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So, What are Your Plans for this Summer? ~Rev. Michael J. Roth

The above question is probably the most asked of students at this time of year. Whether the student is an elementary, high school, or college-curious student, questioners know that their schedules will change during the summer. The answers would probably range from get a job, to go to camp, to take a vacation. For many the schedule doesn't change that much during the summer, but there will probably be more time spent outdoors, over the grill, on the beach, in the lake, or on vacation. This is probably one of the reasons why people love the summertime. This time of year affords us with many opportunities to mix up the schedule a bit and do something different and enjoyable.

One of the things I plan to do this summer is teach Homiletics in South Sudan during the month of July. I am looking forward to this opportunity because the students at Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry are so grateful to be learning to be pastors. We take our educational opportunities for granted, but they treasure every bit of wisdom we have to share. Both my students and I are thankful for the support and opportunity afforded by Trinity to make this happen. Your participation in this mission and educational endeavor is a great blessing to the people who will receive the ministry of the young men at the seminary in Yambio, S. Sudan.

Another way that Trinity can support the work of the church in S. Sudan is by supporting the ministry of Vicar McCalley and Deacon Kizer while I am gone. Together they will conduct the services, visit the sick and homebound, and "keep things afloat" while I am gone. Pray for them, as well as for me, during this time.

I would like to challenge you to spend some time this summer also serving at Trinity. During the month of June we need

Vacation Bible School volunteers. Please contact the church office or Debby Miskill. We could also use volunteers as we host the Michigan District Youth Servant Event, which will take place again this year June 26-30 in Benton Harbor. We will be hosting a group of youth from Frankenmuth, and serving in a variety of capacities in the community. Talk with me or Scott Kizer about this opportunity. Also, consider serving on the Church Council or one of the boards. Elections will occur in June, and we always need people willing to serve.

One of the goals I have for this coming fall is to start some additional small groups. I am planning on offering some training in August with the goal of starting some small groups in September. Maybe you would be the right person to lead or host a small group Bible study in your home or at church. Please pray about this and if you are interested, let me know. Most definitely plan to attend a Bible study this coming fall when new ones are offered.

Use these summer months to enjoy God's creation and study His Word. Challenge yourself to take a few moments every day to read Portals of Prayer or some other section of the Bible. Consider reading a good Christian book to expand your knowledge of theology or the Christian life. At the very least, set as your goal faithful worship attendance throughout the summer. Do not let the laziness of the summer months foster a lethargic spiritual life.

What are your plans for the summer? Let's take encouragement from Peter, who ended his second epistle by urging, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Pt. 3:18)

**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

Last month, the 13,000th congregation enrolled in the Stephen Series! We took a moment at the Leader's Training Course in St. Louis to commemorate this milestone with the 279 pastors and lay leaders in attendance.

Stephen Ministry began 43 years ago as a team of nine laypeople in a small classroom at Rev. Kenneth Haugk's St. Louis congregation. It has since grown to involve thousands of congregations around the world and transform millions of lives. We praise God for the ministry that has resulted, and we're thankful for the more than 70,000 Stephen Leaders and 600,000-plus Stephen Ministers offering Jesus' healing love to those experiencing difficult times.



As Stephen Ministry continues to grow, we pray for God's blessings so that many more people will be equipped to bring Christ's love to people in need of care.

May God bless you and your ministry, as you care for those who are hurting.

*In Christ, Joel Bretscher,
Program Director*

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



Did You Know?

Trinity Lutheran Church & School, St Joseph, MI joined Stephen Ministry in 2006. Since then:

- Trinity has trained 40 Stephen Ministers.
- Trinity has sent 10 members to be trained as Stephen Leaders.
- Trinity has served dozens of Care Receivers.
- Trinity currently has 8 active Stephen Ministers ready and willing to serve YOU!
- Trinity's Stephen Ministers share Gods Love, with Gods People!

If you have ever thought about joining this caring ministry, please pray and see if God is leading you to attend the new training sessions beginning in the fall of 2018.

If you would like more information on how to be connected with a Stephen Minister to walk with you through a difficult time, contact the church office or Joyce Rudowske.

Homebound Members

Those that are Homebound...

Irene Barker, WL;
Elsie Damaske, PR;
Gerhardt Doroh, WL;
Dorothy Duschek;
Dianne Fernan;
Lois Fox; WT;
Phil Frobel; WL;
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;
Lill Neubauer;
Jerry Pechtel, PR;
Linda Pedde;
Anna Pesko, WL;
Erv & Deanna Reschke;

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH
IN THE EVENING – 7:00 PM**

**There is a change in where we will be meeting...
THIS MONTH ONLY we will meet in the
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL
(lower level of the church)**

This promises to be an interesting program from the Heritage Center. Many wonderful, interesting events happen and have happened in our community. We need to be aware of them.

A short business meeting will be held with election of officers. Refreshments and Christian fellowship provided.

Please give us the pleasure of your company. Bring a friend!



Plunge in to VBS 2018!

VBS at Trinity has become a program that the community looks forward to. This would not be possible without the **volunteers** who enjoy serving, whether they are assisting in the opening, snack station, craft station, story station, Bible challenge, or games station. There are behind the scene volunteers who assist in many areas such as our tech wizard making sure that the program runs well. There is still time to volunteer where you want to volunteer for a short time each day, such as registration, working on the daily newsletter, or helping out with our grill master in providing a lunch after the closing. You can also join a group and experience the program along with the children. One important way to become part of the Trinity VBS team is to take some time each day in the month of June to pray for The VBS program. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Debby Miskill at 983-5000 or email debby.miskill@discovertrinity.org.

See the Children's page on how to register your child for Vacation Bible School.



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

WEDNESDAY

"THE WIRED WORD" — *Ends June 27th*

The Wired Word class uses questions and Scripture considerations from current events, topics, and happenings in the United States and around the world as a basis for adult, intelligent and provocative discussions. Members of the class are truly thinking about their beliefs and the Biblical applications to their own day-to-day lives.

LEADER: Rich Hackbarth
LOCATION: Lighthouse Cafe
TIME: 6:30-8p

THURSDAY

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Join with a host of other adults for a time of fellowship and study of God's Word. Plenty of breakfast treats abound in this group.

LEADER: Pastor Tom Batsky
LOCATION: Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center
TIME: 9:30am— Coffee and breakfast treats
10:00-11:00am— Bible Study

INTRO TO GREEK *χαίρετε*

It's Greek to me...and Jesus and the New Testament church! Join us Thursdays from 6:15-7:15p, AND Saturdays from 9-10am in the Ministry Center with Vicar as we learn the language of the Gospels. This twice weekly class will provide members with an introduction to reading Greek, basic grammar, and study of select passages in the New Testament. Learning another language is great brain exercise!

LEADER: Vicar Joseph McCalley
LOCATION: Ministry Center
DAY & TIME: Thursdays – 6:15-7:15p; Saturdays – 9-10a

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Put the dates for our 2018 VBS on your calendars now – June 18th – 22nd, 9a-noon. Our theme this year is "SPLASH CANYON". This is sure to be great week as the children learn more about how life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At Splash Canyon, kids discover that Jesus is God's promise on life's wild ride. Registration available on our website or in the church office.

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 - Wednesdays 7:30-9p

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.



From MRS. SUSAN CASE



Growing up, as often as they would have me, I packed my bag and my books and spent a week with my grandparents. Sitting in Trinity's pews, I always thought it would be heaven to call this church and this city "home". Inspired from a very young age by my Kindergarten teacher, and later as her Cadet teacher, I knew that I wanted to be a Lutheran teacher.

As a Lutheran educator, I received my training from Concordia Teachers' College in Seward, Nebraska. Returning from an interim study tour in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. in 1974, I began student teaching in Roseville, Michigan (in second and fifth grades). In 1976, Grandpa told me of the opening here, in Kindergarten, and after speaking with Mr. Eckert, and a Board vote the next night, I was blessed to hear, to feel, to know the Call came, and the answer too... "*Here am I, send me.*" After working as a Volunteer Youth Minister in Japan, the Lord directed my steps to teach Preschoolers, Kindergarteners, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Graders; Mrs. Ejiri, student teachers, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School, RAINBOWS for All God's Children; to volunteer as a chaplain, and to teach educators and students from Russia here and there.

Thank you for the joys of worshiping with you at each of our many, and special, services. The strength of your support has been significant, as personal and worldly events impacted our lives. Teaching you, your children, and your grandchildren over the years has truly been an adventure. God has richly blessed me with precious experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

I look forward, now, to working with my husband until he retires. We will be offering parent care to his mom at her home. Our children look forward to visits from us, and with us here, where our lives took root and grew to prosper.

May you, too, give thanks for all that He has done: *For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son...that all who believe would have eternal life!* Heaven is really "home."

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

In memory of Helen Lambrecht:

Jim & Jeri Cook
 Marion Milnikel
 Reinhard & Donna Lippert
 Steinke Family Reunion
 Jim & Nancy Tomczyk
 Louise Berndt & family
 Shoreham Highlands Condo Assoc.
 Todd & Adrienne Kurtz
 Randy & Ruthann Enos
 Kathy Thornton
 Ed & Pat Steinke
 Tom & Carol Hess
 Glenn & Lorraine Eckert
 Karl & Jane Seng
 Donna Janke & family
 Roger & Chris Petzke
 Dorothy Mutz
 Alton & Millie Wendzel
 Paul & Kim Landeck



Helen Lambrecht continued:

Mary Masker
 Kaye Lavee Swanson
 Paul & Jean Hess
 Arnie Weaver
 Marvin & Jacquelyn Kushman
 Bill & LuAnn Mashke
 William & Jill Rauh
 Ken & Anne Vandermolen
 Marcie Schalon
 Ann Finta
 Tom & Jenifer Milnikel

In memory of Margie Muhlhauser:

Anna Pesko
 Carl & Joy Powley

In memory of Rick Halliday:

Pete & Linda Fellows

In memory of Sally Freudenburg:

Alton & Millie Wendzel

In memory of Ella Klank:

Walt & Katie Ittermann
 Heidi Skalecki & family
 Al Kasewurm
 Butch & Kaye Totzke
 Mike & Ann Duensing
 Evelyn Warneboldt
 Scott & Ina Krenek
 Ed & Susan Kretchman

In memory of Claude "Fred" Miller:

Ron & Mary Patzer
 Pete & Linda Fellows

Trinity Lutheran School & Early Childhood Center News

School News

Trinity Lutheran School has once again passed the National Lutheran School Accreditation review. We are excited after the team spent over two days talking to one hundred people and reviewing over one hundred pages of documents, that they found Trinity to be a quality program of Christian Education as evidenced by its thorough self study and acknowledged by the visiting team.

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving to our Lord who has blessed Trinity with such gifts.

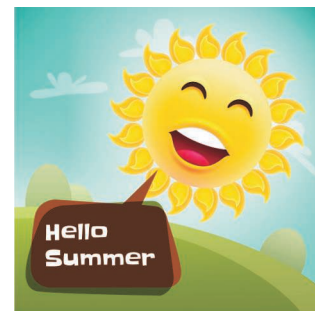
Summer Schedule

- June 4th
School Picnic Kiwanis Park
- June 5th
8th grade Graduation and Reception 6:30
- June 6th
Closing Chapel Last day of school

ECC

Summer is here!! We love summer here in the ECC. We have so many fun things planned for the summer and can't wait to get started. We have lots of field trips planned and fun activities planned too. We are super glad to have our playground for this summer and can't wait to spend lots of time on it! We are praying for a great summer weather-wise! The capital campaign is working hard to raise the funds for both phases of our renovation project. We are hoping to start work sometime this year. We are excited for all the changes it will bring! Thank you all for your support in prayers and contributions to the capital campaign. We couldn't do it without you!

*Blessings,
Robyn Adams, Director*



OFFICIAL ACTS from April 2018

MEMBERSHIP GAINS

Baptisms

- Ellie Primerano – born 5/17/04, baptized 4/15/18; daughter of Ernest Primerano & Dawn Gettig
- William Jeffers – born 4/5/18, baptized 4/15/18; son of Thomas & Elizabeth (Knefelkamp) Jeffers
- Annabelle Pudell – born 2/27/14, baptized 4/18/18; daughter of Daniel & Rachel (Karnes) Pudell
- Charlotte Pudell – born 10/14/16, baptized 4/18/18; daughter of Daniel & Rachel (Karnes) Pudell

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Deaths

- Richard Halliday – died 4/4/18, buried 4/10/18
- Mitchell Hayes – died ?, buried 4/26/18
- Helen Lambrecht – died 4/12/18, buried 4/21/18
- Cheryl Hendrix – died 4/18/18, buried 4/27/18

Removals / Release

- Maureen Lindsay – requests to be removed from membership

OTHER OFFICIAL ACTS

Weddings

- Brian Hillen & Katherine Robinson – married 4/21/18

Funerals

- Michael LaVanway – died 4/8/18, buried 4/12/18
- Leonard Steinke –died 4/16/18, buried 4/26/18

Children's Ministries

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

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Registration is now open. Go to our website or stop by the church office.



Youth News

Junior High Youth

EVENTS

June 1-3—MI District Youth Gathering in Frankenmuth

Confirmation

June 13th—5-6th Grade Acolyte Training

FUNDRAISERS

7/14-7/15—Krasl Art Festival Parking

Senior High

FUNDRAISERS

7/4—4th of July Parking



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

Tuesday, June 19th, from 11 am to 1:30 pm

Sages will be presenting an in-house informational presentation on adult day care and senior home care at the Ministry Center. We will be featuring four (4) different speakers to enlighten us with knowledge on how we don't have to go into a nursing or assisted living care facility when we decide it is time for daily help—there are other choices.

Join us at the Ministry Center at 11 am for our informational talks/hand outs and of course, lunch will follow.

A \$4.00 per person fee is appreciated to offset the costs of having the speakers and the lunch. Please RSVP to church office, 983-5000 by June 15th.



Community Outreach Statistics April 2018

Soup Kitchen

137 served – 9 volunteers

Benevolent Fund

9 applications | 5 pledges

Food Truck

114 registered | 277 family members | 2 new families
Volunteers – 21 adults, 1 Michigan Lutheran High
School student, 1 Trinity Student
6,304 pounds of food

Community Dinner

46 served – 10 volunteers

Sort-N-Share

24 households | 7 volunteers

Prayer Requests

20

Kids Feeding Kids

112 weekly

PLARN Sleeping Mat Ministry

7 volunteers

Mats are distributed to shelters in the area and as requested individually

Our Sleeping Mat Ministry was blessed with a huge donation of plastic grocery bags from a school ministry project in Baroda. Thousands of bags were delivered to the Ministry Center by our Parish Nurse, Jan Yelding. The volunteers in this group will turn these bags into plastic yarn (PLARN) which will then be crocheted into sleeping mats for the homeless. These beautiful plastic mats provide a barrier between the hard/cold/damp ground and the individual. We have been able to share mats with the homeless here in Berrien County as well as in Flint, Michigan.

Did you know that our program inspired Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay, TX to form their own PLARN group. This group was recently featured in the Houston Chronicle and has provided hundreds of mats to the homeless in Texas. God's people can do amazing things!

If you would like more information or if you would like to volunteer for one of our outreach programs, contact Tracie Berghaus @ 269-983-0040, ext. 200. Our dedicated volunteers are the key in making our outreach programs a success. Volunteering is a great way to have fun, make new friends and serve God!

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

Jacob Long, Army, stationed at Ft. Sill, OK, son of Jim and Suzy Russell

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, he has returned from the Middle East, Grandson of Bill & Margo Pyatt

Tech Sergeant, John Pyatt, US Air Force, returned from the Middle East, stationed in Minneapolis, MN, 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.

FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES

By Janet Frazier

Fred Ollhoff's father was the lighthouse keeper in St. Joseph after being transferred here in 1916. The family attended church at Trinity. The children attended Trinity Lutheran School and were confirmed. Esther Ollhoff, a daughter, was later Trinity's church secretary for many years. Fred was very active in the church, serving on many church boards, building committees, and more. He served in the armed forces in WWII.

One thing disturbed Fred very much. That was the Church Directory Board. Until the '50s, the directory board was located on the lawn between the two front entrances on Court Street. "Trinity needed something other than the rusty pipe supports and the rotting woodwork of that old Directory Board."

And so, when traveling around Michigan, Fred took pictures of directory boards at other churches. Finally he found one he liked. Taking pictures and thoughts to the Board of Trustees to get their approval, he then made working drawings for the new structure.

His employer, M. W. Stock Construction Company supplied much of the concrete and brick materials. Other members helped in the construction. Louis Wildemann did the glass and metal portions of the job, and with Fred they were able to do the woodworking and electrical wiring needed, including a timeclock to control the lighting. Louis Vieregge helped with painting. A sign panel with letters and numbers were purchased from Concordia Publishing House. A sign painter was hired to paint the name of the church on the new sign. Expenses for the project were paid by Gustave Damaske, Sr. If you look closely, there is a small plaque at the base of the structure with Mr. Damaske's name. This new Church Board was relocated to the corner where it stands now.

This, my friends, is another example of the love and caring Trinity's members have had for their church home in the past, and that love still extends into the present.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Book Club

A Light Between the Oceans by M.L. Stedman

A captivating, beautiful, and stunningly accomplished debut novel that opens in 1918 Australia - the story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife who make one devastating choice that forever changes two worlds. Australia, 1926... After four harrowing years fighting on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns home to take a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, and shore leaves are granted every other year at best, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. Tom, whose records as a lighthouse keeper are meticulous and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel has taken the tiny baby to her breast. Against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice has devastated one of them. M. L. Stedman's mesmerizing, beautifully written, debut novel seduces us into accommodating Isabel's decision to keep this "gift from God". We are swept into a story about extraordinarily compelling characters seeking to find their North Star in a world where there is no right answer, where justice for one person is another's tragic loss.

WHEN: Saturday, June 16

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.

Congestive Heart Failure Reminders

In a previous issue, I covered some areas of Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), what causes it, and the symptoms. Now I would like to talk about things people with CHF can do to stay as healthy as possible for as long as possible. Catching symptoms early and taking action can keep someone with CHF out of the hospital.

Watching sodium or salt intake, daily weights, regular exercise, quitting smoking, and taking prescribed meds are all important ways to care for your heart.

SODIUM RESTRICTION

Sodium acts like a sponge and makes the body hold water which causes weight to go up, swelling in the legs, and water in the lungs for a person with CHF. It is recommended that people with heart failure limit sodium (salt) to 2,000 mg/day.

Suggestions may include:

- Take the salt shaker off the table
- Cook with flavorful seasonings
- Read food labels
- Increase intake of fresh fruits and vegetables
- Choose fresh fish, poultry, and meat over processed

Food to limit or avoid:

- Canned foods
- Processed meats
- Fast foods
- Soda pop
- Condiments (Catsup, barbeque sauce, soy sauce)
- Tomato juice

DAILY WEIGHTS

Your target weight is where your heart is working best

- Weigh in the morning before breakfast and before getting dressed
- Take your medicine as prescribed
- Check for swelling in your feet, ankles and stomach
- Eat low-salt food
- Balance activity and rest periods

EXERCISE

Being more active is one of the best things you can do for your heart failure. Start now, start slow, and be safe.

QUIT SMOKING

MEDICATION

Heart Failure can be controlled with medicine. Taking medication correctly will help your heart pump better and can make you feel better and live longer.

- Organize your pills and take them exactly as ordered
- Do not skip doses
- Discuss any side effects with your doctor before you stop taking them
- DO NOT run out of medicines
- Keep follow up appointments with your doctor

Call your doctor if you:

- Have a weight gain
- Experience more shortness of breath
- Have more swelling of your feet, ankles, legs or stomach
- Have a dry hacky cough
- Feel dizzy
- Feel it is harder for you to breathe when lying down or if you need to sleep sitting up in chair.

Call 911 if you:

- Are struggling to breathe or have unrelieved shortness of breath while sitting still.
- Have chest pain
- Have confusion or can't think clearly.

I have some awesome information about CHF and am willing to work with you ONE ON ONE to help you keep your Congestive Heart Failure under good control.



Stewardship

Money or God?!

God has a lot of competition in the category of what people most desire. Jesus had been watching human behavior for many millennia and saw a sad pattern emerge. He saw it in the materialistic heart of one of his closest friends, one of his own chosen disciples, Judas. He saw how easily money could become an idol, a substitute god that ruled in people's hearts.

He said once, *"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money", (Matthew 6:24).*

How can you tell whom you're serving? If you serve Money, you will find justification for lying and cheating to get it. If you serve Money, you will find justification for stealing it, hoarding it, and flaunting it.

If you serve God, you will acknowledge that it all belongs to God.

You will see yourself only as a temporary manager who is accountable to the great King. You will find greater joy in using money to accomplish God's agenda than in acquiring possessions or experiences for yourself.

If you serve God, you will enjoy being generous with others, since you know with absolute certainty that God will soon replace all that and give you more.

May you be blessed as you serve your Lord in all things.



June Anniversaries

Mark & Michele Booth	6/1/1985	
Brent & Julie Engel	6/2/1990	
Dick & Carol Lockman	6/2/1962	56th
Keith & Stephanie McLaughlin	6/2/2007	
Gerald & Janet Berkholz	6/3/1967	51st
Pete & Linda Fellows	6/3/1978	40th
Bill & Connie Haase	6/3/1989	
Jared & Stephanie Juhl	6/3/2017	1st
Kurt & Kaye Krieger	6/5/2010	
Mike & Sandi Hettig	6/5/1965	53rd
Scott & Shannon Wiederwax	6/7/2008	10th
Gary & Jeannie Scharnowske	6/8/1991	
David & Karen Foster	6/10/2017	1st
Donald & Colette Metzger	6/12/2005	
Dan & Pam Berry	6/13/1992	
Scott & Maureen Bradford	6/14/1997	
Fred & Janet Brecht	6/14/1958	60th
Marcus & Jessica Crast	6/14/2009	
Tom & Jenifer Milnikel	6/14/1975	
David & Jan Kelm	6/16/1974	
LeeRoy & Ann Stelter	6/17/1972	
Ron & Mary Patzer	6/17/1978	40th
John & Darlene Smith	6/17/1961	57th
Kevin & Cynthia Doroh	6/18/1988	30th
Bernie & Linda Lieberg	6/19/1965	53rd
Mike & Cheryl Bury	6/26/1982	
Michael & Amy (Porritt) Peirce	6/27/1987	
Bill & Margo Pyatt	6/27/1964	54th
William & Heather Carle	6/28/2014	
Joseph & Judy Kramer	6/28/1975	
Steve & Mary Shuler	6/28/1974	
Jack & Marian Wagner	6/28/1952	66th
Bill & Jeanne Strine	6/30/1979	

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT—FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2017 through April 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	\$1,788,843.49	76.89%	\$2,194,706.00	\$2,039,418.35	92.92%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,267,240.50	\$1,801,660.22	79.46%	\$2,132,980.80	\$1,712,019.27	80.26%
REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES	\$59,106.00	-\$12,816.73	-21.68%	\$61,725.20	\$327,399.08	530.41%

	6/30/2017		4/30/2018
LONG-TERM DEBT			
Church Extension Fund Mortgage	\$865,967.77	(\$58,855.61)	\$807,112.16
TOTAL DEBT	\$865,967.77	(\$58,855.61)	\$807,112.16

WEEKLY ENVELOPE & PLATE	Contributions	Over/(Under) to Meet Budget	YTD Over/(Under) Budget
April 1, 2018	\$26,005.11	\$11,553.19	\$455.26
April 8, 2018	\$9,462.06	-\$4,989.86	(\$4,534.61)
April 15, 2018	\$17,827.13	\$3,375.21	(\$1,159.40)
April 22, 2018	\$11,031.10	-\$3,420.82	(\$4,580.22)
April 29, 2018	\$13,236.00	-\$1,215.92	(\$5,796.15)
Totals	\$77,561.40	\$5,301.78	
<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--APRIL, 2018	
DAILY LOW BALANCE	\$43,692.13
DAILY HIGH BALANCE	\$279,378.56
DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH	\$198,745.49

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | May 2017–May 2020 from May 2018

As of March 31, 2018

Pledged \$912,440 | Contributed \$492,902

Debt Retirement \$20,420 | Exterior Facility \$11,135

ECC & School Renovation \$212,056 | Parking Lot Initiative \$200,000 complete

Michigan District Tithe - \$49,023

ECC RENOVATION PLANS ARE UNDERWAY

Please continue to remain faithful to your pledge and weekly offerings. God is faithful in providing—trust in Him. If you have not yet made a pledge—forms are available in the narthex, Welcome Center and church office. It is a joy to see God work through His people.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to show our stewardship through the caretaking of our facilities here at Trinity where we are blessed to serve you. Please help us to remain your faithful servants.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Daily Lectionary

- 6/1 Ecclesiastes 8:19-9:17; John 9:1-41
 6/2 Eccl. 10:1-20; Jn. 10:1-20
 6/3 Eccl. 11:1-10; Jn. 10:22-42
 6/4 Eccl. 12:1-14; Jn. 11:1-16
 6/5 Proverbs 1:8-33; Jn. 11:17-37
 6/6 Prov. 3:5-24; Jn. 11:38-57
 6/7 Prov. 4:1-17; Jn. 12:1-19
 6/8 Prov. 5:1-23 (6:1-7:27; John 12:20-36a)
 6/9 Prov. 8:1-21; Jn. 12:36b-50
 6/10 Prov. 8:22-36; Jn. 13:1-20
 6/11 Prov. 9:1-18; Jn. 13:21-38
 6/12 Prov. 10:1-23 (11:1-12:28); Jn. 14:1-17
 6/13 Prov. 13:1-25; Jn. 14:18-31
 6/14 Prov. 14:1-27; Jn. 15:1-11
 6/15 Prov. 15:1-29; Jn. Jn. 15:12-27
 6/16 Prov. 16:1-24; Jn. 16:1-16
 6/17 Prov. 17:1-28 (18:1-20:4); Jn. 16:17-33
 6/18 Prov. 20:5-25 (21:1-31); Jn. 17:1-26
 6/19 Prov. 22:1-21; Jn. 18:1-14
 6/20 Prov. 22:22-23:12; Jn. 18:15-40
 6/21 Prov. 24:1-22; Jn. Jn. 19:1-22
 6/22 Prov. 25:1-22 (28:1-29:27); Jn. 19:23-42
 6/23 Prov. 27:1-24 (28:1-29:27); Jn. 20:1-18
 6/24 Prov. 30:1-9, 18-33; Jn. 20:19-31
 6/25 Prov. 31:10-31; Jn. 21:1-25
 6/26 Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 8:1-25
 6/27 Jos. 2:1-24; Acts 8:26-40
 6/28 Jos. 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22
 6/29 Jos. 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43
 6/30 Jos. 5:1-6:5; Acts 10:1-17

Sundays and Feast Days

- 6/3 (Second Sunday after Pentecost) Deut. 5:12-15;
 2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-38 (3:1-6)
 6/10 (Third Sunday after Pentecost) Gen. 3:8-15;
 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
 6/17 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost) Ezekiel
 17:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:1-10 (11-17); Mark 4:26-34
 6/24 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost) Job 38:1-11;
 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
 6/24 (Nativity of John the Baptist) Isaiah 40:1-5;
 Acts 13:13-26; Luke 1:57-80

We Are Celebrating...

The following Trinity Members are celebrating birthdays this month:

- 6/1 Tom Bird, Rebecca Hartman, Jennifer Malone, Owen Schaefer,
 John Smith
 6/2 Luke Brow, Sharon Carlson, Jennifer Strzyzkowski, Joyce Wendzel
 6/3 Shirley Richter, Adela Schultz (92)
 6/4 Andrea Getz, Gracie Golden, William Hendrix, Milton Reisig (87),
 Margaret Schneider, Rachel Swan
 6/5 Edythe Hedman (84), Amanda Koch, Harry (Bud) Miltibarger III,
 Ronald Olson, Arthur Schmidt, Betty Tilly, Marietta Ziebart
 6/6 Maureen Bradford, Paul Freudenburg (84), Jennifer Guisbert,
 Nils Petzke, Caitlin Rushlow, Emma Schaefer
 6/7 Taylor Culby, Jim Delapa (84), Timmy Newman, David Schmidke
 6/8 James Cook (88), Connie Peterson, Sheryl Reeves, Jennifer Wall
 6/9 Marty Berghaus, Tanner Berghaus
 6/10 Karen Foster, Paul Hall, Katie Hokanson, Maeve Nowicki,
 Ryan Schuh, James Siek
 6/11 Rebecca Boughner, Sharon Burger, Tina Gast, Chuck Jakubs,
 Claramae Leitz (84)
 6/12 Emmalie Allers, April Carson, Barbara Johnson (89),
 Carol Lockman, Betty Perrone, Becky Shuler
 6/13 William Bluschke (81), Andy Radde, Katrina Schaefer
 6/14 Melissa Beaudoin, Ryder Keim, Anne Mason-Stroud,
 Britta Pearson, Samantha Runser, Dr. William Schetter (89),
 Christopher Vincent
 6/15 Jennifer Buckler, LuAnn Raschke
 6/16 Alyssa Chaffee, Marcus Crast, Diane Fleisher, Nick Kolesar,
 Ann McDowell, Jenifer Milnikel
 6/17 Jeffrey Davis, Jennifer Gagliardo, Candyce Kulich, Allianah Sartin,
 Fred Wassilak, Mason Wynegar
 6/18 Leigh Kirby, Daniel Scharrer, Peter Swim
 6/19 Patrick Gast, Gary Scharnowske, Roger Warner, Carl Warren
 6/20 Heather Carle, Landynn Peterson
 6/21 Christin Cooper, Cameron Reeves, Bill Stouffer
 6/22 Cassie Frazee, Nathan Kahne, Stephanie Tilly
 6/23 June Baker, Scott Bradford, David Byers, Kerrie Schlaack,
 Norma Truhn (88)
 6/24 Bryan Sorensen, Jenna Warren
 6/25 Mackenzie Boettger, Gretchen Evans, Kaye Krieger, Maisie Lee,
 William Schadler, Leah Wojahn
 6/26 Ardy Andrews, Erik Carlson, Elna Grau (91), Regina Piontek (83),
 Adam Vanderbee, Duane Ziemke (81)
 6/27 Bradford Berndt, Elsie Damaske (92), Douglas Miller,
 Ardath Poole, Michael Timm, Tobiah Vincent
 6/28 Julie Hannan, James Klug, Fred Leitz III, Marty Siemans,
 Terry Vandenberg, Ross Zerbe
 6/29 Donald Bromagin, John Goldner, William Sievert
 6/30 Andrew Brady, Gabriella Wiskow

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

June 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

Monday

Lifelight Bible Study – 1 & 2 Samuel, 9:30-11a, LHC
 MLT Bible Study, 11:30a-12:30p, LHC
 MLT Meeting, 1:30-3p, MC-1st floor
 Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC (2nd & 4th Mondays)
 Depression & Bipolar Support, 6-8p, LHC
 Men's Basketball, 6-8p, Gym

Tuesday

Quilters, 9-11a, CFH
 Care Team, 11a-noon, MCB
 Adult Instruction Class, 6:30-8:30p, MC-1st floor

Wednesday

Mid-week Worship, 6:30p, S (No service on 6/4)
 Adult Choir practice, 7:30-9p, Music room

Thursday

Intro to Greek, 6:15-7:15, MC
 Contemporary Praise Team Practice, 7-9p, SRC

Saturday

Intro to Greek, 9-10a, MC

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Sunday, 6/3

Social Ministry Door Offering

Monday, 6/4

End of Year School Picnic
 Bd of Education Mtg, 6:30-8:30p, MC-1st fl
 Lakeview Terrace Bible Study, 6:30-8p

Tuesday, 6/5

8th Grade Graduation, 6:30p, S
 Bd of Prop & Finance, 6:30-8:30p, MCB
 Ladies Aid Meeting, 7-9p, LHC
 Graduation Reception, 7:30p, LHC

Wednesday, 6/6

Last Day of School
 School Awards and Chapel, 8-11a, S

Friday, 6/8

Connected Articles Due

Monday, 6/11

Faculty Meeting, 9a-Noon, School
 Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC
 Church Council Meeting, 6:30-9p, MC-2nd fl

Tuesday, 6/12

Faculty Meeting, 9a-Noon, School
 Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed., 6:30-9p, LHC

Wednesday, 6/13

Faculty Meeting, 9a-Noon, School
 Senior Worship & Potluck, 11a-1p, LHC

Thursday, 6/14

Faculty Meeting, 9a-Noon, School

PLEASE NOTE...

8th Grade Graduation, Tuesday, June 5th, 6:30p, S
Graduation Reception, Tuesday, June 5th, 7:30p, LHC
Ladies Aid Meeting, Tuesday, June 5th, 7-9p, CFH
Plarn Gathering, Monday, June 11th & 25th, 2-4p, LHC
Senior Worship & Meal, Wednesday, June 13th, 11a-1p, LHC
Blood Pressure Clinic, Sunday, June 17th, 8:45-10:45a, room 104
Vacation Bible School, Mon. June 18th – Fri. June 22nd, 9a-Noon, Gym

SAGES, Tuesday, June 19th, 11a-1:30p, LHC
Soup Kitchen, Tuesday, June 26th, 10a
Youth Servant Event (from Frankenmuth), Tues. June 26-Sat. June 30th
Mobile Food Pantry, Thursday, June 28th, 4:00p, MC Parking lot
Community Dinner, Saturday, June 30th, 11:30a-1p, LHC

Friday, 6/15

Faculty Meeting, 9a-Noon, School

Saturday, 6/16

Women's Book Club, 10:30-11:30a, Biggby Coffee
 Sella / Raska Wedding, 2p, S

Sunday, 6/17

Father's Day
 Blood Pressure Clinic, 8:45-10:45a, Rm # 104

Monday, 6/18

Vacation Bible School, 9a-noon, Gym
 Bd of Ministry, 6:30-8:30p, MC-1st fl

Tuesday, 6/19

Vacation Bible School, 9a-noon, Gym
 Caretel Communion Worship Service, 10:30a
 SAGES, 10a-1p, Road trip to Shuler Dairy Farms
 Crisis Team, 3:30-5p, school

Wednesday, 6/20

Vacation Bible School, 9a-noon, Gym
 Royalton Manor Communion Worship, 10a
 Whitcomb Towers Communion Worship, 1p

Thursday, 6/21

Vacation Bible School, 9a-noon, Gym

Friday, 6/22

Vacation Bible School, 9a-noon, Gym

Monday, 6/25

Plarn Gathering, 2-4p, LHC
 Bd of Elders, 6:30-9p, MC-2nd floor

Tuesday, 6/26

Youth Servant Event
 Soup Kitchen, 10a
 Stephen Ministry Supervision, 6:30-9p, LHC

Wednesday, 6/27

Youth Servant Event
 Youth Servant Event
 Mobile Food Pantry, 4p, MC Parking Lot & LHC

Friday, 6/29

Youth Servant Event

Saturday, 6/30

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

Join us for Vacation Bible School

"SPLASH CANYON".

Monday, June 18th – Friday, June 22nd

9:00am – Noon, Gymnasium

Register on-line: www.trinitystjoe.org

Or stop in the church office



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

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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 by Bob Lawrence



*Sing with all the saints in glory, / Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, / To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; / Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, / Knowing everlasting peace.
"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" LSB 671 Verse 1*

Although Easter is now well behind us, the warm afterglow issuing from the empty tomb continues to comfort God's people. This hymn verse identifies at least three ways we are able to remain warm in this very cold world.

In "earth's dark story" the two main characters are death and sorrow. For many the dark ledge at the end of life's highway is terrifying. They chase as many pleasures as they can, but try as they may they can't elude death's ominous shadow. The other character is sorrow. Fading health and personal loss can drain the life from a person who has lost all hope. For Christians, however, the pains of death and sorrow belong to the "former days" before their faith in the Savior. Desperation pales before our hope which comes from God.

Time is another trial for mankind. No matter what we do or buy, time is relentless in its passing. People feel sorrow over the times they can't relive or change, and feel helpless as time pushes them into old age. But for Christians, the ticking clock marks the dawning of a new life with God. What fear is there for us who are marching our way towards an eternity with our God?

The third and most comforting effect of Easter is the "everlasting peace" the resurrection brings, not only after death, but also in this lifetime. With the eyes of faith we can see that the "clouds are breaking" and can hear the saints singing the "resurrection song" as we approach the end – or in our case, a new glorious beginning – of our lives.