



The Trinity Tidings

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"Meals that Matter" are available downstairs.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Education/Fellowship Hour 10:15 am



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.



The LORD
lifts up
those who are
bowed down:
the LORD
loves
the righteous.

Psalm 146:8



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God's work. Our hands.



Pastor Tim is enjoying his vacaton...

Hope you enjoy these articles.

When we least deserve love

“Love me when I least deserve it,” says a Swedish proverb, *“because that’s when I really need it.”* My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper.

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they’d start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus’ arrest. But Jesus didn’t treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we’re at our worst, hurting God’s heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



A hunger for the heights

In a sermon titled “Sky Hunger,” Stan Purdum explores Ephesians 1:3, where Paul writes about God blessing us *“in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”* (ESV). The expression “sky hunger,” says the pastor, “suggests that to be the best earthbound people we can be, we need to lift our eyes to a higher place — the *highest* place.”

While on a mission trip in Kentucky, Purdum discovered that many residents refer to pastors as sky pilots. “What better role can a pastor have,” he asks, “than to point people to the skies, to the God Most High?”

The Easter anthem “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” which celebrates our ultimate destination, sums up another definition of sky hunger:

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

“That to which our holy restlessness, our inner discontent, our sky hunger points us is Christ,” Purdum concludes. “Sky hunger is a blessing from God, Paul tells us, to bring us into Christ, to fullness of life and to life eternal.”



Singing

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Psalm 105:2

"Music can be a powerful thing, especially when coupled with an honest text. . .

As we participate in singing the hymns and the songs of the church,
we are proclaiming the gospel along with the preacher...."

(Women of the ELCA)

"Favorite songs inspire us, bringing God nearer than our own breath. . . . ,
God inhabits our praises."

(Christ in our Home)

"Singing is good for you. Singing with others may be even better."

(study from the Washington Post)

I often compliment our congregation on its strong singing. I hear you at every worship! Some would encourage me to have song leaders. I know that we do not need them. With one voice we are praising God. The hymns have meaning. They tell the story of our faith. They truly bind us together. They make us strong. Many bring back a special memory....sometimes happy, sometimes sad, giving us breath and life anew.

*I Love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*





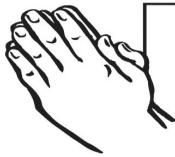
Children, Youth and Family



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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_____ K I Z B _____ D R G S _____ Q L B

1:3-4, NIV

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Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV





Join us for the next "Breaking Bread Together" August 20th! Sign up in the office for the Fellowship and Fun!



Our Float in the Parade!

Trinity's Evangelism Board has started planning a community project, "God's Work Our Hands", entering a church vehicle in the Sleepy Eye Summerfest Grand Parade this August 19 from 6pm -8pm.

We are in need of:

- parents and students to walk close to the curb handing out candy
- We are ordering bulk candy.
- We will decorate the unit in the church parking lot prior to the parade.

We have 3 weeks left to make this a successful event!

A Thrivent Card has been approved to cover costs.

Please call Cindy Steffl with any questions at 507 227-0824.

2 Corinthians 5:20. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.





GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Will Our Children Be Generous?

(from Growing Stewards)

There are no guarantees that generous parents will raise generous children. Even parents who intentionally practice and teach faithful stewardship habits cannot be assured their children will be equally motivated to be good stewards in their adult years.

But there are things parents can do to influence their children's attitudes and actions as co-stewards of the household. The annual "What do you want for Christmas?" routine is a prime time. Parents need not become the Grinches who deny Christmas. Rather, they can aim for a better balance between children's focus on what they'll get for Christmas with additional focus on what they have to give to others. Of course generosity shouldn't be limited to the holiday season. These ideas can instill your values of generosity in your children at all times.

Model the behavior you want.

Take your children shopping for people they will probably never meet—other children, new mothers and infants, the elderly, people with special needs.

When you buy groceries for your family, shop for your local pantry, too.

Give your children catalogs from non-profit organizations or look on their websites for places to give a gift.

Along with regular presents for birthdays, Christmas or other occasions, give a "share-check". You fill out the amount and sign the check. The recipient selects a non-profit and writes that in the pay-to-order-of line.

Teach children how to write thank-you notes.

Help children learn the difference between a *need* and a *want*.

Provide children a method to set aside some of their money—for charity, for savings and then a way to track how they spend the rest.

Read or watch stories about generous people.

We are exposed to more than 3,000 messages geared to have us spend money on ourselves. Who will send children the messages about the benefits of being generous people who share and save their money as well as spend it? Who will teach them they are valued by God just the way they are, regardless of what they own or wear? Who will teach them the joy of being generous? If you don't, who will?

Receipts for the General Fund through 7/23/23	\$126,455.51
Budget needs through 7/23/23	\$171,890.00

Thank you for the generous stewards that provide funds for the work of Trinity Lutheran in the community and world. Continue to keep the financial needs of Trinity in your prayers.

Your Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of August 6

Su Matthew 14:13-21
M Romans 1:8-15
Tu Acts 2:37-47
W Matthew 15:32-39
Th Acts 17:10-15
F Acts 18:24-29
Sa Matthew 16:1-4

Week of August 13

Su Matthew 14:22-33
M 2 Peter 2:4-10
Tu Romans 9:14-29
W Matthew 8:23-27
Th Revelation 15:1-4
F Acts 14:19-28
Sa Matthew 14:34-36

Week of August 20

Su Matthew 15:10-28
M Acts 15:1-21
Tu Romans 11:13-29
W Matthew 8:1-13
Th 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
F 2 Corinthians 10:12-18
Sa Matthew 16:5-12

Week of August 27

Su Matthew 16:13-20
M Romans 2:1-11
Tu Romans 11:33-36
W Matthew 26:6-13
Th Ephesians 5:1-6
F 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12
Sa Matthew 8:14-17



BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 08/20/2023.

"Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. Please sign up in Darlene's Office so we can make reservations. Location will be confirmed on sign-up sheet. Our goal will be to "Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!

We are preparing for the Trinity parade entry for Sleepy Eye Summerfest, August 19, 2023. Volunteers are needed to walk, pass out candy and Trinity information.

Your Evangelism Committee



Social Ministry

This summer the Board of Social Ministry would like to challenge our congregation to support Ivy House in New Ulm through donations both monetary and actual. Ivy House (formerly known as the Southern

Minnesota Crisis Nursery) is a 24/7 crisis nursery which provides direct care to children aged 0-12 whose families are in crisis or a stressful situation. In addition to providing up to 72 hours of direct care they also connect families with community resources. You can learn more about Ivy House from their website: ivyhousemn.org. Items needed by Ivy House include: Children's Activities: Play-Doh; Kinetic sand; Finger paints; Fidget toys. Personal Care: Pull-ups: Girls and boys (5T); Girls underwear sizes 10-12 or 14/16. House needs: Unscented laundry detergent; Clorox wipes, Dish-washer soap; Hand soap; Dish soap; Kleenex; Garbage bags. Office supplies: Postage stamps; Business size envelopes; Printer paper; HP 952XL toner - black and color. Other: Five point harness NEW car seats; New computer monitors. We will be collecting both monetary donations for Ivy House or individual items from this list. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your donations. We will be collecting donations through the end of August. Thank you in advance for your support.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!

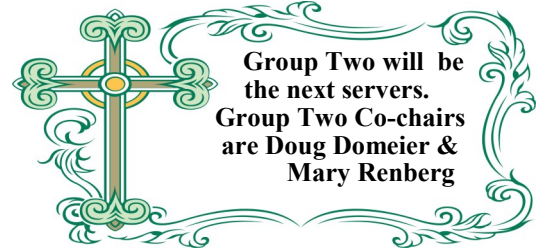
Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be mailed by **September 1st. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month. Thank you.**



10 Worship Assistants



August: Judy Johnson, Terry Newgord
September: Beth Klein



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 8/6 Kelsey Ladd
- 8/13 Brayden Heiderscheidt
- 8/20 Michael Pool
- 8/27 Anna Johnson

Readers

- 8/6 Mike Petersen
- 8/13 Harold Pettis
- 8/20 Dave Vosbeck
- 8/27 Karen Voge

Communion Assistants

- 8/6 Lee Johnson ~at the rail
- 8/20 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt, Dave Vosbeck

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

August Ushers

Keith Lendt, Dennis Mangen

August Greeters

Chris Mangen



Rejoice always, pray continually
give thanks in all circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 9/3 Davin Suess
- 9/10 Blaine Arneson
- 9/17 Kaden Braun
- 9/24 Shea Evers

Readers

- 9/3 Eric Wahlborg
- 9/10 Rose Wall
- 9/17 Cindy Anderson
- 9/24 Larry Baumgardt

Communion Assistants

- 9/3 Neil Neidt ~at the rail
- 9/17 Dave Vosbeck, Brian Polesky, Larry Baumgardt

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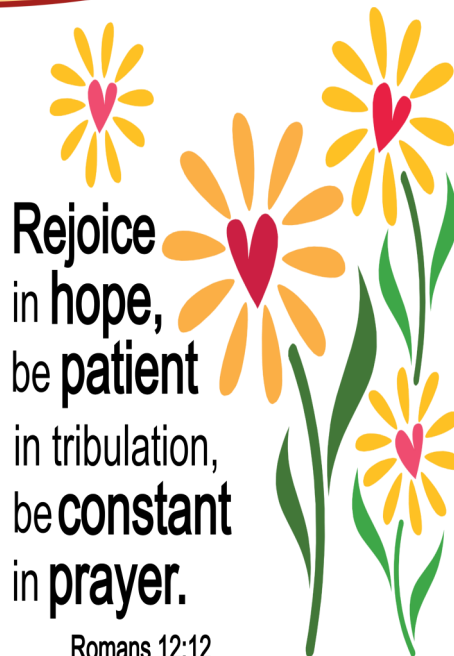
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July Ushers

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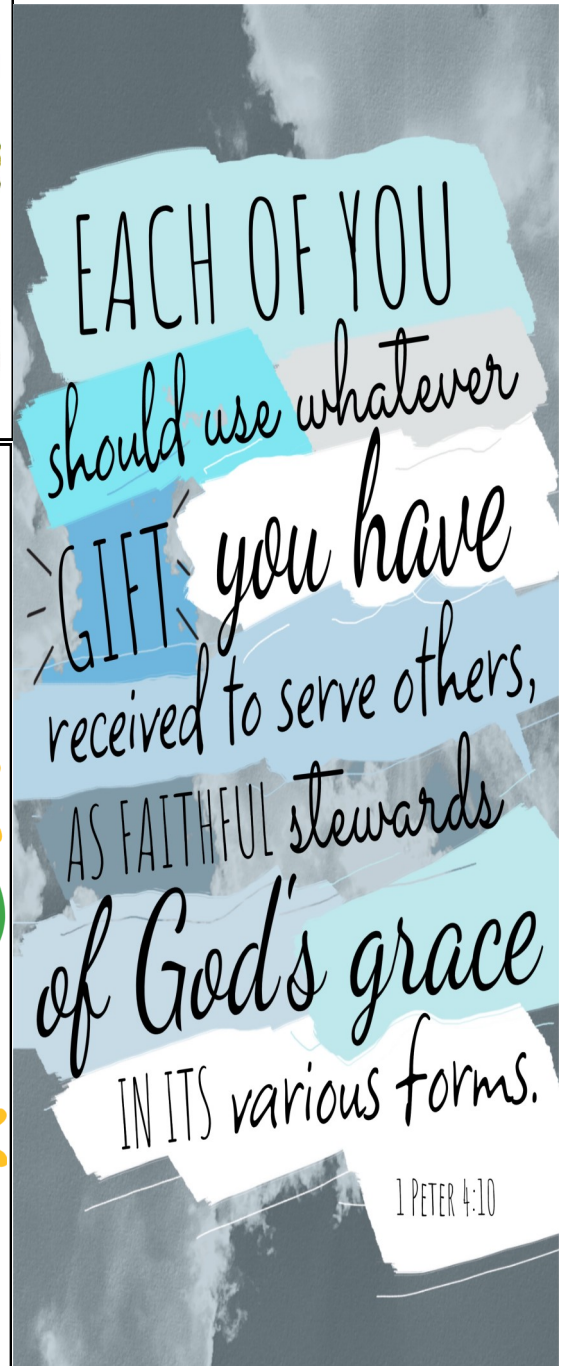
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Chris Mangen



Rejoice
in hope,
be patient
in tribulation,
be constant
in prayer.

Romans 12:12



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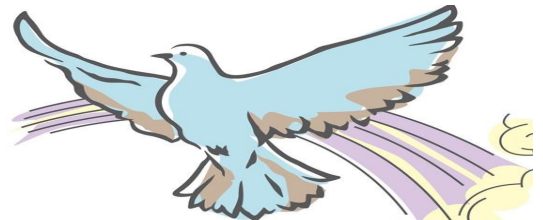
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>13 9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour 5 pm Worship at Sundown</p> <p>20 9 am Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>Tidings Due</p> <p>27 9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour 5 pm Worship at Sundown</p>	<p>Darlene's Office Summer Hours Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 ~ 4:00</p> <p>7 9 am Quilting</p> <p>14 9 am Quilting 2 pm Prokinship for Kids</p> <p>21 9 am Quilting</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER</p> <p>28 9 am Quilting 3 pm Prokinship for Kids</p>	<p>1 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA</p> <p>Darlene on Vacation Pastor Tim back</p> <p>8 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3 pm Ross Park 6:30 pm AA</p> <p>15 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA</p> <p>22 7 am-Men's Bible Study 3 pm Ross Park 6:30 pm AA</p> <p>29 7 am-Men's Bible Study 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>2 9 am-Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Darlene on Vacation</p> <p>9 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon WELCA 1 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>16 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Planning Council</p> <p>23 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>30 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3 Darlene on Vacation</p> <p>10 10 am Countryside Bible Study</p> <p>17 9 am Wantonwan Pastor's Meeting 3 pm Maples</p> <p>24 10 am Countryside Bible Study</p> <p>31</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11</p> <p>18</p> <p>25</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 Alvarez Family Gathering</p> <p>19 Summer FESTA! Sleepy Eye Trinity Float!</p> <p>26</p> <p>September 10th IN Rally SUNDAY</p>



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Worship Schedule

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SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP 10:10 AM

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See the front cover for contact numbers.