

Holy Trinity Ambassador

June 2022

FAITH THE
HOPE GREATEST
LOVE OF
 THESE
 IS
 LOVE
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

Voter's Meeting

Sunday, June 12th at 10:15 a.m.

Election of officers and board members.
Balloting will begin at the close of the 9 a.m.
worship service.

Summer Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
**Information for the Announcer must be
received by Wednesday, 10 a.m.**

**Ballot for
Voters Meeting
Sunday, June 12th at 10:15 a.m.**

President: Jack Zavada

Vice President: Mike Peters

Elders:
Randy Kochis*

Parish Activities: (vote for 3)
Denise Burt*
Michelle Lightle
Jan Roy*

Church Properties: (vote for 3)
Bob Barr Jr.
John Burt*,
Billy Etenburn*

Education: (vote for 3)
Susie Bedeker
Colleen Kerestes,
Tracy Stortz*

Incumbents *

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Church Potluck Picnic

Sunday, June 12th

At Noon – Indoors! Fellowship Hall!
Meat and drink will be provided, please bring a
covered dish to share. Please join us!



Summer Bible Class



Join us Wednesday evenings 7 p.m.
in the green room beginning June 15, 7- 8 p.m.
We will go through the C.S. Lewis book,
"Mere Christianity." You are welcome to bring
your own or we will have copies available.

Flowers, Candles & Radio Broadcast Sign-up Sheet

To provide the flowers, candles and radio
broadcast for our Divine Service please sign up
on the list located on the bulletin board outside
the church office.

Ponderings in the Pasture - Pastor Gutz

In the last chapter of the Bible - Jesus says, "I am coming soon." He says it 3 times. "I am coming soon." All the events in history are leading up to that day. It's a day closer than it was yesterday. You will witness and be a part of that day. Jesus wants you to be aware and prepared for that. Jesus is not trying to sneak up on you. He's not trying to catch you off guard. He wants you to be ready. So what does He do? He tells you. He's coming! Soon! Our Lord's return is one of the clearest teachings in Scripture. Over and over again we are told that Jesus is coming back and it's going to be soon. We do not and cannot know the exact time or day of his return but we can be sure of it.

God doesn't want you to be anxious or worried about that day. He wants you to be ready. God gives you His Word to make you ready and teach you that God Himself will provide all that is needed. What does "being ready" look like and how do we do it?

Being ready all the time is not as difficult as it sounds. There are those whose job it is to stay ready - all the time. Think of emergency responders - law enforcement, firefighters, ambulance EMT's. Consider firefighters. On duty firemen are to be ready at all times. We want them to be ready. We pay them to do that. They take turns. 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. At night, the on-duty firemen sleep at the fire station in order to quickly respond to a call - even in the middle of the night. On any given shift - day or night, they may not get any calls or they may get several. They don't know but they need to be ready. What do they do in the meantime? They don't sit around worrying and fretting. They keep their equipment in good working order. They train. They practice. They keep each other company. They wait.

How do we do that as Christians? We abide in the Word of God. We train. We go to church. We have personal and family devotions. We read God's Word and think about it. We keep each other company. We pray. We wait. God doesn't want you to be worried about our Lord's return. Hearing His

Word regularly helps your priorities in line and reminds you who is Lord and King and who is not.

In worship we hear God addressing the problem each of us faces - sin - and we hear the solution He provides - life and forgiveness in and through our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus says, *"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what He has done!"*

"Have I done enough? Am I good enough to receive that reward?" NO. You will find no comfort or hope searching your own life for enough goodness to offer to God. In place of your lack of goodness, God offers His own goodness to you in Jesus. He does this freely, without cost to you.

Jesus goes on to say, *"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city."* (Rev.22:14) Why would someone need to wash their robe? Because its dirty. Christians are not without sin. They are men, women, and children who are forgiven and washed in the blood of Jesus.

The mission of the church is to proclaim that invitation. God doesn't give us His Holy Word to scare the "hell" out of us but to point us to Jesus. God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but should have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Revelation 22:17 (ESV).
Come Lord Jesus.

Honor Your Father



Church Council Meeting

April 26th, 2022

Present: M. Peters, B. Lentman, J. Bedeker, R. Kochis, L. Poundstone, V. McCollum, and Pastor Gutz

Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report: March expenses exceeded contributions. Snow removal for the entire year and Nicor were the major expenses. Year to date expenses exceed contributions by \$6,629.

-Church Properties: Requested gas company turn off the gas at Old #3. Carl Kline to repair the monument at Old #3.

-Education: Preschool enrollment is 49. Registration for the 2022-23 school year is at 29 students. Masks are now optional. The sale of small bundt cakes is in progress. Last day of classes are May 15th & 16th. School picnic is May 18th. Graduation is May 19th. Staff and Board Handbook under review.

-Elders: Pastoral activities were reviewed. Volunteers for Easter week services and May were assigned. Pastor has resumed individual blessings prior to the distribution of Communion. Pastor will attend the Lutheran Haven quarterly meeting May 2nd and 3rd. Pastor and Sandy will attend the District Conference May 12th – 15th.

-Parish Activities: Easter cards were sent. Church cleaning was April 4th. Easter brunch was served. Church picnic is scheduled for June 12th. Jan Roy attended the nominating committee meeting.

-Old Business: Pastor checked into software updates for the organ. None are currently available. Mike Peters checked with Dick's Floor Covering to confirm plans for new carpet installation are on schedule. Letters were sent to potential nominees for June election of board members and church officers.

-New Business: The list of persons to be alerted when the fire alarm system is activated needs to be reviewed. Billy Etenburn contacted a landscaper regarding landscaping renovations. The question regarding maintenance of the project was raised. The maintenance of any renovation will be taken into consideration when project plans are presented.

Thank You

Thanks to Greg Lentman for opening up the exhaust vent; and to our Church Properties men for putting up the side fans in church. It is a blessing to many!

Serving in June

Elders

Saturday – Jack Zavada
Sunday – Eric Harcharik, Tim Kerestes

Ushers

John Burt, Rob Downey,

Altar Guild

Saturday – Susie Bedeker
Sunday – Dan & Diana Reynolds

For the Record

Christian Burial
Albert "Randy" Meyers
May 13, 2022

For Your Prayers

Members in Bold (requested by)

Marian Carpenter
Nancy Centko
Bob Cross
Laura Johnston (Nancy Hepner)
Roberta Koral
Tracy Morgan
Mary Lou Rubis
Carol Sass
George Tibbles
Lutheran Heritage Foundation

If you have placed a name on the prayer list please keep the Church Office updated on their status.

Preschool

Mrs. Luke, preschool director, can be reached by calling the Church office and leaving a message with Suzy or on the answering machine. The number for the office is 815-672-2393.

Registration continues for the fall. If you know of anyone interested in Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool please have them call. The registration fee is \$35.00 and is non-refundable.

Classes offered are: (all classes in morning)
2 day (Tuesday/Thursday)
3 day (Monday/Wednesday/Friday)
5 day (Monday-Friday)

School will begin in the Fall on:
Tues., Sept. 6th for T/Th and Five day Classes
Wed., Sept. 7th for M/W/F Classes

Orientation day will be held on August 26th.
Please check out our Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool Facebook Page
We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!



Websites to check out:

Lutheran Ch. - Missouri Synod www.lcms.org
Concordia Pub. House - www.cph.org
www.kfuoam.org
www.issuesetc.org
www.holytrinitystreator.org
For singles, widowed, divorced:
www.inspiration-for-singles.com
Struggling with porn or media addictions:
<https://settingcaptivefree.com>

+ Albert (Randy) Meyers +

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Albert "Randy" Meyers.

Randy was born December 24, 1932, in Verona, IL. He was the son of Albert and Helen (Ward) Meyers. Randy was made a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on March 7, 1933 at Zion Lutheran Church in Ottawa. He was confirmed. Randy married Shirley M. Stehl on August 11, 1956. She preceded him in death on June 27, 2014. On Saturday, May 7, 2022, Randy at the age of 89 years fell asleep in Jesus.

Randy is survived by children, Yvonne Meyers of Streator, Sam (Rosie) Meyers of Indianapolis, IN, Kay Meyers of Streator, and Paul (Jacqueene) Meyers of Minonk, grandchildren, Janette Marie, Lynette Washington, Buddy Ahlstrom, Luke (Haley) Meyers, Rebekah Meyers, Hannah (Brad) Kress, Leah (Bobby) Anderson and Abigail Meyers, 2 great grandchildren, Milah Anderson and Sebastian Kress and a sister, Carole Meyers of Krebs, OK.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Shirley, grandson Philip Meyers, sister Barb Ewing and brother William Meyers.

Randy graduated from Zion Lutheran Grade School in Ottawa and Ottawa High School class of 1950. He served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and was stationed on the USS Siapan (CVL-48). Randy retired from Meyers Piano and Organ Service in Streator and Meyers Music. He was a lifetime member of the Streator American Legion and VFW. He played in the Moodmasters Band for many years. He enjoyed playing cards, golf, the guitar and riding his motorcycle. He was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord for our brother, Randy.

Notes about the District Convention

The 2022 SELC District Convention was held May 12 – 15, 2022 at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. This was the 19th regular SELC District Convention held since the SELC District began. The convention was supposed to be last year, but all district conventions were delayed one year because of Covid. Each of the 52 congregations of the district is entitled to send one pastor delegate and one lay delegate. In total there were approximately 80 people in attendance. Pastor Gutz attended with Sandy Gutz who served as the lay delegate. This was Sandy's first experience as a delegate. Here's her report:

Pastor and I attended the SELC District Convention, at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme was "Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness". The convention opened with registration followed by Committee meetings. I was not involved with these so I was able to visit with old friends and make some new ones. Attendees gathered back at the church for an evening meal before the Opening Worship with communion at 7pm. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS gave the message.

On Friday, May 13, the convention began with greetings from the SELC President Rev. Vinovskis, and morning devotions. New members to the district were introduced and welcomed. The four district circuits met to elect their Circuit Visitors and the delegates and laypersons who will represent our district at the Synodical convention in the summer of 2023. Pastor Gutz was chosen as an alternate pastoral delegate from the Western Circuit for that convention. After lunch, President Vinovskis updated us on the state of the district saying, "The SELC is zealous to share the life of Christ by zealously sharing the love of Christ." He also reported that the district is in the process of updating how it communicates to our congregations in addition to seeking ways to develop missional leaders throughout the district.

The convention recognized and thanked Rev. Paul Hoyer for his many years of service to the district as our District Mission executive.

Toward the end of the day, we elected our officers who will be serving our district for the next 3 years.

District President:

Rev. Waldemar R. Vinovskis, Macungie, PA

1st VP: Rev. Wally Arp, Oviedo, FL

2nd VP: Rev. Chris Cahill, Lodi, OH

3rd VP: Rev. Richard Ramirez, Chicago, IL

Secretary: Rev. John Telloni, Massillon, OH

Treasurer: Mr. Robert Lange, Norridge, IL

Financial Sec: Larry Schultz, Macungie, PA

Board of Directors:

Rev. Ronald Meyr, Rockledge, FL;

Rev. Tige Culbertson, Oviedo, FL

Lay Representative – Grace Killian

Lay Representative – Deborah St-Onge

Several resolutions were passed.

2022-02 – "To Address the Lutheran Teacher Shortage and Low Teacher Salaries by Initiating a Student Debt Assistance Program for LCMS Commissioned Minister – Teacher."

2022-03 – "To Recognize and Thank the LCMS for the Strengthened and Expanded 'Soldiers of the Cross' COVID-19 Initiative"

2022-04 – "To Recognize and Thank the Lord for the Service of Rev. Paul Hoyer as District Mission Executive"

2022-01A – "To Strengthen Non-Voting Advisory Delegate Participation at SELC District Conventions"

Following the evening devotions, we enjoyed dinner served at the church and fellowship following. The convention continued on Saturday through Sunday morning but we returned on Saturday for worship services at Holy Trinity. On Saturday, Pastor Gutz was reelected for another 3 year term as the Western Circuit representative for the Lutheran Haven in Oviedo, FL. For more information about the Convention go to selc.lcms.org

Thank you for allowing me to represent the church and participating in this convention. It was an educational and enjoyable experience. God's blessings. Sandy Gutz

