



Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church Newsletter *August 2019*

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Dear Trinity Family,

I pray you are all having a wonderful summer! I want to let you know of some of the things that have happened over the summer at Trinity, as well as make you aware of some of the topics I am preparing to teach on coming this Fall.

Vacation Bible School was a great opportunity for about 42 young children from Mount Hope, Trinity and elsewhere to learn about how the Early Church (30 A.D. – 325 A.D.) lived and worshiped. The children learned about the catechumenate (confirmands) and most especially the importance of Holy Baptism in the life of a Christian.

The Board of Elders and I have been working through a study document entitled, “For the Sake of Christ’s Commission: The Report of the Church Growth Study Committee”. We are discussing how related theological and cultural issues effect Trinity as a congregation especially as it relates to worship doctrine and practice. From the Introduction:

In this generation, the unity of the Synod is threatened by diversity of doctrine and practice originating from influences that have their sources in Evangelicalism and the Church Growth Movement. Here the content of the Gospel itself is at stake (material principle).

Therefore, we address below numerous theological and cultural issues vis-à-vis **the Church Growth Movement in the hope that the Synod’s** mission and evangelism ministries may ever be faithful to Biblical and confessional teaching.

You may obtain a copy by stopping in at the church office, Mon.-Fri., 9-Noon.

Funeral Planning Document: The Board of Elders and I have been working on a document to address funeral planning and the importance of how funerals confesses to those gathered at a funeral what Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church and the deceased member believe about sin, death and eternal life in Jesus. This document will be made available at the November 17th Voters’ Meeting.

Christian Stewardship: The Board of Elders asked me to prepare a series of teaching materials to address the topic of Christian stewardship. An introductory outline of materials and possible events will be made available at the Nov. Voters’ Meeting.

Thank you for all your thoughtfulness and prayers during Emily’s pregnancy complications. They are much appreciated. We are blessed to be members at Trinity. The following, on the next page, is an essay on the importance of Holy Baptism. It highlights the ongoing necessity, commanded by Jesus(!), of teaching the faith to children and all Christians after baptism.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
(Mt. 28-18-20)

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People Were Bringing Their Children to Jesus...

What we hear in the Gospels, we see every time parents bring their sons and daughters to the waters of baptism. Just as it was 2,000 years ago, so it has been and still is. This is the primary responsibility of parents to their children -- to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, through the means of grace, so that the Holy Spirit may bring them to faith and keep them in this faith until death. All other things we do as parents flow from this first priority and responsibility. That is what we do in baptismal preparation -- teach the parents what their duties and promises are and how this is witnessed within the baptismal rite itself.



Once baptized, the parents continue to fulfill this holy calling by bringing their sons and daughters to church for the Divine Service and for Sunday school and catechism classes. By bringing them every week to the Divine Service, God's House becomes their familiar home and the place where they know God gives His gifts, sustains His people, and they respond with praise, thanksgiving, prayers, supplications, and offerings. Sunday school and catechism classes do not replace the parents or take over the job of teaching the faith. These educational ministries supplement and support the parents in their own primary vocation toward their children.

Confirmation does not bestow gifts or sacramental grace to complete baptism but acknowledges particular points along the journey from the font to the table to the heavenly banquet. In this point, the Church acknowledges the teaching of the faith and the confession of the catechumen's faith with joy and thanksgiving. Those who come for this confirmation do not come alone but in the midst of parents, sponsors, and the whole church family -- not simply as witnesses to an event but as those who have also invested in this day. I have always loved how in Rome and some Anglican churches the confirmand comes forward with parents (and even sponsors) to kneel before the bishop. It is a powerful picture of people bringing their children to Jesus. Here the bishop (or in Lutheran case, the pastor) represents Christ. I find it a much more compelling symbol than our usual practice of the youth coming forward on their own or with a group to kneel at the rail.



When our youth fall away, it is not simply a failure of the Church and certainly not the failure of the Church to make things fun or exciting or entertaining. But it is a failure all the way round. In so many cases, we never took seriously the responsibilities and duties that began at birth, that led to the font, that brought the children weekly to worship, that saw the Sunday school and catechism classes as reinforcements to the parental role at home, and confirmation as the acknowledgement of one step and not a graduation from religious life. I cannot tell you how many times a parent has come to me in tears as one of their adult children has fallen away from the faith (or from the Lutheran faith). In many of those cases, the parents failed to bring the child faithfully after baptism and, while church attendance perked up during the catechism

years, their children did not learn the weekly habit of the Lord's House on the Lord's Day around the Lord's Word and Table. The children learned from the parents' example that worship was optional (and prayer) and that church was on the fringes of their lives and not foundational to who they were and are.

I urge parents all the time not to fall into the temptation of thinking intentions substitute for piety, that their children will wake up one morning and want to go to church even though they only went occasionally growing up, or that attending to sports or music or dance or other Sunday diversions does not conflict with their primary purpose and role in bringing their children to Jesus. If we in the Church preach this and parents hear, I have great confidence that this decline can be reversed.

<http://pastoralmeanderings.blogspot.com/2019/07/people-were-bringing-their-children-to.html>

Trinity Congregation News & Information

**SECOND ANNUAL TRINITY/MOUNT HOPE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
August 11, 2019 – 12:00 PM
BEAR TRAP MEADOW NORTH SHELTER**

**BRATS/HOTDOGS, BUNS, WATER,
PAPER GOODS & CONDIMENTS PROVIDED**

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS TO SIT ON
BYOB if desired**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CORN HOLE SET, IF YOU HAVE ONE (MUST BE AP-
PROVED BY PASTORS PREUS OR OLSON)! THANKS!**

Sign-up sheets for teams and for picnic sides are on the Fellowship Board.

Food Barrel

Food donations collected in the barrel placed next to the library door in the Narthex, will be delivered the last week of each month. Thank you for remembering to share the abundance with others that God so graciously continues to bless us with.

Sunday School

Sunday School is still on Summer Break and will be resuming on Sunday, September 8th. All children who are at least three years old are welcome to join us.

The Fall Curriculum will be based on God's Creation and His Kingdom.

Our Bible stories and lessons will be from the Old Testament books of: Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, and 1 & 2 Samuel.





Our next general meeting will be September 14th in the LWML room at 9:30 a.m. All ladies are invited and welcome to attend a meeting at any time! Please use the back entrance by the kitchen if you would like to join us!

Upcoming Activities

There are no activities at this time. Our spring luncheon with Mt. Hope was June 1st. Pastor Sonnenschein gave a wonderful presentation on his and Rachel's work at the Wind River Indian Mission. The ingathering to purchase Arch books from CPH for the children raised \$370.00. A big thank you to all who donated!

Mites and Missions

Each month Trinity LWML sends a donation to a different mission project. The August donation goes to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Bethesda shares the love of Christ with children and adults who has developmental disabilities. The mites collected on the 2nd Sunday of each month go to the Wyoming District office to be distributed to 11 grants which were voted on at the LWML District Convention which was held June 21st—23rd, 2018 in Cheyenne. As of the end of January \$16,000.00 of the \$35,000.00 has been paid.

Book Nook

(A Christian Living Resource Center)

You will find cards for every occasion in the book nook. Cards include a printed scripture verse. Come by and check out the selection! The Book Nook is located in the LWML room just outside of the Fellowship Hall. If you need assistance please see Jo Giles or call her at 235-1664.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF TRINITY!

The Quilting ladies of Trinity hit a milestone this winter. They made over 50 Quilts! 2 quilts were donated to the Mount Hope Benefit Dinner, 10 quilts were donated to the Rescue Mission, 20 quilts were given to the homebound members of our congregation and 20 were given to the Wind River Indian Mission.

Since we made so many quilts this year, we need to restock our supplies. We are still accepting donations of sheets, blankets, thread, and/or any material scraps. There is a donation box in the LWML room where you can drop your donation.

Thank you to all the quilting ladies of Trinity. And thank you to all who donated throughout the year. We couldn't have accomplished this without you. This is such a great community service project!

We welcome anyone who can work a pair of scissors or tie a knot. Or just stop by for a cup of coffee and chat with us. We would love to have you! We will start up again the 1st Tuesday in September.

For questions please contact Nancy Martin at 237-8598, or Joyce Ewing at 333-2723.

Have a great summer!



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Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to the chairman of the Board of Elders, Jack Hyde.

The members of the Board of Elders work closely with the Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation.

FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES:

(on Church Property)

Please do not use the fellowship time after services for soliciting. All fundraising needs to be approved by the Board of Elders. No collections in the sanctuary or on church property except for those by auxiliaries (LWML, or boards of the congregations such as Youth Group, Fellowship) are allowed. This includes the solicitation for schools, sports, scouts or any group not specifically identified and associated with the congregation.

August 2019

Sunday Service Roster

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

4th: Marty Finch & Lou Allgeier
11th: Rick Reimann & Shawn Dukart
18th: Josh Witkop & Kyle Rice
25th: Gary Edds & Jack Hyde

CRUCIFER/ACOLYTE

4th: Matthew Quinn
11th: Ayden Robinett
18th: Paul Olson
25th: Noah Waterbury

ALTAR GUILD

Karen Hyde & Faye Lund

4th: Essence Koch & Ayla Huss
11th: Caitlyn & Rebekah Wise
18th: Neala DuMont & Paige Wilson
25th: Sarah Hockaday & Terra McCumber

USHERS

4th: Leonard Bauer, Blaine Christensen, Gary Edds, John Ewing, Sage Haight, Jack Hyde, Nathan Murrell, Zak Szekely
11th: Lou Allgeier, Brian Chandler, Marty Finch, David Hutton, Richard Oates, Brian Quinn, Kyle Rice, Wesley Rice, William Rice
18th: Mike Collins, Derek Buist, Keith Giles, Brandt Hedquist, Jim Kirchen, Keith Schoup, Tony Stitt, Josh Witkop
25th: Andrew Beyeler, Dave Denke, Shawn Dukart, Chris Hermel, Vaughn Long, Bryan Pickett, Rick Reimann, Ryan Waterbury

GREETERS

4th: Beth Burgess, David & Kathy Hutton
11th: Carol Boe, Peggy Johnson, Karon Rufenacht
18th: Joan Ellbogen, Jim Kirchen
25th: Keith Schoup

August Baptisms

- 1 Tom Lucous
Mike Schultz
- 3 Tyler Reagan
- 4 Jennifer Lijewski
- 7 Michaela Anderson
- 9 Meghan Waterbury
- 12 Karon Rufenacht
- 13 Brandt Hedquist
- 14 Robyn Boe
Kase Branon
- 16 Jack Huss
Theresa Sowers
Andrew Thorpe
- 17 Avery Waterbury
- 18 Gregory Vircks
- 20 Jessica Stewart
- 21 Mari Stoll
- 23 Howard Law
- 26 Emery Branon
Bradley Reese
- 29 Karen Bunney



August Birthdays

- 2 Paige Wilson
- 8 Shelly Rice
- 9 Bubbles Pickett
Addison Stitt
- 11 Florence Peterson
- 15 Kathy Hutton
- 16 Heidi Kriegh
- 17 Karen Long
- 18 Eulynda Dukart
Shelly Monteleone
- 20 Joe Joslyn
- 21 Blaine Christensen
Kelli Nolte
- 25 Eric Hermel
Bruce Sowers
- 26 Luke Beyeler
Kristie Long
Dick Means
- 28 Darshee Buist
Amanda Beyeler
- 30 Laney Branon
Emily Fransen
Caitlyn Wise



Wedding Anniversaries

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| August 2 | David & Nancy Martin | 33 Years |
| August 3 | David & Kathy Hutton | 28 Years |
| August 4 | Robert & Darla Reese | 46 Years |
| August 7 | Vaughn & Kristie Long | 20 Years |
| August 9 | Harvey & Juanita Soulek | 55 Years |
| August 10 | Rusty & Kelley Anderson | 29 Years |
| August 13 | Andrew & Amanda Beyeler | 8 Years |
| August 14 | Pastor & Emily Olson | 15 Years |
| August 17 | Beth & Greg Burgess | 44 Years |
| August 18 | Bruce & Theresa Sowers | 35 Years |
| August 18 | Tony & Debbie Stitt | 46 Years |
| August 19 | Tyler & Jessica Reagan | 2 Years |
| August 21 | Richard & Sally Oates | 38 Years |
| August 22 | Riley & Kari Fransen | 10 Years |
| August 29 | Terry & Phyllis Letz | 48 Years |



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 2019

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

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 <i>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:35 am	29 Pastor's Day Off	30	31 Bible Study 1:15 pm	1	2	3
4 <i>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study 10:35 am	5 Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 am	6	7	8	9	10
Lander Youth Camp						
11 <i>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> LWML Mite Box Sunday Divine Service 9 am Trinity/Mt. Hope Cornhole Tournament at Noon Beartrap North Shelter	12 Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 am Pastor's Day Off	13	14 Bible Study 1:15 pm	15	16	17
18 <i>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study 10:35 am	19 Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 am	20 *Submissions for September Newsletter deadline	21 Bible Study 1:15 pm	22	23	24
25 <i>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study 10:35 am	26 Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 am Pastor's Day Off	27	28 Bible Study 1:15 pm	29	30	31