



Equipping individuals to
Strengthen families to
Impact the world

Touch lives: one act, word or idea at a time

“To the world, you may be one person, but to that one person, you just might be the world.” — Walt Disney

God has placed you in this time and place to make a difference. You may not feel as if you have much to offer, but that is not true. This newsletter is offered to remind you of the difference you can make in the lives of others and celebrate the impact others have had on you.

See the pictures of Andrew Cooper’s idea that blossomed into an art fair that raised

\$8,000. Read about the Servant’s Heart Award. As it was presented to Al and Sherry Thom we realized, in the response of the crowd, how many lives they have touched over the years. See the invitation to honor our graduates June 8.

Joe Bellino, the state representative for District 17, is going to speak at that commencement. He called me to say he is excited about the opportunity. He spoke of how much Trinity has meant to him over the years though he is not a member. Then he spoke of Al Thom (his college base-

ball coach at Monroe County Community College) and the impact Al has had on his life.

Look at the pictures, read the stories, then live your life to make a difference in the lives of others. As you do, remember to praise God who has breathed life into you. Praise Him who has brought us together to be FAMILY—the family of God!

Your servant in Jesus,
Pastor Heimsoth

“A life isn’t significant except for its impact on others’ lives.”

— Jackie Robinson

Congratulations to 2018 Trinity graduates

Join us for the ceremonies:

- **June 8** at 6 pm
- Speaker: State Rep. Joe Bellino
- In the church



Valedictorian: Maddie Ruhlig



Salutatorian: Faith Butler

The graduates:

Nico Bellino
Emma Blazoff
John Hackbarth
Carl Hutting

Clain Johnson
Amaya Leslie
Faith Parker
Marie Seaver

Kenneth Stumpmier
Benjamin Timiney
Brandon Vandermeer
Zoe Woodfill
Alysa Young

Upcoming on the calendar:

- > May 28 — Memorial Day. Offices closed.
- > June 4 — Church office hours change for summer: 9 to 3 Monday-Thursday and 9 to noon on Friday.
- > June 8 — Last day of school for the summer! Graduation ceremonies 6 pm in church.
- > June 9 — “Lightning Bolt” Race Day & Family Picnic at Munson Park to raise money for technology in our school.
- > June 17 — Father’s Day.
- > During June — Renovation begins on kitchen, gym and restrooms !
- > July 15-29 — Trinity Summer Fun Days. Check out the calendar on the back of this newsletter.

Summer Sundays: worship at 10 am!

During July and August we will have only two services each weekend.

Saturday — 6 pm

Sunday — 10 am

Bible class — Sunday 9 am

Come join us as we investigate what God has to say about identity, marriage, politics, life, and other culturally important issues.

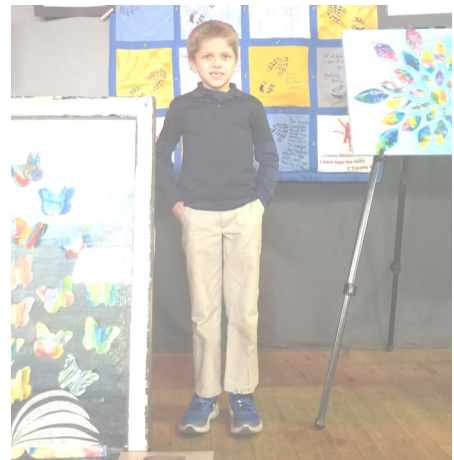
Coury Benefit Dinner: More than 250 people attended the dinner May 11 to support Karen and Gene as she lives with ALS disease. More than \$13,000 has been raised.



Dear Trinity Family:

“The dinner was an overwhelming success. The love in that room was astounding!!! Thank you. We will never forget this. For a long time we felt so small in this world, alone with what my sweet, sweet mother has to deal with. We don't feel that way any longer. Just knowing and seeing that there are so many people praying for my Mom gives such peace.” — Lee-Anne Brown, Karen’s daughter

Student art auction sparked evening of excitement and success



When second-grader Andrew Cooper (above right) came up with the idea to hold a student art auction to raise money for the capital campaign even he couldn't have predicted the amazing result. The gym was packed with people and buzzing with anticipation and fun as art by every student was available for sale and group pieces by classrooms were auctioned off. The event brought in \$8,000 for the campaign.



Hundreds of volunteer workers were treated to an ice cream sundae on April 28 and a breakfast buffet on April 29. Thank you, Trinity servants!

Al & Sherry Thom receive Servant's Heart Award

The Thoms were honored April 29 with the highest honor Trinity is able to bestow at a volunteer recognition reception: The Servant's Heart award. This annual tribute is meant "to honor all who serve, but may it also acknowledge those individuals who shine brightly in a given year."

As the Thoms came forward the entire crowd rose in a standing ovation.

It was evident that the Thoms have touched people's lives in powerful

ways for many years. When asked how individuals had been impacted by them, people shouted out: Appalachia mission trips, Alaska VBS, Sunday School, Bethel Bible Series, Agape Group, choir, elders, jail ministry, altar guild and more.

Pastor Jeff Heimsoth spoke of his great love and respect for Al and Sherry, noting their humility. They truly have servants' hearts. It is seen in their love for their children and grandchildren, their church family and the world. May all



the glory be given to God — and in Al and Sherry Thom it is!

Also recognized for long-time service: Ray and Dorothy Lay, Mary Lou Opfermann, Bonnie Fleure, Norma Knegendorf, Jacky Nietubicz, Don and Barb Wolfenbarger and Lois Vorrath.

Dear Trinity Family: excerpts from recent letters we've received

Thoms express gratitude:

"We would like to thank the Trinity Family for the 2018 Servants Heart Award. We were humbled to be included in the many individuals, couples, and groups who give of their time, their talents, and their gifts to support Trinity Church and School.

Both of us feel very blessed to be a part of the Trinity Family.

God Bless, In Christian Love, Sherry-Jo and Al"

About the dementia presentation: 90 attended

"I would like to thank the SWAT Team @ Trinity for bringing Carol Waarala as the guest speaker (April 28).

My husband has had vascular dementia for the last three years and he was at the presentation. He and I want him to be a part of this journey we are on together and help us both to understand what is happening and what loving approach we can apply to our daily lives.

By the number of attendees @ this presentation, it was a topic on the minds of many people. Thank you again for loving us all enough to make this available to so many."

— Nancy and Roger

Golf outing will be July 15

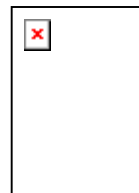
Trinity Alumni & Boosters invite you to come out for the sixth annual golf outing on **Sunday, July 15** at Sandy Creek Golf Course in Monroe. Registration begins at noon; shotgun start at 1 pm. Last year, more than \$10,500 was raised for scholarships to attend our school. Call 242-2308 for more information.

Kudos to our own:

Brian Merkle was named 2018 Alumnus of the Year by Monroe County Community College. Brian graduated from Trinity Lutheran School in 1992, MCCC in 1999 and Wayne State U in 2000. He founded Merkle Funeral Services in 2007. Congratulations, Brian!



Jacob Waltz graduated recently from Sherman College of Chiropractic, Spartanburg, S.C. He is practicing at Lifestyle Chiropractic in Temperance. Jacob graduated from Trinity in 2006, Monroe High in 2010 and the U of Toledo in 2014. Congratulations, Jacob!





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July – Trinity Summer Fun Days

Don't miss these special events and suggestions for connecting during July. Bring family, friends and neighbors together. Watch for more details or call 242-2308.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Alumni Golf Outing, Sandy Creek, noon	16 Appalachia Servant Trip all week	17 Science, tech & Noah's ark for grades 3-5	18 Science, tech & Noah's ark for grades K-2	19 Games Night: invite people over to play	20 Visit Ann Arbor Art Fair; leave Trinity at 9 am	21 Spruce-up day for Trinity and neighborhood
22 Toledo Mud Hens vs Lehigh Valley 6:05 pm	23 Treat the kids on National Ice Cream Day	24 No electronics at dinner night — just talk!	25 Serve Monroe projects for grades 6-12	26 Share a glass of lemonade with a neighbor	27 Trinity Block Party Night	28 Music and sharing at St. Mary's Park
29 March in the Fair Parade	30 Leave car radio on 88.1 FM for the next month	31 Say thank you to someone special to you				