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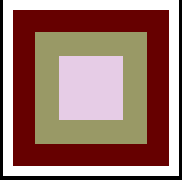
Thank You For Your Service

SEPTEMBER GREETER SCHEDULE

2015 CHURCH COUNCIL

Thur.	Sept. 3	7:00pm	Todd & Jen Schmidkofer
Sun.	Sept. 6	9:00am	Glenn & Jenny Hansmann
Sun.	Sept. 13	8:00am 10:30am	Bob & Marie Hughes Terri Grailer & Boys
Sun.	Sept. 20	8:00am 10:30am	Daniel & Dorothy Klemme Roger & Carol Wordell
Sun.	Sept. 27	8:00am 10:30am	Daniel & Harriet Kuhlow Roland & Marian Tess

President:	Greg Fictum
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Stewardship Chairman:	Peter Hansen
Maintenance Chairman:	Vern Grosshuesch



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News and events of interest and importance from your brothers and sisters in the faith at Trinity.

EXCEL IN THE GRACE OF GIVING

During the past spring many of our most active leaders participated in the beginning stages of the Excel in the Grace of Giving emphasis. The purpose of asking our leaders to initiate this effort is because they are "leaders". Going first and introducing an effort is what leaders do. We thank all of our families who participated in the Excel effort to date.

The second phase of *Excel in the Grace of Giving* is soon approaching. All remaining members will receive an invitation to participate in this special effort of learning about God's advice for exceling in all things, but especially in giving.

Excel in the Grace of Giving is a journey of faith for God's people. Through his Word, God will challenge us as members of his kingdom to proclaim his saving grace to more and more people. These are exciting times for our congregation! We have great plans in store for the next 2-3-4 years.

So, what is Excel all about? During the next few months you can expect to:

- ~ hear of our ministry plans that touch lives inside and outside of Trinity
- ~ learn of God's many promises about faithful service by his people
- ~ rejoice over the opportunity in responding to God's grace in your lives!



You will be hearing a great deal more about *Excel in the Grace of Giving* in the coming weeks. We will be using mailings, talks, sermons, visits and gatherings. It will be central to our church life during these weeks.

Our leadership team continues directing the Excel emphasis. They have performed admirably and the results are uplifting. Yes, God is blessing our combined effort! What a wonderful time to be partnered with Trinity. Please be open to this special invitation. Our God has promised great things!

Excel in the Grace of Giving – a fresh way to view giving in these times. The biblical focus of Excel is this: God's grace turns our giving into an investment, an investment that provides returns for eternity. It is a message which deepens the joy of giving, overcomes doubts and insecurity, and increases our generosity.

*We believe that God's Word works! We rely on God's Word to confirm and strengthen the Christian's desire to give and capability to give. We witness that Word at work - in good times and challenging times. **Excel in the Grace of Giving** is a biblical stewardship emphasis.*

Our leaders have discussed and studied the benefits of this type of approach. Our conclusion is that it is always important to

- Acknowledge that our members experience money management joys and challenges
- Be a "share the promises of God" and "share the vision" congregation – not a "meet the budget" congregation
- Remember our members are still motivated to give in support of Jesus' saving mission, and
- Lead and be committed in God's church helping and strengthening everyone through God's Word

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SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR IS STARTING



Sunday, September 13, is the start of our new Sunday School year. Registration starts at 9:00 AM that day at the entrance to our education building. The regular time of Sunday School is 9:15 to 10:15 AM each Sunday.

Sunday School MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Holy Spirit has blessed us with a complete staff of team teachers. Our staff this year is: 3 year olds, April Hansmann with Jenny Hansmann as helper. The 4 year olds/kindergarten, April Glodowski & Laura Gilbert, the 1st/2nd grades, Erin Overland & Mollie Henschel, the 3rd/4th grades, Cheri Reedy & Julie Nelson, the 5th/6th grades Amanda DeBruin & Ellen Eickhoff, the 7th & 8th grades, John Meiselwitz & Matt Kiecker, our music coordinator is Gretchen Carran and our super subs are Amber Hansen, Rachel Bramstedt, Rachel Hanmann, and Bill Hanmann.

Note that all classes have the team teaching approach except for the 3 year old class. The 3 years olds need to see a consistent face each Sunday. The team teach approach give the teachers the flexibility of needing to prepare for just half of the Sundays in the month. It keeps the teachers and students fresh.

Our Sunday school is for all children from age 3 up to and including 8th grade. They do not need to be a member of Trinity to enroll in Sunday School. If you miss the registration on September 13, see us at a different Sunday. It is never too late to enroll in Sunday School.

FALL FESTIVAL



Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 20 this year. This Sunday is not the NFL kickoff Sunday and the Packers don't play until 7:30 PM that day. That means you will have plenty of time to have a delicious lunch and sit back and have some enjoyment.

The festivities start at 11:30 AM in our commons area. We will have a lunch of Johnsonville brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and all of the trimmings. We will have the traditional hand dipped ice cream along with along with an array of desserts. Our entertainment this year will be Jerry Krueger and his accordion.

This event is being coordinated by the Sunday School staff and the Outreach committee this year. There will be a free will offering box to help cover the costs. Mark your calendar, September 20 for an enjoyable luncheon for all ages.

FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE STARTS



Thursday, September 3, 2015 will be our last Thursday evening worship service. Sunday, September 13 will begin our fall/winter schedule of worship times which will be at 8:00am and 10:30am. We will have a Family Bible Hour beginning at 9:15am.

TRINITY CHOIRS



The Adult Hand Bells Choir will have their first rehearsal of the season on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. Please come and

join us, even if you have never played before.

The Adult Choir will have their first rehearsal of the season on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. Come use your voices to sing praises to our Lord.



SCRIP will once again be sold in the school office on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** mornings until Noon. If anyone is interested in "on line" ordering, and printing your own certificates for places that have it available – there is a packet in the wooden "Scrip" box in the hallway entering school explaining how that works.



LABOR DAY

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic

achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

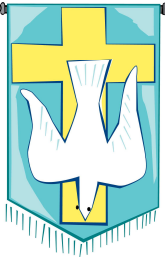


Fellowship and
Worship Opportunities



PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class



Once again this year the 6-8 graders that attend area public school will have confirmation class on Wednesday afternoons at 2:15pm. beginning Sept. 9. Kiel students will be picked up at the Kiel Middle School. Parents will be responsible for transportation home at 3:45pm. If you have a student in that age range and have not received communication from Pastor Laabs, please contact him at revdalaabs@trinitykiel.com or call (920) 901-8833.

BLESSINGS ABOUND AT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

The Lord continues to pour out his blessings on Trinity Lutheran School. This year, we are excited to have 81 students enrolled. Those are 81 precious souls we get to share Jesus with every day. What a wonderful opportunity.

Trinity Lutheran continues to upgrade and implement technology in the classroom. Chromebooks are still used in 3rd through 8th grade. New Chromebooks were purchased this summer using SCRIP funding, which is a wonderful way to support the school. We continue to use iPads in preschool through 2nd grade. This technology allows us to reach students of all abilities and help them achieve success.

We welcomed a new teacher to our staff this summer. Miss Petermann joins a faculty of dedicated, hard-working teachers. We are blessed to have the teachers we do. We are blessed to have the students we do.



SEPTEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

- Sept.1—Education Comm.
- Sept.2—Fun Day
- Sept.7—Labor Day
- Sept.8—Stewardship Comm.
- Sept.9—FACE Meeting
- Sept.9—PS Conf. Class
- Sept.14—Handbell Choir
- Sept.15—Ladies Aid
- Sept.16—Outreach Comm.
- Sept.16—PS Conf. Class
- Sept.17—Bible Information Class
- Sept.20—Fall Festival
- Sept.21—Handbell Choir
- Sept.21—Trinity Choir
- Sept.22—Church Council
- Sept.23—PS Conf. Class
- Sept.24—Bible Information Class
- Sept.24—Soccer Tourn. @ New Holstein
- Sept.28—No TLS School
- Sept.28—Handbell Choir
- Sept.28—Trinity Choir
- Sept.29—Elders' Comm.
- Sept.30—PS Conf. Class



Rev. Mark Schroeder “thankfully, joyfully” accepted the call to serve as WELS synod president on Tuesday, July 28. Delegates reelected him to his third four-year term on the first bal-

MY SON, MY SAVIOR



Only one woman had the unique privilege to call Jesus her son. Mary was blessed to be the mother of the Savior who was sent by God to rescue the world from sin and death. Watch as Mary experiences the miracle of Jesus' coming and humbly grows in the understanding that her son is also her Savior. The good news is that Jesus is your Savior too.

Written and produced by an Emmy-winning team, this acclaimed film offers a dynamic new opportunity to reach people with the story of Jesus—a valuable tool your congregation can use this year.

"If you ever question the importance of Jesus in your life, watch this film and see what it means to follow the One who loves you so deeply.."

Pastor Michael Hintz