

# The Orbit

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"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart; and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you."

Proverbs 2:6-11



## **From the Pastor:**

With the start of school, however it may take place, I always think about the kids learning and growing in their knowledge. This passage from Proverbs speaks of wisdom and reminds us that it is God who gives wisdom and understanding. Do not get me wrong, we need the teachers to teach our children, but even they get their wisdom from God. God gave us the mind for understanding and learning and we are reminded to use that knowledge and wisdom to continue to be righteous. We need book learning and school, but we also need the knowledge of God. We gain that knowledge through scripture study, prayer, and meditation. It is good to continue to grow in our faith and in our knowledge of God and God's love for us. Knowledge is also time spent with God, the more time we spend with our Lord the more we will know his will for us and how to grow and follow that will wherever it may lead us. We encourage our children to stay in school and learn as much as possible in their time there, this includes life lessons as well as book learning. I encourage each of us to stay in the study of God's wisdom for we will gain understanding and peace in the knowledge of God's saving love for us.

Peace,



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## Trinity President

Well, here we are in September already. School is probably in session- for some. As I understand the situation with the Altoona High school, the students are doing school work virtually for one month. But then again, that may have changed since I wrote this. The students in the Middle School and Elementary classes are possibly in session. Again, that may have changed also. I'm sure the parents are anxious for something definitive. But we are all in the "wait and see" part of our lives. But one thing is a given, that most people really want this to end. So let's do our part to insure safety for you and your families. Wear a mask to church, the grocery store, pharmacy and into restaurants. And, of course, prayers are in order to end this "new normal". I, personally, am really ready for this to end and go back to the "old normal".

Every day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America- one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ- every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life- flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2020.

God Bless

Sharon Kutz



## Silly Days in September

### SILLY DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1- National Cherry popover Day
- Sept. 4- Newspaper Carrier Day
- Sept. 6- Fight Procrastination Day
- Sept. 7- Labor Day—NOT SILLY  
National Salami Day
- Sept. 9- Teddy Bear Day
- Sept. 11- 911 Remembrance—NOT SILLY  
Make Your Bed Day
- Sept. 13-Grandparents Day—NOT SILLY
- Sept. 16- Collect Rocks Day
- Sept. 18- National Cheeseburger Day
- Sept. 19- National Dance Day
- Sept. 20- WIFE APPRECIATION DAY
- Sept. 22- Hobbit Day
- Sept. 25- National Comic Book Day
- Sept. 27- Crush a Can Day
- Sept. 28- Ask a Stupid Question Day ( one of  
my favorite days)
- Sept. 29- Confucius Day ( try your luck, get a  
Fortune cookie)
- Sept. 30- National Mud Pack Day



## Trinity Woman's Retreat

### WOMAN'S RETREAT AT SEQUANOTA

We have cancelled our retreat which was to be held in October. For many reasons we must count 2020 as a bust. Of course the Corona 19 Virus is a big concern, we will be in close quarters and will need to be masked along with other precautionary measures. I don't know what we would do about the sleeping arrangements of two to a room and our dining area and living room would not be social distanced. I doubt if we have a cook either.

Our committee has not been able to have fundraisers which would raise the price of the trip to \$140.00 per person. We have been able to keep the \$115.00 cost the same previously because we pick up the balance of each persons charges with the money we get from fundraisers. Since that hasn't been possible we won't be able to get supplies, crafts, luminaries or prizes, which is a big part of what we do. This is a sad time for us all however we look forward to next year and another bonding experience. Stay Safe

Linda Hoover



## Trinity Thank Offering

The Trinity's Stewardship Committee and Church Council voted to have the **September "Thank Offering"** be used to raise funds for the Trinity youth to attend the 2022 ELCA Youth Conference in Minneapolis.

## Thank You

The family of Jim Gosnell would like to express our gratitude for all the support we received during Jim's illness and passing. The cards, food, well wishes and helpers followed by the amazing support at the time of his funeral were overwhelming and like no other. A special thank you to Pastor Eli who was there every minute Jim needed her love and God's guidance. Trinity has always felt like home to Jim and to have the continued support of his church family during this time provided comfort in ways we could not imagine. We thank you for your kindness, memorial donations and mostly your friendship.

Our love and prayers go with you all.  
*Barb, Rick, Cindy, Kevin & family.*

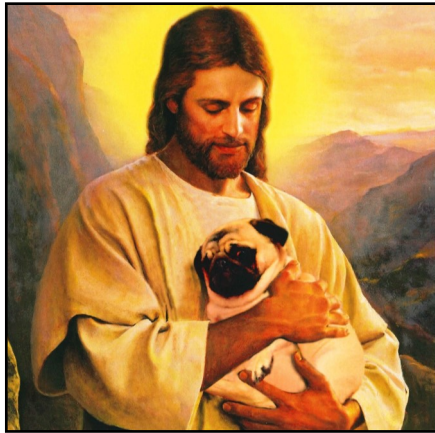


## Worth Mentioning

**Adult Bible Study** will be on Tuesday mornings 9 am to 10 pm

**Trinity Sewing Group** will be on Monday mornings 10 am to 2 pm

**Sunday School** is back in session..... The children's classes begin September 13 and the adults resume the following Sunday, September 20.



### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**1:00 PM**

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

Jim Aungst	Kristina Henderson
Ted Baird	Dave Hoover
Tyler Bennett	Martha Jones
Bob & Ruth Brubaker	Janice Knee
Tina Chestney	Jessica McGraw
Church HealthTeam	Bill McLaughlin
Church Council	Cindy Murphy
Don Corl	Ken B. Myers
Gary Crownover	Ray Nycum
Sondra Deffibaugh	Angie Peacetree Family
Jane Eamigh	Jaden Rhode
Gosnell Family	Shannon Family
Debbie Gracey	Tom Simpson
Paul Hamilton	Susie Stacey
Kathy Hatch	Jasmine Wilkins
Ron Heiss	Louise Yeager

## Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda	Bob Nearhoof
Audrey Deiluliis	Arlene Roessing
Ron Green	Robert Streightiff
Ken Kumpf	
Marie Laich	
Dawn Mangus	

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown	Nathan Frank
Jason Buck	Justin Patz
Jim Buchanan	Jason Smith
Kyle Eberhart	Eric Sweet

## Family Members and Friends

Janet & Charlie Aungst	Kaylee Kruse	Michael Stacey
Scott Aungst	Lucya Kunkel	Denny Sullivan
Sandy Badorrec	Jean Lane	George Sultage Sr
Rick Beauchamp	Janelle Lehr	Robert Thomas Family
Frank Bennett	Raija Lind	Paul Wallis
Kris Bennett	Janet Luciano	Mary Walter
Casey Bondarenka	Ryan Maquire	James Wilt
Pat Burk	Sharon Mayers	Steve Wood
Dorothy Bush	Barb McConnell	
John Bush	Bob McConnell	
Tracee Cole	Eddie McGee	
Scott Corl	McGilvery Family	
Jim Cox Family	Kathy McIntyre	
Sandy Daddorek	Sharon McKeehan	
Jim Deffibaugh	Janelle Messner	
Jorden DeFrancisco	Denny Miller	
Zane Dodson	Harry Miller, Sr	
Miles Dunkelbarger	Moore Family	
Nancy & Bill Filler	Morning Family	
Elisie Fogel	Rudy Muccitelli	
Haley Gehret	Bill & Penny Murphy	
Dawn George	Wyatt Nite	
Amanda Gregg & Daughters	Bob Noel	
Ann Hanczaryk	David Orr	
Charles W. Harpster	Zach Porta	
Don Haslem	Abby Remendowski	
Danielle Hatfield	Katie Riggleman	
Dave Hogan	Carl Ruckinger	
Jack Hoyne	Michael Ruckinger	
Judy Johnson	Bill Senitko	
Tom Klevan	Ronald Settle	
Pastor John Klingeman	C. Richard Shaffer	
	Harper Sigrist	



Please know that you may add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office (943-3972). If it is appropriate to remove someone from the prayer list, again, please inform the church office. Names of family and friends will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may keep someone's name on the list by calling the church office and giving us a brief update so that we can continue to effectively pray for your loved one.



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## Lectionary Readings for the Month of September

### September 6

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### September 13

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### September 20

Jonah 3:10--4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

### September 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

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## Also worth mentioning...

## The next Orbit Deadline is September 24th

Please get your article to the newsletter in one of the following ways:

- Email your article to:  
[office@trinityaltoona.com](mailto:office@trinityaltoona.com)  
[drgeesey@verizon.net](mailto:drgeesey@verizon.net)
- Drop your article in the Orbit mailbox inside the Christian Education office.

### Please remember:

- *All articles will be included as long as space permits.*
- *Articles will be edited for grammar and/or clarity where needed.*
- *Any article turned in after the deadline will be included in the next month's Orbit.*

**Thank You!**