

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

300 Broad Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Church Phone: (920) 722-2662 / **School Phone:** (920) 725-1715

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Worship Services:

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 am; Wednesday – 6:30 pm

Education Hour: Sunday - 10:30 am

In Person & Online Worship Service and Education Hour

Trinity's website: www.trinitymenasha.com

Services will continue to be available for live-streaming on Trinity's Facebook page, and for later viewing on YouTube. Check the church website for more details.

Important Dates:

September 7: Board Mtgs
September 11: Food Pantry
September 14: Bd of Directors Mtg
September 21: Ladies Aid Potluck
September 25: Food Pantry

Holy Communion

We are once again offering the choice of Common Cup or Individual Cup.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MARGIE MACH!

On September 15 Margie Mach will turn 100. Margie and her husband Stanley joined Trinity in 1971 as Stanley was with the Railroad. Margie was born and raised in Summit Lake, Wisconsin. They were married in 1940 and raised their 3 sons and 1 daughter in Kaukauna; the family worshiped at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaukauna and both Margie and Stanley were active members as they were at Trinity. Margie said she remembers many visiting pastors at Trinity and her husband Stanley would always invite them over for lunch after church; thus, she was never sure how many would be at the table on a given Sunday. Margie was an

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Our Mission Statement:

Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Menasha, is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.



Senior Pastor:

✠ Rev. Steven S. Billings

Assoc. Pastor/Principal:

✠ Rev. Keith E. GeRue

Director of Music:

Mr. Tim Reuning

Organist:

Mrs. Nancy Lephart

September 2021



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| | | | 8:45 AM Chapel 1 6:30 PM Worship | 6 AM Men's Bible Study 2 | 3 | 4 5 PM Worship |
| 9 AM Worship 5 10:30 AM Ed Hour | Labor Day 6 Pastor's Sabbath Sewing No School No Prayer Time No Women's Bible Study | 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 7 6:30 PM Board Mtgs | 8:45 AM Chapel 8 6:30 PM Worship | 6 AM Men's Bible Study 9 | 10 | 9 AM Food Pantry 11 5 PM Worship |
| 9 AM Worship 12 10:30 AM Ed Hour | Pastor's Sabbath 13 Sewing 6:00 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study | 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 14 6:30 PM Bd of Directors Mtg | 8:45 AM Chapel 15 6:30 PM Worship | 6 AM Men's Bible Study 16 | 17 | 18 5 PM Worship |
| 9 AM Worship 19 10:30 AM Ed Hour 1 PM Kraut Making Party | Pastor's Sabbath 20 Sewing 6:00 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study | 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 21 5:30 PM Ladies Aid Potluck | 8:45 AM Chapel 22 6:30 PM Worship | 6 AM Men's Bible Study 23 | 24 | 9 AM Food Pantry 25 5 PM Worship |
| 9 AM Worship 26 10:30 AM Ed Hour | Pastor's Sabbath 27 Sewing 6:00 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study | 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 28 | 8:45 AM Chapel 29 6:30 PM Worship | 6 AM Men's Bible Study 30 | | |



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES- SEPTEMBER

09/01 DURKEY, Dennis & Judith
 09/02 MAYNARD, John & Sue
 09/03 KESTER, Thomas & Barbara
 09/04 DAHMS, Daniel & Peggy
 09/04 HERTZIGER, Tammy & Michael
 09/05 JANDREY, Tim & Janine
 09/06 WIRTH, Timothy & Laurel

09/08 VOIGT, Eric & Brittney
 09/15 DRUM, Tom & Judi
 09/18 RHODES, Lisa & Gary
 09/20 BRICCO-TOBIN, Sherry
 09/20 KRAUS, Ronald & Dottie
 09/22 LINDNER, Kari & Warren
 09/29 EVENSEN, Carol & Richard
 09/30 HARRMANN, Tom & Polly



BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER

09/01 COLLINGWOOD, David
 09/02 BARTEL, Barbara
 09/04 VOIGT, Eric
 09/04 WENDLER, Brittany
 09/06 DAHMS, Alexa
 09/09 ACKER, Eileen
 09/09 GERUE, Catherine
 09/09 ROBINSON, Cora
 09/10 FISCHER, Rodney
 09/10 FLATER, Karon
 09/10 RIGOTTI, Kathleen
 09/12 BOUCHARD, Eleanor
 09/12 CISKE, Calvin

09/14 CORRENTE, Margaret
 09/15 MACH, Margie
 09/15 OLSON, Lynn
 09/16 HARRMANN, Polly
 09/16 MAYNARD, Shannon
 09/16 SIEGEL, Simon
 09/18 FLEISCHER, Shirley
 09/19 CISKE, Johanna
 09/19 GERUE, Valerie
 09/21 DIESCH, Cindy
 09/21 DURKEY, Dennis
 09/21 RHODES, Lisa
 09/23 MANTEUFEL, Deborah

09/23 WATSON, Carla
 09/25 KOBBS, Justin
 09/26 BURSACK, Jared
 09/26 VOIGT, Owen
 09/26 WUSSOW, Craig
 09/29 RADTKE, Aidan
 09/30 THOMAS, Jill



✠ *Trinity Membership Update* ✠

New Members/Transfers In:

Released/Transfers Out: Beth Wohlrabe, Larry Jahsman & Bryan Haag

Baptisms: Marie Elizabeth Diesch, August 8, 2021

Weddings:

Members Who Have Passed:



²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. Job 19:25-26

Serving Our Lord with Gladness - September 2021

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings

Associate Pastor/Principal: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

| Worship Date/Time | Acolyte Serving | Elder on Duty | Usher Captain | Greeter | Altar Guild |
|--|--------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| September 1 6:30 pm September 4 5:00 pm September 5 9:00 am | N/A | Harrmann, Tom Gast, Bruce Nielsen, Bart | Reinke, Steve Voigt, Roger Wittmann, Jim | Schultz, JoAnn Sexmith, Barb | Zeinert, Jean Reichert, Paula Kislewski, Jackie |
| September 8 6:30 pm September 11 5:00 pm September 12 9:00 am | N/A | Harrmann, Tom Gast, Bruce Nielsen, Bart | Reinke, Steve Harrmann, Tom Weinig, Lee | Kamprath, Liz | Wirth, Laurel Reichert, Paula Kislewski, Jackie |
| September 15 6:30 pm September 18 5:00 pm September 19 9:00 am | N/A | Harrmann, Tom Gast, Bruce Nielsen, Bart | Reinke, Steve Maynard, Jerry Sexmith, Steve | Kester, Barbara Nielsen, Jane | Wirth, Laurel Reichert, Paula Kislewski, Jackie |
| September 22 6:30 pm September 25 5:00 pm September 26 9:00 am | N/A | Harrmann, Tom Gast, Bruce Nielsen, Bart | Reinke, Steve Colby, Lee Collingwood, Dave | Zeinert, Jean Nielsen, Jane | Wirth, Laurel Reichert, Paula Kislewski, Jackie |
| September 29 6:30 pm | N/A | Harrmann, Tom | Reinke, Steve | | Zeinert, Jean |

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday - 8am-3pm

Jean Zeinert & Mary Conradt, Church Administrative Assistants

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MARGIE MACH! (CONT.)

excellent cook and baker and for seven years they owned and operated a steak house in Hilbert. Margie also remembers working with her sisters in Christ at Trinity to make meals for different occasions. She was also a member of the Christian Women's Group and hosted a Bible study at her home for years. Margie attended a two-room school in Summit Lake. She was a homemaker and was a waitress at Butte des Morts Country Club. She also sold Sarah Coventry Jewelry. Margie remains a lovely lady who is a joy to talk with. She takes pride in looking nice and enjoys good food. A few of her favorites are tenderloin steak and pecan pie with real whipped cream. She is thankful for Pastor Alliet and so enjoys his visits. Her favorite hymn is 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus.' Margie's youngest son is a lay minister and has served in that role in numerous locations, Margie praises God for his dedication to His Lord in this way. Margie is a resident of St. Paul Villa in Kaukauna and has been there for 15 years. Margie's address is:

Mrs. Margie Mach
c/o St. Paul Villa
316 East 14th St #203
Kaukauna, WI 54130

We pray that Margie will have a very blessed birthday and be filled with His love and peace in the year ahead.



September Stewardship Talk - Leaving a Legacy.....

Hopefully, you all heard Ron's stewardship testimony last month on the "Legacy of Trinity", those that have blessed both he and Dottie from the time they arrived at Trinity up until today.

So, question for you today – how do each of us leave a legacy? The legacy you leave is the life you lead. Leaving a legacy is not ultimately about a building or institution, but influencing men and women who carry on our Lord's mission. We cannot do this ourselves, but with the Holy Spirit's help we can be empowered. And through Him, we can find the true joy in "Sharing God's Blessings, Proclaiming His Gospel".

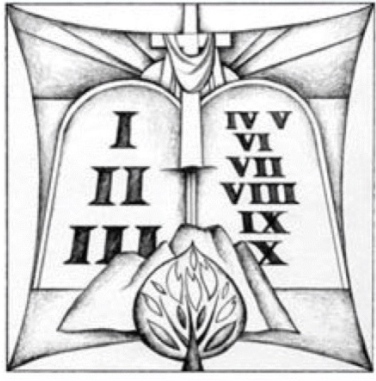


Legacy is not self-serving; it does not seek glory. Jesus did not seek glory for Himself, but to glorify the Father. For us, it is not my Glory, but His Glory reflected through me; it is not my legacy, but His legacy continuing through me. There is no greater legacy than this.

One more take away from Ron's talk – did you notice that much of what he was moved by are inspirations that seemingly are not measurable – things like concern, dedication, love, appreciation. Yet, having Jesus as a model, we know that we can be certain that these all can be seen; and they can serve as a legacy to those who experience them.

In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about an upcoming Fall small group meeting, titled "Sharing God's Blessings, Proclaiming His Gospel". Your Board of Stewardship is looking forward to each of you attending one of the sessions, as we take a further look at Trinity, your Spirit led participation in our Lord's Ministry work, and how the Holy Spirit is guiding us toward the Legacy that our Lord has planned to and through each of us.

We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks. Thanks, and God's Blessings!



Catechetical Comments

A Series

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

This month we continue our look at The Close of the Commandments:

What does God say about all these commandments? He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” [Ex. 20: 5–6]

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Question 79. *Who brought sin into the world?*

The devil brought sin into the world by tempting Adam and Eve, who of their own free will yielded to the temptation.

The *Catechism 1991* now takes up the question: “Who brought sin into the world?” and answers it by saying: “The devil brought sin into the world by tempting Adam and Eve, who of their own free will yielded to the temptation.” In support of this it lists the following Scripture passages:

1 John 3:8 – Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

Rom. 5:12 – Sin came into the world through one man.

It further adds the following Bible narrative: The fall of humanity (**Gen. 3:1-7**).

You will sometimes hear people accuse God of being the author of sin. Jesus flatly denies this in His parable of the weeds. There he tells of a master who’s good seed is spoiled by an enemy. When the weeds sprout his workers accuse him of giving them bad seed. “No,” he says, “an enemy has done this” (Matt. 13:24-30).

Scripture makes it very clear who the author of sin is: the devil, Satan. The passage from 1 John 3 informs us that the devil has been sinning *from the beginning*. (To say how he got started would only be speculation, at best.)

It was the devil who tricked Adam and Eve into falling into sin in the Garden (Gen. 3:1-7). And it has been the devil working evil in our world ever since.

Of course, he has a very powerful ally: our own sinful nature, which we inherited from our first parents (Adam & Eve). Like them, we have a tendency to be complicit when tempted, often falling prey to the devil’s schemes and lies. Paul writes in Rom. 5 that sin entered the world through one man (Adam), but sin has been perpetuated by mankind to this very day. Satan is definitely at fault for constantly harassing us with sins that tempt us, but we are at fault when we yield to temptation and take action to violate God’s Law.

Thankfully, there is one Seed of Adam who could conquer Satan and resist temptation. Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary accomplished what was impossible for us: He perfectly fulfilled the Law of God and defeated every attack of the devil.

It’s His perfect righteousness that covers our sin by grace through faith in Him. Thank God for His faithfulness to us poor sinners. His love never fails and His mercies are new every morning. Praise God! ✠

Humbly in His service,
Rev. Steven S. Billings
Senior Pastor

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Dear School Families and Friends of Trinity Lutheran School,

Can you believe that summer is almost over! Welcome back all of our returning students and add a special welcome to our new students and staff. We praise God for each of these students and ask His blessing on them as they go through the school year. Trinity Lutheran School begins the 2021-2022 school year on **August 30 for 3rd - 8th graders and September 1st for 3PS - 2nd Grade.**



Our **2021-2022 staff** is: 3PS: Mrs. Caitlin Vanden Bloomer; 4K: Pastor GeRue, Mrs. Caitlin Vanden Bloomer, and Mrs. Heather Andreshak; 5K: Mrs. Heather Andreshak; 1st-2nd: Miss Kirsten Johnston; 3rd-4th: Mrs. Valerie GeRue; 5th-6th: Miss Elizabeth Bahrns; 7th-8th: Mrs. Rachel Maloney; Art: Juliet Colby; Teacher Aids: Desiree Wittmann, Anne Dahms, Margaret Corrente; 7-8 Religion Pator Billings; Cook: Mrs. Anne Dahms; Admin. Assistant: Nathan Dahms; Principal: Rev. Keith GeRue

We will publish a bi-weekly newsletter (**Tiger Tracks**) every other Friday. This letter will be sent out on Fast Direct. We will also be uploading the monthly lunch calendar at the end of every month. Please keep it handy so you can refer to it throughout the month. We hope this will help you. Check out our Trinity Website at www.trinitymenasha.com. The teachers are working to add more to their classroom information.

Chapel offerings for this school year will go to Russian Lutheran Translations.

Greetings Friends,

We are conservative Lutherans and University-trained professional translators. We live in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, with a daughter and a partially disabled, elderly mother. Lutheranism (as Evangelical Catholicism) is almost unknown in Russia. So we have started a Russian online ministry aimed at promoting the sound doctrines of Law and Gospel via translating various traditional Lutheran writings and classical Christian hymns. Our core permanent project is the Russian version of The Lutheran Herald Daily Devotions which we publish on a dedicated Facebook page and a mirror page on VK, Russia's most popular social network. . These devotions are circulated by other means too. We are currently reaching about 500 people daily in Russia, Kazakhstan, Finland and Israel. Also, we have two book projects underway.

This ministry is our full-time occupation. I have no regular job due to partial disability, while Ksenia has a low-paid part-time job teaching English to kids for a few hours a week. Thus, we depend on donations to be our major source of income. Patronage by our friends is vital for us to provide for our family while keeping up our spiritual vocation. Others in need also benefit as we donate 10% of all received donations to Russian Christian charities, mostly to the diaconal ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia.

We pray that the Lord would bless our Patrons spiritually and materially.
+ Soli Deo Gloria! +
In Christ our Hope,
Roman & Ksenia Turenko

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross” (COL. 1:19–20)

Rev Keith E. GeRue

Associate Pastor and Principal



SCRIP PROGRAM –you may purchase scrip cards after service on Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday. It may also be purchased at the school or church office during regular business hours.

SAUERKRAUT TIME!!



KRAUT MAKING PARTY

Sept. 19th @ 1:00

856 State St., Menasha

A lunch will be available of Sauerkraut soup and hot beef sandwiches and other goodies.

If you want to see how sauerkraut is made, whether you eat it or not, come to the Weinig's after the September 19 church service.

An order form can be found in the church bulletin. Order your Kraut by September 15. Or call Elaine Weinig with your order at (920) 470-9090.

Ice Cream Pail - \$7.00

5-Gallon Pail - \$20.00

TRINITY CRAFT FAIR QUESTIONNAIRE

Trinity's Craft Fair Committee has met to discuss plans for a craft fair/festival this fall, as we all realize it takes many hands to make this a success. Due to COVID, we are downsizing this year and limiting the booths to Trinity Church and School members only. We truly want and need your support to move forward. The fair/festival would be open to the public as in the past.

Check your church bulletin for the volunteer sign-up sheet. There's also a sign-up on the spinner in the narthex. Any questions, contact Sally Bolen 920-422-2054.



My heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the prayers for my sister (Karen Whitmarsh) who had contracted Covid-19. She is doing great, back to normal. God Bless You All! Nancy Williams.

September 21, 2021

5:30 p.m. (note time)

Ladies Aid Potluck Dinner

Join the Ladies Aid/LWML as we welcome new members, planning for 2021/2022, and the installation of officers.

Sign up will be posted on the spinner in the narthex.

Choir Season 2021



This has been another rollercoaster year for choir. It is hard to put together ensembles when voices are missing. Our goal is to start weekly practices in October for the upcoming season. If you would like to sing the praises of our Lord, whether new to Trinity's Gallery Choir or a veteran, please contact Tim (920-843-0601), Nancy (920-277-4388) or the church office.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2021

| | <u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u> | <u>DEPOSITS/INCOME</u> | <u>WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES</u> | <u>ENDING BALANCE</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nicolet General Fund | \$21,399.28 | \$62,038.32 | (\$65,533.10) | \$17,904.50 |
| Nicolet Restricted Funds | \$140,615.43 | \$3,835.54 | (\$1,830.48) | \$142,620.49 |
| LCMS Endowment Fund | \$124,531.40 | \$7,918.37 | (\$316.25) | \$132,133.52 |
| LCEF Steward Fund | \$695.54 | \$8,125.22 | (\$7,414.10) | \$1,406.66 |
| Nicolet Money Market | \$25,474.93 | \$0.57 | (\$22,000.00) | \$3,475.50 |
| RBC Account | \$53,930.17 | \$3,189.53 | (\$140.00) | \$56,979.70 |
| Nicolet Memorial Fund | \$8,664.20 | \$500.67 | \$0.00 | \$9,164.87 |
| Nicolet Office Acct | \$1,127.34 | \$0.01 | \$0.00 | \$1,127.35 |
| Nicolet Debts Repaid | \$5,389.24 | \$0.00 | (\$2,300.00) | \$3,089.24 |
| Nicolet Think Tank | \$3,182.47 | \$0.24 | \$0.00 | \$3,182.71 |
| Nicolet Scrip | \$11,624.02 | \$22,822.17 | (\$15,765.88) | \$18,680.31 |
| TOTAL | \$440,075.44 | \$108,430.64 | (\$115,299.81) | \$433,206.27 |
| LCEF Mortgage (BOTR) | \$1,017,720.55 | | (7,414.10) | \$1,013,804.86 |

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Monday– Friday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM at (920) 722-2662, or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together for you.

Check out “RaiseRight” electronic Scrip! Contact the office, at the phone number above, for details.

Ladies Aid 2021 Schedule of Meetings/Events

Ladies of Trinity Congregation,

You are welcome to join us for any meeting or event. Our motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2.

Our Ladies Aid mission statement is as follows: The Ladies Aid is a fellowship of women members of Trinity Lutheran Congregation of Menasha committed to serving our Lord, our congregation and our community while promoting and supporting relationships among women. The mission statement of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world. Listed below are our scheduled plans for the remainder of 2021.

You may contact anyone of our officers with any questions.

September 21, 2021 - 5:30 p.m. (note time) Ladies Aid Potluck Dinner

Welcome new members, planning for 2021/2022, installation of officers.

Sign up will be posted on the spinner in the narthex.

October 3, 2021 - LWML Sunday

October 19, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Business Meeting

Small Fellowship Hall

Making and signing Thanksgiving cards for shut ins, led by Carol Evensen

November 12, 2021 - Apple Pie Day at Kraus's

November 13, 2021 - Ladies Aid Pie and Bake Sale in conjunction with Trinity's Craft Fair

November 16, 2021 - 5:30 p.m. Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Party (tentatively)

(Place to be decided upon.) Invite a friend!

December 4 & 5 /December 11 & 12 Annual Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML Cookie Sale

Sewing Group

Sewing at Trinity happens most Mondays from 9 a.m. to approximately 12 noon. You need no sewing experience and your time with us is flexible. Call Elaine Weinig (920-470-9090) or Ilene Anderson (920-574-2477) with questions regarding the sewing group.

We ask for prayers for our Ladies Aid/LWML that God would bless our efforts in serving Him, our Trinity Congregation, and our community!

Ladies Aid/LWML Officers:

President: Dottie Kraus (920-991-2705)

Vice President: Barbara Kester (920-722-3228)

Treasurer: Jane Stier (920-284-2937)

Secretary: Carol Evensen (920-725-5576)



Delta variant is surging in the U.S.

Stay vigilant to prevent the spread of the virus and protect staff and residents in Long-Term Care Facilities

It is more urgent than ever to follow infection prevention and control recommendations, including wearing a mask, and getting vaccinated.

The Delta variant is the most common variant of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, spreading in the United States, and it spreads more easily than prior variants. COVID-19 vaccination is our most effective strategy to prevent infection and severe disease among nursing home residents and healthcare personnel.

CDC recommends urgent action:

- Get vaccinated as soon as possible. Residents, staff, and visitors should be fully vaccinated to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear a mask regardless of vaccination status:
 - » Nursing home staff should continue to use source control when around residents.
 - » Visitors should use a mask (source control) when in the public areas of the facility (such as hallways and common areas). It is also safest to use a mask when visiting privately with residents.
 - » Residents should be encouraged to wear a mask when outside of their room, especially when unvaccinated or when in counties with high rates of COVID-19.
- Stay home if you feel ill: Do not go to work or visit a nursing home if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or feel ill.
- Get tested: Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or known exposure, **regardless of vaccination status**, should receive a viral test immediately.

Vaccinations are the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community. Residents, staff, and visitors who are not fully vaccinated should get vaccinated as soon as possible when eligible.

- Find out if your facility has vaccine requirements or vaccine incentives.
- Look for chances to talk with your peers about the importance of getting vaccinated and the continued use of masks.
- **Get answers to your vaccine questions at [CDC's Vaccinate with Confidence:](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccinate-with-confidence/strategy.html)**
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccinate-with-confidence/strategy.html>



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

YEAR 2, AUGUST 2021

CALLED TO GO: KYIV, UKRAINE

*The newsletter of Amanda Groshek
(teaching English, sharing Jesus)*



The streets of Kyiv resound with prayers, psalms and shouts of "He is risen!"

STAY IN TOUCH:

Email:

amanda.groshek@missionofchrist.org

Blog:

[Called to Go](#)
(on Wordpress)

HAPPENINGS IN KYIV

{the prayer walk and a movie night}

Two neat things that I was able to be a part of a few days before the start of the Writing Workshop were a prayer walk through Kyiv and also "Theatre in the Garden" hosted by a coffee shop and church in the city.

Several of my friends on Facebook had been posting about the upcoming prayer walk and the start of OrthoFest (an Orthodox Youth event) on July 27th. Thousands gathered from all over Ukraine, filling the park where it was going to start. Around me different groups were singing various psalms. After a short prayer service, the walk began. It would go from the park to the lavra. As people walked some continued to sing psalms, others simply talked to their friends or those walking around them. At one point, someone started calling out in Russian, "Jesus is risen!" And everyone responded, "He is risen indeed!" This went on for several minutes. What a neat experience to be a part of!

Another cool thing that one of the cafes and churches has started doing is holding a 'Theatre in the Garden' night for anyone who wants to come. They are free to attend. All of the films have some connection to Orthodoxy. The night that I went they were showing "Where are you, Adam?" which is a documentary about life on Mount Athos. The coffee shop stays open late on movie nights so that people can buy coffees or snacks for while they watch. It's a fun family event!





The English Summer Camp and Writing Workshop students and teachers

WRITING WORKSHOP

{July 28-August 6, 2021}

Since I was going to be around this summer, I offered to teach a writing workshop to interested middle and high school students. It met for two hours in the morning for eight days. I tried to have it start late enough that any students who joined would still get to feel like they were able to sleep in some. The first hour of each day was spent focusing on a specific aspect of writing, there was a small break in the middle, and then the second hour was spent working on some larger writing project. Students completed a persuasive essay and a literary analysis piece by the end of the workshop.

Only a couple of students signed up, so we were a small group; but they are good students, who work hard. We ended up having some really good discussion along with a lot of laughter.

While working on the rough draft for the literary analysis, one of the students asked me a question about including a quote in their introduction that they were writing. I asked some

clarifying questions to see why they wanted to use the quote, and I ended up saying, "We live in a world that is quick to judge other people and therefore we often want to distance ourselves from our own ideas. We use words like, 'It seems' or 'In my opinion' or 'I think.' I understand not wanting to be attacked, but please know that this is a safe space here. We have read the story. We have talked about it. You know it. Don't doubt yourself. There is a time for including other people's opinions, but as you analyse this text, I want you to pretend you're an expert. As long as you have valid support from the book, you have nothing to worry about. Because someone can like or dislike what you say, but if it is well supported they have to acknowledge that." It's important for students to know that although it is good to listen to others and be respectful, it's okay to have their own thoughts and ideas too.

One of my favourite moments though was at the end of class Monday. I had dismissed the students, one was starting to pack up, when the other said, "Wait. Are we done for today?!" "It is 11:27am," I pointed out, "and class ends at 11:30am." "Time flies when you're having fun!" the other student chimed in.



This summer has flown by. At the end of July I started teaching a week and a half long Writing Workshop.

Prayer Requests:

- *Thanksgiving for a healthy summer, a chance to connect with friends, and the success of the Writing Workshop*
- *Prayers for the beginning of the school year: that everyone will stay healthy, that the year will go smoothly, and that God will be at work every day in the lives of the people at the school and those in their spheres.*

