

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND PRE-SCHOOL**
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Worship Services 8 AM & 10:15 AM
Church School 9 AM
September 23, 2007 – The 17th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING!

It is a pleasure to have you worship with the family of God at Trinity. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register in the Narthex (include your address and phone number.) We hope that this worship service will strengthen you in your faith as you live each day in Jesus. Join us again soon.

8 AM: Greeters at the front doors: Mrs. Shirley VanWye; at the parish hall door: Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Debbie Murphy.
Organist: Mr. John Chalfant.

10:15 AM: Greeters at the front doors: Mr. Clarence Porter; at the parish hall door: Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Melanie Sterling.
Organist: Mrs. Helen Porter.

Prayers:

Of Thanksgiving for the following wedding anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Betty Fell's 58th on September 24; Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Patricia Callihan's 62nd on September 26.

For the sick and those recovering: Dennis Noll, Hunter Faulhaber, Harry Huey, Marilyn Adams, Kiersten Allen, Karen Marshall, Richard Cunningham, Margaret Gard, Regina Stevens, Susan Tabler.

For those in the hospital: At Good Samaritan: Mrs. Sandy Procacci, 748; Mr. William Menhorn, 509.

For those in the Military: Jeremy Coulson, US Navy; Tim Abella, US Army National Guard; John Hall, US Navy.

For those who are mourning loss: Our Christian sympathy to Bruce Lee (father) and Jessie Smith (grandmother) and their families at the death of loved ones.

Other Intercessions: Mark

The flowers today are to the glory of God. Those on the altar are in memory of Lou Edwards by Sue Edwards and family; those near the pulpit are in memory of Ann Dalton by the family.

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Today – 9/23	SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY, 2:30 PM Oktoberfest Rain Date, 4:30 PM, Church Park
Monday – 9/24	Scouts, 7 PM
Tuesday – 9/25	Trustees, 7 PM, Parish Hall
Thursday – 9/27	Quilters, 10 AM Altar Guild, 2:30 PM, Parish Hall
Next Sunday – 9/30	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY <i>Portals of Prayer</i> Door Offering Children's Sermon Sunday School Pins Distributed Fellowship Hour, 9 AM, Parish Hall NO Adult Bible Class

Attendance last week: 158 + 176 = 334. Offering: \$5,175.51 + to Trinity, \$50 in memory of Dorothy Reed + Pre-School, \$30 + Pre-School Tuition, \$200 + Sunday School, \$40.25 + Church Park Rental, \$25 + Orphan Grain Train Door Offering, \$50. Total: \$5,570.76.

Please welcome Rev. Ronald Bergen who is our Proclaimer today. Pastor Bergen is our former Ohio District President.

The Ladies' Aid is sponsoring a trip to the "Music Spectacular" at the historic Akron Civic Theatre on Sunday, December 9. We will be leaving by Buckeye Motor Coach immediately following the 10:15 AM service. You may want to bring a lunch to eat on the bus. Dinner on the way home is included in the price of the ticket, as well as a stop at Donzell's Nursery. The price is \$83 per person. Ticket price includes transportation, one meal, reserved seats for the show, stop at Donzell's Nursery and Gardens, driver's tip and the services of an escort. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. The bus holds 44 people and will fill up fast, so please sign up soon. Payment will be due by Thursday, November 1.

Bell Choir meets every Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Bell Choir Room on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Our first practice will be on Thursday, October 4, at 5:30 PM. It is helpful if you can read music. Bell Choir will be in full swing until spring, please join us.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2007 SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING SUMMARY

The Special Voters' Assembly on September 16, 2007 opened with prayer by Pastor Dan Sparling. There were 120 members present. Six signed the constitution.

Bob Graham, from the Call Committee, presented the report on "Calling of a Pastor". The Call/Elder committee has been working diligently since receiving the official call list from President Cripe on June 19th. Each name on the call list came with a packet of information including the Pastor Information Form (PIF) and a confidential "Self-Evaluation Tool for Pastors" (SET).

Our Constitution directs the committee to review the Pastor Information Form along with the Self-Evaluation Tool. Stacy prepared copies of this information for each of the Call/Elder Committee members on June 19th. The Constitution continues, "Assuring high qualifications for most candidates the committee will select and interview 2 to 4 recommended candidates."

From June 25th to August 6th the committee met numerous times to discuss the strengths, weaknesses and to see if the "fit" would be good for Trinity. The list was narrowed to five.

On August 19th the telephone interviews began. Each interview lasted approximately one hour. On August 21st after each committee member had a chance to think about the five interviewed, the committee believed that 3 candidates were the strongest.

Those three were Pastors: Bruce Osborne of Mattoon Illinois, Kevin Jones of Rogers City Michigan and Aaron Koch of Greenfield Michigan. When contacted, each indicated they would "openly consider a call if presented" and willingness to travel to Zanesville for a pre-call interview.

On August 22, Pastor Koch notified Mark Watson that after discussion with his Elders, he did not feel right about a pre-Call person-to-person interview. In addition he had personal family issues to consider.

On August 29th, Pastor Osborne announced his decision to withdraw from consideration. After much discussion with his family, they really did not want to move. After 48 hours of prayerful consideration, Pastor Osborne made the decision to remove his name from our call list.

On September 6th, at 2 PM, Pastor Jones arrived for his pre-call interview. He was given a tour of the greater Zanesville/Muskingum County area and arrived back at the church at 3:30 PM. The 2nd interview began at 4 PM with a prepared independent list of 2nd interview questions. The Call/Elder Committee were able to observe Pastor Jones for the full hour as he answered the questions. The conversation continued beyond the set questions for an additional half-hour.

After conferring with President Cripe: if the committee felt one candidate is clearly superior and a better fit for the congregation, that it was the duty of the committee to indicate this to the congregation.

While Peace Lutheran Church in Rogers City, Michigan, is a smaller church family than we are here at Trinity, the Call/Elder Committee is so impressed with Pastor Jones that we unanimously recommend that on September 23rd that the Voters' Assembly vote to issue him a Call. He possesses a skill set well matched to our congregation, both present and future.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cromwell

NOTE: Those who have signed the application to becoming a voting member may sign the Constitution at a Special Voters' Assembly and become eligible to vote at that meeting. However, per our Constitution, you may not apply for voting membership at a special meeting.

Confirmation for 6th and 7th grades will begin on Sunday, September 30, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Elder, Steve Carrel at 454-0941 or the church office.

Headsets for the hearing impaired, large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the Deacons.

ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

A Silent Prayer Before Worship

Almighty, ever-living God, grant that I may gladly hear Your word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto You; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

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Sermon

Offering Hymn

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Responsive Prayer

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Closing Hymn

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Choral Benediction

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A Silent Prayer After Worship

Grant, I pray You, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Your grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.