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Summer of Prayer

These days of summer are already moving quickly – the days are already getting shorter, nights are getting longer, and our 4th of July celebrations are upon us! And here at Trinity we are moving through our “Summer of Prayer” by focusing on the power of prayer in weekly worship as well as our daily lives. Of course, prayer brings all this

together, since we’re reminded of the presence of God in our lives every single day whenever we pray.

But do you ever have trouble praying on your own? Maybe you think you don’t have the right words, or you’re not in the right frame of mind, or you think you’re simply not “spiritual” enough. If any of that applies to you, then just try this simple prayer with the next breath you take. As you breathe in, say, “Holy Spirit, fill me.” And then, when you exhale, say, “Holy Spirit, send me.” It’s a beautiful prayer that’s short and sweet and gets right to the point.

~ God’s Peace, Pastor Engholm

What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



Sundays at 9:00 am
In-person & Online

Worship will be held INDOORS on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Worship will be held OUTDOORS, on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (weather permitting).



Trinity Mask Update

Facemasks are now optional at Trinity, including during worship services.

The Rails to Trails Parade is Back, and TRINITY IS IN IT!

The Rails to Trails Parade will take place on **Saturday, July 31 at 11:00 am**, and Trinity will be a part of it this year with our very own MARCHING BAND! You are invited to walk along with the band and share our Trinity SWAG with everybody by passing out candy, waving yellow noodles, and smiling a big Trinity smile for all to see! If you want to join the fun, please contact the church office by calling 952-955-1891 or emailing trinityoffice@trin.org. You can also send a note directly to the pastor at jengholm@trin.org. What? You've never been in a parade before? This is your chance — what are you waiting for?



Jacob's
Journal

Greetings Trinity Family,

Here we are in the month of July and some of us are still asking why? Why do we pray and how do we hear what the Lord has to say? Do we talk about the good or the bad? Do we pray when we are happy or we when we are sad? Do I pray for myself or for those around me? Do I pray in secret or where everyone can see? Do I have to pray just now or until eternity? Come along as we continue the journey of the Summer of Prayer at Trinity!

~ Jacob Ulland, Intern



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Thursday, July 15 | 10:00 am

Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group is excited to be getting together again this summer. Join us for a morning of coffee and fellowship with a German flair! Dave and Mary Sloneker will share with us their experiences of traveling and living in Germany. Pull out your Lederhosen, brush up on your German and join the Trinity OWLS this month! All "older" and/or "wiser" Lutherans and friends are invited to attend.

Calling All Covid Crooners!

A couple of years ago, Trinity had a summer choir called the "Sunshine Singers". They would arrive a half hour early to worship in order to run through a simple song that they would sing at the service. In keeping with that tradition, the Sunshine Singers will morph into the "Covid Crooners" for this summer's services. If you would like to croon with the group, arrive at 8:30 am for a quick run through at any of our summer services!

PARISH Health



The monthly column from Trinity's Parish Health Ministry Team



>> Trinity GROUPS

Quilting Ministry

Tuesdays | 9:00 am

The Trinity Quilters are back at it each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Meet in the Nyulnda Chapel for a morning of quilting and conversation.

Trinity Apostles

Friday, July 16 | 8:00 am

Join the Trinity Apostles for coffee, fellowship and to check off a few "handyman" jobs from our to-do list. All are welcome to lend a hand.

Heavenly Housekeepers

Thursday, July 22 | 9:00 am

The Heavenly Housekeepers will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 am to complete light housekeeping tasks. Many hands make light work for all. Plus housekeeping with a group is much more fun than doing it on your own!



Volunteer for the Tour de Tonka Rest Stop at Trinity Saturday, August 7

The Tour de Tonka bike ride is back! On Saturday morning, August 7, Trinity will provide

a Rest Stop in our parking lot for the riders. We're looking for 8-10 volunteers to help welcome riders and prepare snacks for them that day. Contact Kari Olson at kario4@aol.com or 612-207-6108 to volunteer.

Tips for a Safer Summer!

How is your Summer of Prayer going? Are you finding ways to talk to and also listen to God in your daily life? Summer is a great time to experience and appreciate the beauty God has created all around us. As you are outside enjoying a walk or bike ride or headed to a park or lake, there are so many opportunities to see, smell and hear summer! It's great to be outside in the warm weather, but there are also some things to remember to keep you healthy during the summer heat. Below is a short summer wellness checklist to help you enjoy the season.

- **Wear Sunscreen and reapply as needed to avoid sunburn and skin cancer.**
- **Stay hydrated – drinking plenty of water throughout the day, and remember that caffeinated and sugary drinks dehydrate you.**
- **Eat lighter meals, including lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.**
- **Learn to swim, wear a lifejacket when using watercraft, and practice safe pool rules.**
- **Wear a helmet when biking, skateboarding and rollerblading.**
- **Apply insect repellent to exposed skin and clothing to prevent insect bites and ticks.**
- **Pay attention to heat advisories and don't over exert yourself on hot days.**
- **Never leave children or pets in the car unattended.**
- **Provide shade and plenty of fresh water to pets, and remember that surfaces can burn their paws.**

Stay safe and have fun!

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Janet Axtell

*April 10, 1950 ~ December 1, 2020
Memorial Service on
June 5, 2021*

Ardelle Harpestad

*March 19, 1926 ~ March 10, 2021
Memorial Service on
June 12, 2021*

MEMORIALS

In memory of

Clyde Stieve
Technology ~ \$350



Celebrating Pastor Bob Ericson!

Pastor Bob
Ericson served
here at Trinity

from 1998 - 2007. On Sunday, July 18, a celebration is planned at Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa for Pastor Bob and his wife, Barb, in honor of Pastor Bob's 50th Anniversary of Ordination into the ELCA ministry. Contact the Trinity church office for event details. Cards and notes may be mailed to Nazareth Lutheran Church, 7401 University Ave, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Congratulations, Pastor Ericson!

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 15, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

About \$37,916.67 is needed each month to meet the approved budget of \$455,000.

General Fund summary May 2021

Beginning balance 5/1/2021:
\$ 25,287.22

General Fund income: \$ 27,857.16
General Fund expenses: \$ 36,098.56
Net balance (May): - \$ 8,241.40

**General Fund balance as of
5/31/2021: \$ 17,045.82**

**Year-to date general fund EXPENSES
exceed INCOME by \$19,638.48.**

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 1,016.38
Loan principal payment: \$ 1,320.62
Add'l principal payment: \$ 6,163.00

Mortgage loan balance:

\$ 313,476.75

Cash Summary

Bremer: \$ 64,910.97
*(includes \$2,744.36 for May federal withholding
and \$11,955.78 in hail damage receipts)*

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 148,873.71

M/S/C Jodi Boylan / Nancy Pickering / carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Jeff Engholm discussed many of the changes in our communities and in the church that are happening at the end of the pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Covid Crusaders:** Planning on another delivery for the 4th of July.
- **Covid Response Team:** Masks are still required for in-person worship due to the way COVID spreads while singing and for the protection of the unvaccinated. The mask rule is also following the recommendations of the MN Department of Health.
- **Internship Committee:** We are at the midpoint of Jacobs internship, and the Internship Committee discussed an evaluation from the school of Jacob's work in the church.
- **Property:** Dave Durkin re-landscaped the exit to Newton Ave. and he donated labor and materials to complete the job.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to adopt all COVID Response Team's updated recommendations
M/S/C Ken Tufte / Nancy Stello / carried
- Motion to accept Dave Schoening's resignation from church council.
M/S/C Jodi Boylan / Diane Holmes / carried
- **Why Church Initiative:** Eileen Nelson presented *Why Church: Learning to Listen, Tell Our Stories, and Invite*, a skill building curriculum designed to help congregations and members be better able to discern how God is at work in their lives. Eileen is proposing to have 3-5 church members and Pastor Jeff to participate in this curriculum.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Laura Anderson	2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Tyler Berscheit	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour <i>Happy Birthday</i> Patrick Dinkins Angela Dulas Dean Loehrs Jared Sieling	5 <i>Church Office Closed</i> AA Meeting 8:00 pm	6 Quilters 9:00 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Sue Magnuson Stephanie Schmidt	7 AA Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Geri Hagelin Nancy Vargo	8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Corky Ibeling Debbie Tuvey	9	10
11 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour <i>Happy Birthday</i> Sarah Tronnes Tammy Vraspir	12 Book Club 6:30 pm AA Meeting 8:00 pm	13 Quilters 9:00 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jeffery Neaton	14 AA Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cheri Riley	15 OWLS 10:00 am Finance Committee 6:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> AJ Hilgers Denise Kaduk	16 Apostles 8:00 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ella Lynch	17
18 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ed Salonek	19 AA Meeting 8:00 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mike Fritzke Michael Hill Kim Kuntz	20 Quilters 9:00 am Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Stella Halvorson Don Moldenhauer	21 AA Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Christian Bakke Cory Drews	22 Heavenly Housekeepers 9:00 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Abigail Lohmann Isaac Vraspir	23	24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Adam Hastings Jennifer Hoover Hailey Schmidt
25 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour <i>Happy Birthday</i> Brian Brabec Vi Kuehne	26 AA Meeting 8:00 pm	27 Quilters 9:00 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cameryn Graff	28 AA Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Zachary Durkin Elizabeth Nichols	29 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Elin Rumrill	30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Steven Hendricks Patty Jorgensen-Flannery	31 Rails to Trails Parade 11:00 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Brittany Beck



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 15 - 18 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Register at www.trin.org/vbs

Kids ages 3 years old – 4th Grade are invited to four fun-filled days of Vacation Bible School! Each evening will include a Bible story, singing, prayer, games, snacks, explorations, friendships, and more! Invite your friends to VBS!

Register by July 15 and get a free VBS T-shirt!