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From our Pastor

Heading to New Orleans

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear siblings in Christ,

First, thank you. Thank you for supporting the effort to send a group from Holy Trinity to the ELCA's Youth Gathering for the first time. Thank you for donating your time and your money. Thank you for the spaghetti dinner, for giving your stuff for our yard sale, and for buying other people's stuff to take home. Thank you for your prayers and your good wishes.

We know that we're going, but as this prayer says, we don't know what the result will be. We don't know who will be inspired to spread the Gospel. We don't know who will see God's face in worship and God's hand in leading them. We don't know.

But we'll board a train in Erie early in the morning on Sunday, July 14, with about 50 other people from our synod, including our bishop, and head out to Chicago, then south to New Orleans. We'll gather with about 20,000 others there for worship and service, for learning and walking with the people of New Orleans in a faith-filled life.

We'll go out with good courage to experience the Radical and Relentless Love that God gives to us, and hopefully we'll be led to share that love with the neighbors we have not yet met.

Dear church, we can't wait for you to hear the stories that will be created, the experiences we can't imagine, the love that will be felt. We plan to share it all with you when this path as yet untrodden leads us home.

Pastor Brenda +



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

Mark Sunday, Sept. 8, on your calendar for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. After worship on that Sunday, we will be participating in a day of service for the benefit of our community.

We will be ordering God's Work Our Hands t-shirts for those who want them. They'll say God's Work Our Hands on the front, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on the back. Cost is between \$9 for kid sizes to \$14 for adult sizes that go up to size 5X. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex within the next couple of weeks. Last day to order is August 15.



A Reminder: Let Us Know When Someone Is Hospitalized

If you or someone you know has been hospitalized, please let the church office or the pastor know.

Many people assume that nursing homes or hospitals alert the church when someone is being treated. Because of the laws surrounding privacy (known as HIPAA), organizations have been required for a number of years now to honor your privacy in releasing information. Even if we call a hospital and ask if someone is being treated, hospitals are not allowed to tell us.

When you share information with us, it allows us to offer pastoral care, deliver flowers from the Sunday altar, and visit and pray with people when they're not feeling well. Thank you for helping us in this ministry of the church.



From our Directors of Parish Ministry

Vacation Bible School With A Twist

Ah, Summer! That time of year when you can't pass a church in Greenville and not see a sign for Vacation Bible School. Well, most churches that is. There are some churches (like Holy Trinity) that do not have Vacation Bible School for a number of very good reasons: kids' calendars are booked during the summer; family vacations; traditional church school teachers (and students) need a break; it's too hot; etc., etc., etc. We were trying to remember the last time Holy Trinity hosted such an event in the summer when a crazy idea started to bloom. Because we couldn't remember when, we decided how about now? So, we are putting together a Vacation Bible School to take place next month. But before you start to round up the munchkins, there is a twist to our proposal. Our Vacation Bible School is for Grown Ups! Yup, you read that right. Start channeling your inner child, folks, Vacation Bible School is back at Holy Trinity. Just not quite the way you remember.

Our plan is to hold VBS over four evenings in August (just which four nights is still being worked out). We plan on them being consecutive evenings with a different focus each night.

One night will be a 'Paint and Sip' event where we will have a very talented artist lead a group painting session with canvases, brushes, paints and everything including a number of wines to sample while we create our masterpieces.

Another night will be a more traditional bible study but probably not as traditional as you may think.

A third night will be a game night with a Pictionary tournament and if we can find enough volunteers, a Holy Trinity Squares competition based on the old Hollywood Squares TV show we grew up with. (We are hoping Pastor Brenda will hold down the middle square and perhaps a retired Thiel religion professor would make a great Charley Weaver?) Here's hoping.

The final night will be an old-fashioned sing-a-long and ice cream social. Our goal is to find some talented parishioners with non-traditional instrument skills to lend a hand. We're still working out the details as I write this.

So, what do you think? Up for something off the well-beaten path? To pull this off we are going to need some help so think about what skills you can offer and be ready for when we call. The biggest issue will be the Holy Trinity Squares game because we will need nine people to make up our squares. Don't worry, we will give you the answers to the questions we will be asking. It will be up to you if you want to give the right answer or give a bluff. We are still working out the logistics for that but hey, if we can pull off a winter indoor yard sale the sky's the limit, right?

Look for more information and sign ups sheets over the next few weeks. We think it could be a lot of fun and maybe even a little educational! Now, does anyone remember how we kept the freezer pops frozen until snack time?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00 Property	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 Dance Lessons 1-4	6 5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (with prayers for healing)	
7 7th after Pentecost	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion		9:00 Flying Quilts			Dance Lessons 1-4	5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)
7:00 AA Big book meeting		10:30 Staff meeting				
		5:15 Worship and Music		7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)		
14 8th after Pentecost	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion					Dance Lessons 1-4	5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)
7:00 AA Big book meeting						
YOUTH GATHERING!!				7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)		
PASTOR OUT OF TOWN						
21 9th after Pentecost	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion		9:00 Flying Quilts		7:00 Happy Hour (Zoom)	Dance Lessons 1-4	5:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)
7:00 AA Big book meeting						
	Messenger articles due today					
28 10th after Pentecost	29	30	31			
9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion		9:00 Flying Quilts				
7:00 AA Big book meeting						

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July Birthdays

- 1 Lori McCann
- 2 Judith Bubeck
Darla Swift
Brad VanKanegan
- 4 Ezra Wasser
- 6 Jill Murrin
- 8 Christopher Shultz
- 11 Jane McCall
- 12 Bobbie Marshall
- 13 Andrew McCall
- 14 Natalie Bubenheim
- 15 Ava Archembeau
- 16 Sheryl Lanning
- 17 Ed Pitcher
- 28 Lisa Bates
Michael Lineman
- 30 Linda Oman
- 31 Rusty Saverino

July Anniversaries

The following members of our congregation are celebrating anniversaries this month. Congratulate them when you see them.

Ryan and Stephanie Kovak	5 years	July 19, 2019
Rich and Bobbi Marshall	34 years	July 21, 1990
Mark and Esther Wasser	46 years	July 22, 1978
David and Judy Leary	53 years	July 24, 1971
Mike and Erin McKinney	20 years	July 24, 2004
Rich and Denise Hall	41 years	July 30, 1983

Happy Anniversary

Second Mile Giving

Our second mile giving this month will be designated for the Salvation Army. Please use the envelopes marked for second mile in the narthex or the administrative hallway.



Good Shepherd Request for July

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area.

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **July is personal care items and school supplies.** Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.

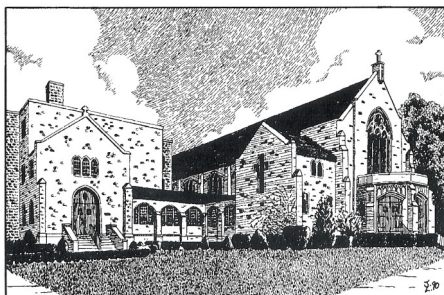
If You Travel this Summer:

Summer Offerings: Let us remember to be regular givers as well as faithful worshippers during the summer! Our congregation's life and ministry is year-round.

Before leaving for vacation, give your offerings for the Sundays that you will be away from worship; upon returning from occasional absences, "catch up" your offerings. Regular giving is a practice of faithful discipleship.

Upon returning from vacation, turn in your worship bulletin from the church you visited while away so we may add you to our Trinity Travelers list.

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