



Trinity Tidings

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Where Do We Place Our Hope?

“There’s more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we’re hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we’re never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can’t round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!” Romans 5:3-5 (The Message)

These verses probably sound a little different than you have heard in the past. Eugene Peterson has a way with words in his *Message* translation that brings the scripture to life in a way that is not always apparent in the NRSV translation we normally use. This lesson appeared recently, and you may be more familiar with these words, *“suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope”* (Romans 5:3-4, NRSV).

These words from Paul in his letter to the Romans make me think of my own troubles of late, as minuscule as they may be. Near the beginning of the year, I agreed to run the Ragnar Run with Living Water Ministries (where we send our campers). The Ragnar is a 200-mile run from Muskegon to Traverse City completed by a team of 12 runners with each member of the team running up to a total of 24 miles over three segments. However, my body had different plans for me as I discovered I had a slight tear in a meniscus in my knee and possibly a small tear in my hamstring. OWWWW! Therefore, I have been derailed until mid-August with my hopes of being ready to run the Ragnar dashed. As I stated, my troubles are minuscule compared to my father’s recent confrontation with esophageal cancer, my nephew’s battle with leukemia, and the other troubles that many of you may have encountered or are currently living into.

The troubles that we encounter are a great reminder that we are not fully in control of our lives and that whatever we do, things can happen that are beyond our circumstances or control. These troubles do require us to be patient as we attempt to learn what is happening and to determine a proper direction of treatment. So, at times like this, where do we place our hope? Do we turn to Jesus and ask for support and guidance, or do we think that we can do it all on our own? The one thing that I appreciate in Peterson’s translation above is the reminder that God is so generous that we do not have enough containers to hold the abundance of God’s generosity. God provides, not as we may always expect, but as we need, and God does it abundantly.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



Communal Coffee continues...

Join Pastor Alex on Mondays from 10am-noon at Tim Horton's. It's a great time to share any ideas or thoughts you may have, and a great chance to get to know him better. Pastor Alex will be there all Monday except July 8 and 29.

Bike Ministry – is looking for children's bikes.

Trinity Bicycle Ministry is going well so far this year. We are particularly looking for used children's bikes. If you have any to donate you may leave them by the church bell tower or contact Becky at 586-727-1490.



Monthly Dinner Out

Be on the lookout for the next dinner out opportunity with Trinity Lutheran Church. It is our goal to go out once a month as a congregation and all are invited. If you would like to arrange a location for a certain month, please let Pastor Alex know.



Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship



This year it will be on August 25th at Theresa and Vern Kulman's house. We will begin worship at 10:30am.



Many thanks to those who sent cards wishing us well in our new place. Though it isn't "home" yet, it is a very nice place and we are making the adjustment.

Our best to you all,
Roger & Elaine Schleef



- Everyone that helped provide for Effie Almstadt's funeral luncheon. The family was very appreciative of the love shown for their mother.
- Everyone that has been helping clean the church at various times. God has gifted us with this wonderful building and it is our responsibility to care for it, and keep it presentable for all of our visitors.
- The volunteers that have helped mow the church property.
- Everyone that has hosted Gathering following worship. This provides an awesome chance for us to interact as a community and build relationship.
- The Tune-In team for taking the time to pray for Trinity and being the process of looking towards the future.

Dear Members of Trinity,
We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the wonderful luncheon that you served. Your kindness will not be forgotten

- the family of Effie Almstadt

2019 Endowment Grant given to Rise Up Committee



The Rise Up Committee applied for the \$500 grant to be used for coaching to complete the work of discerning the direction of Trinity's mission in the future. The Rise Up Campaign is an ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod program that strives to:

- Strengthen members to lead the church into the future
- Help congregations determine the best way to serve their communities
- Build a new generation of stewards

Endowment Committee



from June 10th

1. Pastor Alex mentioned that we should start shopping around for different quotes for his health insurance. Mark volunteered to help.
2. Pastor Alex discussed going on a mission trip to Costa Rica 8/31-9/4 with the Order of Lutheran Franciscans.
3. Mark went over financial reports. We are having a congregational meeting on 6/19 at 7pm.
4. Discussed purchasing new phone for office. Tina has picked 3 options. We discussed all options and decided to leave the decision to Tina. All looked good and were similar priced.
5. Discussed changing phone service from Comcast to Frontier. Pastor Alex called Comcast and they met Frontiers quote. Decided to stay with Comcast.
6. Theresa sent a letter to Weight Watchers regarding increasing their rent to \$75 per metting. We believe they have accepted the increase in rent from their most recent payment.
7. Discussed waxing kitchen and hall floors. Pastor Alex is waiting for a quote from Randy.
8. Discussed a Boy Scout Project request from Duncan. He would like to put a prayer labyrinth on church grounds.

Spiritual Direction

What is it and why would you be interested? This fall Pastor Alex will be presenting an opportunity to delve into spiritual direction and what it is. We will begin with a basic introduction and how as Lutheran's we are called to grow in our relationship with God. People of all ages are welcome to attend. Once again, look for the dates and times in the weekly emails and bulletins.



Adult Forum
Coming this
Fall!

Since the ELCA was formed in 1988, there have been several social statements and messages that have been approved either by the Churchwide Assembly or Council of Bishops. This fall we will begin exploring these statements and messages in forums following worship. Come and join the conversation. Look for the times coming in the near future as we will meet once a month.



July & August Altar Flowers and Fellowship Hour Schedule



Flowers

- July 7 – Lester & Shirley Dobberowsky in honor of Scott's birthday
- July 14 – Dan & Melissa Daugherty
- July 21 – Rich & Janice Kuechenmeister for their 32nd Anniversary
- July 28 – Open, please sign up
- August 4 – Dan & Melissa Daugherty in honor of their new grandbaby!
- August 11 – Proctor's in honor of their 65th Anniversary
- August 18 – Carl Bauman
- August 25 – Open, please sign up

Fellowship Hour

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| July 7 – Open | August 4 – Melissa Daugherty |
| July 14 – Open | <i>In honor of Joseph's birthday</i> |
| July 21 – Open | August 11 – Open |
| July 28 – Open | August 18 – Open |
| | August 25 – Church Picnic |

Summer

While traveling in the summer stay safe! If you know you will be missing several Sundays for vacations, have you thought about signing up for Simply Giving? Ask Pastor Alex or Mark Zink for more information.



July & August Scripture Readings

July 74th Sunday of Pentecost
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 145th Sunday of Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 216th Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 287th Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

August 48th Sunday of Pentecost
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 119th Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 1810th Sunday of Pentecost
Jeremiah 23rd 23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 2511th Sunday of Pentecost
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



July 2 – Kosette Bartels
July 3 – Jim Braun
July 7 – Austin Engelhard
July 7 – Lance Pitcel
July 10 – Sue Olson
July 11 – Olivia Mayer
July 12 – Scott Dobberowsky
July 13- Trent Kulman
July 14 – Evan Plonka
July 23 – Kayla Gross
July 24 – Keith Bartels
July 24 – Karil Zurakowski
July 28 – Linda Rowe
July 29 – John Plonka
July 29 – Judy Whelan
July 31 – Joe Rhein



August 2 – Joseph Daugherty
August 4 – John Tonkovich
August 4 – David Edgington
August 5 - Melissa Small
August 7 – Leni Fistler
August 8 – Kailee Peterson
August 9 – Ashton Hollenbeck
August 10 – Rosalie Rowe
August 11 – Kerry Graham
August 12 – Kennedy Walsh
August 14- Carl Bauman
August 17 – Karen Hawke
August 19 – Rebecca Kulman
August 19 – Matt Rix
August 22 – Kiera Hartman
August 23 – Preston Corneillie
August 23 – Tracy Walsh
August 24 – Christopher Graham
August 25 – Louanne Plonka
August 29 – Chase Kulman
August 30 – Richard Keuchenmeister
August 30 – Ray Small
August 31 – Sky Williams

