



Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church Newsletter *september 2019*

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Dear Saints at Trinity Lutheran,

September brings a change in the weather, the leaves begin to change color, and the routine of our daily schedules is upset as we shuttle our kids to school and extracurricular activities. In the Church, Confirmation Class and Sunday School begin anew.

Change is all around us. People come into the world, and others leave. Sometimes we may look at what is happening as the world changes around us and begin to wonder, "will the church be here in 50 or another hundred years?" If you listen to media reports, the church is supposedly dying. And yet, we have our Lord's promise that the "gates of hell will not prevail against it." The following essay is an optimistic perspective at what exactly might be happening in the Christian Church and why we need not fret over change, but confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord of all; no matter what.

In Christ, Pastor Olson

LIKE CLARIFIED BUTTER

By Rev. Larry Peters,

If you know me, you know I like to cook and, if I am not cooking or eating, I am watching those who do on the food channels. Early on I discovered many lauding the benefits of clarified butter. This is not butter rescued from its uncertainty of identity -- as if it might have thought itself margarine. This is butter without its impurities, without the solids and the water that naturally left in butter until it is purified.

Clarified butter is milk fat rendered out of butter, separating the milk solids and water from the pure butterfat. Typically, this happens by cooking the butter, that is by melting it until the various components will naturally separate by density. The water evaporates, some solids float to the surface to be skimmed off, and the remainder of the milk solids sink to the bottom and are discarded when the butterfat is poured off. Why bother you might ask? Well, for one clarified butter has a much longer shelf life than fresh butter and for another it smokes and burns at a higher temperature so it is better for many cooking applications, such as sautéing.

There is no shortage of voices raising the sound of alarm for Christianity in America. The Nones are increasing the faithful decreasing. Or so the media frenzy has put it. In a generation Christianity will not exist as a significant force in America. And the Christians huddle in fear, retreating to their closed door sanctuaries to lick their wounds and pray.

Except that it is not so. The kind of Christianity in decline is barely Christian. Moderate Christianity, or better, lukewarm Christianity, is not only under challenge but it is in real and steep decline. The Church is not simply being tested but sifted and those who believe Christian truth to be simply one truth among many or whose piety mirrors the culture around them are falling away. Numbers are down but it is significant to note among whom those numbers are down.

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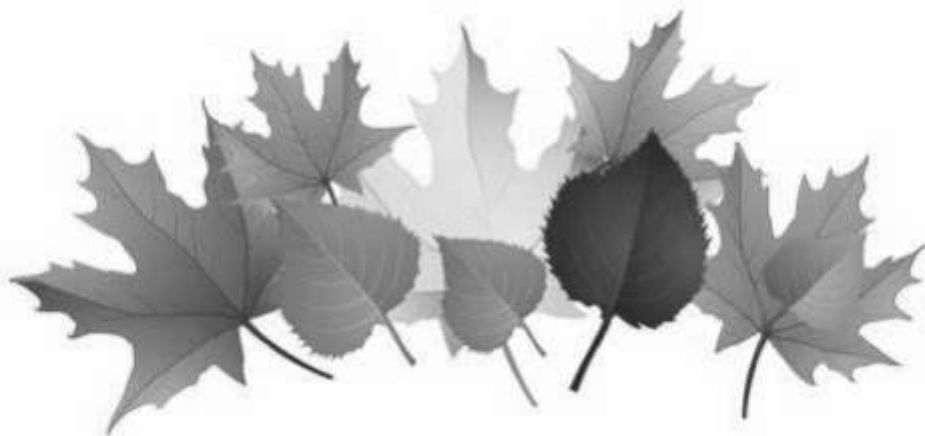
Could it be that instead of in decline, God is, in effect, clarifying His Church? Could it be that the times are causing the Church to be purified -- not of sinners as in the old understanding of purification but of impurities of doctrine and faith unsure if the truth of the Scriptures is enough to hold onto. Are we, in fact, witnessing as God is using the tests and trials of our modern secular culture to clarify both what it is that we believe, confess, and teach, and how we live out that faith in the world? For the Christianity in decline is *nominal Christianity*, that is, those whose liberal theology hardly even grants the existence of truth and who have long ago given up on the factual basis of the faith. These are not only not religious, but they are hardly spiritual. Their piety is governed by the voice of their own desire and not by the voice of God in His Word. Their truth is sifted through reason, experience, and feeling rather than by the epiphany of the Spirit. Those who are leaving the Church are those who, in many cases, did not really have a faith to begin with. They were not fully catechized in the faith, they lived on the fringes of the Church's liturgical life, and they did not seek to be holy or desire to belong to God. Their faith was a crutch for weakness to be discarded when strength returned and a fire extinguisher to be used only in case of real fire -- which was rare enough. They believed in technology, they trusted the voices within them, and they sought to have their desires baptized by God rather than brought forth anew by the Spirit.

Ironically, the greatest enemy of Christendom has never been those outside the Church who seek to kill it but the fake friends within the Church who seek to improve God's design and couch the truth in believable and relevant words and transform the focus of worship from God to us. In the end, it may well be that the whole effect of the loss of these nominal believers is that the faith is stronger, the Church is made more clear and pure in her doctrine and life -- and her witness before the world.

Now the great temptation has always been for us to do this. But Jesus is clear. When we sift between the wheat and the tares, we only do damage. Holiness movements in the past, whose purpose has been to purify the Church, have succeeded more in propagating a sense of false pride rather than genuine repentance. Leave the wheat and tares to grow together until He decides, says Christ. So it is that this purifying is not our design but God's work. We cannot decide the timing or how it will work but God will surely cleanse His lukewarm people of their uncertainty and raise up a Church to burn hot and bright with the truth of the Gospel, with confidence in the orthodox dogma of Scripture confessed in the living tradition of creed and piety, and with a determination to live in but not of the world, a people set apart for His holy purpose.

It is this that Benedict XVI and Francis Cardinal George and others have spoken about. It is this to which Bonhoeffer refers in his charge of grade made cheap and easy. It is this, I believe, that we see at work around us. Far from moving us to despair, it should move us to be ever more certain in our confession, ever more Biblical in our identity, ever more faithful in our liturgy, ever more passionate in our preaching, and ever more holy in the shape and direction of our piety. If the Church is being purified by God, then it is one more sign that God is at work within us, that He has not given up on the remnant of faithful and orthodox people, and, no matter how tainted the Sodom's of this world and even the dark corners of the Church, God's mercy is still ours and He is bringing us to the day of the Lord when all things will be completed and brought to their perfect consummation. Until that day, our concern is not figuring God out but holding fast to the truth in love.

<http://pastoralmeanderings.blogspot.com/2019/08/like-clarified-butter.html>



Trinity Congregation News & Information



SECOND ANNUAL TRINITY/MOUNT HOPE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT At Bob & Wendy Doctor's House - 7617 N. Lance Creek Rd. - (Vista-West 1)

September 8, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

**BRATS/HOTDOGS, BUNS, WATER,
PAPER GOODS & CONDIMENTS PROVIDED
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS TO SIT ON
BYOB if desired
PLEASE BRING YOUR CORN HOLE SET, IF YOU HAVE ONE
(MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTORS PREUS OR OLSON)! THANKS!**

Sign-up sheets for teams and for picnic sides are on the Fellowship Board.

Food Barrel

Food donations collected in the barrel placed next to the library door in the Narthex, will be delivered the last week of each month. Thank you for remembering to share the abundance with others that God so graciously continues to bless us with.





Sunday School

Sunday, September 8, 2019, marks the beginning of the 2019-2020 Sunday School year. Children, ages three and up, are invited to attend Sunday School classes.

The teachers are looking forward to sharing the love of Christ with your child(ren). During this fall term, students will focus on **God's Creation and His Kingdom**. The beginning of the Sunday School year starts with Bible stories and lessons from the Old Testament books of: Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, and 1 & 2 Samuel. Feel free to read through these books of the Bible with your child at home.

We will begin each Sunday at 10:30 am downstairs in the gathering room. Following the Sunday School opening, the children will move to their respective class and assigned teacher.

Sunday School will end at 11:30 am. Please pick up your child(ren) at their classroom. When picking up your child(ren) at their classroom, please wait outside the classroom door until they are released by their teacher.

Sunday School teachers and aides will be installed during the Divine Service on September 8th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Christian Education Chairman, Micah Christensen, at 307-287-3348.



Our next general meeting will be September 14th in the LWML room at 9:30 a.m. All ladies are invited and welcome to attend a meeting at any time! Please use the back entrance by the kitchen if you would like to join us!

Upcoming Activities

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on September 7th at 9:30 a.m. We will be planning the activities for the year through May. The officers for the year are, Elected: President - Faye Lund, Vice President - Nancy Martin, Secretary - Jo Giles and Treasurer - Joyce Ewing. Appointed: Christian Growth/Christian Life - Kay Storrud, Mission Service/Human Care - Karen Long, and Member/Leader Development/Hope - Maranda Huss.

Mites and Missions

Each month Trinity LWML sends a donation to a different mission project. The September donation goes to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation which translates, publishes and distributes Lutheran materials around the world. The mites collected on the 2nd Sunday of each month go to the Wyoming District office to be distributed to 11 grants which were voted on at the LWML District Convention which was held June 21st - 23rd, 2018 in Cheyenne. As of July 8th \$24,750.00 of the \$35,000.00 has been paid.

Book Nook

(A Christian Living Resource Center)

You will find cards for every occasion in the book nook. Cards include a printed scripture verse. Come by and check out the selection! The Book Nook is located in the LWML room just outside of the Fellowship Hall. If you need assistance please see Jo Giles or call her at 235-1664.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF TRINITY!

The Quilting ladies of Trinity hit a milestone this winter. They made over 50 Quilts! 2 quilts were donated to the Mount Hope Benefit Dinner, 10 quilts were donated to the Rescue Mission, 20 quilts were given to the homebound members of our congregation and 20 were given to the Wind River Indian Mission.

Since we made so many quilts this year, we need to restock our supplies. We are still accepting donations of sheets, blankets, thread, and/or any material scraps. There is a donation box in the LWML room where you can drop your donation.

Thank you to all the quilting ladies of Trinity. And thank you to all who donated throughout the year. We couldn't have accomplished this without you. This is such a great community service project!

We welcome anyone who can work a pair of scissors or tie a knot. Or just stop by for a cup of coffee and chat with us. We would love to have you! We will start up again the 3rd Tuesday in September (the 17th).

For questions please contact Nancy Martin at 237-8598, or Joyce Ewing at 333-2723.



Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

Officers & Board Chairmen

Chairman:	Andrew Beyeler (307) 899-0553
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LWML President:	Faye Lund (307) 234-2328

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Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to the chairman of the Board of Elders, Kyle Rice.

The members of the Board of Elders work closely with the Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation.

FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES:

(on Church Property)

Please do not use the fellowship time after services for soliciting. All fundraising needs to be approved by the Board of Elders. No collections in the sanctuary or on church property except for those by auxiliaries (LWML, or boards of the congregations such as Youth Group, Fellowship) are allowed. This includes the solicitation for schools, sports, scouts or any group not specifically identified and associated with the congregation.

Jeanneta Baugh's phone number is, 307-267-0608

Brandt & Tonya Hedquist no longer have a landline.

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September 2019

Sunday Service Roster

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

1st: Gary Edds & Lou Allgeier
8th: Marty Finch & Rick Reimann
15th: Josh Witkop & Kyle Rice
22nd: Shawn Dukart & Josh Witkop
29th: Jack Hyde & Gary Edds

CRUCIFER/ACOLYTE

1st: Silas Witkop
8th: Matthew Quinn
15th: Caleb Sherwin
22nd: Ayden Robinett
29th: Paul Olson

ALTAR GUILD

Bob & Darla Reese

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANTS

1st: Bethany Quinn & Terra McCumber
8th: Morgan & Evie Witkop
15th: Maddy & Hailey Willis
22nd: Essence Koch & Ayla Huss
29th: Caitlyn & Rebekah Wise

USHERS

1st: Leonard Bauer, Blaine Christensen, Gary Edds, John Ewing, Sage Haight, Jack Hyde, Nathan Murrell, Zak Szekely
8th: Lou Allgeier, Brian Chandler, Marty Finch, David Hutton, Richard Oates, Brian Quinn, Kyle Rice, Wesley Rice, William Rice
15th: Mike Collins, Derek Buist, Keith Giles, Brandt Hedquist, Jim Kirchen, Tony Stitt, Josh Witkop
22nd: Andrew Beyeler, Dave Denke, Shawn Dukart, Chris Hermel, Vaughn Long, Bryan Pickett, Rick Reimann, Ryan Waterbury
29th: Andrew Beyeler, Dave Denke, Shawn Dukart, Chris Hermel, Vaughn Long, Bryan Pickett, Rick Reimann, Ryan Waterbury

GREETERS

1st: David & Kathy Hutton, Jim Kirchen
8th: Gene & Deanna Long, Tom Lucous
15th: Shawn & Eulynda Dukart, Ryan & Meghan Waterbury
22nd: Josh & JessiKay Witkop
29th: Carol Boe, Karon Rufenacht

September Baptisms

- 1 Hazel Beale
Blaine Christensen
Joe Joslyn
Amanda Beyeler
- 2 JessiKay Witkop
- 3 Shelly Rice
- 6 Zak Szekely
- 8 Darshee Buist
Eric Hermel
- 10 Luke Beyeler
- 11 Della Wolfe
- 12 Bounce Carlson
- 13 Eulynda Dukart
- 15 Verna Larsen
Nancy Means
- 17 Shelly Monteleone
- 25 Elaine Overman
- 26 Gabriella Hedquist
Florence Peterson
Paige Wilson
- 27 Hattie Michelena
- 28 Rae Appel
Sarah Hockaday
- 29 Brian Chandler
Dan Olson
- 30 Tiffany Hyde
Dylan Willis



September Birthdays

- 2 Dellarose Appel
Kolynns Sasser
- 4 Brian Chandler
- 5 Elaine Overman
- 7 Hattie Michelena
- 8 Elaine Collins
Nicholas Gaskins
- 9 Gloria Baker
- 10 Sarah Hockaday
- 12 Dolores Chandler
- 15 Jobe Reese
- 16 Gage Dukart
Tiffany Hyde
Magdalena Quinn
- 17 Don Eckelberg
Dolores Hammer
Theresa Sowers
- 20 Riley Fransen
Gabriella Hedquist
- 21 Kay Storrud
Dylan Willis
- 23 Bryan Pickett
JessiKay Witkop
- 28 Dan Olson



Wedding Anniversaries

September 1	Mike & Elaine Collins	46 Years
September 3	Steve & Debbie Jenkins	31 Years
September 21	Steve & Shelly Monteleone	15 Years
September 23	Teri & Wayne Lyttle	12 Years

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

1 Sep	1 Kings 18:1-19 Ephesians 1:1-23	16 Sep	2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25 <i>Zephaniah 1:1—3:20</i>
2 Sep	1 Kings 18:20-40 Ephesians 2:1-22	17 Sep	Colossians 3:1-25 2 Chronicles 36:1-23 <i>Philemon 1-25</i>
3 Sep	1 Kings 19:1-21 <i>1 Kings 20:1—22:53</i> Ephesians 3:1-21	18 Sep	Nehemiah 1:1—2:10 <i>Haggai 1:1—2:23</i> 1 Timothy 1:1-20
4 Sep	2 Kings 2:1-18 Ephesians 4:1-24	19 Sep	Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6 1 Timothy 2:1-15
5 Sep	2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7 Ephesians 4:25—5:14	20 Sep	Nehemiah 4:7-23 1 Timothy 3:1-16
6 Sep	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37 Ephesians 5:15-33	21 Sep	Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 1 Timothy 4:1-16
7 Sep	2 Kings 4:38—5:8 Ephesians 6:1-24	22 Sep	Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 <i>Ezra 1:1—10:19</i> 1 Timothy 5:1-16
8 Sep	2 Kings 5:9-27 Philippians 1:1-20	23 Sep	Nehemiah 9:1-21 1 Timothy 5:17—6:2
9 Sep	2 Kings 6:1-23 <i>2 Kings 6:24—8:29</i> Philippians 1:21—2:11	24 Sep	Nehemiah 9:22-28 <i>Nehemiah 10:1—13:31</i> 1 Timothy 6:3-21
10 Sep	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 <i>2 Kings 13:1—18:8</i> Philippians 2:12-30	25 Sep	Malachi 1:1-14 Matthew 3:1-17
11 Sep	2 Chronicles 29:1-24 Philippians 3:1-21	26 Sep	Malachi 2:1—3:5 Matthew 4:1-11
12 Sep	2 Chronicles 31:1-21 Philippians 4:1-23	27 Sep	Malachi 3:6—4:6 Matthew 4:12-25
13 Sep	2 Chronicles 32:1-22 <i>Hosea 1:1—14:9</i> Colossians 1:1-23	28 Sep	Deuteronomy 1:1-18 Matthew 5:1-20
14 Sep	2 Chronicles 33:1-25 <i>Jonah 1:1—4:11</i> Colossians 1:24—2:7	29 Sep	Deuteronomy 1:19-36 Matthew 5:21-48
15 Sep	2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33, <i>Nahum 1:1—3:19</i> Colossians 2:8-23	30 Sep	Deuteronomy 1:37—2:15 Matthew 6:1-15

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><i>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study 10:35 am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study 1:15 pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am LWML Mite Box Sunday Bible Study & Sunday School 10:35 am Cornhole Tournament 12:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study 1:15 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>LWML General Meeting 9:30 am</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:35 am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Ladies' Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>LWML Quilting 9:00 am</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bible Study 1:15 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pastor Olson at Circuit Visitation, Immanuel Lutheran, Sheridan</p>
<p>22</p> <p><i>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am Rev. Ron Garwood Bible Study & Sunday School 10:35 am</p> <p><i>Pastor Olson at Circuit Visitation, Immanuel Lutheran, Sheridan</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Pastor Olson at Circuit Visitation, Immanuel Lutheran, Sheridan</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>*Submissions for October Newsletter deadline</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study 1:15 pm</p> <p>Elders' Mtg 7:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Parish Planning 7:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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