



September Beacon

*A*s the air grows crisp and we prepare the kids to go back to school, we also return to the comfort of our fall routines. Bible Study, Sunday school, regular council meetings and our women's group will all get back together this month! The Prayer Pals will end the suspense of wondering who's been praying for each other and enjoy a relaxing afternoon together on September 14th. We have the Chowder sale to look forward to on October 11th and a great summer behind us to be thankful for.

Over the summer the Tree of Giving brought in over 30 different types of needed items (many in multiples, and also some projects completed around the church) to support us throughout the year. The Erie County Fair brought fun for the kids and delicious treats, 4-H projects to challenge their skills and lifetime memories made for families and friends. The summer campfires turned into fun dinners 2 of the 3 times, but God still found a way to make the fellowship happen. We didn't get that much rain, which made for great swimming and playing opportunities for the kids all summer.

This year we will see our Sunday School program grow as well. We will split into two groups to better accommodate the needs the older and younger children. The younger kiddos will still enjoy crafts and story time, while allowing the junior high kids time to explore more in-depth concepts together.

As we continue through 2025 together, our church family continues to be strong and capable. If you would like to join in any of these activities, worship opportunities- or if you have an idea for a new way - please let Pastor Rick or the group leaders know so that you can become an integral part of all that we do.

-Pastor Rick & Tracy

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Dale Kruschke – diagnosis and healing

Ray Francis – healing

David Kennedy – strength

Bill Kittel Sr. –healing

April Keefe – strength and healing

John Lindner – healing

Jonathon Kropelin – healing

Kathy Baty - healing

The Family and Friends of:

Mary Jo Schumacher

Lisa Black

Joan Wiesacki

Weekly:

Sunday worship at 9:30

Sunday School at 10:45

Thursdays at 10am Bible Study (see upcoming list for location)

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

Counters: September: Jennifer, October: Glenn

Council: September 9th @ 7pm

Office Info:

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Call, text or email any time.

Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote

Upcoming

Thursday 9/1 @10am: Bible Study at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran

Sunday 9/7: Rally Day for Sunday School! 10:45am

Monday 9/8: Women's Group @ 4:30pm

Thursday 9/11 @10am: Bible Study at Trinity Ev. Lutheran on Wolcottsville Rd.

Sunday 9/14: Prayer Pal Reveal @ noon

Thursday 9/18 @10am: Bible Study at Zion Lutheran in Gasport

Thursday 9/25 @10am: Bible Study at St. Johns in Lyndonville

October 11th: Chowder Sale

October 14th: Council meeting @ 7pm

Tree of Giving

The final date for dropping off items is Sept 7th. Thank you for making it a success!

Bible Study

Trinity's Bible Study has merged in with the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study! Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith. We are reading the book of 2 Samuel if you want to do some reading to get ready.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches. Trinity will get into the rotation in the fall. Our August locations and dates are:

- September 4th: St. Peter in Medina, 1355 West Ave, Medina
- September 11th: Trinity Lutheran, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron
- September 18th: Zion Lutheran, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport

- September 25th: St. Johns, St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville
- Thursday October 2nd: Here at Trinity!

Sunday School Returns

Sunday School returns **September 7th**!

Join us for a day of FUN!

New this year: We will have TWO classes - one for elementary kiddos and one for Junior high for more advanced studies. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Sunday School Photos

We would like to get a photo of every student to post on our Sunday School board. We will plan to take the photos on September 7th and 14th – don't miss it! Sept 7th promises to be lots of fun, too! After the first week, the kids will split into two groups so that the junior high kids can begin exploring more mature concepts.

Women's Group – September Meeting

Our Women's group will be meeting on **Monday September 8th at 4:30**. We have tea, pink lemonade and coffee. Pot luck for snacks. If you can come but need it a little later, please let Ronda know. We are trying to settle into the best time for everyone – opinions are welcome. If you need a ride, please let one of us know.

SECRET PRAYER PALS REVEAL GET-TOGETHER!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 14th; Noon

PLACE: Sue Kidder's Home, 13115 Dorsch Road, Akron 716 542-2095

Time to reveal our Secret Prayer Pals for the 2024-25 Season! Now that the Erie County Fair is over.... We all know what that means!.... The end of Summer?! AND Time to end the 2024/25 Season of the Prayer Pals and begin a new Season – 2025/26!

We will do a final? Picnic of the Summer.... I will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, rolls, liquid libation. YOU provide the accompaniments! Either an appetizer, salad, or dessert! No need to let me know what you will be bringing! Whatever you feel like making or buying! No rule that it has to be homemade! It

always works out. There will be plenty! Bring your appetite. Any questions, contact Sue

Old Church Ornament Orders

Orders for your ornaments will be **due by September 7th**, please. Put them in the offering plate, thanks!

CHOWDER

Mark your calendars for Saturday October 11th for our annual chowder sale. A sign up sheet and more details will be coming your way before you know it.

Hospitality Room

The hospitality room will be back in full swing in September. The sign up sheet for snacks is in the room and we're always in need of donations to keep it going. Check it out!

Opportunities to Participate

Did you know how many ways you can participate in weekly worship?

Kids (1st grade and up) can be **Goldfish Assistants** during communion to remind us to be "fishers of people" as Jesus' disciples. 3rd graders and older can **acolyte**, bringing the light of Christ into worship and then extinguishing the candles.

Adults and older kids (7th grade and up) can **read** the 1st and 2nd readings and the Psalm during worship. You can also **assist with communion** or **assist Pastor** with **leading worship**.

Please see Pastor or Christine to express your interest for any of these opportunities.

Do you **sing** or **play an instrument**? See David Hofmeier to see how you could play music during worship or even sing. We welcome your participation and will help you find a song that's a great fit for you and for worship.

If you love to sing (or even have a mild curiosity?) – the **choir** is excited to have you! No commitment – come try it out. Can't read music? We'll train you. Can you only make some of the dates? That's OK! Check with David about the most updated rehearsal schedule.

Lutheran Youth Opportunities

There are two Lutheran Youth opportunities coming up. Please see Pastor Rick if you're interested in going.

Kick off Overnight Lu-au

Event Timing: September 26-27th, 2025

Drop Off: 7 pm, Fri., September 26th

Pick Up: 9 am, Sat., September 27th

Event Address: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 53 West Falls Rd., West Falls, NY, 14170

Cost: \$10 Per Person

LY's 4-12th Grade Fall Retreat

Event Timing: October 10-12th, 2025

Drop off: 5 pm Fri. Oct. 10

Pick-up: 11 am Sun. Oct. 12 (Bills Play MNF 🤗)

Event Address: Pioneer on the Lake, 9324 Lake Shore Rd, Angola, NY 14006

Cost: \$90 per person

EVENT OVERVIEW:

This weekend we will be Losers.

Yup, you read that right. The theme of this retreat is all about losing ourselves.

Whether that's losing yourself in an activity or a game (we will play sooo many games).

Whether that's a leaf losing its leaves. (Weather says so)

Or whether that's "Losing our lives for Christs sake, so that we can really find it" -

Matthew 16:25

Aside from the faith and fun, this Retreat includes Cabin Group living accommodation, and 5 meals. 1 meal Friday, 3 Saturday, and a brunch on Sunday.

Activities include but not limited to: Camp-wide Games, Crafts, Football, Pickle Ball, Climbing Tower/ Zip Line, Kayaking on Lake Erie, Archery, Cookouts, Campfires, and more!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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1st- Tracy Dorr-Kittel
2nd - Ronda Lauridsen
8th- Tiffany Greiner
12th - Sarah Linneman
13th – Jase Young
15th – Brook Young
16th- Kelsey Sundown
28th- Bill Kittel

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

4th - Harold & Pat Gardner
6th - Paul & Darla Infanti

AKRON-NESTEAD FOOD PANTRY

Food distribution is on the first Tuesday of each month, from 8:30-10:30am. Set up occurs on the day before each distribution starting at 8 am.

The next ones are September 2nd and October 7th

The Little Free Pantry is open for anyone in need and is supported by donations of items from the community.

WI-FI: Go to ‘Trinity Guest’ on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password: BeABeacon



Dear Siblings in Christ,

When I started serving with Community of Good Neighbors in August of 2021, my goal – our collective goal – for this ministry was to advocate for and share resources with our brothers and sisters on the East Side of Buffalo. Food disparity has long been a part of this community's fabric, as it is in many areas throughout the country. Today, with an administration that appears to be committed to discontinuing over half the services provided to our neighbors, the need has grown even greater. Restricting access to food is demeaning, as well as potentially devastating to the most vulnerable in this community.

Food insecurity isn't just a statistic — it's a reality for too many of our neighbors on the East Side of Buffalo. Since August 2021, the Community of Good Neighbors has been advocating for and sharing resources with our East Side community.

Through generous donations from supporters like you, we have remained a consistent and steady presence in the community, providing non-perishable items and fresh produce and prayers, counseling, and comfort to those most in need. Unfortunately, the Community of Good Neighbors is facing significant financial constraints, putting the assistance we currently provide to over 300 families at risk.

As a synodically organized mission, we are limited in who we can seek funding from. We need your help in caring for people as Jesus called us to do! If every church in the Niagara Frontier Conference donated \$100, we would be able to sustain our ministry by purchasing essential food items and sharing space with our new community partners at Pilgrim St. Luke UCC.

If you wish to contribute, please visit our online donation form [<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=4a7d75c1-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>] that you can find at <https://upstatenysynod.org/> and click on the tab marked "Online Giving" then select "Community of Good Neighbors". Every donation makes a difference and takes us one step closer towards food sustainability on the East Side.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Rev. Kwame Pitts, Pastor
Joe Somma, Board Member
Sue Gibbons, Board Member
Christel Lenau, Board Member
Deborah Walker, Board Member