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Dear friends, this summer we have been "Gathered at the Table" each week to pray, to sing, to listen to God's Word, and to respond to that Word by living lives of faithful service. Each time we have gathered, we have been reminded of these words from Jesus from Matthew 18:20: And Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Where have you been gathering this summer? In your backyard? At the lake? Around your kitchen table? At the beach? At church? Yes, all of these are sacred spaces when we gather with friends and family – even at church! Of course, these days gathering at church might mean walking through the front doors and sitting down in a church pew, or it might mean pulling up the worship service on your computer, phone, or tablet. Whether your on-site or online, the Spirit is with you!

How are you reading this article right now? Do you have a hard copy of this newsletter that you received in the mail? Or are you looking at your screen to catch up on what's happening at Trinity? Either way, it's truly a gift to be able to "Gather at the Table" with all the baptized of our church in order to bring the love of God to everyone we meet. God's peace to you all!

~ Pastor Engholm

What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



Monumental VBS at Trinity

August 8 - 11, 2022

5:30 - 7:30 pm

VBS is almost here, and there is still time to register! This summer, kids ages 3 years old through 4th Grade are invited to a fun-filled four days of Vacation Bible School at Trinity. Join us for Monumental VBS, where we'll celebrate God's greatness. Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids can see, hear, and touch! Each evening will include a Bible story, singing, prayer, games, snacks, explorations, friendships, and more!

Register online at www.trin.org/vbs

We are also on the lookout for adult and youth volunteers. Please reach out to Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org if you are interested!



Online Worship – Facebook is Making Changes

On August 22, Facebook will no longer offer Facebook Premiere videos. This is the format that Trinity has been using to post our pre-recorded worship services on our Facebook page. Once this change goes into effect, our Facebook worship services will appear as regular video posts instead of "Premieres". Viewers will no longer see some features, including the number of active viewers and real-time comments. But, not to worry, we'll continue to share our worship services every Sunday morning at 9:00 am, both on Facebook and YouTube. Thanks for tuning in!



Golden Agers & OWLS Summer Picnic

Tuesday, August 23 | 11:45 am

Trinity's Golden Agers (members 70+) and OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) and a guest are invited to enjoy a time of socializing and great food at our annual indoor picnic in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Come ready for a "Good Old Summertime" theme with friends, food and fun! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office by August 20 at trinityoffice@trin.org or 952-955-1891.



Labor Day: Outdoor Service with a Blessing of the Pets!

Sunday, September 4 | 9:00 am

Trinity will be holding one final outdoor worship service on Labor Day Weekend. Please bring your lawn chairs as we gather in the Trinity Backyard for songs, prayers, and a message of hope!

We'll also be having a "Blessing of the Pets" at this service. Please bring your creatures, great and small and they'll receive a special blessing on this day. And in the days leading up to this gathering, please feel free to send us a picture of your pet to be included in a pet slideshow during our online worship service that day – a wonderful way to celebrate all God's creation! Please email pet photos to trinityoffice@trin.org by August 31 for them to be included in the online worship service.

PARISH Health

Matters



The monthly column from Trinity's Parish Health Ministry Team

The Trinity Giving Garden

The Trinity Giving Garden is growing and will soon be delivering fresh vegetables to our local Friends For Life Food Shelf. Last summer our small garden donated over 300 pounds of fresh green beans, tomatoes, peppers and carrots to our neighbors in Watertown! It is rewarding to feel so welcomed by enthusiastic food shelf volunteers. The "Trinity green beans" have a reputation for being extra delicious! Must be all of the prayers that are said as we fight the weeds and hot dry weather!

Since 1988, Friends for Life Food Shelf has been providing temporary food and personal care items to help alleviate hunger and poverty in the Watertown area. Check out the FFL Food Shelf website for current and most urgent needs at www.watertownfoodshelf.com.

To learn more about or to help with the Trinity Giving Garden, contact Kari Olson at kario4@aol.com.



Trinity Nursery Attendants

We're excited to announce that we will be bringing back Nursery Attendants for this upcoming school year! We are in search of 4-6 high schoolers or adults to

serve as Nursery Attendants. Those interested must be 16 years old or older, have a passion for kids, and should be able to commit to one Sunday morning per month. This is a paid position! The time commitment will be 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday mornings. Please contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org if interested or for more information.

Church Photo Directory

There are many new faces at Trinity since our last church photo directory was printed back in 2019. This fall, we will be working with Universal Church Directories on a new photo directory. Watch for more information in the coming months about photography dates and options!



Missionary News

An update from Rev. Elisabeth Johnson, ELCA missionary in Cameroon and former Trinity pastor:

Dear friends and sponsors,

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." And so, **it is that my missionary service in Cameroon is approaching the end.** It is a bittersweet time of "lasts" and good-byes. My last graduation ceremony was Sunday, June 19. The graduation ceremony was also a ceremony of "au revoir" for me and for the Dean of the Institute, Dr. Joseph Ngah, who is retiring.

Perhaps you are wondering what's next for me? Good question! This much I know: My husband Eric, our children Schekina, David, Etienne, and I will be leaving Cameroon on August 8 and moving to Saint Paul, Minnesota, where we have found a house to rent. I will be looking for a call to a congregation (probably an interim call to start with) and Eric will be looking for work. David and Etienne will be enrolled in the neighborhood elementary school, and Schekina is hoping to do an internship before going back to college to finish her bachelor's degree. We would be most grateful for your continued prayers during this time of transition! It is true that all good things must, one day, come to an end. But by the grace of God, an ending is also a new beginning. For the moment, we look forward to seeing where God is leading us and how we can best serve God's mission in the United States.

Finally, I need to say once more how profoundly grateful I am for the faithful financial support all these years from the congregations who have supported my missionary work. Your prayers, your encouragement, your cards and gifts, and the warm welcome extended to my family and me when we have been able to visit on home assignment has been amazing. Truly, you have blessed us, and your support has blessed our brothers and sisters in Christ in Cameroon. I hope and pray that your support of the ELCA's global mission work will continue. God bless you all!

Grace and peace ~ Elisabeth

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM

Van Juro Oak
son of Josh & Megan Oak
born January 20, 2022
baptized July 16, 2022

FUNERALS

Roger Kamann
September 20, 1937 ~ May 23, 2022
Memorial Service June 17, 2022

Bernadette Sandquist
August 3, 1924 ~ July 16, 2022
Memorial Service July 21, 2022

WEDDING

Troy & Elsa (Thonn) Impola
United in marriage on
July 23, 2022

MEMORIALS

in memory of

Karilyn Johnson
\$380 ~ Memorial Fund

Roger Kamann
\$850 ~ to be designated

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 19, 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund summary June 2022

Beginning balance 6/1/2022:

- \$10,445.72

Operating Fund income: \$31,348.87

Operating Fund exps: \$27,938.63

Net balance (June): \$ 3,410.24

General Fund balance as of

6/30/2022: -\$ 7,035.48

Year-to date general fund

**EXPENSES exceed INCOME by
\$20,068.15.**

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 612.00

Loan principal payment: \$1,725.00

Add'l principal payment: \$14,663.00

Mortgage loan balance:

\$ 176,873.09

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$ 41,092.97

*(includes \$1,648.00 for Jun. federal withholding and
\$11,270.78 in hail damage receipts)*

Citizen's Building Fund: \$144,767.04

Comments:

- 6% of general fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$1,880.82.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$686.40 (down about \$565 from May).
- Final donations from the 2019 capital campaign were \$16,841.02. The May mortgage payment

for this amount was paid in June, leaving a principal balance of just under \$177,000.

- No expenses out of the ordinary this month.
- Joyce's retirement and Jacob leaving accounted for expenses being lower than income this month.
- Penny Koets was added to payroll as occasional accompanist for the remainder of the year.

M/S/C Diane Holmes / Ken Tufte / carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

The biggest part of the summer has been working on making plans for the musical leadership at Trinity in light of the retirement of Joyce Harding. We will be rotating our musicians and assessing our needs during the coming year. We began discussing the timing of the upcoming stewardship drive. Pastor provided updates on other future events and happenings.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Property Committee:** The contractors estimate that the steeple repair will begin in October (may take three months).
- **Teller and Communion duties:** Monthly teller calendar was shared with council. Council members will cover 2nd service communion on a rotating basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing presented.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Book Club 6:30 pm AA Meeting 8 pm	2 Quilters 9 am Blood Drive 10 am Happy Birthday Kaia Hembroff	3 Happy Birthday Diane Hayes Julie McCoy	4 Happy Birthday Mary Berhow Steve Boylan Ellyn Phearman	5	6
7 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am	8 AA Meeting 8 pm	9 Quilters 9 am	10	11 Finance Committee 6:30 pm	12	13
Vacation Bible School August 8 - 11 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm						
Happy Birthday Karen Rowan Jeana Salzsiedler	Happy Birthday Jody Christensen Emma Flannery Justin Kind Shawn Klein Tim Thompson	Happy Birthday Nicole Danielson Tierney Nichols	Happy Birthday Gary Alvig Nathan Behrens	Happy Birthday Allison Lague	Happy Birthday Tim Geyen Kyle Horsman George Huber	
14 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am	15 AA Meeting 8 pm	16 Quilters 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	17	18	19	20
Happy Birthday Samantha Danielson Emma Hallermann Anna Phearman	Happy Birthday Chad Matuska	Happy Birthday Jackson Dalbey Samantha Dalluge Eleanor Mewaldt		Happy Birthday Angi Delaney Robert Lohmann Karson Tufte	Happy Birthday Lukas Gilbert Lindsay Guetzkow Marvin Nelson	Happy Birthday Nathan Baluski Jim Morrow
21 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am	22 AA Meeting 8 pm	23 Quilters 9 am Golden Agers/OWLS Picnic 11:45 am	24	25 Housekeepers 9 am	26	27
Happy Birthday Wesley Gruette Sara Hallermann	Happy Birthday Kiersten Koets	Happy Birthday Finley Erickson Jackson Lague Lorna Lambrecht	Happy Birthday Kristie Nelson Brittany Olson Kendall Prigge	Happy Birthday Chris Behrens Kelly Hirsch	Happy Birthday Brent Graff Ben Leaf Rick Mann	Happy Birthday Jack Hallermann Piper Thompson
28 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 9:45 am	29 AA Meeting 8 pm	30 Quilters 9 am	31			
Happy Birthday Mark Bender Jimmy Gilles Cory Mitteness	Happy Birthday Kylie Jerde Todd Johnson Brian Roy		Happy Birthday Ethan Danielson Carter Erickson			



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Joyce's Retirement Farewell

Summer in Pictures



Campfire Worship Service with S'mores!



Teamwork and Landscaping at Trinity

