



Equipping individuals to
Strengthen families to
Impact the world

What can we do that God's love is seen?

Trinity is on the cusp of its 175th year of ministry. As we look back we are humbled to reflect on all the blessings God has poured out here.

Yet, the culture has changed so much we need to think of ourselves as a mission church once again. As they did in 1844, we must ask what we can do so all people will experience the gospel of Jesus. The good news is that ministry has not

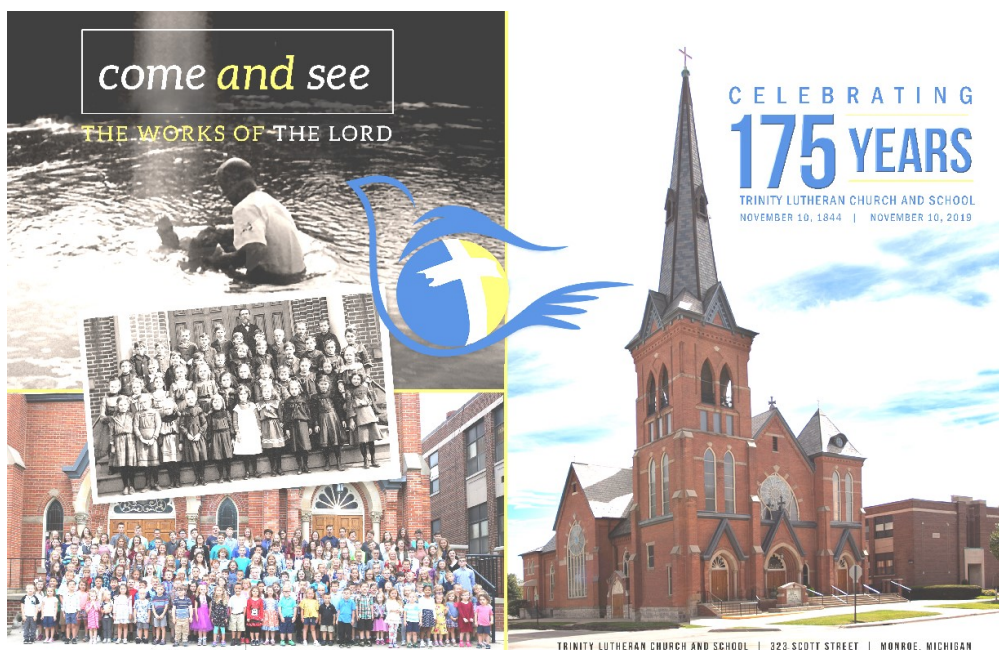
changed in 2,000 years. What Jesus laid out then becomes our map now:

- To love one another so Monroe can see true community. (John 13:35)
- To celebrate our partnership and avoid complaints/criticisms (Philippians 1:3-5)
- To tell others how God has blessed us and wants to bless them, too (Acts 1:8)

I have given up trying to figure out what God has planned for us around the next corner, but I trust it is a great plan. God demands a lot from each of us—but that is only because He loves us more than we can know. It may not always be easy—but it will always be good.

Please join with me in this ministry walk.

*Your fellow servant in Jesus,
Pastor Heimsoth*



How richly God has blessed the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School! German families came together to formalize the organization of Trinity in the city of Monroe on Nov. 10, 1844. Our quartoseptennial year begins with special services Nov. 10-11. See Page 2 for more details.

Upcoming on the calendar:

- > Nov. 4 — Clocks fall back one hour.
- > Nov. 10-11 — 175th Anniversary Kickoff! Sneak preview of the upcoming year's activities, refreshments.
- > Nov. 21 — Thanksgiving worship service 6 pm.
- > Nov. 22-23 — Church office closed for Thanksgiving.
- > Dec. 5, 12, 19 — Advent worship, 11 am and 6 pm in the chapel
- > Dec. 24 — Worship services at 3 pm, 6 pm and 11 pm (candlelight service).
- > Dec. 25-26 — Church offices closed.
- > Jan. 3 — Back to school
- > Jan. 16 — Board of Directors meeting.
- > Jan. 27-Feb. 2 — Lutheran Schools Week!

Security team is organizing

Trinity's elders are building a security task force to provide a safe environment for all who worship. Awareness and training are key as we use our sanctuary and facilities. For more details, contact Steve McAuliffe, 625-6015 or buck-eye632000@yahoo.com

Kids Kingdom, nursery debut during 11 a.m. services



Parents and kids have more options on Sunday mornings with the introduction of Kids Kingdom (kids' time after the children's message for 4- to 9-year-olds) and a nursery for 6 weeks to 3-year-olds. Alison Beeker (above center) is in charge of nursery and Tiffany Seibert (above right) leads Kids Kingdom.

175th Anniversary begins with Nov. 10-11 services



Our theme is set and says it all: Come and See the Works of the Lord! His works are past, present and future!

Generations of Trinity's members, pastors, teachers, students and friends have been blessed to be a blessing: Uninterrupted worship and glorifying God; vacation Bible schools from here to Alaska; thousands of students in classes; food and clothing given away; the light of Christ shared with all.

And future? What has God prepared for us as message and ministry? Join us throughout the next 12 months as we remember, celebrate and then imagine tomorrow and commit to what's ahead.

On Nov. 10-11, services will kick off the year. Watch later for more details as we rededicate the gym, read a book about Jesus and interact with the author, meet with Holy Ghost in a joint worship service .. and so much more.

Use flowers to remember

For this anniversary year, you are invited to place fresh flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in honor of a person or event. Sign-up boards are in the back of the sanctuary and the weekends are filling up fast! If you cannot sign up in person, call Linda at 242-1036 or Karen at 344-7150. Floral Expressions, affiliated with Merkle Funeral Service, will provide two bouquets for \$70. You will work directly with the florist by calling 242-2121 or visiting 2442 N. Monroe St. This is a beautiful way to remember.



On air: Pastor Potts new co-host of circuit show

For several years, our Monroe area circuit pastors have been recording and producing a radio program called *the Gospel For You*. Several months ago, I took over as co-host with the Rev. Jeff Wade from St. John's Waltz for this program. It has been a great joy for me. The new format, since Pastor Wade and I took it over, has become a conversation with other local pastors, such as Pastor Heimsoth, about chapters from the Bible. We are currently in the book of Joshua. It is a great time getting to look at how God's word is a living, active Word that still speaks to us today even as it details how God worked among his people so many years ago.

You can listen to it locally on 560 AM WRDT at 9:30am, 12:30pm, and 4:30pm every Sunday. We also have a fuller program where we dig into the heart of the



conversation, *What is the Gospel for me in this text?* in our podcast. You can find the podcast through any podcast provider or you can always go to the website, theGospelForYou.org, and listen to the most recent show or any of the previous shows in our library! I hope you will give it a listen sometime.



By the numbers: Ministry Action Team stats for 2017-2018

Prayer Shawls — 111 prepared with love

Jail Ministry — meets with 14-15 men weekly; 1 baptism; provided 40 pairs of reading glasses, 50 *Portals of Prayer* in English, 25 in Spanish, 280 Bibles in Spanish, 250 in English, 2 in Chinese

Ladies Aid — \$2,398 was donated to *Here We Stand Too!*, 2 members in temporary need and 2 memorials.

We have many groups and projects touching lives! Join one. Call Cathy at 693-3577.



'This I Believe': Six wonderful junior Confirmants made a public proclamation of their faith on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28. Standing with Pastors Heimsoth and Potts are (left to right) Madison Ruhlig, Nico Bellino, John Hackbarth, Brandon Vandermeer, Benjamin Timiney and Faith Butler. They ask for your prayers and encouragement.

Renovation: early December wrap-up

Work is progressing toward completion in the fellowship hall. Here are some bullet points shared at the voters meeting on Oct. 21:

- Tiling is done in the restrooms and fixtures are being installed
- Gym lighting, painting and air conditioning are done.
- Mechanicals in the kitchen are coming together. An epoxy floor is being poured
- Gym floor will be the last thing done
- As Phase 1 draws to a close we are on budget of \$1.45 million, which includes refurbishing the organ, our

Michigan District *Here We Stand* campaign commitment and construction.

- A special voters meeting will be held in January to discuss Phase 2
- If you would like to help with settling back in, please contact Deb Saul at 242-2308, ext. 102.





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A special time for women to gather with friends...

A time of reflection, fellowship and conversation...

*A night to prepare for the coming of Christ
with those special women in your life...*

*Monday December 3rd
at 6:30pm*

Advent by Candlelight

For more information or if you'd like to host a table contact the church office at (734) 242-2308

Ladies, one and all, we look forward to sharing this special evening with you as we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ. Hostesses will prepare table settings and welcome guests. We ask everyone to bring a dish or treat to share on the buffet table. Expect an Advent program, music and song, and a beautiful sending close. Because of construction, we will hold this program at the Frenchtown Senior Center at 2786 Vivian Rd. Please RSVP by Nov. 30 to Deb Saul, 242-2308, ext. 102; Tiffany 652-2926, or Nancy 989-224-3212.