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# The Reformer

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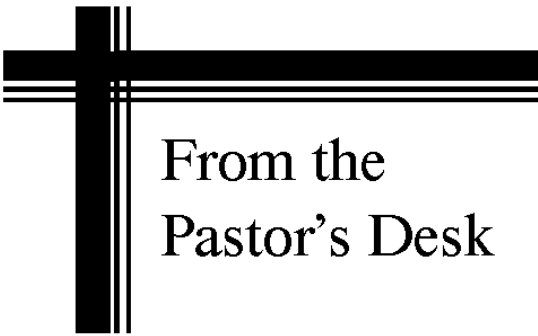
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**\*\*SEPTEMBER CALENDAR INSERT ENCLOSED\*\***



September 1, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:



## From the Pastor's Desk

In 2004, I took a weekend off from my Vicarage near Rochester, NY to go visit my girlfriend at Valpo, so that I could take her out in Chicago and propose to her. The fastest route from Rochester to Valpo is across Southern Ontario and through Michigan. I ran into a little car trouble on the way back. It was Monday,

but it was Labor Day, so I had a difficult time finding a mechanic to help. Fortunately, I made it back to Rochester safely with my car in one piece. I discovered a couple of things, much to my chagrin: 1.) The U.S. and Canada celebrate Labor Day on the same day, and 2.) The irony that no one works on “Labor” Day.

It is a holiday, so that second point wasn't really a surprise. Labor Day was established to honor the Labor movement. And we have much to thank them for – fair wages, 8 hr. work day, 40 hr. work week, just to name a few. But more than that it was a holiday intended for the working class, to honor and celebrate their contribution to society. The world would not be nearly as great without the hard work of so many people doing thankless, dangerous, and exhausting jobs. It's a very easy holiday to get behind. At the very least who doesn't like a day off work – other than the guy in Southern Ontario with car trouble, that is.

What most people don't know is that about 30 years after the first Labor Day was held, they pushed for the Sunday to become “Labor Sunday,” a time set aside to focus on the spiritual and education aspects of the Labor movement. Needless to say, this gained little traction and was quickly abandoned. People are happy to take a day off work, but spend a day focused on the spiritual and education? Not so much. It reminds me of what Jesus said a few weeks ago in the Gospel Lesson from John: *Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life.* He was trying to get people to look beyond the physical to the spiritual. He had about as much success as the Labor movement, well at least before his death and resurrection. After Easter, it was a different story. But it is still a struggle, even for Christians to heed our Lord's advice.

It's interesting, though, that we actually have a spiritual labor day already. It's called the Sabbath. God created everything in 6 days and on the 7 he rested. He gave that day of rest as a gift to his creation, so that his creatures could rest from their labors. Not just to kick back and rest, but also to have time to spend with their creator. We honor this not by refusing to lift a finger for 24 hrs. like the Pharisees. No, we honor it by turning



away from our worldly work to be with God – to gladly hear and learn from his Word, to receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through his Word and Sacraments, to offer him our worship and praise, to approach his throne of grace in prayer. These are the essence of obeying the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment to remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy. More than that it is how we work for food that leads to eternal life. Jesus said that the work of the Father is to believe in the one he sent, his own Son. God’s Word and Sacraments and the Sabbath Day of rest are his gifts to us to help us believe in Jesus.

So, as we once again enjoy some rest and relaxation this Labor Day, as we honor and celebrate all the hard work of the working class, let us also remember the work that leads to eternal life, rejoicing that we have a day set aside to remember the spiritual labor of Christ, not just once a year, but every single week. I hope that you will have (or have had, depending on when you read this) a happy and safe Labor Day, and I pray that you continue to remember the Sabbath, by keeping it holy, taking time away from all your physical labors, to spend time with God, receiving the fruits of his spiritual labor that leads to eternal life.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Holyer*

P.S. – She said, “Yes.”

**“Remember to keep  
holy the Sabbath day.”**





# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Janet Bernard	9/1	Andrew Cartwright	9/12
Daniel Gianoli	9/1	Nicole Cherney	9/12
Lukas Kern	9/1	Lisa Eitzen	9/12
James Martin	9/1	Marion Starke	9/12
Michael Martin	9/1	Terry Hartog	9/13
Shirley Meyer	9/1	Joseph Ferguson III	9/16
Richard Oskierko	9/1	Scott Hannagan	9/16
Joanne Schaub	9/1	Michael McSwiggan	9/16
Julie Bossa	9/2	Tony Hernandez Jr.	9/17
Patricia Logan	9/2	Jaylen Wiley	9/17
Gerald Pottorf	9/2	Ann Klootwyk	9/18
Debra Hawkins-	9/3	Joseph Samelak	9/18
Anthony		Hannah Schaub	9/18
Thomas Costello	9/5	Gary Sprigg	9/18
Joanne Davis	9/5	Tolulope Thomas-	9/19
Suzanne Den Hartog	9/5	Ailara	
Sophia Vasquez	9/5	Cynthia Viveros	9/19
Tracy Samelak	9/6	Kristen Raeck	9/20
Trevor Bozich	9/7	Steven Schultz	9/20
Sherita Hudson	9/7	Jacqueline Starzak	9/21
Larry Radas	9/7	Diane Lund	9/22
Gladys Schwingendorf	9/7	Jean Martin	9/22
Evelynn Girkant	9/8	Lily Eitzen	9/23
Urijah Wojcicki	9/8	Stanton Harris	9/23
Lynn Smith	9/9	Folashade Olumola	9/24
Michael Kalajian	9/10	Nancy Rohde	9/26
Michael Ratkovich	9/10	Blessing Alle	9/27
Samuel Eitzen	9/11	Larry Medendorp	9/27
Hugh Graham	9/11	Terri Pasko	9/27
Matthew Hoekstra	9/11	Janet Ogunlana	9/28
Donna Wessler	9/11	Arlene Zander	9/29
		Joshua Langhans Jr.	9/30
		Katie Lendi	9/30
		Beverly Lorenz	9/30



*Happy  
Birthday*



# Happy Anniversary

	<i><b>Anniversary Date</b></i>	<i><b>Years Married</b></i>
<i><b>Willis &amp; Nancy Houldieson</b></i>	<i><b>9/1/1973</b></i>	<i><b>45</b></i>
<i><b>Thomas &amp; Catherine Mosley</b></i>	<i><b>9/4/2004</b></i>	<i><b>14</b></i>
<i><b>Paul &amp; Kristen Rentner</b></i>	<i><b>9/6/2008</b></i>	<i><b>10</b></i>
<i><b>James &amp; Kathleen Lord</b></i>	<i><b>9/8/1962</b></i>	<i><b>56</b></i>
<i><b>David &amp; Eleanor Schmidt</b></i>	<i><b>9/18/2009</b></i>	<i><b>9</b></i>
<i><b>Paul &amp; Jan Koepke</b></i>	<i><b>9/19/2009</b></i>	<i><b>9</b></i>
<i><b>Kyle &amp; Becky Koster</b></i>	<i><b>9/20/2008</b></i>	<i><b>10</b></i>
<i><b>Bradley &amp; Kelli Yates</b></i>	<i><b>9/22/2007</b></i>	<i><b>11</b></i>
<i><b>Michael &amp; Melanie Rigg</b></i>	<i><b>9/23/2006</b></i>	<i><b>12</b></i>
<i><b>Tiffany &amp; Greg Phelps</b></i>	<i><b>9/25/2004</b></i>	<i><b>14</b></i>



*Every good and perfect  
gift is from above.*

*- James 1:17*



# MEMORIALS

*Donations received July 23, 2018 – August 27, 2018*

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<i>Dolores Duey</i>	<i>Gerry &amp; Roxana Wiley</i>	<i>Sign Fund</i>
	<i>Janet Bernard</i>	<i>Sign Fund</i>
	<i>Harold &amp; Donna Schroeter</i>	<i>Sign Fund</i>
	<i>Karl &amp; Wilma Cender</i>	<i>Sign Fund</i>
	<i>Allen &amp; Kathy Van Der Dyke</i>	<i>Sign Fund</i>
	<i>Bob &amp; Judy Richards</i>	<i>Sign Fund</i>
	<i>Kathy Thurn</i>	<i>Sign Fund</i>
	<i>Rich &amp; Betty Adams</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Hazel Botkin</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Marilyn Boomsma</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Judy Blakesley</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Don &amp; Nancy Wallace</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Barbara Fuehrmeyer</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Mark &amp; Patti Cherney</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Beverly &amp; Kathy Lorenz</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Jacob &amp; Sandi Bulthuis</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>David &amp; Carol McNichols</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Burt &amp; Dorothy Gardiner</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
	<i>Hazel Wright</i>	<i>Outreach Fund</i>



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Honorary gifts are given in recognition of individuals or anniversaries or other special events. Memorial gifts are given to commemorate the life accomplishments of individuals who have passed away. All gifts can be designated for a specific fund at the donor’s request.

If you would like the person honored or the family of the deceased remembered to receive acknowledgment, simply contact the Church Office at 708-474-7997 or [church@trinitylutheranlansing.com](mailto:church@trinitylutheranlansing.com) and we will gladly send a letter acknowledging your donation.

*Thank you for your continued support of  
Trinity Lutheran Church*





Please join Trinity  
Lutheran & St. John  
Lutheran for our 2nd  
annual Oktoberfest on  
Saturday October 27, 2018,  
4p.m. – 7p.m.



(Trinity Lutheran Gym 2505 Indiana Ave. Lansing, IL)

*POT LUCK SUPPER! Bring your specialty!*

Brats, German Potato Salad, &  
Beverages will be served

*Free Will Offering*

German? Scandinavian? French? English?  
or Scottish Background?

As we celebrate the anniversary  
of Luther's Reformation across Europe,  
please bring your favorite European ethnic dish to share at  
our table.

All ages are welcome.

*For More Information, contact Megan at (708) 474-7997*





**Board Elections:** *There is still time to get your name on the ballot for various boards & committees this fall. Please talk with Pastor Holyer after services or contact the church office at (708)474-7997 for more information.*



**GET INVOLVED**  
Be a volunteer. Make a difference.

The **Regular Voter's Meeting** will take place Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. in the church. Please plan on attending. Agenda items include the upcoming board elections for 2018-2019.

**Board Elections**  
**VOTER'S MEETING**



During the month of September, our Evergreen Giving Tree collection will support our military troops through **Operation Care Package**. During September we will collect food items for care packages that will be shipped to service personnel serving overseas (powdered drinks, trail mix, jerky, cookies, etc). Needed items can be found on the tree in the narthex, or a complete list of items can be viewed at [www.operationcarepackages.org/SupplyList.html](http://www.operationcarepackages.org/SupplyList.html)

*Thank you for your support!*



## Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Trinity's Choir Practice starts Thursday, September 6, 2018.

We would love to have new singers join us!

**Thursday Evenings:**

🎵 **6:00 p.m. - Bell Choir Rehearsal**

🎵 **7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal**



**Sunday Evenings (3x/month):**

🎸 **6:00 p.m. - Praise Team Rehearsal**

*FMI, contact Chris Widstrand at (708) 217-6705 or [nkb5123@msn.com](mailto:nkb5123@msn.com)*



## AUGUST ATTENDANCE

WEEKEND	WORSHIPPING
July 28 - 29	123
August 4 - 5	106
August 11 -12	128
August 18 - 19	120
August 25 - 26	114





## Women's Bible Study



Come with us on our journey “*Back....to the Future*” as the Women’s Monday Morning Bible Study, resumes after a summer break! We will take a fresh look at God’s marvelous creation of both man and the earth God gave to him! Mark your calendar for **Monday, Sept 10th, 9:00 a.m.** in the fellowship room.

*All ladies and friends are invited!*

### REGISTRATION UNDER WAY:

Pastor Holyer will begin a First Holy Communion class this fall for any child in 4th – 8th grade. Classes will take place once a week in the evenings. Parents are encouraged to stay and refresh themselves with the material. Once the child has made their 1st communion, and before they turn 18 years old, they are eligible for Confirmation instruction.

Any one over the age of 18, who has not participated in the 1st Communion and/or Confirmation instruction, can take the Adult Instruction Class to become a Communicant member.



Children are also encouraged to get involved in any of the following ministries:

Acolyting, Ushering, and Greeting at the weekend services.

**Call Megan in the office at (708) 474-7997 to register now.**



Lansing Autumn Fest will take place October 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Stop by the kid's zone on Saturday, 10/6/18 and say hello to Trinity's

Board of Evangelism. They will be sponsoring a kid's craft table at the event.

Join us Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm in our parking lot for

**TRUNK** or **TREAT**

*Prizes for Best Car/Trunk & Best Costume*

Afterwards, join us for our free Community Meal at 5:30 p.m.

*All ages are welcome!*



### Important Reminder:

Beginning Sunday, September 9, 2018, we will revert to our

regular Sunday  
Service Schedule:  
8:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Large  
Group Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Praise  
Worship

