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The Communion of Saints ~Rev. Michael J. Roth

One of the most valuable descriptions of the church is found in the Apostles' Creed—"the communion of saints." There are two important parts to this description, communion and saints. The second part is, saints. It is the biblical term meaning "holy ones." It is how the Bible, especially Paul, describes all those who have faith in Christ. They are holy because of the shed blood of Christ, on their behalf, which has forgiven all their sins. As saints, we are holy by virtue of the declaration of God, for the sake of Christ. Because the penalty has been paid to cover the sins of the world, those who receive Christ in faith, are forgiven—holy in the sight of God. What an amazing and wonderful truth this is!

The first word is communion. This word means that we are not saints in isolation, but part of a collection of holy ones. This is important because we are part of the body of Christ. There is a co-union of God's people—we are in union with one another by virtue of our common faith in Christ. A careful reading of Scripture suggests that we need each other. We love and care for each other and we build each other up in the faith. There is a mutual care and accountability that comes with being part of an organization.

The communion of saints finds its expression in the local congregation. Although it is true that we are part of the holy Christian church around the world and through the centuries, we identify and relate to the church where we are, in time and place. For us, our communion of saints is most often identified as Trinity Lutheran Church. So what does this mean? The members of Trinity are the ones who gather with us in our worship and confession of faith. They are the ones

we serve and serve with. We should encourage and care for one another. We should build each other up in the faith.

The best way to be the communion of saints with mutual care and accountability is to identify with a small group within the congregation. If we are only together for a short amount of time, once a week, we cannot really serve each other as is fitting for the communion of saints. For this reason, I would like to encourage you to be part of at least one small group. This group could be a Bible study group, a musical group, a service group, a fellowship group, or some other small, regularly gathering communion of saints. To this end, I am encouraging our staff and leadership to develop more small groups that can provide care and encouragement, as well as growth and service. Two of the groups we are adding this fall are Divorce Care and Grief Share. These groups, as their name suggests, are targeted to specific people. Please get involved with either if they are targeted to your needs. It is my goal to start some other small groups, after the old Christ Care model, which does not exist any longer as a national organization. Within these groups the participants are encouraged to worship, study, and care for and serve with and for each other.

To accomplish this goal, I am asking for volunteers to be trained as leaders. I do not plan to use the Christ Care training, which was quite long and involved.

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**TRINITY'S
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday
8:00 am - Worship Service
9:15 am (Solid Rock Café)
Contemporary Worship Service
9:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Classes
10:30 am - Worship Service

Wednesday
6:30 pm - Worship Service
2nd Wednesday each Month
11:00 am
Monthly Communion Worship

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Stephen Ministry

Caring for You Through Christ

Stephen Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church brings care to all in need. This confidential, Christian caregiving is a vital part of the total healing ministry of Christ's body, the Church. Stephen Ministers are trained to aid those in need of care to more effectively deal with their own situations and to grow.

As someone receiving care (a Care Receiver) you may:

- Develop stronger ties with a community of Christians
- Grasp the role of suffering in life
- Accept forgiveness and grace from God and others
- Give forgiveness and love
- Increase your level of trust
- Start a relationship with God
- Renew your relationship with God
- Learn positive attitudes and expectations
- Develop a foundation for holistic stability in your life
- Nurture a healthier ego and a realistic self-image
- Build whole and complete relationships

God alone is the one who takes broken individuals and makes them whole. Contact our referrals coordinator, Joyce Rudowske – 983-5000.

ARE YOU A Good Listener? A Compassionate Caregiver? These are just two qualities of a Stephen Minister.

God uses compassionate, caring people in special ways.

He equips YOU to impact more people with His love through this ministry.

Prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to this caring ministry.

New training classes are scheduled to begin September 11, 2018. Applications are now available in the church office.

Want to learn more? Contact one of TLC's Stephen Ministry leadership team:

John Kroonblawd 269-208-8303
Shelia Kroonblawd 269-876-8005
Joyce Rudowske 269-921-7061
Jeanne Strine 269-983-4088

Stephen Ministries Mission:
Christ caring **for** people **through** people.



Homebound Members

Irene Barker, WL;
 Elsie Damaske, PR;
 Gerhardt Doroh, WL;
 Dorothy Duschek;
 Dianne Fernan;
 Lois Fox; WT;
 Shirley Gillham, WT;
 Gladys Grieger;
 Bob Humberg, CT;
 Joan Jasper;
 Elsie Jasper;
 Otto Jasper;
 David Karsten;
 Catherine Klug;
 Marian Krieger, RM;
 Shirley Krumrie, WT
 Judy Lambrecht;
 Clara Leitz;
 Dallas Miltibarger;
 Dorothy Mutz;
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 Jerry Pecht, PR;
 Linda Pedde;
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Erv & Deanna Reschke, WL;
 Jean Roberts, WT;
 Fern Schmaltz;
 Adele Schultz;
 Louise Skibbe; CT;
 Sharon Tescallo;
 Edna Volkers, WT;
 Jack & Marian Wagner; CP
 Lillian Wendt, WT;
 Dorothy Winters;

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*

Ladies Aid

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Meeting
 Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.

In August our meeting will be at the Trinity Center and it is in the evening. We have our meetings in the summer months in the evening, so that everyone can come... especially for those who are working during the day and can't make our luncheon meetings.

Our guest speaker is:
 Kelly Laesch, Crime Presentation Coordinator for Berrien County Sheriff Department

The Program is:
 "Personal Safety"

Hostesses are:
 Jan Burress, Yvonne Blasy, and Marietta Ziebart

All ladies are WELCOME!
 As always refreshments will be served!

NEW MINISTRY AVAILABLE

"PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES"



The Stephen Ministry and Trinity's Elders have begun a new ministry.

Following each worship service, a Prayer Minister will be available to those who would like individual prayer. Following the 8:00a & 10:30a worship they will be located in the front north corner of the church. And following the 9:15a worship service they will be located by the couch area.

The Prayer Ministers will be wearing a name tag, so you can identify them. You may go to them after the worship, share your requests and they will pray with you. Your prayers will be held in strict confidence. But, if you wish for your prayer request to be shared with our prayer chain or in the church prayers, you may tell them that at that time. We are here to serve you!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
 Matthew 18:20 (ESV)

Trinity Lutheran Church & School Life Development Classes for Summer 2018

Newcomers Always Welcome!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15am Contemporary Worship (Solid Rock Café)
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

MONTHLY SENIOR COMMUNION WORSHIP

11:00am Second Wed Each Month (Ministry Center)

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK WORSHIP

6:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

ADULT MINISTRY

SUNDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—*Study of Gospel Lessons from MARK*
This study will study the Gospel lessons one week prior to the Gospel being used in the service. You will have a week to contemplate before you will hear it in the worship service.

LEADER: Tom Bird
LOCATION: Fellowship Hall
TIME: 9:15 – 10:15am

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Contact the church office to be added to the email list for this group. Activities will vary throughout the year.

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

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC MINISTRY at Trinity Lutheran Church

Contemporary Praise Team — Thursdays 7:00-8:00p

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

Adult Choir

Have you considered praising God with your voice in a more designed atmosphere? Come join your fellow members and fellow music lovers on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm (right after service) in the music room of the school. There's an elevator for those who have difficulty with stairs and there's always happy faces and accepting voices to join you. No previous experience required. You only need to want to learn more about God and about music.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES

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: 3rd Saturdays; 10:30-11:30AM
PLACE: Biggby Coffee

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. Included in these events are:

FAMILY MOVIE/PIZZA NITE

The movies will be shown in the Ministry Center, Lighthouse Café. Watch for information about Family Movie Nights throughout the year, by checking the Children's Page in the Connected. The movie is held in the Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center. Along with movie, there is always pizza, popcorn, drinks, and desserts. We ask for a \$3.00 donation to help cover the food cost.

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

The Communion of Saints

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Instead, I would like to have one or two organizational and training sessions for leaders. From there I will work with the leaders to give them "on the job" training, by supplying directed Bible studies, discussion starters and project suggestions to build cohesiveness and accountability for the group. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please let me know. I would like to do the training in August and begin groups in September. Send me an email, pass me a note, or call the church office so I can let you know what is next. If you are interested in being a participant, stay tuned for more information.

Together we can grow and support each other. Together we are better off than we are alone. We are the communion of saints!

Watch for Support Groups coming in September:

Grief Share

Divorce Care

Alzheimer Caregivers Support Group



MEMORIALS

The following have made a gift to Trinity Lutheran or School:

In memory of Phil Frobel:

- Brian Berndt
- Louise Mueller
- Jan Burress
- Sylvia Lieberg
- Lee Sadler
- Ed Schultz
- Ruth Patzkowsky
- Ken & Lorraine Ziebart
- Norm & Ilene Stemm
- Irma Wedde
- Phil & Deanna Signor
- John Goldner
- Eleanor Dorow
- Larry & Mary Doroh
- Gerhardt Doroh
- Kevin & Danielle Hildebrand
- Dean & Marilyn Schultz
- Steve & Heidi Lockman
- Beverly Selent



- Darlene Damaske
- Glenn & Lorraine Eckert
- Shirley Truhn
- Agnes Lay
- Scott Griswold & Julie Nemeth
- Don & Colette Metzger
- Karl & Jane Seng
- Jeanne Strine
- Fred & Beth Wassilak
- Judy Fowler
- Roger & Chris Petzke
- Marge Bischoff
- Bill & Margot Pyatt
- Brent & Sharon Parsons
- Tim & Ann Schroeder
- Amy Semenak
- Trudy Enders
- First Congregational Church
- Mike & Amy Peirce

In memory of William & Dorothy Skelley:

Richard & Miriam Maurer

In memory of Loretta Skelley:

Eleanor Dorow
 Steven & Karen Hackman
 David & Myrtle Benke

In memory of Helen Lambrecht:

Eleanor Dorow

In memory of Gary Perrone:

Brian Berndt

S.A.G.E.S. (Senior Adults Growing & Exploring)

SAGES WILL BE THINKING AND GOING OUT OF THE BOX!

JOIN US ON **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, FROM 11:30 TO 1 P.M.**
 AT THE ST. JOE BAND SHELL FOR A WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG
 CONCERT FEATURING DIANE VAN DEUOZIN AND LISA OTEY.

Yep, that is right, this is not our normal monthly date or time... so be sure and mark your calendar for the right date/time.

Suggestion would be to arrive downtown a little before 11:30 as parking spaces fill up quickly, head to the band shell with your own brown bag lunch. And remember, drink, chips, and dessert will be provided. And the best thing about all this is, *IT IS ALL FREE!* Don't forget to bring your sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses also.

If it rains, we will schedule to go to the brown bag concert on Wednesday, August 22, featuring the Campfire Students... more kid friendly... same time/place/etc., just a different day. But this will only happen if the August 8th brown bag concert is cancelled. If you're not sure about the weather, check in with Betty at church office before heading out .

Looking forward to seeing you all enjoying this free event. Sign up with betty at the office before August 3rd so we know how many spaces to save and treats to bring.



Trinity Lutheran School & Early Childhood Center News

SCHOOL ARTICLE

Trinity Lutheran School is preparing to open the one hundred fifty-second 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 blessings He has bestowed throughout the past hundred fifty-one 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. This year we welcome Michael Johnson, our new 7th and 8th grade classroom teacher. Mr. Johnson will also be teaching math and science to grades 5th -8th. Mrs. Amy Roth joins the school staff as our new 2nd grade teacher. Our returning teachers in the school are: Mrs. Stephens, Miss Schmidt, Mrs. Mantei, Miss Steuernagel, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Hartfield. Mrs. Wood will be in the office again helping us all. In the ECC, Mrs. Adams will be returning as Director, along with Mrs. Berghaus managing the office. The teachers for the early childhood classrooms are: Mrs. Andrzejewski, Mrs. Liebich, and Mrs. Johnson. This year along with serving as your principal I will also teach 3rd and 4th grade Religion.

Trinity Lutheran School is a special place that many people care about. 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, can still send their children to Trinity and can provide a Christian education.

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." Philippians 1:3-6

Serving Trinity, Terry Bird

Upcoming August School Schedule

August 16 - Parent Information Night
August 20 - SW Lutheran Teachers conference at Trinity
August 27 - First day of school (1/2 day)
August 31 - No School

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS

It's August and I can hardly believe that summer is almost over. We have been busy in the ECC getting ready for the new school year and for the renovations that will be happening soon. We have cleaned out Room 104 and, after a coat of paint, new tile and carpet, we will be moving Traditional Preschool up to this room before school begins for them in September. Thank you to everyone who has helped to ready this room for its new students. We will have lots of other opportunities to help with moving classrooms around to make room for the renovations. Please call the ECC or church office if you would like to help. Many hands make light work.

The students this summer have been busy too. We have been to Curious Kids, Kiwanis Park, the Compass Fountain, Power in Motion, The Butterfly House and even went on a scavenger hunt in downtown St. Joseph. The little ones travel around town to the bluff and the neighborhood too. They love watching the train on the bluff and seeing all the neighborhood animals! Summer is fun in the ECC. Thank you again for all your prayers and support. We couldn't do it without you!



Youth News

Melissa Graham is joining our staff on August 1, 2018. She will be Installed as Director of Youth & Family Ministries on Sunday, August 5th. Be sure to introduce yourself to her.

Junior High/ CONFIRMATION

9/6 – CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

All students intending to be confirmed in 2019 or 2020 should plan to attend this meeting. We will discuss the confirmation process and expectations at Trinity for students in grades six and seven. AND eighth graders can make sure they're on track and faithfully completing the requirements. Our new Family Life Minister Melissa Graham will be taking over the confirmation program and is excited to meet you all!

9/16 – Sunday Morning Confirmation classes begins

9/14-15 CONFIRMATION

Baptism and Citizenship at Camp Concordia in Gowen, MI. Open to confirmation students in grades 6-8.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

7/11-7/15/2019 REAL PRESENT GOD – LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Registration and deposits for congregations and individuals opens on Sep. 5, 2018. Keep your eyes open for communication from our new Family Life Minister Melissa Graham.



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

Sgt. Paul Jersey, stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA; son of Tim and Jill Jersey

PFC. Christopher S. Hendrix, U.S. Marines Reserves; son of William & Cheryl Hendrix

U.S. Army / National Guard

1st Sgt. Keith Bickers, Army National Guard, returned from Afghanistan, stationed in Round Rock, TX, Son of Carol Bickers

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

U.S. Air Force / National Guard

Airman 1st Class, Evan Pyatt, US Air Force, stationed in Travis AFB, California, currently deployed to Middle East, Grandson of Bill & Margo Pyatt

Tech Sergeant, John Pyatt, US Air Force, deployed to Middle East, 133rd Civil Engineering Squadron, son of Bill & Margo Pyatt

Sgt Evan M. Wilder, deployed with Michigan National Guard, for Hurricane Relief

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Back to School Beach Bash!

Friday, September 7th

5:30 – 9:00 pm, Lions Beach Park

**Grab your sunglasses
and suntan lotion!**

We will be located in the first Pavilion as you enter the park. Trinity will provide the burgers and hot dogs and condiments. We will also provide water and lemonade. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions contact Debby Miskill at 983-5000 or email debby.miskill@discovertrinity.org



Thank You

On Monday, June 11th we all came together to celebrate the gift of eternal life granted to Phil Frobel. The beautiful music, the reassuring message, the delicious food, and the sharing of memories, words, and hugs meant so much to all of us.

As we read in Colossians 3:16- "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God". We thank all of you for the blessings you shared with us that day.

~The family of Phil Frobel

Community Outreach Statistics – June 2018

Soup Kitchen
151 served – 9 volunteers

Benevolent Fund
15 applications – 9 pledges

Food Truck
119 registered – 296 family members
Volunteers – 15 adults
1 Michigan Lutheran High School student
6,196 pounds of food

Community Dinner
30 served – 6 volunteers

Sort-N-Share
10 households
2 DHS referral for foster families
7 volunteers

Prayer Requests
2

PLARN Sleeping Mat Ministry
7 volunteers

Have you considered volunteering? It's a great way to serve our Heavenly Father by being His hands and feet here on earth. In addition there are so many benefits to volunteering.

According to activebeat.com:

Volunteering makes you healthier
Gives us Purpose
Builds Self Esteem
Helping Others Heals Everyone Involved
Boosts your Mood
Focusing on Others Lowers Your Stress
Connects us to Others

Why not give it a try!
Contact Tracie Berghaus @ 983-5000.

FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES



By Janet Frazier

While browsing records found in the archives recently, I found some interesting tales about families who worshipped at Trinity. Do you remember these folks? The stories were in a church newsletter published in the mid 1950s.

WRONG JACKET SOLD AT RUMMAGE SALE

Some mighty chagrined women were conducting a rummage sale at the Emil Meyer garage (do you remember that business? It was located just off Main Street in Benton Harbor near the old Twin City Recreation bowling center... just checking to see if you remember.)

The women holding the rummage are looking for a man who bought a tan, fur-lined navy jacket from them so they could buy it back. The coat was not theirs to sell. Here is how it happened.

Two electricians employed in installing lights in a new unused portion of the garage, laid their coats on a table when they went to work. When they returned later, the coats were gone.

"Oh my heavens!" exclaimed the women who were conducting the rummage sale for Trinity Lutheran Church's Girl Scouts. "You don't suppose we could have picked them up and put them on the sale rack?"

A hurried examination of clothing racks revealed one coat, but the other was missing.

"A tan fur-lined jacket?" queried one of the women. "Why yes, there was one on a rack over there. I sold it to a man just a few minutes ago." "But lady, that was my jacket" exclaimed the electrician.

Redfaced, the women hurriedly began an investigation. They called stores where they thought he might have gone, asking them to be on the lookout for a man in a tan fur-lined navy jacket. A reward was offered for the return of the jacket. (I don't know if the jacket was ever found.)

WINNERS IN BABY PHOTO CONTEST

Eighteen babies, ages 6 months through 2 years, were photographed at the Bonnie Studio on Main Street during the month of March 1955 for a contest which was judged by the public casting votes for one of the babies.

Out of a total of 588 votes, Larry Engler received 178 votes which won him a \$100 bond. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Engler. Richey Wiener won a \$50 bond and Craig Zupke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zupke, won a \$35 bond with a total of 83 votes. (Larry and Craig's parents are members of Trinity.)

I wonder what else can be discovered in the archives. There were, and are, many wonderful people who call Trinity Lutheran Church home.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Book Club

End of Your Life Book Club, by Will Schwalbe

The inspiring story of a son and his dying mother, who form a "book club" that brings them together as her life comes to a close. Mary Anne Schwalbe is waiting for her chemotherapy treatments when Will casually asks her what she's reading. The conversation they have grows into tradition: soon they are reading the same books so they can have something to talk about in the hospital waiting room. The ones they choose range from classic to popular, from fantastic to spiritual, and we hear their passion for reading and their love for each other in their intimate and searching discussions. A profoundly moving testament to the power of love between a child and parent, and the power of reading in our lives.

WHEN: Saturday, August 18th
10:30-11:30 am

WHERE: Biggby's Coffee
COORDINATOR: Nancy Pedde

Sleeping Mat Ministry

The Sleeping Mat Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist in cutting plastic grocery bags or table cloths, assembling the bags into plarn (plastic yarn), and crocheting the plarn into mats. Once mats are completed, they will be distributed into our community to the homeless. This is something that can be done at home. You are also invited to come to the Plarn Group, which meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 2-4pm, in the Lighthouse Cafe. The most important thing that we all can do is keep those that are homeless in our prayers. For more information, please contact the church office.

Nurse's Corner

Jan Yelding, RN, Parish Nurse

Concussions

There has been a lot of media surrounding concussions and concussion protocols. As parents we have a right to be concerned. Being informed is one of the best ways to help our children in case of an injury. The following information is taken from the Sports Concussion Institute.

- Appears dazed or confused
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets sports plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality change
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

Also, listen to your child and determine if he/she describes feeling any of the following symptoms:

Physical Symptoms (Body)

- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Balance Problems
- Dizziness
- Sensitivity to Light
- Sensitivity to Noise
- Visual Problems
- Numbness or Tingling
- Neck Pain

Cognitive Symptoms (Mind)

- Fogginess
- Feeling "Slowed Down"
- Trouble Concentrating
- Troubles with Memory
- Change in Smell
- Change in Taste
- Ringing in the Ear

Emotional Symptoms (Feelings)

- Irritability (Grumpy)
- Sadness
- More Emotional than Usual
- Nervous or Anxious

Maintenance Symptoms (Energy)

- Fatigue (Body is Tired)
- Drowsy (Mind is Tired)
- Sleeping Less than Usual
- Sleeping More than Usual
- Trouble Falling or Staying Asleep
- Change in Appetite
- Change in Energy Levels

If you observe any of these signs, be sure to tell them to your medical provider.

Seek immediate medical attention if your child experiences any of the following signs after the injury:

- Headaches that Worsen
- Neck Pain
- Unusual Behavior Change
- Weakness/Numbness in Arms/Legs
- Looks Very Drowsy (Cannot be Awakened)
- Repeated Vomiting
- Focal Neurologic Signs (Lacerations, Fractures, Bruising, Raised Skin, etc.)
- Change in State of Consciousness
- Can't Recognize People or Places
- Increased Confusion or Irritability
- Slurred Speech
- Seizures

A CT Scan, MRI, or another imaging method may be administered in the Emergency Department of a hospital for the purposes of either diagnosing or ruling out a structural abnormality to the brain or skull following the injury. What to watch for in the days & weeks after suffering a concussion?

Mild traumatic brain injuries typically require days or weeks to recover from, depending on gender, age, activity level, concussion history, and many other personal factors. However, recovery from some mild traumatic brain injuries can take months or even years. Every person's brain and injury situation is unique, and recovery must be tailored to the needs of the individual. While some youth athletes do not feel a disruption in their life after having sustained a concussion, many find that their ability to effectively perform academic and other lifestyle activities (e.g., driving a car) is greatly affected by a concussive incident. In any case, lingering problems following a concussion should be a signal that you should consult with a healthcare professional properly trained in concussion management.

Protocol for concussion management

In many cases, concussion management consists primarily of requiring the individual to rest, and sometimes restricting them from physical and cognitive exertion. During this time of recovery, it is important to avoid the activities that require excessive brain activation, which may include texting, spending a prolonged time on the computer, listening to loud music, and so on.

Return to Play stepwise approach

Although each concussion is treated on an individual basis, there are a set of Return to Play guidelines that are generally accepted by trained healthcare professionals. Additionally, a graduated approach is also taken for returning a child to his/her academic environments because a concussion also

affects the brain's ability to function, regardless of the nature of the task (i.e., physical, cognitive, emotional, etc.). This can include a slower processing speed, deficits in concentration and memory, and attentional and organizational deficiencies that affect academic performance.

Concussion myths and facts

You cannot go to sleep after a concussion: Myth. As long as the symptoms are not getting any worse and new symptoms do not arise during the first minutes and hours immediately following a concussion, it's recommended that if you need to sleep, you should. This is the brain's way of beginning the healing process. If you notice any new symptoms or existing symptoms get worse, it is recommended that you seek emergency medical attention.

Any healthcare professional can treat a concussion: Myth.

Concussions are a complex injury and require a specialized and multi-disciplinary approach to treatment. Not every healthcare professional is fully trained in the empirically-driven methods for assessment and treatment of concussion. In fact, some research surveys purport that only 68% of graduated chief residents were comfortable in managing sport-related concussions. It is a very unique injury, one that often requires the specialized training offered by neuropsychologists and neurologists.

Athletes don't always know when they've received a

concussion: Fact. Athletes will not always acknowledge that they have sustained a concussion. Consciously, an athlete may underreport their symptoms, minimize the severity of the injury, and/or attempt to play through the pain.

Subconsciously, they may even be unaware of how to recognize subtle symptoms, how many previous concussions they've actually had (e.g., "Bell Rung"), or fear being removed from play for an extended period of time.

Concussions can occur without hitting the head directly: Fact.

In the case of whiplash, for instance a forceful blow to the neck or body can cause the brain to accelerate and decelerate within the skull, resulting in axonal shearing or tearing at the site of injury.

It is safe for a child to return to play if the symptoms are still present but less intense: Myth.

Experts from around the world agree that no athlete should be allowed to return to physical activity until totally asymptomatic (showing no symptoms). After a concussion, the brain needs rest and time to heal, and this cannot happen when it is subjected to physical activity (athletic), cognitive exertion (classroom), and the emotional up's and down's that characterize a youth's behavior patterns (life). Returning a child or teenager to physical and cognitive activities before symptoms dissipate risks further injury, decreases in performance, and potentially debilitating long-term effects such as depression, anxiety, and in some cases, chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

Stewardship

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving | An introduction of Stewardship to the congregation

Young friends, do you know about the life of St. Francis of Assisi? He was one of the most fascinating Christians who ever lived! You will be astounded as you find out about this very faithful follower of our Lord.

You should know that St. Francis believed and taught that the world and all that exist in it: people, animals, plants, mountains, insects, and so forth, were all gifts of God's love. According to the Bible, immediately after God finished creating everything: "God saw everything he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31) He believed that since God created the earth and all good things in it, that God intended for us to be stewards (or caretakers) of the world.

St. Francis did his part. He lovingly cared for the earth and all on it as best he could. Every man was his brother; every woman his sister. He even thought of animals as his brothers and sisters. He cared for them all. It is said that one day he saw a worm crawling on a road, picked it up and carried it to a place where it would be safe. After all, did not God have a purpose for the worm? It could help cultivate the soil for one thing. It could be used to catch a fish for another. There are many stories of Francis, another of which is in this month's issue of Stewardship. It will help you think about how God has provided for you and how you can show gratitude to God.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for St. Francis and his wonderful example of caring for the earth and all its inhabitants. Amen

August Anniversaries

Michael & Jordan Zaluckyj	8/1/2015	
Glenn & Lorraine Eckert	8/2/1958	60th
Tom & Terry Bird	8/4/1988	30th
Pastor Jim & Liz Eggert	5/5/1967	51st
Jim & Sue Riemland	8/6/1988	30th
Russ & Pam Stewart	8/6/1971	
John & Beth Griesbaum	8/8/1987	
Doug & Sherry Clem	8/8/1987	
Ryan & Brittany Mohney	8/8/2015	
Roger & Chris Petzke	8/10/1974	
Loren & Helen Wilson	8/13/1966	52nd
John & Susan Sukup	8/14/1982	
Alton & Millie Wendzel	8/14/1954	64th
Rev. Thomas & Susan Batsky	8/16/1980	
Walter & Karen Gresens	8/19/1961	57th
Rev. Michael & Amy Roth	8/19/1995	
Bryan & Heidi Sorensen	8/19/2000	
Cathy & Al Vossler	8/20/1988	30th
Robert & Brenda Karsten	8/22/1992	
Mike & Peri Hansen	8/22/1981	
Dave & Cyndi Ursprung	8/22/1994	
Eric & Robyn Wendzel	8/24/1996	
Tom & Barb Butler	8/25/1956	62nd
Vince & Dianne Fernan	8/26/1978	
Dave & Bonnie Johnson	8/26/1978	40th
Charles & Alice Koch	8/27/1960	58th
Jaimie & Denise Lenardson	8/27/1988	30th
Patrick & Christi Mangold	8/29/2003	15th
James & Tina Machacek	8/31/1985	
Mike and Kristy Vasta	8/31/1985	



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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**

GENERAL FUND	2016-2017			2017-2018		
	ANNUAL BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,326,346.50	\$2,067,679.12	88.88%	\$2,137,668.31	\$2,328,409.22	108.92%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,267,240.50	\$2,177,179.29	96.03%	\$2,076,860.04	\$2,079,932.28	100.15%
REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES	\$59,106.00	-\$109,500.17	-185.26%	\$60,808.27	\$248,476.94	408.62%

	6/30/2017	6/30/2018
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Church Extension Fund Mortgage	\$865,967.77	(\$69,810.69) \$796,157.08
TOTAL DEBT	\$865,967.77	(\$69,810.69) \$796,157.08

WEEKLY ENVELOPE & PLATE	Contributions	Over/(Under) to Meet Budget	YTD Over/(Under) Budget
June 3, 2018	\$14,735.81	\$283.89	(\$9,173.70)
June 10, 2018	\$12,714.08	-\$1,737.84	(\$10,911.54)
June 17, 2018	\$11,265.75	-\$3,186.17	(\$14,097.72)
June 24, 2018	\$13,266.85	-\$1,185.07	(\$15,282.79)
Totals	\$51,982.49	-\$5,825.20	
<i>Weekly Envelope & Plate Budget Needed:</i>		\$14,451.92	

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

CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT--JUNE, 2018	
DAILY LOW BALANCE	\$537,174.62
DAILY HIGH BALANCE	\$625,126.29
DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH	\$579,173.45

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | May 2017–May 2020

As of June 30, 2018

Pledged \$931,582 | Contributed \$524,260

Debt Retirement \$25,106 | Exterior Facility \$13,621

ECC & School Renovation \$233,107 | Parking Lot Initiative \$200,000 complete

Michigan District Tithe - \$52,426

Your Capital Campaign Contributions are helping us in the stewardship of the facilities God has blessed us with. In June, we were able to replace portions of the cement outside of the Ministry Center. This was necessary for safety purposes as well as to improve drainage away from the building and prevent seepage into the basement.

Early Childhood Center Renovations plans continue to move forward. To God be the Glory.

Daily Lectionary

- 8/1 1 Samuel 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 (21:1-23:29);
 1 Corinthians 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 (27:1-28:2); 1 Cor. 5:1-13
 8/12 1 Sam. 28:3-25 (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 (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); 13:1-13
 8/23 1 Kings 3:1-15 (3:16-4:34); 2 Cor. 1:1-22
 8/24 1 Kings 5:1-18 (6:7-50); 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 (14:1-16:28);
 2 Cor. 8:1-24
 8/31 1 Kings 16:29-17:24; 2 Cor. (10:1-13:14)
 9:1-15

Sundays and Feast Days

- 8/5 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost) Exodus
 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35
 8/12 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost) 1 Kings
 19:1-8; Eph. 4:17-5:2; John 6:35-51
 8/19 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Proverbs
 9:1-10 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Eph. 5:6-21;
 John 6:51-59
 8/26 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)
 Isaiah 29:11-19; Eph. 22-33; Mark 7:1-13

We Are Celebrating...

The following Trinity Members are celebrating birthdays this month:

- 8/1 Marilyn Lippert, Marion Milnikel (93), Erika Wood
 8/2 Maddie Balinski, Lauren Clem, McKenzie Clem, Sandra Hettig,
 Allandra Johnson, Melissa Saunders
 8/3 Maximillian Arney, Kelly Klank, Lucas Petzke, Millie Wendzel (86)
 8/4 Martha Davis, Linda Huff, Roger Reddel, Earl Small
 8/5 Rebecca Allen, Jessica Drife, Parker Hasse, Michael Rushlow
 8/6 Andrea Beck, Chase DeCamp, Amy Iliff, Sheila Kroonblawd,
 Sue Vanderbee
 8/7 Jenna Ashmead, Cassidy Helsley, Kimberly Klaer,
 Natalie Schroeder
 8/8 Kevin Bury, Daryll Milnikel, Lars Petzke, Bill Schmidt, Justin West,
 Abigail Whitaker
 8/9 Les LaMarre, Jackie Pudell, David Sorget
 8/10 Jeanne Feltner, Stevie Mims, Matthew Peirce,
 Edward Siedenstrang, Elizabeth Wagner (83)
 8/11 Amber Armstrong, Grace Chisek, Mary Jane Hiler, Steve Mims,
 Geoff Parrett, Charles Poll, Jay Schroeder, Colin Wiederwax
 8/12 Andrew Doroh, Evelyn Fisher, Tristan Hammond, Ellie Smith
 8/13 David Bartloff, Stephen Lockman, Christine Petzke,
 Brooke Siedenstrang
 8/14 Allison Desenzio, Michael Varney
 8/15 Julie Addis, Miranda Ask, Randy Dechert, Joanne Hodgson,
 Michael Peirce
 8/16 James Ball, Nicholas Boff, Tom Jeffers, Katlyn Ketcham,
 Debra Vandenberg, Shannon Whorton
 8/17 Elise Bradford, Marc Freudenburg, Kimberly Hess, Scott Kizer,
 Janet Radde, Dean Schmaltz, Matthew Tilley, Kelsey West
 8/18 Linda Frazier, Michael Overley, Amanda Perry, Lindsey Ridenour,
 Michael Siemans, Allison Tilly
 8/19 Jill Golden, Jack Halstead, Matthew Hannan, Erin Murray,
 Emily Raschke, Cathy Tilley, Stephen Warren, Michael Ziemke
 8/20 William Pyatt, Ronald Schults, David Stygar
 8/22 Aimee Brady, Shelley Chisek, Norma Effink, Anna Pearson
 8/23 Steve Cayo, Jaysen Field, Andrew Huff, Ron Pape (88),
 Shannon Tesar, Laura White
 8/24 Maddox Iliff, Allison Millward, Cori Newman,
 Melissa Siedenstrang
 8/25 Khristina Baker, Charles Barchett, Maya Brady, Karen Fisher,
 Alyssa Hannan, Karen Kuechenmeister, Janet Lambrecht
 8/27 Charles DeVore, Dawn Rynearson, Ann Schroeder, Ethan Valdes
 8/28 Tyler Archer, Christine Bieri, Mandi Coburn, Brittany Hardin,
 Bradley King, Michelle Knuth, Helen Server, Russell Smith,
 James Tilly
 8/29 Charlene Brady, Barbara Karstens, Colette Metzger (81),
 Emily Small
 8/30 Mark Addis, Noah Engel, Joel Roth, Jerry Schlaack, Brian Schmidt
 8/31 Brian Berndt, Bill Haase, Michael Riemland, David Ruff,
 James Russell, Jennifer Siek, Louise Skibbe (101)

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This Month at Trinity

August 2018

Weekly Events

Sunday

Worship, 8 & 10:30a, Sanctuary
 Contemporary, 9:15, Solid Rock Cafe
 HS / Jr. High Bible Study, 9:15-10:15a, Room #205
 Adult Bible Study-Mark, 9:15-10:15a, CFH
 Senior High Youth Group, 6:30-8p, SRC
 (every other Sunday)

Monday

MLT Bible Study, 11:30a-12:30p, LHC
 Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC (2nd & 4th Mondays)
 Men's Basketball, 6-8p, Gym

Tuesday

Care Team, 11a-noon, MCB

Wednesday

Mid-week Worship, 6:30p, S

Thursday

Contemporary Praise Team Practice, 7-9p, SRC

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Wednesday, 8/1

ECC Renovation Meeting, 6:30-8p, CFH

Friday, 8/3

Saturday, 8/4

Whitcomb Bible Study, 10a

Wedding, 11:00a, S

Sunday, 8/5

Installation of Melissa Graham, Dir. of Youth & Family Ministry; Vicar Jakob Andrzejewski, & Michael Johnson, teacher

Social Ministry Door Offering

Sr Youth Group, 6:30p, SRC

Monday, 8/6

Bd of Education Mtg, 6:30-8:30p, MC-1st fl

Lakeview Terrace Bible Study, 6:30-8p

Tuesday, 8/7

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

Ladies Aid Meeting, 7-9p, LHC

Wednesday, 8/8

Senior Worship & Potluck, 11a-1p, LHC

Friday, 8/10

Connected Articles Due

Sunday, 8/12

Sundaes on Sunday, 4-5p, LHC

Monday, 8/13

Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC

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

Wednesday, 8/18

Faculty Meeting

SAGES, 11:30a, Brown Bag Concert

Royalton Manor Communion Worship, 10a

Whitcomb Towers Communion Worship, 1p

PLEASE NOTE...

Ladies Aid Meeting, Tuesday, August 7th, 7-9p, LHC

Senior Worship & Meal, Wednesday, August 8th, 11a-1p, LHC

Plarn Gathering, Monday, August 13th & 27th, 2-4p, LHC

Blood Pressure Clinic, Sunday, August 19th, 8:45-10:45a, room 104

SAGES, Wednesday, August 17th, 11:30a, Bluff park

Mobile Food Pantry, Thursday, August 23rd, 4:00p, MC Parking lot

Community Dinner, Saturday, August 26th, 11:30a-1p, LHC

Soup Kitchen, Tuesday, August 28th, 10a

Thursday, August 16

Faculty Meeting

Parent Information Night, Gym, 4-7p

Friday, 8/17

Faculty Meeting

Saturday, 8/18

Women's Book Club, 10:30-11:30a, Biggby Coffee

Sunday, 8/19

Blood Pressure Clinic, 8:45-10:45a, Rm # 104

Sr Youth Group, 6:30p, SRC

Monday, 8/20

SW Teachers Meeting, 8a-3p, School & S

Ministry Committee Mtg, 6:30-8:30p, MC-1st floor

Tuesday, 8/21

Caretel Communion Worship Service, 10:30a

Thursday, 8/23

Mobile Food Pantry, 4p, MC Parking Lot & LHC

Saturday, 8/25

Community Dinner, 11:30a-1p, LHC

Sunday, 8/26

School & ECC Tours

Monday, 8/27

First day of school – ½ day

Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC

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

Tuesday, 8/28

Soup Kitchen, 10a

"GRIEF SHARE"

Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Begins Thursday, September 11th 6:30pm, Trinity Ministry Center

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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Questions? Suggestions?

Contact Betty Perrone at Church office.

Faith in Verse by Bob Lawrence

*I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am:
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
(I am Jesus' Little Lamb, verse one, LSB 740)*



Someone could easily picture children singing this verse in a Sunday School class or during an infant baptism. It sounds so innocent and sweet to hear, just like the children for whom it seems to be written. So why is it in an adult hymnal? Isn't it oddly out of place? Hardly. In all that "sweetness" there is an important lesson for every adult Christian.

The point it makes for all Christians, young and old, is that in the eyes of God we are all children. It is true that in this world there are serious matters that must be taken care of like earning a living, buying a home, or preparing for retirement. But in the endless scope of eternity even the most important affairs we have in our brief lives are child's play. God knows our "needs" and "provides" for us, but His plan for us goes far beyond our earthly needs.

When He "gently guides" us, it is not toward a prosperous life but rather towards a well-prepared after-life. It is so easy to get wrapped up in the excitement of shiny new vehicles or the sheen of granite countertops, but these are mere games in the grand scheme of God's plan for our salvation that are at best compared to hide and go seek. How God must smile at His adult children as we chase after all the transient things in our lives.

The good news is that despite our short-sightedness our Father still "loves us ev'ry day the same" by even calling each of us to Himself by our name, just like a parent does for his own precious children. That is enough to help each of us children live "ever glad at heart" until we are reunited with our Father in Heaven.