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Notes From Pastor GeRue

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LCMS Chaplains

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains, who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. Chaplains meet the needs of military personnel and their families.



The LCMS cares deeply for those who currently serve, for those who have donned the cloth of our nation in uniform, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities.

Our pastors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod serve honorably and with distinction as military chaplains. From the Civil War through both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and current areas of conflict, our chaplains bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those protecting our great nation.

Some chaplains serve on forward bases in harm's way, others onboard ships maintaining vigilant watch over the seven seas, and others walk the flight line on isolated Air Bases engaging Airmen on faith and family as they load fighter aircraft for combat operations. These "pastors in uniform" provide Word and Sacrament ministry while enduring hardship, constant peril and danger.

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces assists and trains congregations through project Operation Barnabas. The goal is to equip and encourage local LCMS members in compassionate care and witness by training outreach to all military connected people (active, reserve, retired, veterans and their loved ones).

LCMS Barnabas congregations and chapters reach out to these families through witness and mercy at the local level, whether it is the families of loved ones deployed or assisting those who have served to reintegrate back home with their family, their church and their community.

See you all soon. Pastor GeRue

Please pray for Pastor GeRue, his family, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, our county and all Military personnel.



Early childhood field day. PK4–3rd grade

Published Author

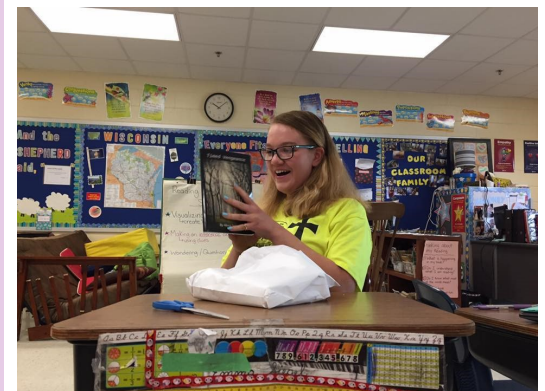
A huge congratulations goes out to Alexa and Mrs. Rachel Maloney!

Alexa our eighth grader is now a published author!

Alexa's book is titled, "Time Vengeance."

It is a teen fiction novel.

This is a huge accomplishment, and we're proud of you, Alexa!



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Our Day School

Sunday May 21st is 8th grade graduation and Pastor GeRue's final service before he leaves for Texas. The children will be singing at the 9am service and forms will be coming home next week.

5/22 – 7/8 Grade Class Trip to House on the Rock

5/23 – Trestle walk and sack lunch

5/26 – No School

5/28 – No School Memorial Day

5/31 – School Picnic – Order forms will be available next week.

6/2 – Closing Chapel Service and Awards – last Day of school with noon dismissal.

Graduation

Congratulations to Alexa Dahms. Alexa is our 2017 8th grade graduate from Trinity. God's blessings to you as you attend Neenah High next year.

Youth Alpha Program

God working in a new exciting way here at Trinity, and He's using ALPHA! Come and see!

"In addition to the Adult ALPHA, and at the same time, there will also be a Youth ALPHA for teens, led by teens! The content in the Youth ALPHA videos is more specifically applicable to the lives of teenagers today. But, just like the adult ALPHA, our primary focus is going to be strengthening our faith and building relationships with one another. This is a time to discuss our doubts, opinions and questions.

Youth ALPHA invites us to discuss questions of life and faith with people of every belief or mindset in a safe, non-confrontational environment.

Each week we watch a video that shares evidence and stories that address things like "How do we know Jesus was who he said he was?", "Is faith blind, based on feelings or beliefs you were taught as a child or can it be backed by facts?" After the video, each small group talks about the information shared. This is where the Holy Spirit is having the biggest impact on participants. We see how the power of the relationships built during this time is changing people's lives...relationships with Him and with each other.

When you **Come and See** and understand how the Holy Spirit works through Youth ALPHA you will be encouraged to tell others about it. If you have someone in your life you would like to share Jesus with but don't know how to do it without seeming judgmental or are concerned about it damaging your friendship, Youth ALPHA can help. Inviting them to Youth ALPHA leaves you in the position of being a friend while the videos present a thoughtful message that can help lead them to Christ.

We understand summer schedules are busy so please don't worry if you can't come every Sunday. Just like with the Adult ALPHA, we will be able to send you the videos so you won't miss anything while you are away. We would love to see you there and please bring friends.

If you have any questions about signing up or about ALPHA in general, please catch Bree or Alex Borgen at church; or you can email, call or send us a text – our contact information is in the church directory!

Extra Desks Available

Due to space issues, Trinity has some desks that we would like to get rid of. A free-will offering is appreciated. Please see Lee Colby or call the Office if you are interested.

Running Club Party

Running club will conclude on Thursday May 25th with a final run and party at Mrs. Barthel's house. Students can be picked up after 6pm.

We'll see you there!

End of Year Account Balances

All school accounts must be paid in full on or before the last day of school, please log in to Fast Direct to check your status, if you have any questions, please let Mr. Dahms know next week, so he can look into it prior to the last day of school. Thank you!

Conscious Discipline

Helpful Hints:

1. Picture Routines at home are very helpful. The brain is pattern-seeking, so children know what is coming next and feel safe. Without the pattern, anxiety is felt. Visual routines help create safety.
2. It takes 2,000 times in context for lessons to be learned. It takes time and patience for children to learn something new.
3. No one can make you angry without your permission. You choose how you are going to react when you are upset. In the classroom, we teach students safe ways to help manage their anger.

Referral Program

Don't forget our Trinity referral program, which gives you the opportunity to reduce your tuition for next year. We are booking tours now, so please pass the word to prospective families!

This program will run through registration day, it does not expire, so please spread the word!



QUESTIONS?

If you have any suggestions or things you would like put in Tiger Tracks, please let me know at ndahms@trinitymenasha.com.

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The Good Shepherd!!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
Psalm 23:6a

Future Events, Mark Your Calendars

- ⇒ **May 21st: 8th Grade Graduation**
- ⇒ **May 21st: Students sing in 9am service**
- ⇒ **May 23rd; All School walk to Trestle Trail**
- ⇒ **May 26th: NO SCHOOL**
- ⇒ **May 27th: NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day**
- ⇒ **May 31st; School Picnic**
- ⇒ **June 2nd; Last Day of School—Noon Dismissal**
- ⇒ **June 4th; Confirmation at 9am service**
- ⇒ **June 6th; Volunteer Lunch in small fellowship hall 11:30-1pm**
- ⇒ **June 8th; Timber Rattler game and tailgate event. Tailgate dinner at 6pm and game at 7:05pm.**

School Picnic

School picnic order forms are coming home today, please return them no later than next Thursday May 25h to the school office or your teacher.

Adult Alpha Program

God is working in a new exciting way here at Trinity, and He's using ALPHA! Come and see!

Psalm 66:5 Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind.

John 1: 45-46 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law, and about whom the Prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael asked, "Come and see," said Philip.

Come and see how God wants to bless you through ALPHA. Scripture says God has a plan for each of us, that as his followers we are his disciples and he wants us to make disciples of all nations. God wants to use us as he brings others to a saving faith in him. Not because he needs us, but because it will bless us. Not only will you witness God working in a new way here at Trinity through ALPHA, you will be responding to God's call to be a part of his plan.

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Since we began offering the ALPHA course last Autumn, we have received feedback that the mid-week evening schedule doesn't work for some of you who want to attend. We heard you and our Pastors heard you and so we are pleased to announce that instead of you coming to ALPHA, we are bringing ALPHA to you!

The Adult Bible Study for the summer during the regular Sunday morning education hour will be ALPHA. The first session will begin June 4 at 10:30 in the Small Fellowship Hall. To register, please get in touch with Barb Sexmith, Steve Reinke, Ron Kraus, or sign up via Trinity's website under the ALPHA tab. We appreciate having your registration by June 1st.

We are so excited to offer this opportunity and we invite all of you to come, reexamine familiar concepts to you and explore your faith from a new perspective. Pray about inviting someone you know to consider what they believe and together explore questions that God is using throughout the world to lead people to a saving faith in him. Try ALPHA, **Come and see!**



**Last Day of School
June 2nd with a
Noon Dismissal**



The Final Edition of Tiger Tracks will come out on Friday June 2nd



While the students for grades 4-8 were away in Oshkosh for a track and field day, the students in K4-grade 3 held their own field and fun day. Thank you to all the parents to volunteered to help with this event. The students had a lot of fun and the weather cooperated too!