

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
Appleton, WI
September 2019



Travels of Flat Jesus

Flat Jesus has slowed his travels a bit in August and been seen more locally. Thank you to everyone who shared Flat Jesus across our community and the world. It is always good to remember that Jesus is with us as we share God's love with all people as we grow in faith together.



Clockwise from left: Wanda, FJ & Judy at Galilee (camp cabin) with FJ; Jan & friends at bingo in the park; Flat Jesus; bingo with Lorna & FJ; Kendal & FJ (Sarah & Ken's niece) at the Alto Fair hanging in the animal judging.

Sharing God's love with all people as we grow in faith together.

Worship in September

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
Tri-County Chapel
1592 Oneida St.
Menasha, WI 54952

September 1

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

*Creeds: Holy Spirit
Acts 2:1-18*

September 8

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

*Garden of Eden
Genesis 2:4b-25*

September 15

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

*Isaac born to Sarah
Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7*

September 22

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

*Jacob Wrestles with God
Genesis 32:22-30*

September 29

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

*Moses and God's Name
Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-15*

Midweek Worship

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
at Grace Lutheran Church



Every Sunday is Special

September 1: *Instant Bucket Children's Message*

This Sunday will put a twist on the Children's Message. One family will choose an item or two to put into a bucket that Pastor Brian will see on the spot and create a Children's Message using whatever he finds in the bucket. Come and see what happens.

September 8: *God's Work. Our Hands.*

As we've become more engaged with finding new ways to support Pillars and the families that live there, this year our God's Work Our Hands project will center on that support too. After church, all are invited to stay and help plant mums that will be taken and delivered to the families at Pillars. From playing with the kids at Pillars, to donating socks and underwear to the shelter, to planting mums, there are all sorts of simple things we can do to connect with the community at Pillars. This project is one more way to strengthen that connection.



September 15: *Celebration Potluck*

To celebrate Katie's internship, we will hold a potluck after worship. Katie has asked us to "bring something your grandma used to make for you or that you grew up eating." THANK YOU to Katie for her sharing her gifts, her joy, her enthusiasm and her wisdom with us. (Classes begin on September 16 for Katie. Thankfully she will still be with us leading music at worship!)

September 22: *Baptismal Blessings*

It is exciting to look forward to a baptism on September 22. Hazel VandenHeuvel will be baptized that morning. Hazel is the little sister to Lewis, Will, Evan & JD; her parents are Sarah & Andrew VandenHeuvel. Help us welcome Hazel into God's family with open arms!

September 29: *Treat the Teachers*

In conjunction with the collection for Lincoln Elementary, on Sunday, September 29, special treats will be put together to encourage, affirm & thank the teachers at the beginning of the school year. See the related article on page 4 about the collection for Lincoln Elementary.

LOADS OF LAUNDRY LOVE

In August 2018, a few folks at Trinity hosted a free laundry initiative at a local laundromat.

Nine of us showed up. Unfortunately only one person wanted us to do his laundry that day.

We knew what we wanted to do, but the Holy



Spirit had other ideas. We were led to Oneida Heights, a low-income housing complex in downtown Appleton. Loads of Love was born!

Over the past 11 months, Dorothy Warren has led our laundry team. She ensures we have all the detergent, dryer sheets and quarters we need for the 40-50 loads of laundry we do each and every month.

Clean clothes are important, but Loads of Love is about something more - building community and strengthening relationships.

After our first visit, Mary Robertson said, "Last Tuesday evening we met Jesus face to face at Oneida Heights. I could see him [those] we washed and dried clothes for. [One], who has a chronic joint and hip disease and a brain injury, hugged each of us and thanked us profusely for doing her laundry. Jesus was right there among us. To me, it's like experiencing a little bit of what heaven must be like."

Mary then asked. "How can we share this and offer everyone this opportunity?"

That's easy - you may help with donations - each load of laundry costs about \$2.

You may also join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. We meet in the lobby of Oneida Heights at 2 pm. Contact me, Dorothy Warren, or the church office to get started.

What's next?

Can our Loads of Love initiative reach even more people? Can it be a fresh expression of church?

Last month I told you about Dinner Church and the great opportunity it offers here in Appleton.

This month I want to highlight Laundry Love - an initiative that partners with the community to wash the clothes and bedding of low-income and/or no-income families and individuals.

Laundry Love has 300+ programs across the United States, including one in Green Bay.

And just like Trinity's Loads of Love, Laundry Love is more than doing a few wash loads - it is about relationships. They see the laundromat "as a place where strangers become friends, people are known by name, and the worth of every human being is acknowledged and celebrated."

As Trinity continues to do laundry - and build community - Laundry Love may be a ministry initiative we'd like to pursue with other ELCA congregations in the area.



What do you think? Should we give it a go?

Pastor Brian



Rooted: September 18

Rooted will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at 5:15 p.m. at Grace. After our meal we will move to Pillars to play with the kids while their parents attend class. As always there is room at the table for you at Rooted.



Lincoln Supplies for Lincoln Elementary

Collection Dates: September 22 - 29

Teacher & school supplies are being collected for Lincoln Elementary at the end of the month. Please bring your items to worship on September 22 or 29 or to the church office.

Here's a list of suggested donations:

Requests from teachers:

- Expo Markers
- Kleenex
- Clipboards
- Inexpensive over the ear headphones
- Small toys/trinkets for the classroom prize boxes

Additional needs:

- Box crayons, 24 count
- Cap erasers
- Elmer's glue, 4 oz.
- Glue sticks, large
- Pencils, #2
- Highlighters
- Pens, black-blue-red
- Large pink erasers
- Fine line markers
- Colored pencils, 8 & 12 count
- Clorox wipes / Disinfecting wipes

THANK YOU for your generous donations!



East Central Synod Women Sisters Together Fall Retreat

September 20 - 21, 2019

Imago Dei Bible Camp, Clintonville, WI

Cost: \$80.00 (Scholarships available)

Unity of the Spirit:

We are all in this together.

Guest Speaker: Kay Lynn Zastrow

For more information or to register: Talk to

Wanda Fischer 750-4843 or

frnknl@yahoo.com.

Socks & Underwear Please

Trinity will be collecting socks and underwear for men, women and children, all sizes.

Collection will begin on Sunday, September 1 and continue through Sunday, September 22.

These items are being collected in conjunction with the East Central Synod Women's Retreat. All area goods will be distributed to Pillars and Oneida Heights.

Questions: See Wanda Fischer.



Around the baptismal font in August. Remembering our baptisms.



Message from Mary

Trinity Church Council President

Listening is critical to all healthy human interaction. As our Intern, Katie, told us in her Sunday sermon, we need to listen with our whole being, not just our ears. She also told us to listen and pay attention to all of God's creation, as God's creation was created in holiness.

Recently I have listened to the stories of three adults, living at the Adult and Family Shelter. Each had a story that helped me understand how lack of listening from primary relationships (parents, siblings, friends, caretakers) can create chaos and misunderstanding that affects one's life. These three adults I listened to are living "on the edge" of poverty and need people to listen to their stories, show them love and support, and introduce them to God's love. They, along with countless others in the Fox Cities, are living "on the edge". And yes, they are part of God's holy creation. Can we, at Trinity, answer the call of the Holy Spirit and respond to God's call? Are we listening with our whole being? Do we see the residents at Pillars, Oneida Heights, and The Heritage as people created in holiness by God, who deserve our full attention and every bit of our listening ability?

We, at Trinity, all need to answer these questions.

Again, I am open to comments and questions you may have.

Are you listening? 

Mary Robertson



Katie Mueller helped Pastor Brian lead worship at the Heritage on August 12.



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Appleton, WI**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel)	2	3 10 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Vision & Action Team Meeting	4 9 am KIT 10:15 am Quilters 6:30pm Worship - Grace	5	6	7
8 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel) God's Work. Our Hands.	9 2 pm Worship at Heritage 5:30 pm Exec/Staff Mtg.	10 2 pm Laundry Initiative	11 9 am KIT 10:15 am Quilters 6:30pm Worship - Grace	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel)	16 6:30 pm Communications Team Mtg	17 10 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Council Mtg.	18 9 am KIT 5:15 pm Rooted	19	20	21
22 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel) VandenHuevel Baptism	23 2 pm Worship at Heritage 3:30 pm HHH Meeting	24 10 am Staff mtg. 2 pm Laundry Initiative	25 9 am KIT 6:30pm Worship - Grace	26	27	28
29 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel)	30					



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

September 2019

September 1:

Greeter: Kay Odegaard

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Jerry LeMoine
2. Sandy LeMoine

Reader: Sean Massey

Communion Assistants:

1. Shirley Connell
2. Kay Odegaard

Healing:

1. Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch
2. Judy Natz

Children's Time: Dorothy Warren

Fellowship: [*Can you help?*](#)

September 8:

Greeter: [*Can you help?*](#)

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Ron Robertson
2. Mary Robertson

Reader: Mary Robertson

Communion Assistants:

1. Judy Natz
2. Jean Haese

Children's Time: Katie Mueller

Fellowship: Mary Bankert

September 15:

Greeter: Dorothy Warren

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Kay Schroeder
2. Steve Schroeder

Reader: Wanda Fischer

Communion Assistants:

1. Shirley Connell
2. Sue Barden

Children's Time: Chrisanna Barricklow

Fellowship: Sue Barden

September 22:

Greeter: Dena Krueger

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Steve Krueger
2. Zach Krueger

Reader: Sandy LeMoine

Communion Assistants:

1. Sandy LeMoine
2. Wanda Fischer

Children's Time: Jen Cornelius

Fellowship: Sandy LeMoine

September 29:

Greeter: Dorothy Warren

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Jerry LeMoine
2. Sandy LeMoine

Reader: Jean Haese

Communion Assistants:

1. Jean Haese
2. Jeanne Beckley

Children's Time: Dena Krueger

Fellowship: Jeanne Beckley





**“God’s Work, Our Hands”
at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes**

Members from our Appleton conference congregations are joining our staff on Sunday, September 8 from 9 AM to 12 PM to help us with some yardwork and other small projects. Many hands make light work. We would love to have you join us and make a difference in our Linwood Place community. Please contact our Building Manager Brian Krauss at 920-840-3578 or by email at bldgmgr.fvlhomes@gmail.com to let us know that you can join us or for more information.

**Support Linwood Place
While Enjoying An Evening of Music!**

Join us for the Neil Diamond Nostalgia and Tribute Concert featuring Eric Diamond on Friday, September 20 at 7 PM at the OuterEdge Stage at 300 N Oneida St in Appleton. General Seating tickets \$25 and Cabaret Seating Tickets \$30. Reserve your own Cabaret Table for 4 for \$120. Tickets are available at Linwood Place by calling 920-734-7225, from any board member or at the door.

**Mark Your Calendars for the
Pie & Ice Cream Social & Auction**

Visit us on Sunday, October 13 from 10 AM - 1 PM at Linwood Commons, 425 N Linwood Ave, in Appleton for a fun filled afternoon with old and new friends. Enjoy pie and ice cream and plan on bidding for a special item at our auction. All proceeds support the Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. Watch our website (www.fvlhomes.org) for more information as we begin to display some of our exciting auction items.

Special Request for Pies and Auction Items

We are seeking donations for our upcoming Pie & Ice Cream Social and Auction. We hope that your congregation is willing to support our ministry by supplying 2 pies and an auction item for our event on Sunday, October 13. Please contact Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch at 920-734-7225 or by email at lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com to let us know what you able to donate by Tuesday, October 1. Auction items can be delivered as soon as possible so we can feature them on our website. Pies can be delivered on Friday, October 11 between 1 and 4 PM and on Saturday, October 12 between 8 AM and 12 PM.

Loaves & Fishes of the Fox Valley
Presents

Café Murder

A Mystery Dinner Theater
Fund Raiser for Loaves & Fishes

Saturday, October 26, 2019
Grand Meridian - Appleton, WI
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale September 1st
[@loavesandfishesfb.org](http://loavesandfishesfb.org). Early bird
price \$35/person. \$40/person
starting October 1st.

Loaves & Fishes of the Fox Valley provided over 14,000 healthy meals to those in need in 2018. They have 300+ dedicated volunteers that give of their time and talent to prepare and serve nutritious meals three evenings a week. Loaves & Fishes is making a positive difference in our community.

Silent Auction Items Needed:

Help us turn the table on hunger by donating an item, basket or gift card toward our silent auction. Your business or name will be acknowledged in our event program as a supporter of Loaves & Fishes.





Opportunities at Trinity to Study GOD'S MESSAGE for You

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. at Grace in the Kitchen

The Grace and Trinity Bible Study groups have a combined study, and meet on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the kitchen at Grace. Please consider joining to study God's message for us. It is a fun experience, with lots of good discussion. The study is based on the ELCA lectionary gospel lesson for the week.

Readings and studies for Wednesdays September include:

September 4 - Luke 14:25-33

September 11 - Luke 15:1-10

September 18 - Luke 16:1-13

September 25 - Luke 16:19-31

You are Welcome to...*"Keep in Touch"* with God and with one another!
Refreshments provided!

Senior Living Expo--Celebrating Life after 50

Older adults, their families, caregivers and all interested are invited to attend this INTERACTIVE TRADESHOW with 70+ Exhibit Booths!

FREE Admission, NO advance registration

FREE Seminars on Social Security and Estate Planning/Elder Law

Date--Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019

Time--8:00 am -- 12:00 noon

Place--Players Choice, County Rd JJ, Appleton

Sponsored by Appleton Noon Lions Club. All proceeds go to charitable organizations. (For more information, see the poster in the church office or check with Sarah Bultman.)



The piece of art above was created at Camp Pillars using fingerprints from the kids, youth and adults participating. Caitlin added the final touches and we delivered the art to Pillars for display. The quote says, "Once someone touches your heart, the fingerprints will last forever."

Blessing Box

THANK YOU to everyone who helped keep the Blessing Box at Grace filled this summer. Last night (8/21), a group from Rooted took two large bags of food to fill the box. This morning I checked the box when I got to work, and only a handful of items that were put in the box still remained. The food moves through it just that quickly sometimes. Special thank you to Rusty & Alison Witthuhn, Chris Anderson-Kroiss, Sue Ruppel, Katie Mueller who shopped and filled the Blessing Box. Thanks too to all who brought in donations! Sharing God's love with all people as we grow in faith together.

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*Feel free to contact any of these
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8:30 a.m. - Noon & 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.



Trinity's Purpose Statement:
*Sharing God's love
with all people
as we grow in faith together.*