Trinity in welcoming the Eatherton family to Trinity with a gift card shower on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Trinity LWML**

LWML South Wisconsin District has completed the 2018-2020 Biennium and we are rejoicing that through God's blessings, our Mission Grant goal of \$204,000 was met. Nine mission projects have been paid in full! Due to the Covid19 situation, we were not able to meet at the Convention at the end of June, but that did not stop us from holding elections and voting on our next Mission Grants for the 2020-2022 biennium. The Mission Grant goal was set at \$205,000 with 13 mission projects selected to be funded. Information about these mission projects will be posted on the LWML bulletin board located at the bottom of the steps going to the gym.

All women are invited to join us at our next Trinity LWML fellowship on Monday, Sept 14th at 1:00 pm at church. We will have Bible Study and someone from Salvation Army Sheboygan will be sharing information about the work they do. We will be making encouragement cards for our activity. Please come join us!

The LWML SWD Fall Retreat will be held on Sept 11-12 at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc WI. "Jesus is the Light" is the theme and the speaker is International Hymnal Consultant, Deaconess Sandra Rhein. The retreat information and registration form is available on the LWML bulletin board.

#### From Our Principal



Dear Trinity Members:

Perhaps more than ever, we are eagerly anticipating the beginning of a new school year. After months away from our students and families, our staff cannot wait to be reunited as a Trinity family! The theme for the 2020-2021 school year is "Sent to Serve," derived from Matthew 20:28—"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." In a time of division in our country, our focus at Trinity will be to unite to unselfishly love and serve our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. Our students will be reminded each day that we serve because Christ first served us. We love our neighbor because, despite our sinful nature, Christ first loved us. What a perfect focus for our school year. We cannot wait to start another year of **making known the love of Christ** by serving others!



As you can imagine, our school day will look a bit different than in years past. Our intent is to return 5-days a week with a traditional school day running from 8:15-3:30. We will have additional safety and sanitation measures in place, but our students will be back together immersed in both academics and in the Word of God. We are working diligently to ensure that our school day is safe and also as normal as possible. We value the physical health of our students alongside their spiritual, social, and emotional health, which was the driving force behind our decision to return to in-person instruction. We do have a few spots open in classrooms, so if you know of someone who is looking for a new school solution in the current climate, please send him/her my way!

Staffing update: We are very excited to welcome three new staff members this year! Mr. Sam Eatherton is our new church music director and school music teacher. Mr. Eatherton comes to us from Zion Lutheran Texas with his Ph.D. in school music. We are so excited to bring his expertise to the classroom! Mr. Eatherton's wife, Mrs. Lois Eatherton will also be joining our staff as our new 5th-grade teacher. Mrs. Eatherton has 10+years of classroom teaching experience and cannot wait to join our staff this fall as well! The Lord provided two wonderful educators for our school exactly when we needed them. Praise God! Finally, we welcome Ms. Brittany Wolf to our staff as our after-school care teacher for the elementary students. Ms. Wolf is a Trinity member who many of you will recognize from her work in our childcare program and as our cheerleading coach. Ms. Wolf is finishing up her Bachelor's degree in special education through Liberty University and has been working in the after-school care program at Grant Elementary for the last few years. She cannot wait to start here at Trinity amongst her family and friends. Please welcome these new staff members as you see them in church or at school functions!

As always, your prayers and support are both valued and appreciated. Our school depends on our congregational support, and we are so grateful for your partnership in ministry! Please pray for our staff and students as we head into another year!

Jenna Roeske Principal



Do your kids need a backpack and some school supplies, but you can't afford it?

We have Good News for you!

Come to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church August 8, 2020 from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM 1614 S 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Sheboygan WI 53081

Your kids could get a backpack with some school supplies FREE OF COST

<u>REQUIREMENTS:</u> KIDS MUST BE PRESENT. Supplies are LIMITED; FIRST COME GET SERVED. <u>CURBSIDE PICKUP</u>

For further info call Rev David Blas 630-229-2455/ 920-452-8759; Tim Glocke 920-565-2912.

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2020-2021 Placement of Faculty & Staff of Trinity and Installation of Dr. Sam Eatherton

> Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:30 am Divine Service

#### A Special Divine Service (with masks required)

**Where: Trinity Sanctuary** Monday August 17th Date:

Time: 10:00 am

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