

TRINITY WIGGLINGS

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
~Proverbs 22:6

I am thrilled and humbled to share with you this month the incredible success and blessing that is Wiggle Church! Last month I wrote how excited we were to have the opportunity to bring Jesus and His Word of love to a new worshipping community. The youngest children of our church and schools and their families are encouraged to worship together in a kid-friendly, non-intimidating worship setting. As I said, they're allowed and encouraged to wiggle!



Every Tuesday since the beginning of September, Preschool kids (Infants to PreK), Kindergarteners, First Graders and all their families have arrived for a kid-appropriate dinner, followed by playtime. Around 6:30 or so, we all make our way into the Sanctuary where Jonah and I greet them with glow-sticks and God, message and music. They have even learned the Lord's Prayer, set to music, that they continue to sing every week.

Here's how God works...

Obviously with something this new and untried, we had a little trepidation about how it would be received and attended. From the start we have averaged in the mid-40s for weekly attendance! If everyone who has experienced Wiggle Church in September came every week, we'd have over 80 people squeezed into the Parish Hall for dinner and playtime. GOD IS SO GOOD! He provides for everything needful! Pray that the weather cooperates through the fall and winter as I believe we're going to be spilling outside!

A huge thank you to Sanna Klipfel for being the volunteer coordinator for this ministry, to all the incredible volunteers, and to those of you who are contributing food for each evening. This new worshipping community is also forming relationships with other families and with our people as well. What a blessing to see our Lord at work!

In Him,
Rev. Robert Lyon Barker, Pastor

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SERVING THIS MONTH

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & YOUTH READERS

Oct 6

9:00 AM- Tim N.

Youth Reader: Allan A.

10:30 AM- Linda L.

Oct 13

9:00 AM- Todd W.

Youth Reader: Collins A.

10:30 AM- Charles P.

Oct 20

9:00 AM- Jerry R.

Youth Reader: David M.

10:30 AM- Linda L.

Oct 27

9:00 AM- Kathie N.

Youth Reader: Palmer L.

10:30 AM- David C.

Oct 6

9:00 AM- Pete B., Dolly S.

10:30 AM- Herb M., Suzi V.

Oct 13

9:00 AM- Pete B., Dolly S.

10:30 AM- Shalini T., Doris F.

Oct 20

9:00 AM- Pete B., Dolly S.

10:30 AM- David D., Linda C.

Oct 27

9:00 AM- Pete B., Dolly S.

10:30 AM- Fred V., Kristin C.

USHERS

AUDIO/VISUAL ASSISTANTS

Oct 6- Juliette C.

Oct 13- David M.

Oct 20- David B.

Oct 27- Matthew C.

Worship Schedule

October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Robert Lyon Barker, III

9:00am- Contemporary Praise with
Communion; Live-streamed

10:30am- Divine Service

October 13, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Robert Lyon Barker, III

9:00am- Contemporary Praise;
Live-streamed

10:30am- Divine Service with
Communion

October 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Robert Lyon Barker, III

9:00am- Contemporary Praise
with Communion; Live-
streamed

10:30am- Divine Service

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday
Rev. Robert Lyon Barker, III

9:00am- Contemporary Praise;
Live-streamed

10:30am- Divine Service with
Communion

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 2- Phil Berg

October 3- Lukas Wilmot

October 7- Julia Bagnall, Kristin
Best, and and Chris Roper

October 8- Kent Keith

October 10- Zach Goebel

October 11- Gary Ingemunson
and Dylan Kaufman

October 12- Kelsey Clark

October 13- Juliette Clark

October 14- Evan McKaig

October 15- Joe Coco

October 16- Jim Camomile and
Julianne Ota

October 18- Shelly Keith

October 20- Evan Costley and
Terri Zahnow

October 23- Kris Kraves and
Melissa Youngern

October 24- Riley Gummelt

October 25- Patricia Caliendo
and Sanna Klipfel

October 26- Bernie Clark

October 27- Jean Madison

October 28- Kasey Hudson
and James May

October 30- Andrew Bui and
Josh Mengers

October 31- Gene Bodel, Eric
Macdonald, Sophie Martin,
Kyle Nelson, and Mary Peck

Anniversaries

October 3- Richard and Elana Lester, 43 yrs

October 4- John and Julia McCarter, 21 yrs

October 5- Julianne and Dale Ota, 33 yrs

October 7- Gene and Mary Bodel, 40 yrs

October 8- Frank and Donna Miller, 41 yrs

October 10- Dwight and Jean Odland, 26 yrs

October 14- Jeff and Nicole Raven, 29 yrs

October 17- Robert and Catherine Barker, 43 yrs

October 27- Josh and Miriam Mengers, 17 yrs

WITH A SONG IN MY HEART....

By: Minister of Music, Robby Robinson

WITH A SONG IN MY HEART...

"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God." (Psalm 40:3)

I don't need to tell you that we live in complex times. Fast-paced, hectic lifestyles are the new normal. It's not unusual to get frustrated with the complications of contemporary life. Many of us are going from one fire to the next, each minute of each day plugged up with "stuff". We tend to live filled-up lives, but are our lives FULFILLED?

Everyday I marvel at how awesome our God is, and am fascinated at the power He grants us with His incredible gift called "music". One of the extraordinary aspects of music is its ability to cure the symptoms above. It is impossible to get down if we have a song of praise in our heart!

**How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing**

This great hymn of praise was written by the prolific and gifted songwriter, Chris Tomlin, whose pen has given us some of our best contemporary praise songs. With praise in our hearts, how can we keep from experiencing the joy of our salvation? With a lifestyle of praise, how can we keep from focusing on the hope that lies within us?

Think about it! Have you ever been sitting in a dentist chair, not the most enjoyable experience (apologies to the dentists out there), and found that singing unto the Lord to be a great way of relaxing? (I would recommend using your "inside" voice!) Have you ever found yourself in a tense situation and found that a song of praise in your heart could give you peace through the storm?

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Of course struggles and hardships are not a new phenomenon, and even though the 21st century makes life easier in certain respects, the frantic pace tends to compound anxiety. Scripture talks of three different singers....David, Paul, and Mary (no, not the singing group, that's "Peter, Paul, and Mary")....who found a song of praise to give them calm in the midst of turmoil. The Bible describes Paul and his buddy Silas singing praises in prison (Acts 16). Luke chapter 1 even gives us the lyrics to Mary's "song of praise". And of course the music-man after God's own heart, David, was constantly using songs for his contentment as well as those around him (including a crazy king).

Next time you find yourself in an anxious scenario, try singing a familiar song of praise such as....

**Lord I lift Your Name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us**

Lorenz Hart was a brilliant, but troubled lyricist, who left us with some memorable show tunes. His 1929 popular song: WITH A SONG IN MY HEART could tell a powerful truth if his love-song lyrics had just focused on the Creator....

**With a song in my heart, I behold your adorable face
Just a song at the start, but it soon is a hymn to your grace
At the sound of your voice, heaven opens His portals to me
Can I help but rejoice, that a song such as ours came to be
But I always knew I would live life through
With a song in my heart for you**

We can indeed "live life through" with a "song in our heart" to our Savior, with a hymn to HIS grace. I have always bought into the concept of a "lifestyle of praise". I mean that when we are praising God we don't have time to get down! And there is no question that our God is bigger than any our troubles! "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure" (Psalm 147:5).

The Bible tells us how God spoke through His prophet Jeremiah: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?" (Jeremiah 32:27) So with an all-powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing God watching out for us, the last thing we need is to worry about ANYTHING! Really....there is no problem too big for God, no sickness He cannot heal, no need He cannot meet, no sin He cannot forgive, no sinner He cannot save!

Dear Brothers and Sisters....I encourage you to lift up a song in your heart to your God. Sing His praises! Sing of His everlasting love! Make melody in your heart to Him! As long as we're singing, we won't have time for trouble!

My eighteenth-century namesake, Robert Robinson, said it better than I ever could in his encouraging hymn....

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live" (Psalm 104:33)

“When a Fellow Christian Sins Against You” Daily Devotion by Dr. Kari Vo

Heavenly Father,

*Give me both the wisdom and your own deep love
for those who have sinned against me.*

In Your Name,

Amen.

Matthew 18:15-17 - (Jesus said) "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Matthew 18 isn't my all-time favorite chapter of the Bible. That's because Jesus tells us how to handle things when a fellow believer sins against us—and I really don't like confronting people, even gently. I'd rather run away and hide. It's just easier to stew about it—treasure up my resentment—complain to other people—well, you get the idea!

But Jesus isn't having that nonsense. He is very straightforward: "Go and talk privately to that person ... If that doesn't work, bring a couple of others who can bear witness to it ... and if that doesn't work, 'let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.'"

Oh, goody! says my sinful heart. You mean that, if he refuses to listen, I get to give up on him? I get to ignore him and treat him as some heathen outcast, the way the Jews treated the Gentiles and tax collectors? Because I'm totally up for that, Lord!

Ah, no. As a professor of mine, Dr. Holst, pointed out to us in Greek class long ago, "Think about it. How exactly did Jesus treat Gentiles and tax collectors? ... He loved them all the more."

My teacher was right. What did Jesus do to such people? I'll tell you: He died for them. He rose for them. He told them the good news of forgiveness of sins. He prayed for them. And He sent His church as missionaries to them.

You may have someone in your life who has sinned against you, who has hurt you, and has not repented. And you may have gone through all the Matthew 18 steps with them, and they still don't listen. What now?

Treat them as a non-Christian. That is, treat them with the same urgent love and concern and prayer that you would a person who has never heard or believed in the Gospel.

This doesn't mean that you pretend the sin never happened. That would be a lie. It doesn't mean that you have to act as if everything's fine, or put yourself or others in a dangerous position (for example, by accepting abuse or harm). All it means is that you refrain from hating them—that you pray for them—that you treat them as people for whom Christ died, who are in danger of spiritual death.

Ask the Lord to help you work out exactly what that means in your specific situation, and seek wise counsel if you are in doubt. It might mean sharing the Gospel with them all over again, as if they had never heard it. It might mean you yourself end up keeping a safe distance and praying for them while God sends someone else to reach them more directly. No matter. Whatever God leads you to do, it will be a response that is ultimately motivated by love—by a real concern for their wellbeing, a concern that echoes Jesus' own redeeming love.



Ministry Groups

LCMS Youth Gathering Funds Tracker

Trinity Lutheran Church
Christ the King Newbury Park
Grace Lutheran Ventura
St. Paul Lutheran Agoura Hills
Peace Lutheran Camarillo
Redeemer Lutheran Thousand Oaks



Summer is over and we are officially in the fall season! The Gathering is more than the five days of the event and the preparation is well underway! There is so much to do and yet so much to be excited for! We here at Trinity are blessed to partner with Grace Lutheran in Ventura, Peace Lutheran Camarillo, St. Paul Lutheran in Agoura Hills, Redeemer Lutheran Thousand Oaks, and Christ the King Lutheran in Newbury Park, to organize one large planning AND traveling group to New Orleans. On September 29th, we were able to finally meet altogether as a group! It was so wonderful to see our youth at Trinity mix in with the other churches, starting to form connections with their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We were able to learn more about our theme for this summer: "Endure" and how that applies to our lives. Youth were able to take ownership in the trip, researching activities, food places and more to make this trip unforgettable. We're so excited to walk in stride with our sister churches and work toward the common goal that youth may experience Christ in a new way! Praise be to God!

Our most recent fundraiser, the Scholarship Envelopes helped to raise over \$10,000! Our youth and families are so blessed to be supported by this congregation who cares and values youth! We are currently north of \$15,000 raised for this trip! Throughout the year, in our monthly newsletter we will provide updates about where we are in the fundraising process. We are launching a new fundraiser this month, our Quilt raffle in partnership with Stitchin' for Missions. Chat with our youth who will be selling tickets in the quad on Sundays in October. Ask them what they're excited for, what they're looking forward to, how you can pray for them! Because even if you can't give monetarily, there is one thing we need: prayer. Please continue to pray for our youth, our adult leaders, our partner churches, the planning team of the Gathering, the city of New Orleans, and all those who may be involved that this event is blessed and is according to the will of our Father in Heaven. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to a youth scholarship, contact DCE Jonah at jsielaff@tlesimi.com.



**Baby John wearing his
Trinity Onesie!**

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



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As October begins, we are thankful for cooler weather and the beauty of our surrounding's. The children enjoy playing in the sandbox, collecting leaves, looking for lizards and just being outside without the intense heat we have had!

Inside the classrooms the children have been learning all about themselves, their families and even their pets but most importantly, that God made each of us unique and special. In one of the preschool rooms the children were asked what their favorite thing about them was. There were so many different responses; some liked their hair or their clothes but my favorite response was, "because I'm kind to my friends." Our young children are already understanding the importance of kindness to others and recognizing their personal strengths.

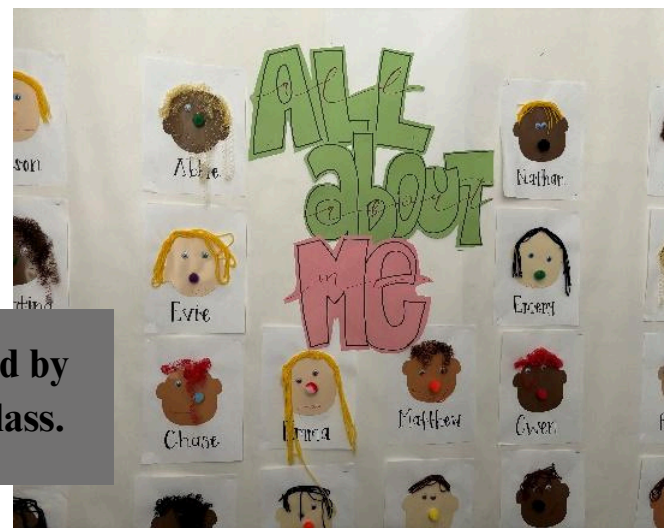
On Tuesday mornings DCE Jonah visits the preschool where he reads a Bible story, sings songs of praise and spends time getting to know the children. The children and teachers enjoy this special time to hear God's word and most recently the children have learned about creation and Adam and Eve.

Our infant room is full with twelve babies every day! At any given time, there are infants sleeping, playing, eating, getting a diaper change and being rocked and cuddled. We are blessed to witness first steps, rolling over and many other developmental milestones that the infants accomplish during their time in our infant room.

In Him,

Kerri Launer
Preschool Director

**Self portraits created by
our three year old class.**



EAGLE'S NEST NEWSLETTER

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We are Hiring!

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Job Opportunity:
Afterschool Care Worker

Are you passionate about working with kids and looking for a part-time position? Join our team as an Afterschool Care Worker!

Hours:

Monday through Friday, 2:45 PM - 6:00 PM

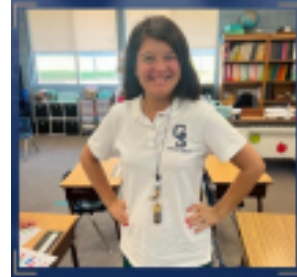
Duties Include:

- Checking in students upon arrival
- Assisting students with homework
 - Serving snacks
- Supervising students during playtime, both inside and outside
- Monitoring activities on playground equipment

Requirements:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Previous daycare experience is appreciated but not mandatory
- A positive attitude and a commitment to providing a safe, fun environment for students

If interested, please contact the school office (805) 526-2482 to apply. We look forward to hearing from you!



Happy 45th Birthday GSLS!

Mrs. Aupperle has always loved working with children, and knew from an early age teaching would be her passion and calling. One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching for her is witnessing the growth and progress students make throughout the year. As a huge Disney fan, she finds magic and inspiration from the stories and characters.

Volunteers Needed!

Luther's Attic: Saturday October 5th, 10-11-4, 10-4pm | School Lunch Helper: Every Tuesday and Friday, 11:45-1pm

It's a great way to help our school and counts towards family service hours. To sign up, please email or contact the school office.

Used Book Drive

We are still collecting gently used books for our GSLS Used Book Fair. Stop by the school office to drop yours off today!



Trunk or Treat

GSLS annual Trunk or Treat is coming up Friday October 25th from 6-8pm. Wear your Halloween costumes and go treat or treating trunk to trunk, in the church parking lot. This event is open to all, so bring the whole family for some festive fun! Trunk set up starts at 5pm. If you would bring a decorated



TRINITY LWML EVENTS

General Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, at 6:30 PM. All women of Trinity are invited to attend.

Book Club: October 25, at 7 PM, in the Fireside Room. Welcome all to all!

LWML SUNDAY: Taking place on October 13. The mission work of the Lutheran Women in Mission will be highlighted this Sunday. There will be the usual noisy offering during both services. A bake sale will be held after both services. All are invited, and urged, to donate homemade baked goods. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring the baked items in a plastic bag with a label as to the kind of cookie, bread, etc. Leave in Parish Hall before the 9 AM church service. All money raised in the collection and bake sale will benefit missions.

The August FUNDRAISER of lunch, blind auction, and Bunco was a successful event raising \$2389. Thank you to all who made this event possible by attending, donating items for the auction, and contributing in other ways. Various missions will be the recipients of the funds raised.

DISTRICT LWML ZONE LWML

The winter retreat is January 24 to January 26, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona.



NATIONAL LWML

NATIONAL LWML MISSION GRANT

Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan is a highlighted mission grant for October. Lutheran Hour Ministries carries out gospel outreach to a non-Christian country where many people are facing hardships and have limited opportunities to hear the gospel. LHM has identified opportunities to reach out and share the gospel with women and their families in urban areas and remote villages. Methods of outreach include training programs, resources, and media. The families hear God's message of salvation in a culturally appropriate way. This grant is for \$100,000.

Another mission highlighted is Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the US. Lutheran Hour Ministries is not translating English materials into Spanish. They are crafting programming, media content, and written materials for Hispanics by Hispanics. Ministry leaders, churches, districts, universities, and seminaries have been able to reach out to more of the Hispanic population through these new materials. This \$100,000 grant will share God's message of salvation to the Hispanic people through technology in their own language, which will help strengthen their faith and encourage them to seek to learn more about Jesus.



Retirees' Planning Meeting went well! We'll be doing Trunk or Treat again this year on Oct 25! Let Deanna Spencer or Monica Burke know if you want to decorate a car/ trunk, help decorate one, or just bring candy for it and hand it out! We are going to the Simi Art Center on November 3 at 2:00 to the Bee Hive: A Musical Play and tribute to 60's ground breaking women voices. Watch the bulletin for more info on that and contact one of us for tickets-- around \$30 if you want to sit with the group. Finally, we are planning a Christmas luncheon on Dec 11 (2nd Wed of month) place TBA. Hope you can join us for one or all!

SERVING BEHIND THE SCENES

ALTAR GUILD

Thank you for your dedication to the Altar; from changing the Paraments each week, ensuring the eternal candle remains lit, ensuring Communion items are available for us to partake in, and numerous other tasks that may go unnoticed and yet are so needed. God knows all you do and you are loved and thanked by Trinity.

Our Music and A/V team are dedicated to be here early and stay late every week. They ensure we have the best of everything so we can worship freely, From sound checks to internet live-stream, rehearsals and ensuring we stay on point with the words to sing... Team, we feel the love & dedication each Sunday.

MUSIC MINISTRY & A/V

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & USHERS

Many thanks for being the hands of Jesus each and every time you serve. Whether you serve weekly or once a month, you are valuable faces here at Trinity. Your dedication to serving others is infectious. Thank you for being an example to many of what service looks like.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Your dedication to serving the “littlest of these” is amazing, just like you are! Thank you for teaching our youth about Jesus and holding them up in prayer throughout the year!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5pm Confirmation 5:30 Wiggle Church 6:30 LWML Meeting	2	3 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Handbell Practice 6:45pm Trinity Choir	4 7:30am PB & J Coffee	5 Luther's Attic Service
6 9am Praise/Online Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 6pm Youth Group	7 6pm Chosen Bible Study 7pm Jam'n Java (online)	8 5pm Confirmation 5:30 Wiggle Church	9 7pm Ota Bible Study	10 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:30 Handbell Choir 6pm Lay Shepherds 6:30pm Preschool Council Meeting 6:45pm Trinity Choir	11 6pm LeBlanc Bible Study	12
13 LWML Sunday 9am Praise/Online Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service	14 Columbus Day 11am Stitchesin' for Missions 6pm Chosen Bible Study 7pm Jam'n Java (online)	15 5pm Confirmation 5:30 Wiggle Church	16	17 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:30 Handbell Choir 6pm GSLs BoEd Meeting 6:45pm Trinity Choir	18	19 YMCA utilizing Trinity parlning 1pm-7pm
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27 Reformation Sunday 9am Praise/Online Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service	28 11am Stitchesin' for Missions 6pm Chosen Bible Study 7pm Jam'n Java (online)	29 5pm Confirmation 5:30 Wiggle Church	30	31 School Costume Parade 9:30am Women's Bible Study		

Colors:

Church events

Youth

TLP

GSLs

Holidays