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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



Stories of Jesus

As the month of August approaches, we celebrate all the "Stories of Jesus" we've been hearing all summer long. For the past few months we've been listening to Jesus bring us the wisdom of God in readings such as...

These are the two greatest commandments: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37)

"You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify God in heaven. (Matthew 5:14)

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7-8)

In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12)

Are you in need of a "pick me up" as we head into the last days of summer? Cut out these passages and put them someplace where you'll see them each day. What a great reminder of the power of God in our lives!

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm



AUGUST 2023

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Worship
Sundays 9:00 am
Onsite & Online

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?

Fellowship Celebration

Sunday, August 6

Robyn Behrens is celebrating ten years as the Office and Communications Manager at Trinity. We'll be honoring her with a simple celebration on Sunday, August 6, during our regular Fellowship Hour after worship. Please join us as together we say "Thank You" for a faithful decade of service!



Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 10

Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us this school year! Sunday School begins at 10:00 am, just after our church service. Children will be placed in a Sunday School classroom by age. (Preschool, Kindergarten-1st Grade, 2nd-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade). In each lesson, they'll hear the featured Bible Story, watch a short learning video, explaining the Bible Story in modern, easy-to-understand language, explore the Big Idea with a game or activity, and sing songs of praise.

Register online at www.trin.org/sundayschool



Interested in Helping?

Our Sunday School lessons are led by a rotation of wonderful parent volunteers. Each group has a lead volunteer and a helper for the week. We can always use more volunteers, so contact Hannah at hrosholt@trin.org if you're interested in helping.



Golden Agers & OWLS Summer Picnic

Thursday, August 17 | 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 good food at our annual indoor picnic in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for food, friends, and fun! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office by August 14 at trinityoffice@trin.org or 952-955-1891. (The RSVPs are so that we have an estimate for how much food to prepare. Please know that you are welcome to attend even if you forget to RSVP in time!)

OWLS Summer Service Project

We'll be collecting the donated school supplies for Watertown-Mayer Elementary School teachers at the Golden Agers/OWLS Summer Picnic. Please bring donations to the picnic if you haven't already dropped them off at church. If you would like to donate financially, please write a check to Trinity Lutheran Church with "School Supplies" in the memo. Thank you for all of your generous support.



Join a Community Groups at Trinity

Trinity's Community Groups are made up of three to four households, who get together for a meal, conversation and a time to get to know each other better. This is a fairly new ministry at Trinity and has been well received by those who have taken part so far. We'd like to continue the success of our Community Groups with another session this fall.

Groups will meet three times, over a 3-month period, to share a meal and fellowship together. This is an open invitation for people of all ages – people who are single, couples with no children, empty-nesters, and families with young kids or teenagers. Everyone is invited to take part! And, if you were a part of a Community Groups last year, you can sign up again!

Groups will be made based on who is interested, with each family hosting one of the lunches/dinners and providing the main course, and the other families bringing sides and dessert. Meeting dates and more information will be provided to those that sign up to be in a Community Group.

Join us for this short-term opportunity to get to know a few new people at Trinity and build connections! Please email Nina Kirkman if you have questions at ninakirkman@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please sign up on our website www.trin.org, under Connect > Small Groups.



Trinity Nursery Attendant Openings

The staffed nursery has been greatly appreciated by Trinity families. We are in search of 1-2 high schoolers or adults to serve as Nursery Attendants for the coming school year. Those interested must be 16 years old or older, have a passion for kids, and should be able to commit to one to two Sunday mornings per month. This is a paid position! The time commitment will be 8:30-10:30 am on Sunday mornings. Please contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org if interested or for more information.

Golf For Love
FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT

Sept. 18

- 10:00am Team Check-in
- 11:00am Tee Off
- 4:00pm Prizes & Drawings

Albion Ridges Golf Course
7771 20th St NW, Annandale, MN 55302

love
in the name
of Christ

Community Grief Support Group

Sundays, Aug 20-Nov 19 | 3:00-5:00 pm
Peace Lutheran Church, Watertown

Don't go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. GriefShare is a great resource for anyone who has lost a loved one. Information and to register at www.come2peace.com/grief. Find help and healing for the pain of grief.

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Helen Groninga

September 24, 1933 ~ April 8, 2023
Memorial Service June 9, 2023

Robert Brabec

April 14, 1931 ~ July 2, 2023
Memorial Service July 8, 2023

WEDDING

Patty (Jorgensen-Flannery) & Jesse Mathews

United in marriage on
June 10, 2023

MEMORIALS

in memory of

Ron Olson

\$4,900 ~ Christikon Camp
Scholarships

Joan Moy

\$10 ~ Undesignated

Paul Steffen

\$250 ~ Undesignated

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 18, 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Fund summary June 2023

Beginning balance 6/1/2023:

-\$ 8,039.16

Operating Fund income: \$40,339.68

Operating Fund exps: \$35,442.63

Net balance (June): \$ 4,897.05

Operating Fund balance as of

6/30/2023: -\$ 3,142.11

2023 operating fund EXPENSES exceeded INCOME by \$5,081.32.

Building Fund expenses:

Internal loan payment: \$ 5,000.00

Mortgage loan balance:

\$100,000.00

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$110,265.59

(includes \$1,794.86 for Jun. federal
withholding and \$14,321.96 in hail
damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$90,551.97

Comments:

- 6% of general fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$2,414.46.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$889.75 (down about \$50.00 from May).
- Employee Retention Credit (ERC) money from the government was received in the amount of \$55,667.43.

- Congregational Consulting was paid \$3,500.00 from ERC money for their fee for helping with the ERC claim. Finance committee and council will determine how the remaining funds will be used.

- A special gift was given for campers going to Christikon. Total registration fee for 2023 was \$1,830.00.

M/S/C Nick Neaton, Corky Ibeling, carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

Grateful for the musical contributions of Joy Rundell, Penny Koets, and Hannah Rosholt over the past year in their roles accompanying our choirs and leading worship. Our live-streaming project continues to move ahead, slow but sure.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council members held their annual retreat on July 18. Thank you to Corky Ibeling for hosting our gathering.
- Employee Retention Credit (ERC). In regard to the one-time Employee Retention Credit money received from the government, motion made to pay an additional one-time \$400.00 each to our current benevolence recipients, with the remaining money (\$50,067.43) be put in a special fund with usage to be determined at a later date as needed for operating or capital expenses.

M/S/C Ryan Ress / Corky Ibeling / carried

NEW BUSINESS

- Council members were reminded of the importance of attending Council meetings on a regular basis. Knowing that situations do occur.

Reflecting on Forty-one Years of Service in Global Mission

A message from Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

Lou-Marie and I arrived in Thaba Nchu (Black Mountain) in late 1982 after being placed there by the Cape Orange Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. I was called to serve a small congregation in the sprawling resettlement area of Onverwacht/Botshabelo. The town was created by the Apartheid regime as a dumping ground for mainly Sesotho-speaking people who were being forcibly removed from “white” towns and farms in the region. We were both welcomed and challenged, especially by the youth, as the people struggled against the Apartheid homeland system, demanding political freedom and basic human and socio-economic rights.

We were in Chicago for studies when Nelson Mandela and other liberation movement leaders were released from prison in 1990 and then served an Afrikaans-speaking congregation in Gelvandale, Port Elizabeth when the first democratic national elections were held in April 1994. I was able to attend the first public hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in April 1996.

We moved to Cape Town in 2000 where I worked as Christian Education Coordinator in the diocese, collaborating with colleagues in the development of Christian education resources and the ELCSA Almanac (lectionary and daily texts) in nine languages.

In 2005 I was asked by ELCA Global Mission to serve as Regional Representative in Southern Africa. Based in Johannesburg for the past 11 years, I have been working with companion churches, mission personnel, companion synods, the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) and ELCA-supported mission outreach and diakonia projects across ten countries in the region.

Throughout this period Lou-Marie has been teaching physics and chemistry in various local high schools, working with countless young people from diverse backgrounds, who wonder about the future and appreciate open and frank discussions about everything from relationships to rap music.

It has been a tremendous privilege and honor to serve and work with so many people over more than 40 years in South and Southern Africa. We deeply appreciate the prayers and support of family, colleagues, sponsoring congregations, companion churches and ELCA Global Mission, now Service & Justice. We have learned and experienced so much on this journey of mutual accompaniment in God’s Mission. But it is a “long walk to freedom”. The journey was and continues to be by God’s grace alone (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Thank you for your prayers and support over forty years and for your continuing participation in God’s Mission locally and globally.

Soli Deo Gloria!

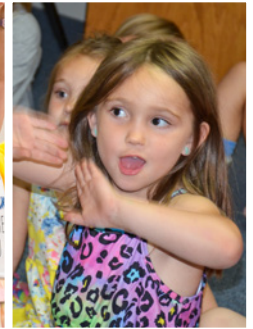
Yours faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson
ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa



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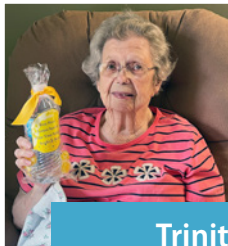
Blessing of Trinity's New Steeple



Fun was had by all at Vacation Bible School!



Middle School Youth Group at Valleyfair



Trinity's Sunshine Ministry Delivers Smiles

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Quilters 9 am	2	3	4	5
			Happy Birthday Kaia Hembroff	Happy Birthday Diane Hayes Julie Severson	Happy Birthday Mary Berhow Steve Boylan	Happy Birthday Karen Rowan Jeana Salzsiedler
6 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am	7 AA Meeting 8 pm	8 Quilters 9 am	9	10 Finance Committee 6:30 pm	11	12
		Happy Birthday Jody Christensen Emma Flannery Justin Kind 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
13 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am	14 AA Meeting 8 pm	15 Quilters 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	16	17 Golden Agers / OWLS Summer Picnic 11:45 am	18	19
	Happy Birthday Samantha Danielson Emma Hallermann Anna Phearman	Happy Birthday Chad Matuska	Happy Birthday Jackson Dalbey Samantha Dalluge Eleanor Mewaldt		Happy Birthday Angi Delaney Bob Lohmann Karson Tufte	Happy Birthday Lukas Gilbert Lindsay Guetzkow Lily McMahon Marvin Nelson
20 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am	21 AA Meeting 8 pm	22 Quilters 9 am Kitchen Rsrvd. 6 pm	23	24 Housekeepers 9 am	25	26
Happy Birthday Nathan Baluski Jim Morrow	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 Sara Stutsman	Happy Birthday Chris Behrens Kelly Hirsch	Happy Birthday Colton Bauernfeind Brent Graff Ben Leaf Rick Mann
27 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am	28 AA Meeting 8 pm	29 Quilters 9 am	30	31		
Happy Birthday Jack Hallermann Piper Thompson	Happy Birthday Mark Bender Jimmy Gilles Cory Mitteness	Happy Birthday Kylie Jerde Todd Johnson		Happy Birthday Ethan Danielson Carter Erickson		

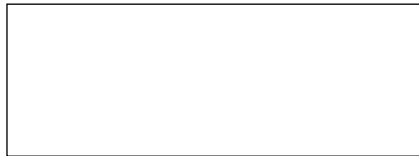


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Daily Reasons to Celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer.

Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.