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How Long? by Michael J. Roth

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
 How long will you hide your face from me?
² How long must I take counsel in my soul
 and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
 How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
 light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
 lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
 my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing to the Lord,
 because he has dealt bountifully with me.

As I sit here, ensconced in my living room, working from home, it is the second week of July and the fifth month of the coronavirus pandemic. On my mind are the words of the psalmist, "How long, O Lord?" Like everyone else, I am getting weary of all the changes that have been made to adjust to this pandemic. Most of us thought all would be back to normal by now. Yet, our nation is still logging record setting days of new cases. At the same time, the death toll is rising, as is the mental and emotional stress and strain on people. Whenever I am tempted to think I or someone close to me would be immune from serious illness, I get a report from one of my friends who has a 15-year-old son barely hanging on for his life in the hospital. His father, my friend, who is a healthy, athletic guy was laid out on his back for 4 weeks with the same coronavirus. This pandemic is real.

While I am trying to take necessary measures to keep my family and myself healthy, I am trying to do the best I can for Trinity. This means that I need to make

visits, attend meetings and conduct worship services. Worship is so important to our spiritual health and Christian faith, I believe, if possible, we should have the opportunity to worship in person. However, I realize that this is not a good option for some, so we continue to offer online worship Sunday morning, or whenever a person is able to log-in. Along with our Covid Advisory Committee, I am trying to stay abreast of recommendations coming from the CDC, the Governor, and the Michigan District, LCMS. Believe me, it is a lot to process and it is always changing. I fear that divisions are developing, not only in our nation, but also in our church. There are those who think we are being overly cautious and those who don't think we are being cautious enough. Please pray for me and your church family.

TRINITY'S SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 8:00 am – Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am – On-line Service (Facebook & YouTube)
- 10:30 am – Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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In memory of Walter Gresens:

Gerald & Jean Christensen
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Ursula Henkel
Catherine Klug
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In memory of Ed Siemans:

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In memory of JoAnne Hackbarth:

Esther Godfrey



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 Dianne Fernan;
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 Ellie Grimm, WT;
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 Catherine Klug;
 Shirley Krumrie, WT
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 Dorothy Winters, Florida;
 Diane Woodford;
 Henry & Lydia Zacha;
 Duane Ziemke, VA;
 Tom & Joan Zonka

Please encourage our homebound members and others you may know to watch Worship for Shut-Ins, Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on WHME-channel 46.

If you or someone you know has become homebound & would like a Pastoral visit, please call the Church Office at (269) 983-5000.

BG-Berrien General, CM-Country Manor Bridgman, CP-Crown Point, CT-Caretel, GA-Golden Age, J-Jordan's, OG-Orchard Grove, PR-Pine Ridge, RM-Royalton Manor, WL-Willows, WRR-Wild River Rest Buchanan, WT-Whitcomb Towers, WTB-Woodland Terrace Bridgman, WW-West Woods Niles

How Long... *continued from page 1*

When you receive this issue of the *Connected* our teachers will be reporting in about 2 weeks. So now, our principal and a small committee are in the process of determining how we will open our school. The guidelines coming from various sources are extensive and at times, confusing. Teachers, parents and student are all anxious about school opening in the fall. Please pray for schools, public and private, as well as for teachers, students and parents everywhere.

How long, O Lord? At times it may seem like the Lord has forgotten us. He hasn't! Although the future is uncertain, God's faithfulness and love toward us is not. As St. Paul says, "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" We are in the sure and secure arms of our Lord. This too, is the conclusion the psalmist reached when he concluded, *But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*⁶ *I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

Stephen Ministry

As the COVID 19 Pandemic continues, so does our stress during this trying time. Our Stephen Ministers are currently providing care strictly through 'Telecare', Telecare is care that is provided through phone calls, facetime, video chats, or electronic means, Please don't hesitate to reach out to Betty Perrone at (269) 470-0745 if you might be interested in getting connected with a Stephen Minister you could talk with!



STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE:

- In a crisis
- The family & friends of people in crisis
- Grieving
- In need of long-term care
- Dying
- Hospitalized

(This is only a few examples of potential care-giving situations.)

Our Stephen Ministers are Here to Care!

Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. God works through Stephen Ministers to plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life seems barren and forlorn because of some crisis or tragedy.



Trinity Lutheran Church & School Life Development Classes for Summer 2020

**All Bible Studies and Groups are dependent upon the State Guidelines.
Please call and verify as the dates get closer.**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00am – On-line Service (Facebook & YouTube)
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

ADULT MINISTRY / BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Zoom Bible Study

With the beginning of in-person worship services on Sundays we are modifying the Bible Class schedule a bit. We realize that some of you will still be worshiping at home at 10:00 with our online service. Others will be attending either the 8:00 or 10:30 service. We are not having Bible study in the Fellowship Hall for the time being. We think that it is hard to social distance in that setting. Therefore, we will be offering the Zoom Bible study at 9:15 and 11:00. For more information and log-in details for the Bible Study, contact Pastor Roth, Betty Perrone or the church office.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Join us for relevant Bible studies, games, and snacks! If you have any questions please contact Melissa Graham. Contact the church office to be added to the email list for this group.

Activities will vary throughout the year. **At this time the High School Youth Group will be meeting outside, rather than in the building.**

LEADER: Melissa Graham
LOCATION: Solid Rock Café
TIME: Sundays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Jr High: Jr High Youth Group will meet outside the Solid Rock every other Wednesday during the summer. The schedule for the summer is as follows:

- August 12th - 4:30-6:00
- August 26th - 4:30-6:00

We are in need of adult volunteers that are interested in making real life connections with you in our congregation and community! If you are interested in volunteering or would just like more information, please contact Melissa Graham at 269-983-5000, ext. 410.

SUPPORT GROUPS and CARING MINISTRIES

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministries Mission: Christ caring for people through people. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing challenges in life- such as grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. God didn't plan for you to have to carry the burdens of life by yourself! Let our Stephen Ministers walk with you! To learn how to receive care from a Stephen Minister, or if you have an interest in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Roth, a Stephen Leader, or the church office. STEPHEN LEADERS: Pastor Michael J. Roth, John Kroonblawd, Sheila Kroonblawd, and Betty Perrone.



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC MINISTRY at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Want to do something but not sure what? If you sing or play an instrument, talk to Paula Steuernagel to get connected to serve the church with your musical talent.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

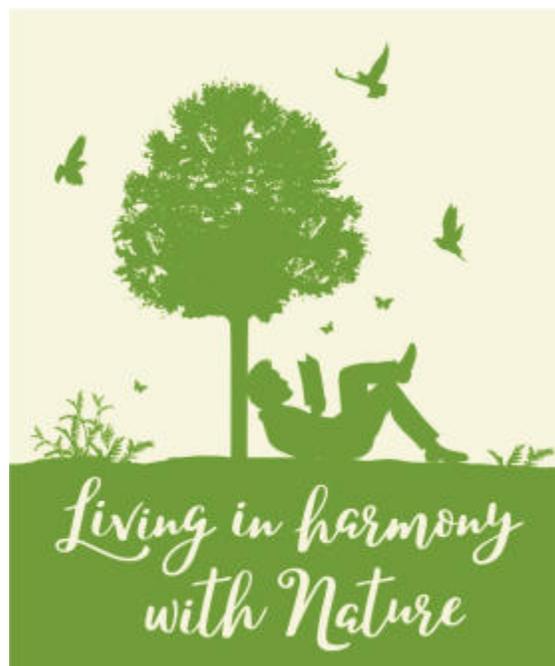
Join other women for a lively discussion of a book of the Month. Check the Women's Ministry page in the Connected for the current book selection. The Book Club meets on the third Saturday of the month.

LEADER: Nancy Pedde
TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
PLACE: TBD

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

Trinity, through its Family Activity Team offers some very exciting family oriented events during the year. They are designed to bring adults and children together for fellowship, laughter, learning and fun. Watch this newsletter for more information.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office at 983-5000, if you have any questions.



Respectfully submitted by John W. Bock

Stewardship

“How are You Living?”

I would like to recommend to you a very inspirational YouTube video I viewed recently – The Wisdom of a Third Grade Dropout – a 2017 graduation speech by Dr. Rick Rigsby. His dad was a third-grade dropout and dispensed some incredible wisdom. Dr. Rigsby talks about the power of combining knowledge and wisdom to make an impact in the lives of others.

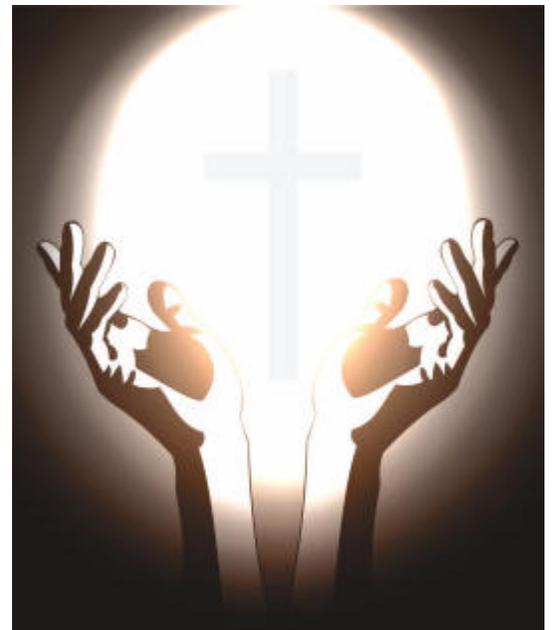
This line of thought squares very well with our Christian journey doesn't it? As we journey through our earthly lives, what do we get from attending church, studying the Bible, and Christian fellowship? Aren't we trying to increase our Christian knowledge and gain some Godly wisdom? I have always liked the acronym B.I.B.L.E. – Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. Why is this important? Christian values really are a guideline as to how we are to lead our lives. Following the precepts of the Bible, allows us to better serve and positively impact the lives of others through our Christian living and outreach.

One of his dad's frequently asked questions was, “How are you living?” I think this is a great question, and one we should ask ourselves and our children every single day. How would you answer that question? Are you having a positive impact in the lives of others? Are you living a Godly Christian life? None of us are perfect, but Christ is, and if we let Him lead our lives, think of how much better we could be for ourselves, others and ultimately for His Kingdom.

From an earlier time, you probably remember the popularity of the acronym W.W.J.D. – “What Would Jesus Do?” This was meant to be a means of evaluating how we might lend a Christian perspective to any problem we were attempting to solve. While it might be difficult to speculate on what Jesus might do in any given situation we may encounter, what isn't as difficult is to think on what Jesus did do – He gave His life on the Cross for us, that we might have our sins forgiven and have eternal life.

It seems to me, that if Jesus so willingly gave His life for us, it shouldn't be too difficult for us to at least strive to live our lives as the best Christians we can be. This would most certainly allow us to have a positive impact in the lives of others, whom we serve with our time, our talent, and our treasure. So, I leave you with the question, “How are you living?”

May God richly bless you with the knowledge and wisdom to live your best Christian life!!



Trinity Lutheran School & Early Childhood Center News

Trinity Lutheran School is preparing to open the one hundred fifty-fourth year of Christian education in the city of St. Joseph. Trinity Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel: the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who transforms lives. It is with a joy-filled heart that we continue to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the many blessing He has bestowed throughout the hundred fifty-three years. This quality Christ-centered education and dedicated Christian staff have been a blessing to Trinity, St. Joseph and entire southwest Michigan region.

Please pray for our teachers as they prepare for their new students.

New Staff:

Mr. Jeff Weiss our 7th and 8th grade classroom teacher.
Mr. Weiss will also be teaching math and science to grades 5th -8th.

Returning staff:

Mrs. Alison Jakubs, will be the 5th and 6th grade classroom teacher along with teaching ELA and social studies to the 7th and 8th grade.

Mrs. Laurie Mantei will teach 4th grade and art.

Mrs. Heather Steffens will be the 3rd grade teacher.

Mrs. Amy Roth will be the 2nd grade teacher.

Mrs. Kim Kelly will be the 1st grade teacher.

Mrs. Katie Hartfield will teach kindergarten.

Mrs. Jenna Wood will be in the office helping us all.

Mrs. Robyn Adams will be Director of the ECC

Miss Kelly Johnston will teach Young 5's teacher

Mrs. Tracie Berghaus is managing the ECC office.

Mrs. Becky Liebich will teach traditional pre-school

Mrs. Deb Boughner will teach Explorers

Pastor Michael Roth will teach confirmation.

Vicar Alvaro Witt Duarte and Miss Melissa Graham will teach confirmation.

Miss Paula Steuernagel will teach music and choir.

This year along with serving as your principal I will also teach 4th grade Religion.

Trinity Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center is a special place that has touched the lives of people for generations. I am thankful for the support of wonderful parents, and dedicated teachers. I am lifted up by a congregation that values the mission of our school. I am inspired by the congregation members who daily raise Trinity Lutheran School up in prayer.

Would you be willing to pray for our students and their families? It is a hard financial decision to choose a Christian school for your children in today's economy. I applaud the many parents who work so hard to accomplish that goal for their children. I thank so many of the members of Trinity who have helped pave the way so that parents who do not have the means to send their children to Trinity can provide a Christian education.

This year we are opening under the "MI Safe Schools Road Map" plan directed by Governor Whitmer. Trinity will publish its plan in coordination with the Michigan state mandates.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI_Safe_Schools_Roadmap_FINAL_695392_7.pdf

Our school theme this year is from Joshua 1:9 – "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

I join St. Paul in saying, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philipians 1:3-6

*Serving Trinity,
Terry Bird*

Upcoming August School Schedule

August 17- Teachers return

August 25-26- Parent Information Day

August 27 - SW Lutheran Teachers conference at Christ Lutheran

August 31- First day of school (1/2 day)

September 4 – No School

ECC

We are nearing the end of the summer and we are winding down the summer programming. We are planning for the restart of school in the hopes that we will be back to face to face instruction when we do begin. The ECC has been open all summer with the kids in small groups and having fun. Field trips were not to be this summer, but we are excited to plan for next year. Our families have been great and we are so excited to see so many of them with us this summer. We are praying that many of them will continue with us through the school year as well. Our Phase 2 renovation project is also underway and we are so excited to show off the projects. Hopefully, once this edition is published, we will have tile in the halls and will have begun work on the remaining classrooms. Once restrictions are lifted, we would love to show off the remodel! Thank you all for your prayers and support. To God Be the Glory!

*Blessings,
Robyn Adams, Director
Trinity Lutheran ECC*

Youth, Children's, and Family Ministry

Jr High

Jr High Youth Group will meet outside the Solid Rock every other Wednesday during the summer. The schedule for the summer is as follows:

- August 12th - 4:30-6:00
- August 26th - 4:30-6:00

Sr High Youth

Sr High Youth group will meet outside the Solid Rock every Sunday from 6:30-8:00 during the summer.

2020 Confirmands

Trinity's 2020 Confirmation class was confirmed on July 8th.

Congratulations to the following students. May God continue to bless you in all that you do!

Augie Barnes
Emma Boughner
Ona Corcoran
Wyatt Fisher
Logan Glisson
McKenna Keim
Maya Layton
Zac Lockman
Sam Loy
Owen Poole
Ava Risser
Alec Wojahn

Family Ministry

These are uncertain times that we are living in and everyone at Trinity is missing all the children and families! While our ministry events for this month may be postponed or moved around that does not mean that ministry stops. We are reminded in John 16:33 that Jesus has already overcome all our crises and worldly problems. He says "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." We can find comfort in these words and know that this is just a season in our lives, and seasons change. God has a plan for us far greater than we can ever imagine. Trinity is excited to see our families at church again!

In one of our recent youth groups we talked about some current events that are happening in our world today. Specifically our governor making it mandatory to wear masks in all indoor public spaces, and businesses can even refuse to serve those that choose not to wear a mask. I asked our youth to speak honestly about how they feel about wearing masks, some agreed with it, some didn't. We then discussed that this is definitely not the first time that people have struggled with listening to government officials, so we dug into Mark 12:13-17 to see how Jesus handled it all those years ago.

Paying Taxes to Caesar - Mark 12:13-17

13 And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. 14 And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" 15 But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." 16 And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." 17 Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

In this passage Christ is identifying the difference between church and state. And that is very important. However Christ instituted a certain order in this world. He has placed government officials for a reason, and especially in this case its to keep us safe. Now that doesn't mean that every government official makes the best decision every time, or that there aren't bad people in positions of power because we know that sin is very real and evident in our world.

However, it's important that we listen to them because God has called us to do so. So how do we honor government officials even when we don't agree with the decisions that they make? We act in a Christ-like manner. We stand up for what we believe in, but we always do it in peace because that's what we have been called to do. We're supposed to be spreading Christ's love to others instead of adding fuel to the fire. I challenged our youth to be conscious of how they can act more like Christ in these trying times, and I'm challenging you to do the same.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Everything is Subject to Change, Call to Confirm

Ladies Aid

As we all face new struggles, looking for wisdom from the past to help the present, we hope everyone is adjusting. Pandemics are an especially demanding test . . . because we are not just trying to protect people, we know, but also, people we do not know. All of us are social distancing and quarantining together so that things can get better faster.

Use your time at home in quarantine to learn as much as you can. The wisest mind has something yet to learn. Home is where love resides, memories are created, family and friends always belong, and laughter never ends. What we love most about staying home to self-quarantine is who we share it with.

Bless our house as we come and go. Bless our home as the children grow. Bless our families as they gather in. Bless our home with love and friends.

When this is over, may we never again take for granted: Going to church | Going out to dinner | A handshake with a stranger | Full shelves at the store | Conversations with neighbors | A crowded theater | Friday night out | The taste of communion | A routine checkup | The school rush each morning | Coffee with a friend | The stadium roaring | Each deep breath | A boring Tuesday

It's not until you lose those connections that you realize how much you need them. When you understand that being connected to others is one of life's greatest joys, you realize that life best come when you initiate and invest in solid relationships. And what you need are the bare necessities, ICE CREAM "The simple bare necessities. Forget about your worries and your strife ... The bare necessities of life will come to you," promises Baloo the bear in Disney's "The Jungle Book."

We will be seeing you soon and things will be better!

Come and join us for an Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 6-8 p.m.

St. Joseph Senior Center (outside under the canopy)

Lincoln Ave, St. Joseph, Michigan

RSVP and please bring a chair

Katherine @ 429-7424

Women's Book Club

The Enlightenment of Bees by Rachel Linden.

Rachel Linden's newest contemporary women's fiction story speaks to the universal struggle of what it means to live a meaningful life where the passions we have meet the needs of the world. At 26, idealistic baker Mia West has her entire life planned out: a Craftsman cottage in Seattle, baking at The Butter Emporium, and the love of her life, her boyfriend Ethan, by her side. But when Ethan breaks up with her instead of proposing on their sixth dating anniversary (with the Tiffany blue box in his pocket), Mia's carefully planned future crumbles. Adrift and devastated, she determines to find new meaning in her life by helping those in need. Guided by recurring dreams about honeybees that seem to be leading her toward this new path in life, Mia joins her vivacious housemate Rosie on an around-the-world humanitarian trip funded by the reclusive billionaire, Lars Lindstrom. Along with a famous grunge rock star, an Ethiopian immigrant, and an unsettlingly attractive Hawaiian urban farmer named Kai, Mia and Rosie embark on the trip of a lifetime. From the slums of Mumbai to a Hungarian border camp during the refugee crisis, Mia's eyes are opened and her idealistic vision is challenged as she experiences the euphoria, disillusionment, and heartbreaking reality of humanitarian work abroad. As Mia grapples with how to make a difference in an overwhelmingly difficult world, circumstances force her to choose between the life she thought she wanted and the unexpected life she has built.

There is a park on Red Arrow Highway called Lookout Park. Its just passed the Hilltop light, if your heading south on Red Arrow. Its the one without the deck. They have a picnic table, plenty of shade, and I don't think there will be any parking issues that early. Right now its calling for rain, so if it is raining, we will cancel and try to meet there in September. My cell phone is 269.470.5611 if you have any questions or need directions.

When: 3rd Saturday

Time: 10:30am

Place: TBD

Leader: Nancy Pedde

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

U.S. Marines

Gunnery Sgt Andrew C. Wedde, Marines, stationed at Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD; Grandson of Irma Wedde

CPL Paul Jersey, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; son of Tim & Jill Jersey

U.S. Army

1st Lt. Aaron Hinkelman, stationed in Afghanistan, grandson of Gus & Judy Hinkelman

PFC Riley Engel, stationed in Italy, grandson of Gus & Judy Hinkelman

U.S. Navy

Lt. Adam Roth, Naval Aviator, son of Rev. Michael and Amy Roth

Lt. Mark Williams, Navy Pilot, stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Oak Harbor, WA, nephew of Linda Williams

Ensign Madeline Williams, Expeditionary Strike Group 3, Great Niece of Linda Williams

FN Jun Iramiana, USS Boyer, LHD-4, Great Nephew of Linda Williams

U.S. Air Force

Airman 1st Class, Evan Pyatt, US Air Force, stationed in Travis AFB, California; Grandson of Bill & Margo Pyatt

Tech Sergeant, John Pyatt, US Air Force, stationed in Minneapolis, son of Bill & Margo Pyatt

Lt. Haleigh Wendzel, US Air Force, stationed in South Korea, daughter of Brad & Joyce Wendzel, granddaughter of Alton & Millie Wendzel

U.S. Coast Guard

AMT3 Camille and EM3 Kyle Crabtree, stationed in Suffolk, VA, niece & nephew of Jan Dasse

Please keep all of our Servicemen and women in your prayers. May God keep them safe from harm and bring them home to their families soon. If your family members status has changed, please call the church office.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Janet Frazier

SEPTEMBER 1951 *(a continuation of thoughts on the polio pandemic of early 1951)*

The members of the Ladies Aid had their blood typed so that they could be called to donate blood when needed at our hospital. Our men will have the opportunity to be blood typed this week. Polio is rampant in the area. Two members have become ill with it.

This next writing found in Trinity Newsletter seems so appropriate for what is happening in our world today.

SEPTEMBER 1954

Psalm forty-six is commonly called the Reformation Psalm. Luther loved it and took refuge in its comforting words when he was waging his great battle for the truth. When it seemed he were doomed and his cause lost, he would read and recite the words of Psalm 46:

"Though the waters thereof roar and troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."

The waters of the world are very important and necessary for our living. They carry the great stream of commerce between many lands, but the waters can become so troubled and agitated by storms and typhoons that man and all of his handiwork can be destroyed.

There are moments in life when such storms beat upon us. Everything that we have planned or built seems to go down. Try as we may, we cannot plant ourselves into the teeth of the gale and hope to block it. At such times the psalmist assures us that God is our Refuge and Strength. He has shown Himself as our Refuge and we have found Him to be our Strength. Amid ponderous seas we may take our Refuge in Him. If we are pressed by troubles, God will bear us up and fit us for all of our service and suffering.

Away then with despair and hopelessness when the waters of life roar and are troubled. With such despondency we insult the Lord, showing that we fear we are not safe and sheltered when we take refuge in Him. Above all, God is our refuge against sin and Satan and at the cross of Christ we find healing and protection.

AUGUST 2006

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity joined together to create Thrivent Builds. Crews from all the Lutheran churches in the area will be working. June 27th was the date of the groundbreaking on Margarete Street in Benton Township. Claude Miller and Richard Hackbarth are our chapter's Build Specialists. Completion date and dedication is scheduled for early September.



S.A.G.E.S



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TENTATIVELY ~ IF QUARANTINE IS LIFTED

Tuesday, August 18th at 11 a.m.

Berrien County History Organization will be presenting to the SAGES group a discussion about the "great depression" in the Lighthouse Cafe, Ministry Center (depending upon the governors orders). Everyone will bring their own "brown paper bag" lunch, bottled water will be furnished.

Therefore, check the church screens or contact the church office to see if this event will happen.

We will not jeopardize anyone at this point, especially you. Therefore, check the church bulletins, August newsletter, and/or church office if this event will happen.

We are praying that we can come together after this long lockdown. We probably will be still somewhat social distancing; so that we all feel comfortable and safe.

Sign up with Betty at 983-5000, by August 12th.

There will be no charge for this event.

August Anniversaries

Michael & Jordan Zaluckyj	8/1/2015	5th
Joshua & Abigail Lane	8/2/2013	
Chad & Jessica Adam	8/4/2018	
Tom & Terry Bird	8/4/1988	
George & Marilyn Ponka	8/4/1973	
Pastor Jim & Liz Eggert	5/5/1967	53rd
Jim & Sue Riemland	8/6/1988	
Russ & Pam Stewart	8/6/1971	
Doug & Sherry Clem	8/8/1987	
Ryan & Brittany Mohney	8/8/2015	5th
Trevor & Jonelle Shiel	8/8/1998	
James & Margarete Ball	8/9/1958	62nd
Jim & Betsy Goff	8/10/2002	
Roger & Chris Petzke	8/10/1974	
Loren & Helen Wilson	8/13/1966	54th
John & Susan Sukup	8/14/1982	
Alton & Millie Wendzel	8/14/1954	66th
Grant & Jenna Wood	8/15/2009	
Rev. Thomas & Susan Batsky	8/16/1980	40th
Bob & Gail Horton	8/16/2003	
Nathan & Amanda Kahne	8/18/2018	
Rev. Michael & Amy Roth	8/19/1995	25th
Robert & Brenda Karsten	8/22/1992	
Mike & Peri Hansen	8/22/1981	
Eric & Robyn Wendzel	8/24/1996	
Tom & Barb Butler	8/25/1956	64th
Vince & Dianne Fernan	8/26/1978	
Dave & Bonnie Johnson	8/26/1978	
Bob & Joyce Lawrence	8/26/1970	50th
Charles & Alice Koch	8/27/1960	60th
Dennis & Bonnie Kublick	8/29/1996	
Patrick & Christi Mangold	8/29/2003	
James & Tina Machacek	8/31/1985	35th
Logan & Erin Mosher	8/30/2019	1st

If you do not see your anniversary listed, please call the Church Office at 983-5000 to update your records.

Community Outreach Statistics June 2020

Soup Kitchen

128 served; 3 volunteers (including 1 student from MLHS, who is also Trinity member and one volunteer from the community)

The Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen continues to serve the community through a sack lunch program. Due COVID-19 and safety precautions, they are prevented from offering a hot meal to the many people who come each day. It is unclear when these restrictions will be lifted. As time goes on, the challenge becomes providing a meal that is portable and can be served cold. We continue to offer a non sandwich alternative with BBQ chicken. The chicken is prepared at Trinity in the school kitchen a day or two before and are wrapped and chilled to serve on Tuesday morning. In June, each lunch included 2 chicken thighs, cole slaw, dinner roll and butter, applesauce, cookies, milk, apple juice and water.

If you would like to help with the food preparation (cleaning and baking the chicken), please contact Tracie Berghaus at 269-984-0040, ext. 200 or 313-674-4480.

Benevolent Fund, Community Dinner, Sort-N-Share, Sleeping Mat Ministry
Suspended due to COVID-19

Food Truck

Households –117, Individuals – 359, Seniors – 86, Children – 95, Veterans - 17, Volunteers – 8
Pounds of Food – 9,775

It was a beautiful sunny day for our Mobile Food Truck. We continued our “Drive Through” version of the Mobile Food Truck. This adds a bit of time for our volunteers, and some have chosen to work in shifts. As always, we are so thankful for their helping hands and willing hearts. We again had pre-boxed produce and pre-boxed dairy and pray that this program can continue. The quality of the food provided is greatly improved from some of the other offerings. We were also able to provide families with a 5 pound bag of chicken thighs bread and dessert and a special treat of fresh asparagus from a local farm. While our numbers were a bit lower this month, we anticipate the need to continue and grow as stimulus and other programs run their course and extra help for families declines. What a blessing it is to serve God through our Mobile Food Truck.



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT—2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020**

GENERAL FUND	2018-2019			2019-2020			
	ANNUAL BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,294,653.00	\$2,142,275.85	93.36%	\$2,209,447.51	\$2,209,447.51	\$2,123,487.04	96.11%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,234,367.00	\$2,255,959.73	100.97%	\$2,253,306.61	\$2,253,306.61	\$2,165,686.61	96.11%
REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES	\$60,286.00	-\$113,683.88	-188.57%	-\$43,859.10	-\$43,859.10	-\$42,199.57	96.22%

	6/30/2019	6/30/2020
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Church Extension Fund Mortgage	\$726,516.92	(\$105,841.82) \$620,675.10
TOTAL DEBT	\$726,516.92	(\$105,841.82) \$620,675.10

WEEKLY ENVELOPE & PLATE	Contributions	Over/(Under) to	YTD Over/
		Meet Budget	(Under) Budget
June 7, 2020	\$21,555.00	\$8,199.23	\$74,329.89
June 14, 2020	\$15,587.00	\$2,231.23	\$76,561.12
June 21, 2020	\$14,669.00	\$1,313.23	\$77,874.35
June 28, 2020	\$11,036.00	-\$2,319.77	\$75,554.58
Totals	\$62,847.00	\$9,423.92	
<i>Weekly Envelope & Plate Budget Needed:</i>		\$13,355.77	

***No in-church services 3/18 to 6/07 due to COVID-19 virus**

CASH REPORT—JUNE, 2020	
DAILY LOW BALANCE	\$521,669.37
DAILY HIGH BALANCE	\$578,402.89
DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH	\$557,456.62

A more detailed Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.
Respectfully submitted,
Gus Damaske, Treasurer

OFFICIAL ACTS

Membership Losses

Deaths

- Jerry Toffelmire – died 1/9/2012, buried?
- Reinhard Lippert – died 5/15/2020, buried 5/30/2020
- Walter Gresens – died 5/30/2020
- Allen Trulove – died 6/21/20, buried 7/18/2020

Other Official Acts

Funerals (non-members)

- Joyce Rudowske – Died 5/24/2020, graveside committal 6/20/2020



Daily Lectionary

- 8/1 1 Sam. 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23
 8/2 1 Sam. 17:20-47; Acts 26:24-27:8
 8/3 1 Sam. 17:48-18:9; Acts 27:9-26
 8/4 1 Sam. 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44
 8/5 1 Sam. 19:1-24; Acts 28:1-15
 8/6 1 Sam. 20:1-23; Acts 28:16-23
 8/7 1 Sam. 20:24-42; (1 Sam. 21:1-23:29); 1 Cor. 1:1-25
 8/8 1 Sam. 24:1-22; 1 Cor. 1:26-2:16
 8/9 1 Sam. 25:1-22; 1 Cor. 3:1-23
 8/10 1 Sam. 25:23-44; 1 Cor. 4:1-21
 8/11 1 Sam. 26:1-25; (1 Sam. 27:1-28:2); 1 Cor. 5:1-13
 8/12 1 Sam. 28:3-25; (1 Sam. 29:1-30:31); 1 Cor. 6:6-20
 8/13 1 Sam. 31:1-13; 1 Cor. 7:1-24
 8/14 2 Sam. 1:1-27; 1 Cor. 7:25-40
 8/15 2 Sam. 5:1-25; 1 Cor. 8:1-13
 8/16 2 Sam. 6:1-19; 1 Cor. 9:1-23
 8/17 2 Sam. 7:1-17; 1 Cor. 9:24-10:22
 8/18 2 Sam. 7:18-29; 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16
 8/19 2 Sam. 11:1-27; 1 Cor. 11:17-34
 8/20 2 Sam. 12:1-25; (2 Sam. 13:1-19:43); 1 Cor. 12:1-13
 8/21 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35; 1 Cor. 12:14-31
 8/22 1 Kings 2:1-27; (1 Cor. 14:1-16:24); 1 Cor. 13:1-13
 8/23 1 Kings 3:1-15; (1 Kings 3:16-4:34); 2 Cor. 1:1-22
 8/24 1 Kings 5:1-18; (1 Kings 6:1-7:50); 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17
 8/25 1 Kings 7:51-8:21; 2 Cor. 3:1-18
 8/26 1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63; 2 Cor. 4:1-18
 8/27 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13; 2 Cor. 5:1-21
 8/28 1 Kings 11:1-26; 2 Cor. 6:1-18
 8/29 1 Kings 11:42-12:19; 2 Cor. 7:1-16
 8/30 1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33-34; (1 Kings 14:1-16:28);
 2 Cor. 8:1-24
 8/31 1 Kings 16:29-17:24; (2 Cor. 10:1-13:14)
 2 Cor. 9:1-15

Sundays and Festival Days (Series A)

- 8/2 Ninth S. a. Pentecost
 Is. 55:1-5; Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13); Matt. 14:13-21
 8/9 Tenth S. a. Pentecost
 Job 38:4-18; Rom. 10:5-17; Matt. 14:22-33
 8/16 Eleventh S. a. Pentecost
 Is. 56:1, 6-8; Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32;
 Matt. 15:21-28
 8/23 Twelfth S. a. Pentecost
 Is. 51:1-6; Rom. 11:33-12:8; Matt. 16:13-20
 8/30 Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost
 Jer. 15:15-21; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28

We Are Celebrating...

The following Trinity Members are celebrating birthdays this month:

- 8/1 Emma Brady, Marion Milnikel*, Erika Wood
 8/2 David Anzini, Lauren Clem, McKenzie Clem, Sandra Hettig, Allandra Johnson
 8/3 Kelly Klank, Lucas Petzke, Millie Wendzel*
 8/4 Sarrah Davis
 8/5 Jessica Bunge, Michael Rushlow
 8/6 Chase DeCamp, Amy Iliff, Sheila Kroonblawd
 8/7 Jenna Ashmead, Cassidy Helsley, Natalie Schroeder
 8/8 Kevin Bury, Lars Petzke, Cathy Schaffer, Bill Schmidt, Justin West
 8/9 Amelia Conrad, Betsy Goff, Nancy Perry, Jackie Pudell
 8/10 Jeanne Feltner, Stevie Mims, Matthew Peirce, Edward Siedenstrang, Elizabeth Wagner*
 8/11 Mary Jane Hiler, Deborah Liggett, Steve Mims, Charles Poll*, Jay Schroeder, Colin Wiederwax
 8/12 Evelyn Fisher
 8/13 David Bartloff, Steve Lockman, Christine Petzke, Brooke Siedenstrang
 8/14 Michael Varney
 8/15 Michael Peirce
 8/16 James Ball*, Nicholas Boff, Tom Jeffers
 8/17 Elise Bradford, Marc Freudenburg, Scott Kizer, Janet Radde, Dean Schmaltz*, Matthew Tilley, Kelsey West
 8/18 Lindsey Denuyl, Ashley Jensen, Michael Siemans
 8/19 Jack Halstead, Erin Murray, Emily Raschke, Cathy Tilley, Stephen Warren
 8/20 William Pyatt*, David Stygar
 8/21
 8/22 Aimee Brady
 8/23 Steve Cayo, Andrew Huff, Ron Pape*, Shannon Tesar, Laura White, Connor Wiskow
 8/24 Maddox Iliff, Melissa Siedenstrang
 8/25 Charles Barchett, Maya Brady, Karen Fisher, Janet Lambrecht
 8/26
 8/27 Charles DeVore, Dawn Rynearson, Ann Schroeder
 8/28 Christine Bieri, Mandi Coburn, Brittany Hardin, Bradley King, Helen Server
 8/29 Charlene Brady, Gail Horton, Barbara Karstens*, Colette Metzger*
 8/30 Noah Engel, Joel Roth, Jerry Schlaack, Brian Schmidt
 8/31 Brian Berndt, Bill Haase, Michael Riemland, David Ruff, Jennifer Siek

*Special Birthdays

If you do not see your birthday listed, please call the Church Office @ 983-5000 to update your records. We indicate the age of members 80 years & over. If you do not want your age listed, please contact the Church Office.



This Month at Trinity August 2020

EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE & DEPENDANT UPON SAFE RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

Weekly Events

Sunday

Worship, 8 & 10:30a, Sanctuary
Zoom Bible Study, 9:15 & 11am
Senior High Youth Group, 6:30-8p, SRC

Monday

Ministry Leadership Team Mtg, 1:30-3p, MC-1st fl

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, 8/1

Sunday, 8/2

Monday, 8/3

Exec. Comm. Mtg, 5:30-6:30p, MCB
Bd of Education, 6:30-8pm, MC-2nd fl

Tuesday, 8/4

Wednesday, 8/5

Thursday, 8/6

Friday, 8/7

Saturday, 8/8

Sunday, 8/9

Monday 8/10

Church Council Meeting, 6:30-9p, MC-2nd fl

Tuesday, 8/11

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision, 6:30-7:30p

Wednesday, 8/12

Thursday, 8/13

Friday, 8/14

September Connected Due

Saturday, 8/15

Women's Book Club, 10:30-11:30a, Lookout Park

Sunday, 8/16

Monday, 8/17

Teachers return to school

Bd of Prop & Finance, 6:30-8:30p, MCB

Tuesday, 8/18

SAGES, 11a-1p, LHC pending

Wednesday, 8/19

Thursday, 8/20

Friday, 8/21

PLEASE NOTE...

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision, Tues, July 11th & 25th, 6:30-7:30p

September Connected Articles Due, Friday, August 14th

**Women's Book Club, Saturday, August 15th, 10:30-11:30a,
Lookout Park**

Teachers return to school, Monday, August 17th

Soup Kitchen, Tuesday, August 25th, 10a

**Parent Information Days, Tues. August 25th & Wed. August 26th,
School**

Mobile Food Pantry, Thursday, August 27th, 1:00p, MC Parking lot

Saturday, 8/22

Sunday, 8/23

Monday, 8/24

Bd of Elders Meeting, 6:30-9p, MC-2nd fl

Tuesday, 8/25

Parent Information Day at school

Soup Kitchen, 10a

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision, 6:30-7:30p

Wednesday, 8/26

Parent Information Day at school

Thursday, 8/27

SW Lutheran Teachers Conference, Christ Lutheran

Mobile Food Pantry, 1p, MC parking lot

Friday, 8/28

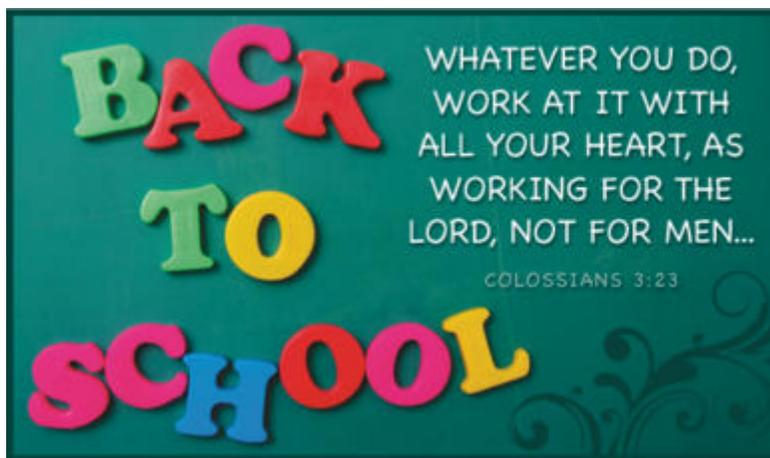
Saturday, 8/29

Sunday, 8/30

Monday, 8/31

First Day of School -1/2 day

CFH-Christian Fellowship Hall; CMR-Children's Ministry Room; LHC-Lighthouse Café; LHL-Lighthouse Lounge; MC-Ministry Center; MCB-Ministry Center Boardroom; S-Sanctuary; SRC-Solid Rock Café; SCH-School; WC-Welcome Center



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Newsletter Submissions

To meet publication deadlines, all articles must be received by the **2nd Friday of each month.**

Please don't forget to include your phone contact information!

Turn information into the Church Office in person, by fax 983-8933, or e-mail to betty.perrone@discovertrinity.org

Questions? Suggestions?

Contact Betty Perrone at Church office.

Faith in Verse - Be Still (LSB 771) *by Bob Lawrence*



*Be still, my soul, before the Lord
For God is always near,
Before your mind is moved to pray,
God listens and will hear. ("Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord," v.1)*

It is easy to sit back and think of an earlier time when life appeared to be so much easier. People had jobs that they kept from young adulthood to retirement. There were illnesses but remedies seemed to come fast and our worries about them were short-lived. Upon deeper reflection, however, our lives back then had many uncertain issues of their own that gave us a full plate of worries and concerns that we had to face and handle.

So it is in this present time. It is easy to get so anxious about our new health concerns or the contentious political climate that we can fail to remember the all important fact this hymn recalls - "For God is always near." If we could just be still during our bouts with anxiety and remember that "God listens and will hear" whenever we call out to him in prayer.

Our God is truly knows us well and knows what we need before we even ask for it. But what comfort we miss when we rush to the many other ways the world offers to cure anxiety. For us, the first and most effective action is prayer. Just knowing God is there to hear us brings a deep comfort and helps us make good choices for whatever else is needed to help ourselves climb out of the pit of anxiety we may have fallen into.

There are no guarantees about where all our issues will take us, but one thing is very certain - God will hear us and take care of us when we grow still and take our worries to Him.