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A note from Pastor Rick

Friends of Trinity,

Welcome to Trinity's 150th anniversary!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has been in existence for (if we use 12 noon on our founding date of November 6th) exactly 150 years. Or 1,800 months. Or 54,787 days. Or 1,314,888 hours. That's a long time for a church of any kind in Western NY!

That's a lot of fond memories. A lot of ministry. A lot of families, friends, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, lives impacted, and yes, even a lot of chowder. (Side note: there's still plenty of chowder in the church freezer if you're hungry for it...help yourself! \$8 per quart.)

We should celebrate all of that time and memories and people that God had a big role in! And we are: I can't wait to see many of you at our celebration dinner on Saturday evening, November 6th, and our celebration worship service on Sunday afternoon, November 7th at 3 pm that has a reception to follow.

While we look at the past, let us give thanks for the present as well. Give

thanks that despite a devastating pandemic, Trinity is still here and can celebrate at all. Give thanks for all the many hands that are making this celebration happen and happen well. A few hands are carrying a lot of the load of this anniversary celebration, so be sure to especially let them know that their efforts are appreciated. And give thanks that God is still present and active here through each one of you!

Let us look toward Trinity's 151st year. And year 152. And 153. Where is God calling you as a disciple of Trinity? Where is God calling this community to love, worship, invite, pray, serve, give and encourage? God is still going to be here, and God is still going to be up to some big things in the years ahead. When the celebrations are over, let's together take up the challenge and calling to answer these questions and act on them.

So, congratulations Trinity! We've been a beacon in our community and world for 150 years and a whole bunch of months, days, hours, and so on! Give thanks for this moment and the people (including yourself) that are a part of it and let us move onward to listen and respond to the voice of God in our lives at home, at church and in the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick MG



Every Sunday at **9:30** in-person and online
(YouTube at *Trinity Akron*)

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

Join us for a short **All Saints Sunday** worship at 9:30 on **November 7th** before the 3:00 pm Anniversary worship for those who want to come to remember loved ones who have passed in the last year. If you have a loved one you want remembered, please let the church office know by November 2nd.

LADIES' THANKOFFERING SERVICE

On **November 21ST**, we will be welcomed by the women of our congregation as they lead the Annual Thankoffering Worship along with Pastor Kwame Pitts from the Community of Good Neighbors. Join our ladies and share your Thankofferings. All women of our congregation are encouraged to sign up and assist during this special worship to show your thanks for all God has provided for you. Pastor Kwame will be present following worship for a meet-and-greet time to get to know more about the ministry she leads.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ *The family and friends of:*
 - *Dustin Gotthard*
 - *Kevin McCadden*

- ❖ *Thanksgiving for Mary Lou Groff's results - she is cancer free!!*

- ❖ *Strength and healing for:*
 - *The 14 Christian Missionaries kidnapped in Haiti*
 - *The Farmers unable to work their fields due to too much rain*
 - *Harold Gardner - continued healing*
 - *Shirley Smith - broken wrist*
 - *Mike Christina - patience*
 - *Karen Staebell Juliano (friend of Laura Pingitore) - brain tumor*
 - *Bobby Lober - Patience, understanding and peace*
 - *Lisa Kaminski - Patience and healing*
 - *Betty Kroatz - entering assisted living*

RUMMAGE SALE

November 12th - 13th

- After the Anniversary Worship Service and Reception, items can be left for the Rummage Sale, downstairs in St. John's Hall.
- On Monday 11/8: Paula and Mary Lou will evaluate what we need.
- Tuesday, 11/9: Church Council Meets.
- Wednesday 11/10: **3:30 p.m.** -- we will organize the tables and set items out.
- Thursday 11/11: **9:00 a.m.**-- we will set up and organize all day. Volunteers needed - many hands make light work!
- Friday 11/12: Final Prep and Sale at **6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- Saturday 11/13: Bag Sale **9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** and then clean up after! (Volunteers needed)
- Any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Paula or Mary Lou. Flyers are available in the narthex if you need any.

COUNCIL

Council Meets at 7pm on **November 9th**

CHOWDER SALE

Thanks to all who donated ingredients and/or their time to make this year's chowder sale a huge success! We raised \$5,631.00!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us on **November 14th at 10:45 a.m.**

We have some fun things planned so we hope you'll join us. Adults are welcome to join in or sit and enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack in fellowship.

Sunday School will meet on the **2nd Tuesday of every month** at 10:45 am following worship.



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Anniversary activities at-a-glance:

Saturday 11/6: Celebration dinner at Akron Acres, beginning at 3:00 pm

Sunday 11/7: Celebration worship service: 3:00 pm with reception to follow, guest preacher Bishop Lee Miller II of the Upstate New York Synod

150th ANNIVERSARY IS HERE!

Hello Members of Trinity,

Our 150th anniversary is Saturday, November 6th! We will see many of you for the celebration at Akron Acres, and don't forget to join us for a special worship service the following day, **Sunday November 7th at 3:00 pm.** At that service we are blending historical worship liturgy into today's liturgy, with hymns, a choir selection, a message from Bishop Lee Miller II, and recognition of the 'saints' that founded Trinity and the 'saints' of today who carry God's grace and hope into the world. We will have a reception following the service to meet Bishop Miller and continue our celebration weekend!

The funds left over at the end of the year from our celebrations will go to the **Community of Good Neighbors.** You can still donate by sending a check or leaving cash in the church office marked *150th celebration.* Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Memories for the end-of-the-year book can still be submitted to the church office!

We thank you very much for helping us to make this **150th year** a very special one, a true milestone in the history of our church.



SECRET PRAYER PALS:

Calling all Secret Prayer Pals....

Now that you know who you will be praying for this season, 2021-22; please remember...

Please send the name of the person you will be praying for to the church. You should have found a self-

addressed, stamped envelope in your bag.

Your **ONLY REQUIREMENT** is a prayer, **SPECIFICALLY**, for your pal at least once a week! It is nice to send an occasional card, and/or leave a little gift for your pal, but it is not required!

Our previous member, Rosemary Dziejczak, decided not to participate this season. **HOWEVER**, please continue to remember Rosemary in your prayers. She assures me that she will be praying for all of us and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! Considering she's a practicing Catholic I think we can consider that a great outreach!....all the way to South Carolina!

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS!!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study: Places of the Bible

Bible Study is going to end for the fall on Thursday, November 4th. We will pick back up with 'Places of the Bible Part II' on **Thursday, January 20th**.

CHOIR

Choir is back! Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All are welcome, don't be shy! We are always in need of more voices.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

An update from the property committee:

- 2 estimates were received for the South Stoop. J. Lunn wanted \$3200; Frank Powell bid \$2250. Council approved Mr. Powell's bid. He is too busy to do it this fall - he will do it first thing in spring.
- 2 bids were received on the 3rd driveway. Mr. Powell bid \$3800 to excavate and rebuild the entrance. Seitz Paving bid \$4795. This will be presented to the congregation in the spring.
- Mr. Powell estimated \$2650 to seal and stripe the parking lot. The committee chose to do this next year.
- The boiler needs repair. The part that is needed costs \$5000. The committee is doing research on doing the repair or replacing the existing boiler with a new one. As soon as information is available we will let the congregation know.
- We are demolishing the playground due to safety reasons. Suggestions are welcomed on what we should put in its place.

Thank you for your help,
Harold

YOUTH GROUP

Next summer, Emerson Polkowski, Tyler Johnson and Pastor Rick will be travelling to Minneapolis to take part in the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering! This multi-day event brings 30,000 youth together to worship, hear inspiring speakers and music, learn ways they can be a part of the church, and serve the community. They will then bring that energy back home to impact their lives. The Gathering isn't free though: there's travel, lodging, food and programming costs to cover, and you can help to make a difference in the faith formation of these youth. Stay tuned for ways you can help support their journey through fundraising efforts we're working on.

Youth Christmas Party!

Attention all youth! Please join us Sunday, **December 5th from 5-7 pm**. We'll have pizza, a gift exchange, devotions and games! We will also make some Christmas cards to help cheer up our homebound people. Invite your friends, and any other Trinity youth who we've been missing! Please RSVP to Pastor Rick by Dec. 2nd!

CHRISTMAS ISN'T TOO FAR AWAY!

- **Christmas flower orders** will be **due by Sunday, December 5th**. You'll find order forms in the narthex after Nov. 7th. Please submit to the church office in Tracy's mailbox.
- December 1st will be here before we know it, and that will kick off our **Wednesday night Advent Midweek Devotions!** They will run from **Dec. 1st - 22nd**. Meet in the fellowship hall or via Zoom at **7:00 pm**. We will pray, sing, light the Advent wreath, and focus on how the ELCA World Hunger program is feeding people worldwide this season. Be sure to pick up your study guide and Advent calendars at church later this month.
- **December 3rd: Ring-A-Bell at Pixley's:** Trinity is stepping up to "Ring the Bell" at Pixley's to help raise money for people in need. The best part is that the money stays right here in our community to help with food and shelter for those in need, as well as other emergency needs. Please consider signing up to ring for an hour or a few hours, and be a public presence for Trinity. We can help make a difference right here in Akron/Newstead! You can sign up through the church office, or on the sheet in the narthex through November 30th.
- Mark your calendars: There will be one **Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m.** this year. (That is subject to change if pandemic restrictions are put into place.)



AKRON-NEWESTEAD FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is doing heroic work feeding our neighbors in the community! If you or someone you know is in need, here's when the pantry is open:

- Food distribution is on: November 2nd, December 7th
- Thanksgiving distribution on November 16th
- Christmas distribution on December 14th
- Set up and distribution occurs between 8-10:30 am. Call Jean Dolph at 716-908-2306 or Sharon Waff at 585-599-3893 for details.
- *Would you like to volunteer?* Sharon at sjwaff@yahoo.com.
- To donate monetarily, please make checks payable to: Akron Newstead Food Pantry

OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor will be on vacation Nov. 25th - 27th

Tracy: Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

3rd- MaryLou Groff
Shirley Domon

4th- Ryan Yaeger

9th- Pastor Adam Miller-Stubbendick

10th- Kennedy Sundown
Ron Lobur

11th - Peyton Palizay

16th- Lani Jendrowski

23rd - Robert Groff

24th- Derek Edgar

Tyler Johnson

Ari Miller-Stubbendick

26th- Bill Lawrie

27th- Annette Adamczak



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

17th - Ed & Dolores Place

25th - Barry & Laura Pingitore