

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:

October 5: Board Mtgs
October 9: Food Pantry
October 12: Bd of Directors Mtg
October 19: Ladies Aid Meeting
October 23: Food Pantry
October 31: Reformation Sunday

Holy Communion

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



Stewardship Small Group Meetings

The Board of Stewardship reminds each of you to watch your mail and look for an invitation to attend one of the Sharing God's Blessings, Proclaiming His Gospel small group meetings. Details and meeting dates will be in the invitation. Please RSVP as soon as you can. Thank those of you that have responded. For members that have not received their invitation, one is coming. Blessings on your prayerful consideration of His call on your heart.



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

October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						5:00 PM Worship
LWML SUNDAY 3 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online	Pastor's Sabbath 4 9:00 AM Sewing 4:30 PM Volleyball Valley Home School @Home 6:00 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's BS	5 6:30 AM Ladies BS 3:45 PM Volleyball Practice 6:30 PM Board Mtgs	6 8:45 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Worship	7 6:00 AM Men's BS 9:00 AM Trestle Walk After 3:30 PM Parent/Teachers Conferences	8 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teachers Conferences	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Worship
Answers for Pastors Conference Oct. 5 - 7						
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REFORMATION 31 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online	Sunday Bible Study Opportunities at Trinity: Pre-K through 6 th Grade Sunday School 10:30 AM - Classrooms Young Adult Bible Study with Pastor GeRue 10:30 AM - Conference Room Adult Bible Study with Pastors Billings & Alliet 10:30 AM - Large Fellowship Hall					



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES- OCTOBER

10/02 BROWN, Amanda & Jasen
 10/06 REUNING, Tim & Jackie
 10/07 BATES, Dewey & Kelly O'Connell
 10/07 WOLTER, James & Ann McGoey
 10/09 BORCHARDT, Russell & Karen
 10/09 DAHMS, Nathan & Anne
 10/11 GAST, Bruce & Lana
 10/11 WATSON, Bill & Carla

10/13 FLEISCHER, Shirley & Ernest
 10/15 MEVERDEN, Betsy & Donald
 10/15 VITEK, Rudy & Barbara
 10/16 RATZBURG, Brian & Linda
 10/20 ACKER, David & Eileen
 10/20 RISKE, Carl & Karen
 10/22 WRIGHT, Norman & Ruth
 10/23 CLEVELAND, Andrew & Heather



BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER

10/01 BUKSYK, Mary Anne
 10/02 KISLEWSKI, Jacqueline
 10/03 BOUCHARD, Jeremy
 10/03 MLODIK, Mitchell
 10/03 SOKEL, Laurie
 10/07 REICHERT, Joseph
 10/08 WITTMANN, Debra
 10/08 WRIGHT, Norman
 10/09 DAMROW, Alisha
 10/09 HERTZIGER, Henry
 10/09 SCHEWE, Barbara
 10/10 BORCHARDT, Karen
 10/10 BOUCHARD, Jordan

10/10 WRAY, Terry
 10/11 GROSHEK, Emberli
 10/11 STIER, Jane
 10/12 GEHRT, Donald
 10/14 KOHLER, Christian
 10/14 TRIMBERGER, Elaine
 10/15 GAST, Iris
 10/15 HURST, Angela
 10/16 MEHL, Ruby
 10/19 ALLEN, Robert
 10/20 VOSTER, Ronald
 10/21 BARTELME, David
 10/21 WRAY, Teresa

10/22 GREETAN, Linda
 10/23 BRICCO-TOBIN, Sherry
 10/23 CONRADT, Mary
 10/24 CONRADT, Philip
 10/24 WENDLER, Kurt
 10/25 WIECK, Dylon
 10/26 ALLEN, Betty
 10/26 KOHLER, Christine
 10/26 THOMAS, Craig
 10/27 THOMAS, Ian
 10/28 WITTMANN, Jim
 10/30 LOOKER, Samantha



✠ *Trinity Membership Update* ✠



New Members/Transfers In:

Released/Transfers Out:

Baptisms:

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 - October 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
October 2 5:00 pm October 3 9:00 am October 6 6:30 pm	N/A	Manteufel, Alan Collingwood, Dave	Voigt, Roger Wittmann, Jim Reinke, Steve	Schultz, JoAnn Sexmith, Barb	Zeinert, Jean Lindner, Kari Wirth, Laurel
October 9 5:00 pm October 10 9:00 am October 13 6:30 pm	N/A	Manteufel, Alan Collingwood, Dave	Harrmann, Tom Weinig, Lee Reinke, Steve	Kamprath, Liz	Zeinert, Jean Evenson, Carol Wirth, Laurel
October 16 5:00 pm October 17 9:00 am October 20 6:30 pm	N/A	Manteufel, Alan Collingwood, Dave	Maynard, Jerry Sexmith, Steve Reinke, Steve	Kester, Barbara Collingwood, Rosemary	Zeinert, Jean Burrows, Gail Wirth, Laurel
October 23 5:00 pm October 24 9:00 am October 27 6:30 pm	N/A	Manteufel, Alan Collingwood, Dave	Colby, Lee Collingwood, Dave Reinke, Steve	Zeinert, Jean Nielsen, Jane	Zeinert, Jean Lindner, Kari Wirth, Laurel
October 30 5:00 pm October 31 9:00 am	N/A	Manteufel, Alan Collingwood, Dave	Voigt, Roger Wittmann, Jim	Schultz, JoAnn Sexmith, Barb	Zeinert, Jean Lindner, Kari

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday - 8am-3pm

Jean Zeinert & Mary Conradt, Church Administrative Assistants

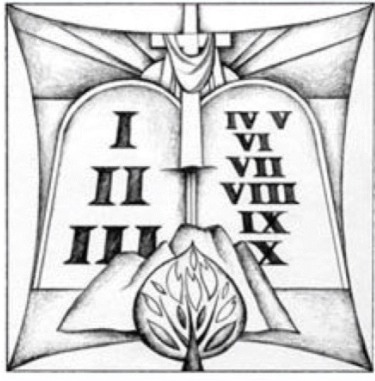
Phone: (920) 722-2662 ext. 201

email: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com



The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to Trinity
October 7th–17th

Church members will be able to purchase books
after church services in the school gym.



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 80. *How many kinds of sin are there?*

There are two kinds of sin: original sin and actual sin.

81. *What is original sin?*

Original sin is that total corruption of our whole human nature that we have inherited from Adam through our parents.

The *Catechism 1991* now takes up the question: “How many kinds of sin are there?” This it answers very succinctly: “There are two kinds of sin: original and actual sin.”

Then it asks, “What is original sin?” The answer: “Original sin is that total corruption of our whole human nature that we have inherited from Adam through our parents.” This answer is supported by the follow Scripture passages:

Psalms 51:5 – Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

John 3:6 – That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Romans 5:12 – Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Eph. 4:22 – Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires.

Original sin is the condition of sin in which we were born. You could call it an inherited trait. As you inherited the color of your hair and eyes, the general shape of your face, even the tone of your voice from your parents, you inherited other traits as well. Personality traits, for instance, can be traced to one’s parents.

Sinfulness is another trait you inherit from your parents, just as they inherited it from their parents, etc. This can be traced, as Paul says in Romans 5, to the original man, Adam, who, together with his wife, set the human race onto the course of sinful behavior.

Properly understood, *original* sin is the root, or source, of the sins we commit. It is the inclination to sin and the reason why we sin. An apple tree bears apples because it is an apple tree. The tree comes first and then the fruit. *Original* sin is the tree from which the fruit of sinful actions is born.

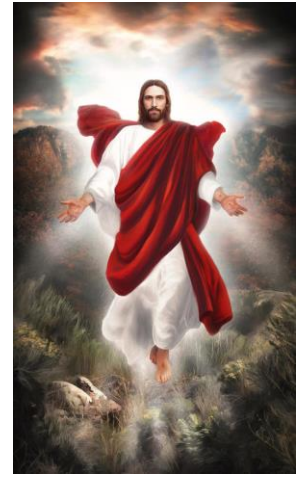
More on *actual* sins next month. ✚

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



FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Looking Forward to Christ's Second Coming



"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." – Revelation 21:4

The end of the Church Year in the month of November and the beginning of the new Church Year with Advent both have a strong emphasis upon the Second Coming of Christ and the blessed hope we have as Christians for Christ's return in glory. Christian hope centers in the anticipation of the complete and total enjoyment of Christ for all eternity. For Jesus' sake, God will take away all suffering forever. But the most important reason we look forward to Christ's Second Coming is because we shall see Jesus face to face in the resurrection. Corruption, mortality, and the curse of the fall will be no more. In that day, for Jesus' sake, "God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying" because Christ has taken it all away in His suffering and death. "There shall be no more pain" because Christ has taken all our pain away. "The former things"—what it is to be a sinner, living in a sinful world, suffering under the consequences of our rebellion against God, experiencing the devastation that evil has brought into the world, the pain and brokenness of sickness and disease—will all have "passed away" forever. The fullness of what Jesus came to accomplish in His suffering and death will be fully realized in the resurrection on the Last Day. In that day the words of Jesus concerning His suffering and death will come true: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

Yours in Christ, Pastor GeRue

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY SCHOOL

October 1	MIDTERMS 2:45 – 3:15 pm Electives 1 Popcorn Friday	October 13	8:45 am Chapel
October 4	11:00 am Little Farmer Tour 4:30 pm Volleyball Valley Home School @ Home	October 14	3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
October 5	3:45 pm Volleyball Practice 6:30 Board Meetings	October 15	Grandparents Day / Noon Dismissal
October 6	8:45 am Chapel 3:45 pm Faculty Meeting	October 19	4:30 pm Volleyball @ Trinity Oshkosh
October 7	9am Trestle Walk After 3:30 pm Parent Teacher Conferences	October 20	8:45 am Chapel 3:45 pm All Staff Meeting
October 8	NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences	October 21	4:45 pm Volleyball Saint John, Berlin @ Home Picture Retake
October 10 – 17	Book Fair	October 22	2:45 – 3:15 pm Electives 2
October 12	4:30 pm Volleyball @ Celebration, Appleton	October 26	3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
		October 27	8:45 am Chapel
		October 28	2:45 – 3:15 pm Electives 2 4:30 pm Volleyball FVCA Neenah @ Home Parent Night
		October 29	End of 1st Quarter / Noon Dismissal
		October 31	Reformation Day

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.

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 at Mark's East

Side, 1405 East Wisconsin Avenue, Appleton. 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)



SEPTEMBER 2021 LADIES AID/LWML YEAR IN REVIEW

October 10, 2020

Fifty handmade quilts, 85 school kits and 100 personal care kits were shipped to LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF to be distributed all over the world to those in need.



October 15, 2020, through November 25, 2020

"CALL TO ORDER BAKE SALE" Proceeds totaled \$1992. We had 14 volunteers (members and a few husbands) and 62 households that ordered bakery items. Our proceeds were used toward missions as well as for Trinity Church and School projects.

December 12, 2020

A group of ladies visited with member, Char Elliot, on her 90th Birthday.

December 16-18, 2020

Prepared food and collected many items to fill 30 Christmas Cheer Baskets which we delivered to our shut-ins, plus seven personal gifts were purchased and delivered to those shut-ins living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. All deliveries were personally made by Ladies Aid/LWML members.

January 19, 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1200

\$400 to **AMANDA GROSHEK**, a missionary for Mission of Christ in Ukraine

\$150 to **AMY FORMELLA**, a Bible Translator in Sierra Leone

\$200 to **BURNING BUSH MINISTRY**, Reverend Kevin Parvis, Jews for Jesus

\$250 to **REVEREND WALTER & ROBYN STEELE**, Matongo Lutheran Theological College in Kenya

\$200 to **MATTHEW KINNE FAMILY**, seminary student at Concordia, Fort Wayne

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO TRINITY CHURCH & SCHOOL FOR A TOTAL OF \$2604

\$744 for replacement of bathroom faucets

\$500 for snow removal and salt

\$400 for cleaning supplies (Mr. Colby used the entire amount for floor wax)

\$360 for altar flowers (one weekend per month)

\$200 for office supplies

\$400 (\$50 to each Trinity school homeroom teacher plus art teacher)

\$3804 = TOTAL DISBURSEMENT (MISSIONS PLUS TRINITY)

February 16, 2021

ZOOM interview with Ladies Aid/LWML member, Char Elliot where she shared memories of her personal life as well as historical Trinity information. Char became a member of Trinity at the age of eight and just celebrated her 90th birthday this past January. Char has been a faithful yet humble servant for her Lord and Trinity for all these years. We praise God for her work among us. Her joyful nature and loving smile are infectious and she still bakes for us.

March 16, 2021

Ilene Anderson demonstrated making Kringle which is a Danish pastry (wienerbrod). It was very interesting, and we were able to sample many varieties with numerous delicious fillings.

April 17, 2021

Trinity participated in an ingathering for Bella Medical Clinic, which serves those affected by unplanned pregnancy through caring, support, education, and community outreach, while respecting all human life. Bella seeks to lead their clients towards a relationship with God. Trinity donated numerous bags of baby items to the clinic.

April 20, 2021

Meeting with speaker, Martha Baldwin from Pillars (Appleton homeless shelter). Our sewing group continues to support Pillars throughout the year with many quilts and other bedding items.

May 18, 2021

Salad and dessert supper with Bible study, "Life is like Swiss Cheese."

JUNE 22, 2021

Longtime member of Trinity, Norb Pomerence, attended our meeting. He gave a beautiful testimony of what it means to be a joyful and willing servant for his Lord and at Trinity. At some time Norb has most likely touched every wall in our church and school campus with his paint brush. It is a joy to talk with Norb and he has much to share.

We came away from both Char's and Norb's interviews with thankful hearts for those that have paved the way for us.

JUNE 24-27, 2021

The National LWML Convention was held in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24-27. Trinity participated in helping choose the National Mite Selections. Twenty-eight were chosen out of 34 applications. The total amount to fund these grants is \$2,150,000 over the next two years. Twenty-five percent of the mites we collected here at Trinity and send to our SWD goes for the national funding. Trinity's contribution to mites in the last year was \$752. Our South Wisconsin District adopted a two-year mite goal of \$205,000 in 2020.

July 22, 2021

River Tyme Riverboat Cruise out of DePere onto the Fox River; 21 attended this fun event.

August 17, 2021

100 personal health kits and 100 school kits were assembled, plus 52 quilts are ready to send to Lutheran World Relief on October 2.

September 21, 2021

Fellowship and potluck supper plus organizational meeting for October 2021-September 2022.

October 2020 – September 2021

Our sewing group has donated the following during the last year, in addition to the 52 quilts for Lutheran World Relief:

- PILLARS: 187 quilts, 60 blankets, 137 sheets, 320 pillowcases, pillows, and towels
- CLOTHES CLOSET: 34 quilts, 9 blankets, 12 sheets, 11 pillowcases, 16 bedspreads
- HARBOR HOUSE: 12 fleece blankets

Many encouraging cards, phone calls, and visits are made by our members along with daily prayer for our Trinity Family.

Our Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML group is always very thankful to our Trinity Family for supporting our fundraisers and service projects in a very generous way. We feel so very blessed to serve our Lord, our congregation, and our community among you. A special heartfelt thank you goes to our pastors (Pastor Billings, Pastor GeRue and Pastor Alliet) who are always joyfully ready and willing to help us in any way, our Custodian, Lee Colby, who is always there to help whenever needed, along with our administrative staff (Jean Zeinert, Mary Conradt, and Nate Dahms). We also praise and thank God for each other and the love that binds us here at Trinity. It is our prayer that more ladies of the congregation would prayerfully consider being part of our group and serving Him with us.

Our theme this past year was "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit." *"THE Kingdom of God will be given to a people producing its fruits." Matthew 21:43*



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2021

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>DEPOSITS/INCOME</u>	<u>WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
Nicolet General Fund	\$17,904.50	\$105,096.12	(\$69,982.16)	\$53,018.46
Nicolet Restricted Funds	\$142,620.49	\$4,085.28	(\$501.72)	\$146,204.05
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	\$3,475.50	\$69,736.75	\$0.00	\$73,212.25
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	\$18,680.31	\$35,696.27	(\$39,208.29)	\$15,168.29
TOTAL	\$440,075.44	\$234,348.46	(\$119,862.52)	\$554,561.38
 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.

Kwik Trip Scrip is back to a 10 percent rebate... limited time only!

Similarities and Differences Between the Flu and COVID-19

Both are contagious respiratory illnesses caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with coronavirus, first identified in 2019. The flu is caused by infection with an infectious virus.

COVID-19:

- spreads more easily than flu. After more people are vaccinated, the spread of the virus should slow down.
- can cause more serious illnesses in some people.
- also takes longer before people show symptoms and continues for longer periods of time.
- COVID, flu, and other respiratory illnesses are similar, and the difference cannot be made based on symptoms alone.
- Testing is needed to tell what the illness is, and to confirm the diagnosis.



SIMILARITIES:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Fatigue
- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Change in, or loss of, taste and smell-most frequently with COVID-19.

DIFFERENCES:

- With the flu, one or more days can pass between when a person becomes infected and when he or she starts to experience symptoms.
- When someone has COVID-19, it can take longer to experience symptoms than if they had the flu.
- The flu spreads person-to-person with close contact.
- The flu spreads mainly by large and small particles containing virus,
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is more contagious than the flu virus. COVID-19 can easily spread to a lot of people.

*Again, it is very important to wear a mask.
Do not get with crowds of people.
Wash your hands diligently.*

YEAR 2, SEPTEMBER 2021

CALLED TO GO: KYIV, UKRAINE

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



STAY IN TOUCH:

Email:

amanda.groshek@missionofchrist.org

Blog:

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

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

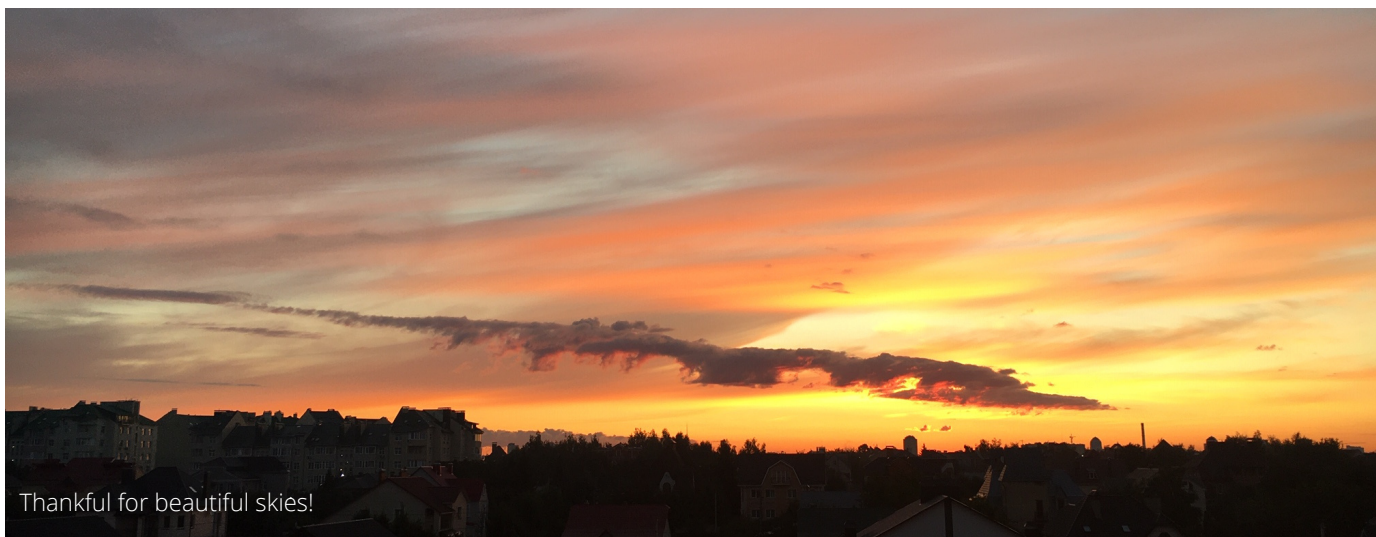
Building community

Becoming a part of a community takes time. Sometimes it requires showing up even when it doesn't seem to be noticed.

Of course, at school, one form of community comes in the form of classes. This year I am teaching 1st grade ELL alongside their classroom teacher, 4th-5th high level ELL, 9th grade ELL, 9th grade literature, high school drama and starting next week 5th grade resource U.S. history. Another smaller form of community building is story time before school. "Story time!" the younger kids will shout gleefully as I walk out of the building in the morning. Although the first week stories consisted of ones like "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" that I could tell from memory. Now, I'm bringing books outside with me that the kids and I read together while they wait to be allowed inside the building. Finally, doing dismissal at the end of the day means that parents, drivers and students and I all get to at least know each others' faces. Some parents or drivers will just wave now, knowing that I know which children belong to them and will call the right names. Other parents or drivers will come up to have a chat while they wait. Sometimes little siblings who aren't old enough for school will come over for a chat, too!



Story time is still happening before school, even though kids wait for the start of the school day outside.



Thankful for beautiful skies!

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

Building community {cont'd}

From the trips to the Holy Mountain Lavra last spring and to Georgia at the beginning of the summer, another community has been slowly growing in the form of a circle of friends who live in Kyiv but are not connected to school/work. Over the summer we would meet for coffee and/or go for walks around the various parks in the city. One of these friends ended up asking me if I would consider helping a friend of hers who wants to practice her conversational English, so now the two of us meet once a week for that.

It's been such a blessing to be able to attend church in person all summer! It's a small church within walking distance from my flat. In one of the books

that I read over the summer, the author writes, "Worship is not simply the obedient response to witnessing God at work in our lives. It does something necessary in our souls," and after nearly a year of online church, it has been special to be back and worshiping God in community with others!

These relationships in these different communities then open doors for deeper conversations. For example, we're only in the third week of school, but some of my ninth graders in their journals have shared some beautiful, deep things about how they understand faith or how having a relationship with Jesus changes our lives.



Getting ready to go with friends to church to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Prayer Requests:

- *Thanksgiving for a good start to the school year. Prayers for fall retreat which is Friday, Sept. 17th. It's a time for secondary students to get to know each other better but also to grow in their faith.*
- *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.*



Musings from MATONGO

NEWS FROM REV. DR. WALTER & ROBYN STEELE



September 2021

SteelesInAfrica.com



STEELES IN AFRICA

—Did you know that the Kiswahili word for teacher is Mwalimu? It is the proper term for us who teacher here.

—Did you know that the Ki in Kiswahili means “language of”? Kiswahili technically means the language of the Swahili people.

—Did you know that Matongo has been training pastors since 1978? That is the same year Robyn & Walter tied the knot.

—Did you know that the teaching of New Testament Greek and Biblical Hebrew, both taught here by Walter, provides the backbone for all the other courses the students take?



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New Pastors Ordained!



Four Recent Graduates are Ordained into the Holy Ministry in the Refugee Camp

The labor of teaching, of the students learning, and of your generous support has borne fruit as our academic year closed. The four men pictured above have been ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry!

Despite Satan’s best efforts to destroy the work, Christ has overcome him. COVID did not shut down the school last semester. Instruction and training—both pastoral and diakonal formation—continued. And now you can see the wonderful, God-pleasing result.

It was a joy and a privilege to be involved in the graduation exercises at the Seminary. Walter now serves officially as Dean of Curriculum for Matongo Lutheran Theological College. This position is equivalent to that of Academic Dean in the USA. He will be overseeing the course work, assigning instructors to particular courses, and working to continue to improve the various programs.

Matongo offers a Diploma in Theology, leading to ordination. We also offer a Diploma in Diakonia and a Certificate in Diakonia, for the future deaconesses. A fourth program is a Certificate in Evangelist Training. Our Bachelor in Theology program is being reworked—something on which Walter will be working steadily—so that Matongo will continue to be the strongest theological seminary in Africa.

We deeply appreciate your support of the Lord’s work here. We are fast approaching our 3rd year in East Africa. We thank God for the opportunity to serve here to **Make the Word of God Fully Known!**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For new supporters of the Mission. If you know of people who have a heart for Africa, please share with them our work here,
- For our entire LCMS Africa Team. Some have had to battle COVID and others are seeing schools close as the pandemic goes through multiple phases.
- For our students, that they remain healthy and motivated this semester.
- For the Lutheran Churches in Africa, that they continue to be faithful and to seek to know the Word of God.
- For various areas surrounding Kenya that are experiencing political, economic, and military conflict.
- For the continued advancement of the Gospel, especially in the work of our newly graduated pastors, deaconesses and evangelists.

An Academic Year Ends

A New Year Begins

We had a two-week break between the end of the past academic year and the beginning of the new year.

We said, “Kwaheri (Good bye) to the graduates and have now said “Karibuni” (Welcome) to the new ones.

It is said, however, that the Seminary comes around again. People return. This is most certainly true! Some of our “new” students are former Certificate students who are back for more instruction in the Diploma programs.



Graduating Students Receiving Their Diplomas



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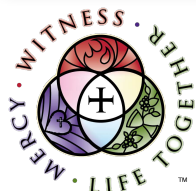
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