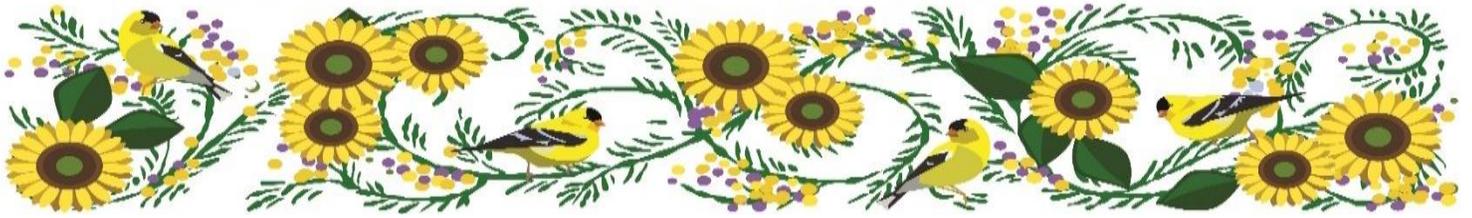


Pastor's Corner



Greetings to all!

I pray all is well. As some of you may know, I have been quarantined in the parsonage since last Wednesday, August 3rd, with the new variant of Covid. It had been very busy. On Saturday we had a huge wedding, Sunday two worship services, Monday I had a light medical procedure, on Tuesday a doctor's appointment in Mankato in which I felt still felt tired (presumably from the previous day's anesthetic), and on Wednesday morning I was diagnosed (after staff meeting) with Covid. I began a five day treatment of Paxlovid. The Paxlovid was helpful. The cough was relentless and was different from any other cough I've had in the past. It was from deep in the lungs and my diaphragm really hurt. The doctor instructed me to take a Covid test on this Tuesday and it was negative, but I will still require a mask. I won't mind wearing a mask at all, at least I will be able to leave the parsonage. The only place I have been able to go has been to the local park when I took Brewski out for a walk.

I thank everyone for the loving texts, milk, ice cream (plural), prayers, kind FaceBook messages, and refraining from phone calls! I will admit even though Brewski the Wonder Dog has been a great companion, being alone when one is sick is not fun.

Many Bible verses have been coming to mind about how difficult it is to be alone in life when one is alone. For me, as a member of a wonderful faith community, I feel blessed and connected. I knew I was being thought about and prayed for. My heart went out to all those living alone with no one thinking about them, or checking in on them.

However, as the days went on, I thought about those who live alone. I know of a few "younger" people working at our convenient stores who live alone who seem to have very few friends except those they serve at registers the filling stations; there are many solitary seniors at the retirement centers and scattered around our town, I often wonder how many people live alone in the many houses in our neighborhoods... My little Covid experience has focused our eyes on our ministry, and that should be OUTWARDS! We should be focused on the single and solitary people living in our neighborhoods and nearby towns. Who and where are the lonely people living within our midst? We need to search them out. Are they hungry? I would bet they are certainly lonely. Let us find them, visit them, and serve their needs. I have been sick, but I have had angels... and my angels have been YOU!!! Now, we need to find the "least of these."

May the Peace, Courage, and Wisdom of Jesus drive us out to look for the lonely, the cast out, those who may consider themselves unwelcome, those just looking for fellowship and community. Let's go looking for the one among the ninety-nine.

We are Blessed. Pastor Tim



Summer Fun at Trinity!

Thanks to all who helped Summer Fun at Trinity a success!

PEEK AT THE WEEK

Sunday, August 7

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:10 am Fellowship Hour
& Book Club Discussion
- 5:00 pm Worship at Sundown

Monday, August 8

- 8:00 am Quilting & Bandage Making
- 5:30 pm *Al anon*

Tuesday, August 9

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm AA
- 6:30 pm Property Board

Wednesday, August 10

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Friday, August 12

- 8:00 pm Glow in the Dark Golf

Sunday, August 14

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:10 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, August 15

- 8:00 am Quilting & Bandage Making
- 3-5:00 pm Prokinship for Kids
- 5:30 pm *Al anon*



All Youth & adults welcome!

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GOLF

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With special music by Blue Dirt Road!

AUGUST 12, 2022

Music & registration 7pm
Golf starting at 8

Hosted by
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