

# Holy Trinity Ambassador

# September 2025



## *Fall Schedule*

**Preschool Begins  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Catechism Instruction for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Begins September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Class  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.**

**Choir  
Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.**

**Private Confession  
Saturday, Sep. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8-9 a.m.  
Church sanctuary**

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## Holy Trinity Choir

**Choir Resumes and Voices are welcome!**

Choir will meet, Wed., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. in the Green Room, across from the office. All are welcome!



## **Preschool Fundraiser**

### **The BullPen Restaurant**

**1014 Johnson St  
Corner of Johnson & Bronson**

**Monday, September 29  
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chips,  
Coleslaw, Cookie & water**

**\$10.00 – Ticket**

**Tickets available at church office  
and after services. Deadline  
September 22.**

**Dine In or Carry Out**

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Class**

**Tuesday morning Bible class resumes on  
September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. Join us for our  
study. Breakfast out follows.**



## Ponderings in the Pasture – Pastor Gutz

Be encouraged. Jesus is Lord. He is on His throne. Your life is in His hands. He is the Good Shepherd. You are one of His dear sheep. You are loved and forgiven in Christ. Those aren't new or novel statements. Those are statements of truth from God's Word. It is important for you to hear them again and again.

Being a follower of Jesus is difficult and challenging. That applies to a number of circumstances. Being a good worker is difficult and challenging; being a parent is difficult and challenging, getting old is difficult and challenging. That doesn't mean those things are bad. It is acknowledging that those circumstances can be difficult and challenging.

We get the idea that following Jesus is easy. We think it will make my life better. If I'm good or do the right things God will be on my side. If I do this then God will do that. That is NOT Christianity. That is superstition. It sounds attractive and it sells – but it is not what our Savior teaches.

Jesus teaches no matter how bad it gets, He is with us. ***"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me."*** (Ps. 23) Jesus said, ***"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world."*** (John 16:33)

James reminded his readers, ***"Count it all joy, by brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."*** (James 1:2)

Paul wrote to the young pastor Timothy, ***Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted . . .*** (2 Tim 3:12)

When we find ourselves in difficult or challenging situations, we can remember – there's nothing wrong with me. Jesus said there would be trouble in this world. He can use those troubles to draw us closer to Himself. God told the Apostle Paul that His grace would be sufficient no matter what the circumstance for His power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Cor. 12:9)

The writer of the book of Hebrews says the Christian life is like a race. ***"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."*** A race has a beginning and an end, a start and a finish. This race is not a sprint. It's a long distance race - an endurance event. You were entered into this race at your baptism and you will reach the finish line at death.

Long distance running calls for training, patience, and perseverance. You don't go out and run a marathon one day. A marathon is 26.2 miles. It takes weeks and months of training to prepare to complete that distance. Training allows the body to accommodate itself to running without getting injured. The body adapts to the training. It doesn't happen overnight, but gradually. The runner has to put in the time and miles, week after week, month after month.

In a similar way following Jesus takes training, patience, and perseverance. What at first you thought was overwhelming you find yourself doing. It is possible for you to be more patient. It is possible for you to be more forgiving. It is possible for you to live each day in joy. That doesn't happen overnight or as soon as you say your prayers, but gradually. Real fruit and produce takes time. Our Lord promises, ***I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*** John 15:5–6

We gather for worship regularly. We work to be in God's Word daily along with prayer. This is difficult and challenging. We get tired and worn out. Christians can feel that way. It doesn't mean you don't have faith, it is part of the challenge. We need encouragement. Hebrews chapter 11 is the "Faith" chapter of Bible. It lists and reminds us of men and women who have gone before us, who have endured and did not give up. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

***Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Hebrews 12:1–3***

## **Serving in September**

### **Elders**

Saturday – Randy Kochis  
Sunday – Tim Welch

### **Ushers**

John Burt, Rob Downey,

### **Altar Guild**

Saturday – Susie Bedeker  
Sunday – Val McCollum



Serve the Lord  
with Gladness

## **For Your Prayers**

**Members in Bold (requested by)**

Gary Brandenburg (Matthew Brandenburg)

Abbey Brown (Marilyn Quinn)

**Bob Cross**

Buddy Crouch (Lauren Pastirik)

**Roberta Foster**

**Sylvia Held**

**John Kochis**

Rick Mahrt (Denise Burt)

**Larry Runyon**

Shirley Zavada (Jack Zavada)

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

NEW TIM missionary: Rev. Jordan Andreasen

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



**Invite a Friend  
to Church!**  
(or an enemy or even  
someone you don't know)

## **The Christian Life:**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;  
hold fast to what is good. Love one another  
with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in  
showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be  
fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in  
hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in  
prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints  
and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless  
and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who  
rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in  
harmony with one another. Romans 12:9-16a.

## **Website**

[www.holytrinitystreator.org](http://www.holytrinitystreator.org)

Please visit our church website for current  
information including the Ambassador and  
Preschool Newsletter. Listen to sermons  
On-line. Click the "Hear the Word" tab.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another in  
all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your  
hearts to God. Colossians 3:16**



## **"CATechism corner"**

Thanks for reading! School is back in session. Some kids enjoy it, some don't. Nothing new under the sun. It's funny they have classes to train dogs – but not cats. Dumb dogs. I guess I should be thankful some dogs get training. They can use it.

Fifth Commandment, "You shall not murder." *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need. Don't hurt other people or yourself! This also covers abortion, mercy-killing(euthanasia), and suicide. Those are all against God's will! God is the one who started your heart beating. God decides when it will stop.

We want to be clear that God does give the government the task of defending life. There is a difference between killing and murder. When soldiers or law enforcement take lives to protect us, that is not murder, that is killing. St. Paul writes about this is Romans 13. When the government acts in that way, it is to prevent more people from being killed. This calls for wisdom. Can this power be abused? Yes. But we don't get to change God's Word because people have misused it. Rather help people learn and understand. Teach, teach, teach – never too old to learn. This is an area where we can encourage and support. Followers of Jesus have been on the frontlines of defending life – from womb to tomb. Human life is valuable. Humans were made in the image of God! You will always have that over us cats. That's good. It's part of God's design. Encourage married couples to have children! That's how the kingdom grows! Life is a gift from God.

Be Kind,  
Sammy and Monroe



**Preschool** – Mrs. Tonya Carter, Teacher/Interim Admin.; Mrs. Cathy Koval, aide.

We have a full class with 18 students. Some are returning from last year and some are new. We are in session Monday through Thursday from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Our focus for September will be on helping everyone form great friendships, build a strong classroom family, and learn our daily routines and expectations.

### **September Bible Verse**

Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32

### **September Bible Stories**

God Made the World  
God Made the Me  
The First Sin



### **Events**

September 2 – School begins!  
September 22 – Bullpen fundraiser money due  
September 29 – Bullpen Fundraiser 4:00-7:00