

NEWS AND NOTES

October 1, 2017

Scripture

Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32 | Psalm 25:1–10

Phil. 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18

Matt. 21:23–27 (28–32)

Preaching

Jerry Mitchell

THIS WEEK

BIBLE STUDY • Tue. 10/3

9:30 to 10:45 am in Thrivent Room at Lutheran West High School. First and third Tuesdays, October–April. For Seniors (60+). Pastor Smith of St. Paul Westlake leads a bible study that will take an in-depth look at the book of Psalms and Proverbs. Includes continental breakfast.

1 pm in Office Building conference room. Ladies' group meets. Contact Ardis Janke for information, 216.334.5385; ardisjinx810@gmail.com

7:30 pm at Debbie Konarski's home in Lakewood.

7:30 pm at Ken McConnell's home in Lakewood. See Dave Pavlick for information.

See notes inside about upcoming studies in October, November, and December.

MUSIC NEAR THE MARKET • Wed. 10/4

12:10–12:45 pm. Enjoy a free concert in the sanctuary played on Trinity's famous Beckerath organ. Coffee and sweets come with the concert and a short fellowship time afterward. This week: Robert Myers shares "Minor delights."

CELEBRATE RECOVERY • Wed. 10/4

6:30–8 pm. Celebrate Recovery (CR) meets in the Community Center. CR helps those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process. Learn more at celebraterecovery.com or contact Laura Simko at 330.314.2609 or laurasimko@gmail.com.

NEWS

CONFIRMATION, REFORMATION: UNIFIED SERVICE 10/29

We will gather as one congregation in the Sanctuary on 10/29 at 10 am to:

- Welcome our confirmands and recognize their studies
- Observe the anniversary of the Reformation
- Learn about Katharina von Bora, Martin Luther's wife, through a live portrayal by **Trinity's own Ruth Pangrace**. The First Lady of the Reformation, Katie Luther was a strong woman with a mind of her own.

Plans for this service are being made carefully to ensure that it stays within 70 minutes. **Invite family and friends to this special celebration!**

FALL BIBLE STUDY: MARTIN LUTHER

Tuesdays, 10/17 through 11/28, learn about Martin Luther, his life, his role in the Reformation and its impact on the world. Laura Simko will lead the group through a study that includes video, readings, discussion questions

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and prayers. We will meet for six weeks: 10/17 in the Community Center, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28 in the Office Building Conference Room. With limited space, we will have to take reservations. If you have a study group that would like to take part or if you are interested in participating email Christine McConnell (christine@trinitycleveland.com) right away with the names of attendees. First come, first served.

TUTORING!

TRAINING SESSION. Saturday, 10/21 from 9 to 10:30 am. **Mandatory tutor training** held in the Community Center

TUTORING BEGINS. Tuesday, 10/24, 6 to 7:30 pm and Thursday, 10/26, 6 to 7:30 pm.

CALLING ALL TUTORS. If you are interested in becoming a new tutor, please contact Katherine Mitchell ASAP.

SUPPLIES NEEDED. Because of the black mold, all the tutoring supplies had to be thrown away. Building Hope is generously providing new supplies and books, but Thrivent Cards will help cover costs of school supplies, learning materials, and healthy snacks for the children.

BACKGROUND. Better late than never! This year's Trinity Tutoring was delayed. The basement is still out of commission, but we will use the main hall space to serve half the kids on Tuesdays and the other half on Thursdays, from 6 to 7:30 pm.

CLOTHING MINISTRY DONATIONS

See the flyer in today's bulletin to support this important ministry or give online at <http://bit.ly/TrinityGiving>. Be sure to select "Clothing" from the fund dropdown menu.

THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT

BIBLE STUDY

Plan to prepare for Christmas with Wednesday bible study and fellowship starting Thanksgiving Eve through Advent. We will gather at 6:30 pm in the Community Center on 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 to share a simple soup meal, give thanks, enjoy fellowship, pray together, and prepare for Christmas by spending time together in the Word.

DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRIES

Francois Banyeretse is in the office from 4 to 6 M-W and from 4 to 8 pm on Thursdays. Franco's goal is building team to support, engage, and grow our African community through education, fellowship, worship, and children's ministries. Let's all keep Franco and God's ministry through him to the African Community in our prayers. Thank you to the Council subcommittee for all of your research and work on this project and to Building Hope for the grant to launch this position.

SEASONAL WORK: CALL CENTER

Trinity family and friends who may be interested in earning some extra holiday cash: in the coming weeks, American Greetings Interactive will be hiring several temporary Customer Support Representatives to assist with seasonal peak in the Call Center at Brooklyn Operations in Cleveland. Customer Support Representatives assist subscribers with account maintenance, browser and operating system troubleshooting, product management and subscription retention, among other duties.

- Temporary associates will work in the Call Center in Brooklyn from mid-Oct. through early Jan., with a possible extension into Feb.
- Call Center hours are 8:30 am–8 pm Mon.–Fri., and 8:30 am–5 pm Sat./Sun.
- Temporary associates will be expected to work up to 40 hours per week

Apply at www.americangreetings.jobs. Search for keyword "Customer Support Representative" or autoreq ID 43373BR. You can add "Beth Dinvald" as the referrer if you wish.

TRINITY'S FASCINATING HISTORY

Local researcher and author Jim Dubelko just posted a new article, "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church: From Historic German Church to Inner-City Ministry," a brief overview of Trinity's history as an important part of Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood. Have a look: <https://clevelandhistorical.org/items/show/804>.

Far from exhaustive, the piece is part of a collection intended to enrich self-guided walking tours of the neighborhood. Jim requested that we notify him immediately about any factual errors in the story so he can correct them. He also said, "this was a difficult story to write, because your church has such a long and fascinating history. I hope you and the parish enjoy my approach to summarizing that history."

MINISTRY NEWS

LWML NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN AVON'S WOMEN'S RETREAT.

On Sat. 10/14. Featuring speaker Rev Dr David Buegler and worship led by Rev Paul Pater.

Includes a service project, skits, songs, and fellowship for a day of learning and fun. Registration fee (\$5) includes lunch. Register by 10/1 with Ardis Janke 216.671.0940—it's a great time for renewal, relaxation, and fellowship. You may also register with Faith Lutheran Church online at www.spvc.org or by phone 440.212.5440.

OLD PILL BOTTLES OR EYEGASSES? If you have these things cluttering your home, bring them in to the Trinity office for donation and reuse. See Ardis Janke for details.

RECYCLE! Pick up your new copy of *Portal of Prayer* and return the old ones for recycling. Other Christian reading material is also welcome.

MINISTRY EVENTS

"Spot the Spirit" Workshop

Reaping the Harvest Lutheran Church, 11932 Lorain Avenue, Saturday, 9/16, 2017 from 10 am to 3pm with a free light meal around noon. Rev. Dr. David Luecke will lead this workshop that offers practical, personal application of our rich Lutheran theology of the Holy Spirit. Through this workshop, participants will develop more spiritual excitement among people, increase the effectiveness of our witness to others, and grow in the Spirit.

This seminar is FREE, but RSVPs are requested. Please contact Reaping the Harvest at 216.912.8557 or email reapingtheharvestministries@yahoo.com with the number of people attending. Be sure to mark your calendar for this exciting event!

Unbridled 2017: Women's Retreat

October 13–14, Teen Quest Ranch, Somerset, PA. *Unbridled*, Teen Quest's premier women's weekend is just around the corner! The weekend will include: horseback riding, hikes, crafts, boating, relaxing and just taking in God's beauty in the gorgeous Laurel Highlands. Speaker Shelli Prindle will challenge and inspire us as she shares God's Word and articulates biblical truth in a down-to-earth fashion that will help us practically apply it to our lives. Register today for \$99, with no extra fees.

Call Lisa to reserve your spot: 814.444.9500. Better yet, reserve spots for all your friends too! Questions, contact Debbi Witt, Associate Director, Teen Quest questl@teenquest.org 814.444.9500.

Breathe Bible Audio Theater

Tyndale House Publishers and AM 1210 K-Praise invite you to a life-changing one-year audio journey through the New Testament with the Breathe Bible Audio Theater. Listen at 5 pm on Sunday or listen to the OnePlace podcast (www.oneplace.com/ministries/breathe-bible/).

COMING UP

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN FALL BAZAAR

Meet your friends for lunch and enjoy shopping at Concordia Lutheran's Fall Bazaar on Saturday, 10/28 from 9 to 3. Supervised free fall craft project for kids, shop for crafts, baked goods, wares of local artists, and treats from the café. Concordia is at 6705 Brecksville Rd, Independence.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER NOV. 5.

In Africa, North Korea, China, India, the Philippines, and other nations, Christians face worship restrictions, public humiliation, and social isolation. Many encounter violence; some face death. Church buildings are burned and vandalized. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is charged with raising awareness of such circumstances and lifting the most pressing instances of global persecution up in prayer. Watch for more information.

OUTREACH TO THE ADDICTED

Pastor Jerry was contacted by a representative of Found & Favored Ministries about holding an outreach event for those struggling with addiction. Dates in early 2018 are being considered. Learn about the organization and its founder, Allan Scott online at <http://foundandfavored.org/> and click on "About."

STATE OF THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT

Collection. Weekly totals (9/24/2017)

Income \$ 5,227.61

Weekly target \$ 4,898.00

Total income includes plate offerings and online donations. Thank you for faithfully supporting the Lord's work.

TRINITY'S BUILDINGS

Progress on the Path to a Plan

LEARNING BY EXAMPLE. Trinity's church building was dedicated in 1872 and the community center started its life as the original

parsonage in the late 1800s. It's been a long time since Trinity faced major repair, renovation or building projects. We can take comfort in the fact that the German families and Lutheran pastors who created Trinity's campus were very much like us—ordinary folk faced with a big challenge to do the Lord's work in the biggest and best way with His help and strength.

Trinity is blessed with example of other congregations that recently faced these challenges and succeeded. Trinity leadership teams: Elders, Council, Auxano, Trustee Leaders, Worship Team, and Staff will take time to visit and experience new and renovated buildings and talk to the people who managed the projects. First stop will be Community of Hope, LCMS in Broadview Heights on 10/3.

Council Meeting Outcomes::9/19

The black mold is gone, but the cleaning and remediation have left the basement spaces unusable and unsafe. At their monthly meeting on 9/19, Council took the Trustee Leadership Team's recommendation to keep the space as is and locked until there is a plan for using it. Council formed three subcommittees to learn about Trinity's ministries: clothing, community meal and food pantry. These folks will meet with ministry leaders, visit ministry events, and learn who's being served each month. The information will help us plan for the future and help ensure that there's no interruption in service for the people who need our ministries. The ultimate goal is to fully support the Christ-centered mission and ministry of all of our social ministries.

Voters' Meeting Update

Outcomes of the 9/10 meeting were:

- Council will gather information and request more information from the Trustee Leadership Team and Facilities Manager, David Konarski to guide us in making plans for necessary changes to Trinity's campus.
- The boiler in the Community Center has been lit and is working. Funds were budgeted for this year's boiler and pipe repairs and we'll keep it running as long as possible.
- There are no plans to displace or discontinue any of Trinity's ministries.
- The term "Voters' Meeting" was a bit misleading in that it implied that there would be a vote. *Voters* is a category of Trinity members who are eligible to vote and are therefore called on to attend the sessions. We'll make every effort to be clearer about what's on the meeting agenda in the announcement.
- More information sessions and open forums will be planned, as they are important for sharing our ideas and feelings about all the changes and chaos we're in together.
- See the minutes of the meeting at: <http://bit.ly/Sep10minutes>
- The Council Chair, Ted Sulak, will send a letter to Trinity members and friends with an update.

Please pray for Trinity's leaders, Trinity's congregation, our neighbors who need of our ministries, and our neighbors who have so much but don't have Jesus as their Savior. Pray for strength, wisdom, creativity, generosity, understanding, and patience for everyone affected by this situation.

REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

CANCELLED: BECKERATH CONCERTS

With regret, we announce that these Trinity events have been cancelled:

- Sun., Sep. 17. Hymnody of Martin Luther
- Sun., Oct. 22. Reformation Hymn Festival

We apologize for any inconvenience.

FEATURED REFORMATION EVENTS

* **Find ALL Reformation events** online at: <http://oh.lcms.org/congregations/reformation-500>.

Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World. Documentary about Luther and the stunning effects of his 95 Theses. **Free viewing** at Royal Redeemer on Sat. 10/14 at 7:30..

Free Reformation Concert at St. Paul Westlake

Sunday, 10/8 at 3 pm. Celebrate the Reformation with a free concert featuring organist Matthew Ginter with a choir and ensemble who will explore their faith through music by Bach, Videro, Hebble, Sweelinck and more. Freewill offering will support hurricane relief efforts. Reception to follow. St. Paul's Westlake, 27993 Detroit Rd, www.stpaulswestlake.org.

Katie Luther at Bethany Lutheran Church, Parma Sunday, 10/8

Bethany Lutheran's Women in God's Service (WinGS) will host a fun and informative program with "Katie Luther," a one-woman performance by local actress, Ruth Pangrace. All are invited to learn about the woman behind Martin Luther,

the man who changed history forever. Call Bethany-Parma at 440-884-1230 with questions.

Fall Festival at Royal Redeemer. Friday, 10/13, 6–8 pm, North Royalton

Games, food, balloon animals, inflatables, and assorted treats for children, along with various Reformation-themed games.

500th Anniversary Weekend Worship at Royal Redeemer

Saturday & Sunday, 10/14–15, all services

Reformation Celebration with former LCMS President, Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, who will preach at all weekend worship services.

Saturday, 10/14, 7:30 pm

A FREE viewing of the new full-length film "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World". The movie will be shown in the Activity Center.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation at Grace Lutheran Church, Lakewood

Sunday, 10/22, 4 pm

Featuring guest preacher Rev. Dr. James Lamb, children's and adult choirs from the SELC Central Circuit congregations, the Lutheran Wind Ensemble, The Bells of Grace and other musical groups, the celebration will be followed by a catered by Brennan's Party Center. RSVPs and payment (\$13.50 per person) for the banquet must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday, 10/1. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at 216.221.4959 with questions.

HymnFest 2017 by Building Hope in the City

Friday, 10/27, 7:30–9 pm

The Shrine of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E 65th St.,
Cleveland, OH 44105

www.eventbrite.com/e/hymnfest-2017-tickets-36118669914

CONTACT US

OUR ELDERS. Spiritual concerns?

Contact one of our Elders for assistance.

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TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP TEAM. Something that's in disrepair or needs attention? Contact one of the team leaders.

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CHURCH STAFF. Contact the staff to share joys and concerns, submit news items, reserve a room for a meeting or event, and other administrative topics.

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SERVING TODAY

Traditional Worship • 9 am

Altar Team	Leslie Prusinski
Liturgist	John Prim
Reader	Susan Myers
Organist	Bob Myers
Cantor	Laura Simko
Audio Tech.	David Krupp
Ushers/Hosts	Ron & Jean Yenchik
Coffee, snacks	Desley Brown
Teacher	Ardis Janke

Non-Traditional Worship • 10:30 am

Altar Team	Debbie Konarski, Deb Sulak
Reader	Ron Bakalar
Worship Lead	Steve Kovach
Music Coordinator	Nick Johnson
Band/Musicians	Rejoice (Laura Simko, Kari & Steve Kovach, Rick Hass, Mark Hurst)
Comm. Dev.	Marilyn Groff
Visuals Tech.	Marilyn Groff
Multimedia Consult.	Joe Schmigel
Audio Tech.	Ken McConnell
Ushers/Hosts	Ken & Christine McConnell
Coffee, snacks	David Pavlick, Carol Hart
Teacher	Debbie Konarski

Cross-Cultural Contemporary Worship • 11:45 am

Reader, Translation	Francois Banyeretse
Comm. Developer	Laura Simko
Visuals Tech.	Laura Simko

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and welcome you. Please feel free to ask questions and join us again any time. Come as you are!

If you would like to speak to someone on our Pastoral Staff or have a prayer request, please **note it on the comments line on the attendance sheet or call** the church office, 216.281.1700.

RESTROOMS. Sanctuary—Located down the stairway on the north end of the narthex, in the rear of the sanctuary. **Community Center**—out the rear door, down three stairs to the right, follow the hallway all the way back.

HARD OF HEARING? Assistive devices can be borrowed from our Audio Tech at the sound board desk at the back of the sanctuary.

SERVICE RECORDINGS. Each worship service held in the Sanctuary is recorded to a CD. Recordings are available to take home, enjoy, and copy.

COMMUNION. We celebrate the sacrament of communion on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. At Trinity, we confess that Holy Communion is Christ's gift to the Church, His true body and blood given with bread and wine for us to eat and drink. Here Christ confirms in us the benefits of his death and resurrection. He forgives sin, refreshes our lives, and promises us Salvation. We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who share this belief.