

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, August 25, 2018 in the year of our Lord
Sunday, August 26, 2018 in the year of our Lord

Opportunities to Equip and be Equipped

“St. Paul . . . sent by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead.” (Galatians 1:1)

“A Christ-centered, Gospel-based church equipping you for service.”

Rev. Fred Wiechers from Norwalk is our guest pastor this weekend. We welcome him to our pulpit.

The annual LWR assembly and packing day will be September 8th at 9:00 in the room off the gym. Everyone is welcome. Donations are still being accepted for needed items. There is a great need for school kits and personal care kits this year.

Watch school supplies for:

- Notebooks (wide or college ruled 70 sheets no loose paper)
- Blunt end scissors
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Ball point pens (no gel ink)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Ruler with centimeters and inches
- #2 pencils with erasers

Also needed are:

- Light or medium weight bath towels (approximately 52 x 27 inches—dark color)
- Bath size bars of soap
- Nail clippers
- Toothbrushes
- Combs

Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to this worthwhile project. Your continued support is much appreciated. Karol Griffiths

St. Paul is in need of a new groundskeeper for next year and to fill in for the rest of this year. Job descriptions are available on the back ledge or in the office. Please send a resume to the office if you or anyone you know is interested. Thank you.

The “St. Paul Vagabonds” will be traveling to Findlay, Ohio on Thursday, September 6th, leaving from the church parking lot at 8:30. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Come join us. We always have a great time.

There will be no “Tired and Retired” in September due to the bus trip to Maine. There will be a “Tired and Retired” meeting on Thursday, October 11th at 11:30. Come, enjoy, and bring a dish to share. We always have fun and great fellowship. Hope to see you there.

This is the schedule for the 6:00 Saturday and 8:00 Sunday services for the month of September. The 10:00 Sunday service will continue as always.

September 1 Pastor Phil Gardner, Trinity
September 2 Alternate Service (There will be no communion at this service).

September 8–9 Todd Mills, Trinity
Seminary, Congregational Relations Officer

September 15-16 Rev. Cathy Schibler

September 22-23 Rev. Roger Giese

September 29-30 Hymn Sing (There will be no communion at either service.)

The Women’s Eastern Conference Fall Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 8:30-1:00 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sandusky. The theme is “Prayer with A Twist” In-kind gifts are school supplies for Sandusky area children in need. The cost of \$5, which includes coffee hour and lunch, is paid at the door. Please sign up in the Narthex.

We are ready to start using our new key card system. If you need a key please fill out the form that is on the back ledge. There will not be a charge for the first card but a fee will be charged for lost or replacement cards. Once your card has been set up in the office Elaine will contact you to make arrangements for you to pick up your card and show you how to use it. We would like to get this taken care of as soon as possible. Thank you.

We are planning an overnight trip to Shipshewana, Indiana on Wednesday, October 3rd and returning on Thursday, October 4th. We will need a minimum of 8 for the trip to be a go. If you are interested in going, there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. The last overnight we took was a lot of fun. Hope you can join us.

Thank you for all who contributed to the Orphan Nutrition Sponsorship. Thanks to your generosity eight children will be helped for a year. Pastor Franke and Gary Krugh will be riding Saturday in Indiana as part of "Ride for a Reason" in your name.

If you have someone you want us to pray for during the worship please let the office know.

FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH GATHERING

Being in the presence of so many young people that came from so many different backgrounds and yet all had at least one thing in common, we are Lutheran Christians was inspiring. I learned more about what that means and how important it is to share. That "there is Grace for that", when it comes to just about everything we can imagine. I learned that I need to be more willing to stand up for those without a voice or whose voice is too small. I learned that when we say all are welcome we need to mean all are welcome. Perhaps I already knew some of these however coming home I realize that I need to do a better job of walking the walk. -Jenn

Our time in Texas was... I can't begin to explain how much I grew and learned in Texas in words alone. Our time in Texas opened my eyes to a whole different Lutheran world outside of Sandusky, Ohio and the North WestOhio Synod. I personally had always thought of myself as pretty progressive, Boy was I mistaken. To see a community truly be welcoming to all as they were @ Kindred, our service learning day beneficiary, I was beside myself and truly know I benefited more from my short time with that amazing congregation than they from the prayer labyrinth we worked on. I know that I was exposed to certain facets on our trip bc I really needed to reevaluate my personal views on a multitude of issues w/i our country and beyond. But when bishop Eaton broke down our zero tolerance immigration stance to simple racism my mind was blown! How could I who know multiple white illegal immigrants living here, working here, trying to better themselves here from overseas truly have thought otherwise before our time in Texas??? But I did. I can't even scratch the surface of how it was to get to know and love a group of young and old adults that I never would have if not for our time in Texas. Don't get me wrong I had spent plenty of time with most of them but not all day, every day for a week straight! Not to mention all the amazing locals we met that made our time in Texas so much more enjoyable; Raymond, Amy, Edna, Derrick, Smiley, Allison, Kinnon, Nora, the list could go on forever, Welcoming us into their city with open arms and hearts. It's crazy how fast it went, how much I have and will continue to change but most importantly how much I can't wait to see what God has in store for us all now. So, Our time in Texas was LIFE ALTERING!?! -PT

This week in advance

Sunday, August 26

8:00 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 A.M. Alternative Church
3:00 P.M. Confirmation

Monday, August 27

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym

Tuesday, August 28

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym
1:00 P.M. Text study at Mr. Smith's

Wednesday, August 29

8:00 A.M. ECFC in Fellowship Hall
8:30 A.M. BoB in gym

Thursday, August 30

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym
10:00 A.M. Bulletin Announcements Due

Friday, August 31

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym
5:00 P.M. Meet to Eat at Sidelines in Norwalk
6:30 P.M. AA/Al-anon

Saturday, September 1

6:00 P.M. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 2

8:00 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 A.M. Alternative Church