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Worship Schedule

Sundays 9:00am

Traditional

Live Streamed on Facebook

In Person

Sundays 10:45am

Traditional—1st and 3rd Sundays

Contemporary—2nd and 4th Sundays

Sunday School 9:00am

From the Pastor . . .

1522



It was just five years ago that we celebrated the beginning of the Reformation when a young monk posted his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. All he wanted to do was reform the church of some practices that were not Scriptural in the slightest. Defending his ideas, he used the Bible and the Bible alone, challenging those in church authority to do the same with their stance. They didn't like his ideas. He was called to recant his works. He refused. Why? He turned to the Bible as his defense.

That got him into trouble.

Many wanted him dead.

He had to go into hiding.

While in hiding at Wartburg Castle, he went to work. He worked on what some would call one of his most significant accomplishments. 500 years ago in September 1522, Martin Luther completed the translation of the New Testament into German!

That was a huge accomplishment, because at the time, the only official translation was the Vulgate. It was in Latin. Your every day German citizen wouldn't know how to read Latin. But having it translated into German meant that now, the everyday person could read the Bible in their own language. This spurred others, in other lands, to translate the Bible into their own language. The King James Bible came about as a direct result of Luther's work.

We can be thankful today that Martin Luther did this, for we can read the Bible in our own native language. This gives us the opportunity to learn about God and how much He loves us. It points us to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. We learn about how we can have a relationship with God, because Jesus sacrificed His life for us that we might be forgiven and as He rose from the grave alive we have the hope of everlasting life.

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Pastor Hopkins' Message, continued . . .

Thinking of Luther, it got me curious. How many languages was the Bible translated into?

According to Wycliffe Global Alliance, there are 7378 total languages in the world with a total world population of 7.9 billion people. There are 3495 languages with some Scripture covering 7.04 billion people. There are 717 languages with a complete Bible. That covers 5.75 billion people.

Now think about how you are 1 out of 7,900,000,000 people. You are privileged to be able to read the Bible in your own language. It happened because one (1) person decided to translate the Bible into his own language.

Think of what one person can do. Think of the impact what one person had. Think of what you, one (1) person can do! You are a beloved child of God. Baptized into His family. Empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good works. What is God calling you to do?

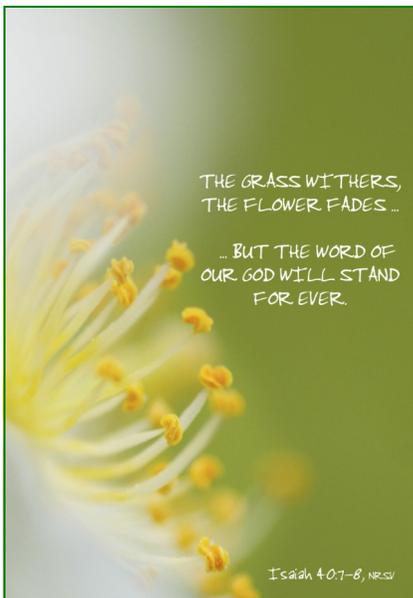
500 years ago, one person made a difference.

How can you make a difference in Christ's Church? Don't think you can't. You've already been empowered by God. You can make a difference, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Happy Reformation to you!

Pastor Hopkins

Deacon's Bench



Here it is October. The warmth of the summer has now given way to the cool of fall. I like October, the orange of pumpkins, the leaves turning, the food of fall like apples, squash, and cauliflower. The smell of pumpkin bread and apple pie baking. Putting on a sweater. One thing I don't like is, it gets dark earlier each day. Just shows we can't have everything we want, doesn't it?

No matter what season or month you like best, life is always changing. Some seasons of our lives are happy but some are sad. We may feel great today but face an illness in the future. We always need to remember that as we change each season in our lives, is that God never changes.

He is always with us, steadfastly loving us and caring for us.

Scripture assures us that when God says something, He means it. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

Deacon Lynn Waldeck



Your Deacons

Doug Brosky
Anthony Cavaliere
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Lynn Waldeck

From the Minister of Music

Fall Choir News

As I write this, Trinity Choir has had their first rehearsal and we are off to a good start. Sounds of Praise had been scheduled to start the beginning of October, but I need to postpone the start of rehearsals because of some scheduling issues. Please watch the bulletin and the e-blurbs for the start up date for Sounds of Praise.

This month I thought that I would write a little about the Trinity Choir's anthems that are scheduled for the month of October. I admitted to the choir, without shame, that many of the pieces of music that are in their folders are pieces that I had thought about and wished we would sing again soon over the pandemic. We are fortunate that so many fit in so well with our readings this fall!

We will start off on October 2 with the spiritual "Give Me Jesus," as arranged by PA composer Robert Lau. It is such lovely piece, that touches the soul so deeply, each verse reminding us that all we need is Jesus in our lives. One of the most wonderful things about this spiritual is during each refrain, the choir has a crescendo, which means they will gradually get louder. Ever since I first heard this spiritual some 30+ years ago, this moment still gives me chills up the spine.

On October 9, we will give thanks with the lepers (well one of them anyway) that Jesus healed in the Gospel lesson for the week as we sing Paul Bouman's setting of "It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks." A piece expressing perfectly how we always should take time to thank our God for all He has given us.

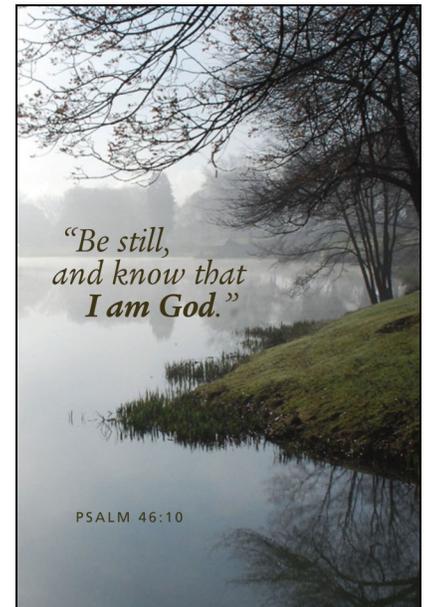
On October 16, we will sing Robert Hobby's beautiful melody with Susan Cherwien's touching text in the anthem "Beloved, God's Chosen," a text expressing the joy of Christian love. Susan Cherwien just recently passed away from cancer, and I will be thinking of her and her family as we sing this anthem.

October 23 brings a piece that I think is just beautiful and so well written in American composer Leo Sowerby's setting of psalm 121, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes." Erika Skoch will be singing the beautiful solo in this. Sowerby had been called the dean of American church music and won the Pulitzer Prize for music in 1946.

Finally on Reformation Sunday, October 30, we will sing two pieces for the day. Carl Schalk's setting of Luther's Morning Prayer, which was originally written for the students that sing at Lutheran Summer Music at Valparaiso University. We will also sing a choir favorite, "I AM Forever who I AM" by Kurt Von Kampen, with a text by Richard Wiegmann. This anthem comes out of Concordia University in Seward, NE. Our own John Lottes is a friend of the composer, and he will sing the opening. The text of the anthem is so powerful, reminding us that through all famine, earthquake, flood and even pandemic, our God is always with us, sheltering us, and through all, we need to be still and know this as he references psalm 46. It is a piece we often have difficulty singing without the emotion getting in the way.

I hope that you will be able to hear all of these anthems at the 9:00 a.m. services during October. Let us know if one is particularly moving for you, or helps your worship in a special way that day.

Henry DeVries
Minister of Music



From the Board of Outreach



Can you answer this question?

During the transfiguration of Jesus, who appeared with Him?

The **Board of Outreach** is sponsoring a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 12, starting at 5:30pm in the MPR. Categories:

Pop Culture

History

Bible

Geography

Science

Sports

This will be a night of fellowship and fun! Team play, so gather your group together. There will be a \$5 entrance fee for each individual. One half of the total proceeds will be awarded as a prize to the winning team. The other half will be donated to the church.

Invite your friends and family! Bring food to share with your team mates! Beverages will be provided by the church. Sign up will begin on October 23 which is the date of Consecrated Stewards Sunday.

Volunteers are needed to set up and to collect answer sheets. Teens and youth are welcome to help out as well as adults. Contact Deacon Anthony: ACavaliere@trinityhicksville.org

Answer – Moses & Elijah

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Newsletter submissions and articles for the November 2022 edition of *The Good News* are due to the church office by noon on **Monday, October 24.**

Thank you!

From the Board of Stewardship

We have a lot going on during the month of October here at Trinity. One event which undergirds all the rest is Consecrated Stewards Sunday. Our stewardship of the money, resources, and talents that the Lord has given us builds up His Kingdom. These resources are used to edify we who are called saints, as well as to present the gospel to sinners who stand hopeless and helpless for they do not know the one who has died for their sins, Jesus. Through stewardship the Lord provides the framework and resources for all the ministries of His Church.

This month, there will be a series of services dedicated to stewardship starting on October 9 and culminating with Consecrated Stewards Sunday on October 23. On that Sunday, we will hold **one service**, with a catered breakfast to follow. If you plan to attend, you must register in advance no later than October 16 so that we can allow the caterers advance notice to plan accordingly. Sign-ups can be done in person between services on Sunday morning or by email to ACavaliere@trinityhicksville.org

On Consecrated Stewardship Sunday, we, the members and congregants of Trinity Lutheran Church, will have an opportunity to rededicate our time and talents, as well as our weekly monetary tithes and offerings to the Lord. We will also have an opportunity to pledge to increase our offerings to thank the Lord for the continued blessings that He has granted us in the midst of some trying times. In these times, the Lord has provided us with what we need to live, as He has promised; not what we think we need, or what our culture or the media tells us what we need. The greatest of these is salvation by faith in Christ Jesus.

Deacon Anthony Cavaliere

Confirmation News

Confirmation begins on Thursday, October 6 at 7:00pm at the church. Be sure to come through school entrance for class. See you soon!

Celebrate the Reformation!



If you enjoy carving pumpkins for Halloween, buy an extra pumpkin and carve a cross into it. It gives a great and easy witness. Think of the difference you can make in your neighborhood with just one pumpkin!



A Word from the Principal



Our school year is off to a fantastic start. We recently attended the Hicksville Street Fair and received good feedback from the event.

Our first fundraiser has begun where we are selling Trinity t-shirts and sweatshirts that our 8th graders helped to design. Thus far we have raised about \$850.

Our Kindergarten to grade 8 Back to School Night was in person, which was a wonderful success.

On October 14, our Middle School students will be taking a trip to Camp Herlich. They will be taking a nature hike, participating in archery, kayaking, and doing a pond ecology study. We're so excited to be taking field trips again this year!

Our first Open House is scheduled for October 15 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. We look forward to meeting with new potential families to help grow our school.

Jennifer Forte
Principal



Early Childhood Center Update



Trinity's Early Childhood Center is off to a great start. The children have settled into their classroom routines very nicely and are making new friends. All of the classes are learning new things, playing, singing and dancing. Our classes are learning about apples, sunflowers, being in school and Johnny Appleseed. Beautiful art work is starting to fill up the hallways in ECC.

The little ones in our toddler class are adjusting to school and gaining some independence through song, story and play time. We wish everyone Fall blessings!



Seleena Seemangal
ECC Director



Our garage sale held on September 10 was a huge success. We raised \$1197.45 towards mission funding. A heartfelt thank you to all the helpers that came to support, setup and cleanup afterwards! And a big thank you for the monetary donations received.

Just a note that the letters for the Annual Bakeless Cake Fundraiser went out in September. Thank you in advance for any support! Also LWML Sunday will be coming up in October. Our next monthly meeting will be on October 17. Please enter by the glass doors of the handicap parking area.

Our next event scheduled will be the Pork Roast Dinner Drive Thru scheduled for November 5. Be on the lookout for information in the bulletin for signup.

We are still looking for someone to fill the Treasurer's position. Please prayerfully consider this role if you can help.

Helen Peter
LWML President

Women's Life Day
Sat. Oct 8, 2022
9:00 – 12:00
Grace Lutheran Church
240 Mastic Road,
Mastic Beach, NY 11951
Theme "Mistakes"
Finding Beauty Through
Tangled Threads
Guest speaker **Cathi Sudler**
Case Manager of Long
Island Mentoring
THIS IS A FREE EVENT!
deadline 10/3/22 Church
office 631-281-8196 or email
church@graceinmb.org
Breakfast will be served.
Free will offering for
Long Island Mentoring.
Sponsored by the
Women of Grace

Email church@graceinmb.org to register
before October 3, 2022



Comfort Dog Ministry



Trinity's Comfort Dog Ministry continues to grow. The past few weeks we have been doing the Back-to-School tours with Martin Luther in Maspeth, our own Trinity Hicksville, and adding Astoria Lutheran. LuHi has asked us to be at their blood drive as well. The team also supported Lily Comfort Dog at the unexpected loss of their Pastor's wife. She left behind three children and a church family. Please continue to pray for their healing.

St. Luke, Dix Hills is now in the process of exploring if a comfort dog is a good fit for their congregation. Donna Haines will be presenting to them in September and assisting them on this journey.

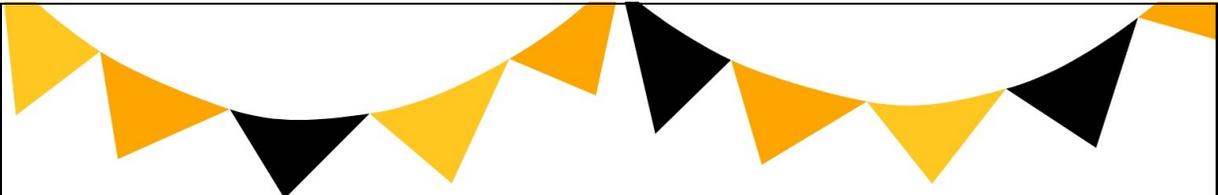
It's craft fair season and the Comfort Dog Ministry is gearing up! We will be at the Hicksville Street Fair, Mill Neck Apple Festival, and St. Paul's Bethpage. The team took a trip to Niagara Falls at the end of September to join Amos Comfort Dog and Claudia Comfort Dog at a Yellow Ribbon event.

We are still looking for volunteers to accompany the dogs and the handlers on visits. This is voluntary and at your availability. Please think about joining us and finding new ways to be of comfort in our community.



4th Annual Trunk or Treat

The Comfort Dog Ministry is currently accepting candy for Trunk or Treat. Please feel free to leave your bags outside the Pastor's office on the bench. We expect a big turn out as we have learned from past years. This year we will be in the parking lot on Jerusalem Avenue and W. Nicholai Street. To sign up send an email to Comfortdog@trinityhicksville.org.



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COMFORT DOG MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO:

TRUNK OR TREAT

TO SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK PLEASE EMAIL
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OCT 22
1PM TO 3PM
RAIN DATE 10/29

40 W. NICHOLAI ST.
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ADOLESCENTS AND NEGATIVE INFORMATION OVERLOAD

By Rev. Alan F. Steinke, LCSW

Much has been written about Covid's impact on adolescents, the effects of lockdowns, remote learning, social distancing, masking, isolation, lack of privacy at home. But there is another pandemic among adolescents that goes largely unnoticed. It can be called "negativity overload." When computers first became commonly available decades ago, sociologists predicted it would create an "information superhighway." And so it has. A handheld cell phone has replaced and superseded information once available only in a complete set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. This is a miraculous and blessed advancement. Up to a point. Here's why: it is estimated that the human brain is not fully developed until age 25. This means that adolescents are not yet equipped to process negative information and images as well as adults. This inevitably leads to a predisposition to anxiety and depression.

According to the National Institutes of Health, nearly 1 in 3 of all adolescents ages 13 to 18 will experience an anxiety disorder. These numbers have been rising steadily. Adolescents have been plunged into a sea of negative information overload.

For instance, an adolescent goes to a movie theatre and before the feature he will be treated to a dozen preview trailers. Most of these will be offerings from the Disney and Marvel studios, and will graphically display images of action films, which will be replete with fire and blood and smoke, explosions and crashes, flying body parts and death. Or he could stay home and access the same or similar fare on Amazon, Netflix, Hulu and other streaming services. Or he could get out his handheld device and go to YouTube or TikTok and gain access to images of whatever in the world.

Adolescents by nature are curious. They have a penchant for exploring, experimenting, and testing limits. It's a natural part of growing up. But they are easily overloaded with info and images that they are not ready to process to their benefit. This often results in anxiety and depression.

Beyond the entertainment field, they are exposed to massive amounts of negative reality reported by print and electronic media. They are not shielded from knowledge of school shootings, shootings in public places, terrorist attacks here and around the world, violence in the streets of American cities, chronic political contentiousness, racial tensions, the opioid overdose epidemic, the brutal invasion of the Ukraine—let these examples suffice lest the reader be overloaded—but more could be added.

The question becomes: what can be done? We begin by bringing the adolescent ear to the message of the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus—His way, His truth, His life and all the hope, and victory and positivity it provides.

And much can be done at home. Talk with adolescents openly about their stressors. Try to see the world their way without judgment—which they will only hear as more negativity. Invite them to have a different less automatic perspective. Teach coping skills. Encourage them to control what they can and not worry about the rest. Be careful—they will hear too much positive information overload as baloney, an attempt to give easy answers to hard questions. And remember—parents, teachers, pastors, and all adults, as you navigate these undulating waters—Lutheran Counseling Center is well-equipped with skilled and compassionate counselors eager to assist.

Rev. Alan F. Steinke, LCSW is a Clinical Supervisor for LCC. Rev. Steinke counsels children, adults, and couples.

Please visit our website at: www.lccny.org for more information. For a counseling appointment, call LCC at 1-800-317-1173. All sessions are virtual.

Lutheran Counseling Center continued . . .

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**"...restoring hope and transforming lives through
faith-based counseling"**

October 2022



A Quote Remembered:

"Thank you for helping me get through COVID last year. I was so depressed and lonely after being hospitalized for so long. Because of the counseling support, I feel like myself again!" - LCC Client

• **Call LCC at 1-800-317-1173 if you need help with:**

Emotional struggles such as shame, self-esteem, guilt, depression, anger, internal conflict, or anxiety.

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Relationship problems including couples' issues, parent/child difficulties, employer/employee, or other family members or friends.

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Grief and Loss including the death of someone close to you, the loss of a job or finances, or the loss of a marriage or other key relationships.

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Trauma and PTSD resulting from having been involved in a serious accident, a victim of abuse, engagement in military service, or experiences from a personal or natural disaster.

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Adjustment to Changes, including stressful changes in your life or chronic illnesses such as fibromyalgia, IBS, Lupus, chronic fatigue syndrome, or cancer.

<https://lccny.org/therapies/individual-counseling/>

For more information or to schedule an appointment with any of our counselors, please call us at **1-800-317-1173**.

Mill Neck Apple Festival 2022



This year's Apple Festival proceeds will help to support a building renovation for Mill Neck's Day Habilitation Program, which serves Deaf adults with developmental disabilities. Individuals in this program will have an inclusive and equitable Deaf-friendly space, creating a visually accessible environment that fosters learning and equal access to communication.

Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to creating a world in which Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing individuals are included, empowered, celebrated and embraced as equals through quality educational, employment, audiological and spiritual programs and services.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking fee is \$20 per vehicle (suggested donation). No dogs on campus (certified service dogs, with proof, are permitted). No smoking on campus. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mill Neck Manor is located at 40 Frost Mill Road, Mill Neck, NY 11765

For more information about Mill Neck Family of Organizations, please visit us at www.millneck.org

TRINITY LUTHERAN PTFA PRESENTS

Halloween Movie Spooktacular



A SPOOKY MOVIE-WATCHING EVENT

Hocus Pocus 2

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 4TH

AT TRINITY

**DATE
CHANGE**

Movie begins at 7:00pm. Cost is \$5 per Person.

Popcorn, Candy and Drinks will be Provided

WEATHER PERMITTING WE WILL BE OUTDOORS:
PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET