



# TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

JUNE 2021

*Be Still and Know  
That I am God*

*Psalm 46:10*

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## WORSHIP:

Sundays In-Person & Online  
9:00 am

Wednesdays Online  
7:00 pm

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## Summer of Prayer

Summer is here, a time to relax, reflect, and renew our bodies, minds, and souls. This summer we are going to focus on that process as we embark on a spiritual journey: The Summer of Prayer. Each week in worship, whether in-person or online, we will be looking at scripture readings that invite us into a deeper, daily prayer life.

Does this sound complicated? It's not. Here's the first step: Instead of thinking of prayer only as a way to TALK to God, think of prayer as a way of LISTENING to God. Do you think you don't have the right words for prayer? Don't worry – you don't need them! Simply pay attention to the quiet in your heart as you work in your garden, drive down the road, or take a walk. God is there in the middle of it all, steadily, quietly, peacefully.

God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

# What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



**Sundays at 9:00 am — In-person & Online**  
**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm — Online**

Worship will be held INDOORS on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month (reservations required until further notice). Worship will be held OUTDOORS, on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (weather permitting, no reservations needed).



## Congratulations Class of 2021!

On Sunday, May 16, Trinity honored our high school graduates with a handmade quilt, our best wishes and God's blessings as they move onto their next adventures. **Congratulations Braeden Hoover, Brynn Illies, Allison Kind, Elliott Maas, Adrienne Quinlan, Sawyer Ritter, Jordyn Salzsiedler, Piper Thompson, Alaina Thonn, and Tyler Volkart.**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation also awarded college scholarships to Braeden Hoover, Brynn Illies (*Sandquist Music Memorial*), Allison Kind, Elliott Maas (*Frank Kaduk Memorial*), Adrienne Quinlan, Sawyer Ritter (*Bergstrom Memorial*) and Jordyn Salzsiedler (*Trinity Preschool Scholarship*).

The Trinity Foundation gratefully accepts donations to any of the scholarship funds throughout the year. You can give your gift directly to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate it to the scholarship of your choice.



## Join us for Vacation Bible School!

**August 15 - 18, 2021**  
**5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Kids are invited to four fun-filled days of Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran Church. Join us in-person this summer for "TREASURED" VBS, where kids will learn that God knows you, God hears you, God comforts you, God forgives you, and God chooses you! Each evening will include a Bible story, singing, prayer, games, snacks, explorations, friendships, and more!

**Trinity's VBS is for children who are 3 years old (by 9/1/2020) through Grade 4 (2020-2021 school year).**

**\$20 per child, \$50 max / family**

**Register at [www.trin.org/vbs](http://www.trin.org/vbs)**

You can register up until the first day of VBS, but if you register by July 1, you'll get a free VBS T-shirt!

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to help out with VBS. We'll need volunteers to help prep items before VBS as well as lots of helpers during the event itself. Adults and youth in 5th Grade and older are invited to volunteer. Email Hannah Rosholt at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org) to sign up to be a VBS volunteer.

## *A Note from* **Joyce Harding** Minister of Music



### **Calling All Covid Crooners!**

Happy summer! Many of you are planting flowers and veggies and are happy to watch them grow into beautiful plants. My Dad was a farmer and had beautiful gardens, but I never developed the passion he had in gardening.

My passion is in growing choirs and musicians. Unfortunately I haven't done much "music gardening" in the past months, but that is about to change. For a couple of years before the pandemic, Trinity had a summer choir of "Sunshine Singers." On Sunday morning, anyone attending church on Sunday who wanted to sing in the choir would come a few minutes early and rehearse a hymn to

sing during the service. Sometimes we would have a dozen singers, sometimes just a few. Sometimes we would sing harmony parts but often we would simply sing the melody of a familiar hymn.

In keeping with that tradition, the Sunshine Singers will morph into the "Covid Crooners" for the summer! We will sing at the outdoor services for now. If you are attending an outdoor service and would like to croon with the group, arrive at 8:45 for a quick run through. I hope to see you there!

Here is a choir singing David Bowie's "Space Oddity." We will NOT be singing this but it is fun to watch!

<https://youtu.be/s6AgZ0NgvdU>

I enjoy the fruits of your garden, and I hope you enjoy mine!



## **Jacob's** *Journal*

Greetings Trinity Family,

Well summer is upon us, so I guess I should stop praying for snow... (But I won't!) Speaking of prayer I am excited about a summer preaching series we will be exploring and you guessed it, the topic is Prayer! If you are like me, sometimes you just don't know what to pray for or wonder does God really care about what's going in my life? Who do we pray with? Is there a right way to pray? Do we just pray when things are bad or should we pray for the good things too? Prayer can be intimidating, but this summer we hope to lean into prayer and hope that you will come along for the journey too!

Humbly praying for snow,  
-Jacob

## **Trinity's Teddy Bear Ministry**

Trinity has Teddy Bears available for members to share with those who are going through especially difficult, even traumatic, situations. Bears can be given to all ages – to anyone who might be in need of a special "bear hug" during a difficult time. Request a Teddy Bear to give to someone who needs it today by contacting Cindy Essen at 612-816-3823 or email [cessen@citlink.net](mailto:cessen@citlink.net).



## **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](mailto:kario4@aol.com) or 612-207-6108 to volunteer.



# Congregational NEWS

## PASTORAL ACTS

### FUNERALS

**Clyde Stieve**

September 16, 1946 ~ April 28, 2021  
Memorial Service on  
May 2, 2021

## MEMORIALS

*In memory of*

**Willard Johnson**  
\$450 ~ Capital Appeal

**The COVID Response Team**  
will meet in early June to  
revise our guidelines for  
indoor worship and activities  
at Trinity. Thank you for your  
patience and support.

Kari Olson, Chair  
Robyn Behrens  
Alyson Blakstad  
Allison Neaton  
Eileen Nelson  
Scott Phearman  
Jim Sandquist  
Dan Sieling

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 18, 2021

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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

#### General Fund summary for April 2021

**Beginning balance 4/1/2021:**  
**\$ 24,090.91**

General Fund income: \$ 36,736.17  
General Fund expenses: \$ 35,639.86  
Net balance (April): \$ 1,196.31

**General Fund balance as of 4/30/2021:**  
**\$ 25,287.22**

**Year-to date general fund EXPENSES exceed INCOME by \$11,397.08.**

#### Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 1,029.12  
Loan principal payment: \$ 1,307.88  
Add'l principal payment: \$ 2,713.00

**Mortgage loan balance:**  
**\$ 320,963.62**

### Cash Summary

Bremer: \$ 76,207.93  
(includes \$2,744.36 for Apr. federal withholding and \$11,955.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 138,819.92

M/S/C Nancy Pickering / Diane Holmes / carried

### OLD BUSINESS

- **COVID Crusaders** - Gift boxes delivered to some of the residents of Westwood.
- **Property Committee** - The steeple will be repaired and replaced, and fully covered by insurance.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Children's Ministry Coordinator**  
Approval to hire Hannah Rosholt for the Children's Ministry Coordinator at approximately 15 hours a month at the budgeted salary.

M/S/C Jodi Boylan / Corky Ibeling / carried



## ELCA Missionary Support

Trinity supports the missionary work of The Rev. Philip & Lou Marie Knutson and The Rev. Elisabeth Johnson with prayer and financial sponsorship. Support for our missionaries in Africa for one week is \$20. We invite and encourage you to sign up on the calendars in the back of the sanctuary for a week of support (or simply call or email the church office). A gift supporting our missionaries is a great gift for a birthday or anniversary or a meaningful way to remember or honor a loved one.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Hugo Neaton	2 <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Carter Blacketter Rylie Bolte Tami Kugler	3  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sheryl Forcier Brock Kohls Erin Singsank	4  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Abby Otto Victor Thonn Megan Whitehead	5  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Emma Bjurstrom Connor Kendall
6 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jeremy Dulas	7 <b>Book Club</b> 6:30 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Kendra Tufte	8 <b>Kitchen Reserved</b> 6:00 pm <b>COVID Team Mtg</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Greta Guetzkow Fiona Williams	9 <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lois Geyen Sophia Paschke	10 <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Zackery Gallus Sophia Tronnes	11  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Kennedy Dalbey	12  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bella Drews Kim Scanlon
13 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ali Matson	14 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bruce Akins Cyndee Emmons Marilyn Panzer	15 <b>Church Council Mtg</b> 6:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Christian Semeja	16 <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Olivia Flannery Madelyn Johnson Betty Sommerfeld	17  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jill Diers Kaye Kohls Nancy Pickering Noah Schermann	18  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jill Diers Kaye Kohls Nancy Pickering Noah Schermann	19  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jill Diers Kaye Kohls Nancy Pickering Noah Schermann
20 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Gwen Dalchow Pam Diesman Shirley Johnson	21 <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jim Gersema	22  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Oliver Baluski	23 <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Emily Gruette Rob Illies	24  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sara Baluski Albert Rundell Hubie Widmer	25  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sara Baluski Albert Rundell Hubie Widmer	26  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sara Baluski Albert Rundell Hubie Widmer
27 <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) 9:45 am Coffee Hour  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lyndzi Durkin Terri Gens Eric Hagelin Mitchell Markgraf	28 <b>Staff Planning Mtg</b> 1:00 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Patrick Delaney Anna Eklund Sawyer Hill Shelley Holmes Chad Jones Anne Otto	29  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lennon Hill	30 <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sara Baluski Albert Rundell Hubie Widmer			



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## Trinity Cookout Pictures



A special thanks to Trisha Ragner for the Memorial Weekend Cookout and all of the activities she planned as our Outdoor Ministry Coordinator this past year.

