



September 2023

# TRINITY NEWS

Rev. Steve Wiechman, Pastor

Howdy Trinity Family!

We've jumped into the water of our new sermon series – **"Reimagining Church,"** and it has been an *adventure* ALREADY! Your participation, especially on Memorial Day weekend, was such a blessing to me as your pastor. Thank you!



Now that most of you have gotten a taste of how we are going to interact with series, I hope you will make every effort to be part of what God is doing, not only on Sunday morning, but throughout the week.

As we continue to grow in adventuring with Jesus, I want to ask two things of you:

1. Every Sunday, as worship is beginning, would you take a moment to notice who isn't here that normally is. Then, take out your phone and text them right then (if you don't have their number, investigate and find it, and text them after worship). Don't shame them, just let them know you miss them (even if you know where they are and why they aren't here). Every Sunday. OK?
2. Please keep thinking about the question we talked about on September 3<sup>rd</sup>:

*What do you need to **Courageously Adventure** with Jesus in the world?*

Here's a few of the answers y'all gave: support extended beyond Sunday, understanding, the armor of God, confession without criticism, a place to ask questions, trust, and trained spiritual "medics."

As you think of specific ways that Trinity (by "Trinity" I mean all of us) can support us being courageous adventurers with Jesus, write it down on a card and put it in the offering plate or email it to me at [revwishbone@gmail.com](mailto:revwishbone@gmail.com). Seriously ... give this some real thought and let me know.

This series will continue to run through November 19<sup>th</sup>. Think about inviting a friend or family member to come with you.

Love y'all,  
Pastor Steve

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2023</h1>					 September	Trinity 281/341-1451  Pastor Steve: 832/524-3016
ELDERS <b>Robert Grigar</b> - 832/692-6104 <b>Sean Gutierrez</b> - 832/473-4472 <b>Darrell Hirsch</b> - 281/908-6863 <b>Shawn McGaw</b> - 281/633-1372	<b>James Rudel</b> - 281/507-3858				1	2
<b>3</b> 9am Sunday Sch 10:15 Worship  Elder: Darrell H.	<b>4</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>5</b> 6pm <b>Elders Mtg</b>  6:30pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	<b>6</b> 4pm Worship Team  5pm Chimes Begin	<b>7</b> 6pm <b>BUDGET Committee</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Happy Grandparents & Grandpals Day! 9am Sunday Sch 9:15 Trustees meet 10:15 Worship <b>w/communion</b>  Elder: Shawn M.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	<b>13</b> 4pm Worship Team  5pm Chimes	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11am-2pm <b>CHURCH USE</b>
<b>17</b> 9am Sunday Sch 10:15 Worship <b>11:30 Sunday Go to Eating at LaCasona</b>  Elder: Darrell H.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	<b>20</b> 4pm Worship Team  5pm Chimes	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor's Wives Retreat Camp Lone Star 9/22-24 -----	<b>23</b> 9am <b>Workday</b> to put nursery furniture together & decorations up -----
<b>24</b> 9am Sunday Sch 10:15 Worship <b>w/communion</b> <b>11:30 Youth Group Parent Meeting</b>  Elder: Shawn M. -----	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30pm <b>Ladies Bible Study</b>	<b>27</b> 4pm Worship Team  5pm Chimes	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## September Birthdays



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 6- Carolyn Rudel    |                    |
| Anna Scheffer       | 21- Jazlyn Herman  |
| 7- Emma Thomason    | 23- Robert Grigar  |
| 9- Ann Bullard      | 25- Justin Ripley  |
| 15- Laurie Adler    | 28- Connie Butler  |
| 16- Lee Schwebel    | Steven Conner      |
| 17- Corey Lindemann | Jonathan Lindemann |
| Zachary Lindemann   | 29- Linda Krenek   |
| 18- Pat Conner      | 30- Aiden Nanez    |



## September Wedding Anniversaries

Sept. 4 '76 - **Robert & Carolyn Grigar** "47<sup>th</sup>"  
 Sept. 8 '12 - **William & Brandi Gutierrez** "11<sup>th</sup>"

## September ALTAR FLOWERS



- 3 - OPEN
- 10 - **Paula Fuller**  
*– in loving memory of her brother, Matt*
- 17 - **Pat Conner**  
*– in celebration of the birthdays of Pat, Kim, & Steve*
- 24 - OPEN

## THOSE WHO SERVE

### Greeters

- 3- Milton Riske  
 10- Milton Riske  
 17- Pat Taylor  
 24- Ann Schwebel

**LUTHERAN HOUR** ... heard on Radio Stations: 105.7 FM, on Sunday at 12:30pm; KHCB 1400 AM, on Saturdays at 4am & KSEV 700 AM, Sunday at 6:30am.

## SEPTEMBER 2023

**Sept. 3: "Entryway"** - The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence.

**Sept. 10: "Not Just a Formality"** - After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality.

**Sept. 17: "Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise"** - People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem?

**Sept. 24: "High Ground"** - When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there?

## PASTOR'S WIVES RETREAT

... will be held on September 22-24, at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange. Jamie Wiechman will be attending and serve as the Devotional leader.



## "Woman to Woman"

*Learning faith lessons from the lives of Biblical women and growing in appreciation of a generous and merciful God. Began on September 5 and runs for six weeks and concludes on October 10<sup>th</sup> in the Trinity Fellowship Hall.* Gloria Ruppel (Pastor Wiechman's Mother-in-Law) is teaching the class. A total of 15 ladies are attending.



## "Sunday Go to Eating"

... the Board of Stewardship/Evangelism invites everyone to go out to eat DUTCH TREAT on **Sunday, September 17**, after the worship service at LaCasona Mexican Restaurant. *Enjoy the food and fellowship together!*

## **WORKDAY** volunteers Needed

Joanna Baafour announced in church last Sunday that she needs helpers ... Are you available to help put nursery furniture together and put some decorations up on **Saturday, September 23**, at **9am**? The more people who help - the faster we'll get done!



**AUTUMN ... LEARN FROM LEAVES.** It begins on September 22 and *let's hope it does* get cooler.

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn shades of yellow, orange and red (for us around here, it mostly brown). This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!



## YOUTH GROUP



**Sunday, September 24, at 11:30am**

## **CLOSER LOOK** at Our Budget

### AUGUST 2022

We need \$ **3,569.00** weekly

		Attendance per Sunday
August 7	1,870.00	44
August 14	5,811.00	55
August 21	7,651.00	55
August 28	2,450.00	50

Year-to-Date Offerings: \$ 114,486.36

### AUGUST 2023

We need \$ **3,721.00** weekly

		Attendance per Sunday
August 6	4,593.00	46
August 13	4,074.00	68
August 20	6,525.00	53
August 27	5,297.36	62

Year-to-Date Offerings: \$ 128,771.71