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The Trinity Trumpet

Connecting people to Jesus

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*Rejoice always
Pray continually
Give thanks in all
circumstances*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's that time of year when we begin ramping up efforts for another school year to begin. This year's preparation feels more important with a lot at stake. There are a lot more issues in our current world and it is affecting how we open school back up on September 1. Add those pressures to almost everyone becoming burned out on covid can make the decisions that our principal, teachers, board of education, and others at Trinity to become even more difficult.

As the leaders of our church and school continue to lead us by the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit, please remember our Bible verse of the month listed up above. "Love your neighbor as yourself." Put yourself in the other person's place before you let your anger or your passion get in the way. As Jesus also said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Words to continue to live by as redeemed children of God. Especially as our teachers, principal, and board of education figure out the best way to begin the school year. Show them love even if you might disagree with their decisions.

Right now it feels like they are in a lose/lose position. Open up school and people might become upset. We could be putting teachers and students into a health risk. Start virtually and people might become upset. Parents can't work and do school at home! It is a lose/lose proposition. Love them as you would want to be loved if you were in their position.

I haven't mentioned perhaps the biggest buzz word right now, "masks." Do we require them or not? If a mask can slow the virus from spreading, wouldn't it be the loving thing to do even if you hate wearing masks? If wearing a mask helps prevent you from giving others the virus, when you don't even know you have the virus, then it seems to be an easy, "Yes, for my neighbor, I will wear a mask."

But what about someone who has a breathing issue like asthma? What if a mask makes them have a hard time to breathe? What would the above verse say to me? "Love your neighbor as yourself." It would probably say that she wouldn't need to wear a mask for her sake. It would be the loving thing to do.

Isn't that too much of a contradiction? In a black and white world of rules, yes it is a tough line to walk. That is where the rule of law often falls short. It treats everyone as the same, in the same boat, with the same set of circumstances.

That is why the Gospel is of utmost importance. We don't only live by the law. We live in God's grace and forgiveness. In the Gospel, we find a God who loves us even when we all fall short. He loves us no matter what and He does what is best for us, even if it means dying on the cross. He put Himself in our shoes by becoming human and doing the loving thing for all of us! With that Gospel message by our side, we know we can find the right ways to love our neighbors as ourselves even in these unique and challenging times.

In Christ,
Pastor Gehrke

Prayers

We Pray this month...

This is a guide to help all members of Trinity to study God's Word and be in prayer each week. The Scripture readings are based upon the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings so that each member can have a better understanding and grasp of what worship will be centered upon. Also it contains prayer requests that members can pray for in their daily devotions and members of Trinity can be united together in their prayers throughout the week.

Beginning the week of...

- Aug. 3 We read: Job 38, Romans 10, and Matthew 14:22-33
We Pray: For our golf outing. .
 For an end to the Covid-19 threat.
 For the mission work of Kim Bueltmann in Germany.
- Aug. 10 We read: Isaiah 56, Romans 11:1-32, and Matthew 15
We Pray: For the planning for the 2020-2021 school year
 For all our health care workers.
 For the mission work of Charles and Connie Cortright in Latvia.
- Aug. 17 We read: Isaiah 51, Romans 11:33-12:8, and Matthew 16:1-20
We Pray: For those who are stuck home alone or in nursing homes isolated.
 For foster care families, workers, and children.
 For the mission work of Ben Helge in the Czech Republic.
- Aug. 24 We read: Ezekiel 33, Romans 12:9-21, and Matthew 16:21-28
We Pray: For our school open house.
 For those trapped in Domestic violence.
 For the mission work of Michael and Nancy Jane Morizio in Eurasia.
- Aug. 31 We read: Genesis 50, Romans 14, and Matthew 18:1-20
We Pray: For the opening of school.
 All our teachers.
 For the mission work of Herman and Sheila Strozier in Czech Republic.

God's
Answers
Prayers

Book of Concord Quote of the Month:

“In short, we confessed that legitimate civil ordinances are good creations of God and divine ordinances in which a Christian may safely take part. This entire topic on the distinction between Christ's kingdom and civil realm has been helpfully explained in the writings of our theologians. Christ's kingdom is spiritual, that is, it is the heart's knowledge of eternal life. At the same time, it permits us to make outward use of legitimate political ordinances of whatever nation in which we live, just as it permits us to make use of medicine or architecture or food, drink, and air.”

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XVI: Political Order 2-3 as found in Kolb/Wengert edition of the Book of Concord published in 2000 by Fortress Press.

Thank you to John and Bill Schulz for mowing the lawn all summer!



AROUND THE CHURCH



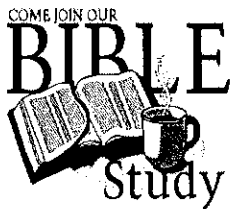
Trinity Lutheran Church now accepts credit and debit cards! Tired of writing out checks? Do you give the same amount each week? Now you don't need to write checks, we can automatically deduct it from your credit or debit card. You can donate to the church any time at our website: trinitydells.org. Or stop in the office and bring in your card!



The annual golf outing will be Sunday, August 9 at Coldwater Canyon at Chula Vista Resort. Shot gun start will take place at 12:30pm. Cost for 18 holes of golf with a cart and dinner is \$60. If you would like to eat with us but don't golf, dinner is \$20. There are opportunities to sponsor a hole, plus we need raffle prizes donated. Get your registration forms in today! Volunteers will be greatly needed.

Ladies Of Trinity will have a meeting August 18th at 6pm in the basement. All ladies are welcome!

Sunday morning Bible Study continues this summer in the basement at 8:30am Sundays before worship! We are now studying the book of Acts.



Wednesday afternoon Bible Study continues during the summer. We are meeting in the basement of the church. We will be finishing up our End Times topic and soon begin a new topic!

Online Bible Study is starting a new book! We will study Judges followed by Ruth! We meet on Thursday evenings around 7pm on Facebook! You can watch our live video live or watch when your schedule better allows it. You don't even have to leave your home for an awesome Bible Study! Join our online Bible Study at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295348361009451/>



Outdoor worship service and picnic? The elders will be making a decision after the printing of the newsletter. Keep your eyes open in the bulletin for an announcement.

New Member Class will begin on Sunday, Aug. 16 at 6pm. This class is for those who want to become members of Trinity or would like to review the basics of the Lutheran faith.



Back to School Open House will take place on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 6pm. This will be an open house you don't want to miss as we will have a ton of information about how this school year is going to start in the age of Covid. We will have the blessing of the backpacks on Wednesday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 30. School starts on Tues., Sept. 1!

Thank you to Laurie Jonas and all the volunteers for their hard work to make another successful VBS! Especially dealing with Covid-19 issues. We had 10 kids and they had a blast building upon Jesus Christ, the foundation of their faith life.

Trinity Lutheran School is still accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the office for an application today!

Box Tops for Education is ending it's cut and clip program and going entirely online. If you have any labels, turn them in immediately. The BTFE is now entirely online and uses an app that scans the receipts for any qualifying purchases. Download the app today or contact the office for any assistance.

We are no longer collecting Mauer's receipts. They have changed their giving program. There is a charity of the month where customers can round up to the nearest dollar for the charity. We will let you know when it is Trinity's turn.

Confirmation will resume beginning Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 5:30pm in the basement. We have a couple more classes to cover before we have our questioning and confirmation service in September.

Serving Schedule



If YOU would like to serve as a greeter, please contact the church office.

August 2

Elder: Jeff Degner, Larry Kelly, and Brant Bailey
Musician: Enith Bailey

August 5

Elder: Doug Jonas and Tim Schultz
Musician: Marci Nichols

August 9

Elder: Jeff Degner, Larry Kelly, and Brant Bailey
Musician: Enith Bailey

August 12

Elder: Doug Jonas and Tim Schultz
Musician: Cheryl Harder

August 16

Elder: Jeff Degner, Larry Kelly, and Brant Bailey
Musician: Return of the King

August 19

Elder: Doug Jonas and Tim Schultz
Musician: Marci Nichols

August 23

Elder: Jeff Degner, Larry Kelly, and Brant Bailey
Musician: Ken Howes

August 26

Elder: Doug Jonas and Tim Schultz
Musician: Marci Nichols

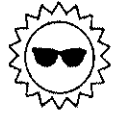
August 30

Elder: Jeff Degner, Larry Kelly, and Brant Bailey
Musician: Ken Howes

SCRIP CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

Do you shop regularly at Walmart, on Amazon, or gas up vehicles? Then scrip cards are perfect for you. They're for sale in the office weekdays.

SUMMER WORD SEARCH



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| pool | sun | sprinkler | vacation | hiking |
| swimming | grass | picnic | watermelon | popsicle |
| camping | outside | road trip | play | lemonade |

Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us for the blessing of the backpacks!

Wednesday, August 26 at 7pm or
Sunday, August 30 at 9:45am



Blessing of the Backpacks

11th Annual Trinity Golf Event

Sunday, August 9

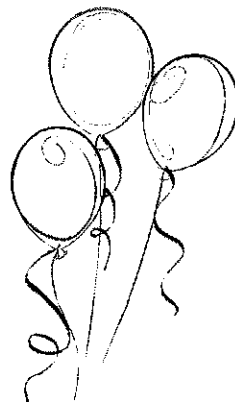
Golf Starting @ 12:30pm

Fellowship & Dinner Around 5pm

Happy Birthday to You, August Birthdays!!!

1		18	Melissa Adee Paul Coon
2	Kirsty Volkey	19	Kailey Collar
3	Dakotah Hammerly Dayne Hammerly	20	
4	Jim Anacker	21	
5	Dave Leege Tarrence Ott	22	Bertie Reifsteck
6	Harold Thiede Lynda Brand	23	Alexandra Wetley Eileen Raney Jade Zeppelin Kase Clark
7	Michael Julson	24	Linda Sobojinski Karen Richardt
8	Kelly Hoenecke Bonnie Obois Jacob Rockwell	25	Merry Schultz Jayne Wimann Isaac Galvan
9	Katie Koets Andrew Rau	26	Cassie Krueger
10	Scott Rockwell	27	Chris Pelisek
11	Christian Sellmeyer	28	Barbara Labrenz
12	Nicole Anacker Jay Hammerly Glen Griggel Angela Degner	29	
13	Addison Sobojinski	30	Brandon Egnaty David Guildner Don Labrenz Fred Neubauer
14	David Holzem	31	
15	Robert Nickel Luke Peyton Marie Phillips		
16	Marty Hitzeman		
17	Jarrid Julson		

happy
birthday



August 2020 Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>I will not leave you nor forsake you JOSHUA 1:5</p>				 <p>Vacation Time!</p>		1
2 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Worship w/ H.C. 9:45am	3	4 Evangelism 6pm Board of Education 6pm	5 Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	6 7pm Online Bible Study	7	8
9 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Worship 9:45am 11 th Annual Golf Outing 12:30pm	10 Trustees Mtg 6pm	11	12 Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm Worship w/ H.C. 7pm	13 Quilting Group 1pm 7pm Online Bible Study	14	15
16 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Contemporary Worship w/ H.C. 9:45am Adult Information Class 6pm	17 Staff Meeting/ Reporting Stewards Mtg 6pm	18 LOT Mtg 6pm	19 Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	20 7pm Online Bible Study	21	22
23 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Worship 9:45am Adult Information Class 6pm	24	25 Elders 6pm	26 Adult Bible Class 1pm Confirmation Questioning 5:30pm Worship 7pm	27 Quilting Group 1pm  open house 6pm	28	29 School begins on Sept. 1 st ! 
30 Adult Bible Study 8:30am Worship 9:45am Adult Information	31					