

Trinity Tidings for Aug2017

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PASTOR'S NOTE

How do you like the new face of Trinity's newsletter? We're hoping that our new format makes it easier to access information and learn the latest. It reflects the ELCA logo: "Being Made New." It is in Christ that all things are a new creation and are made new.

As we roll into fall we meet new challenges, new school schedules, maybe new work schedules, too. The season changes and we enter a time that soon leads to celebration and renewal as we contemplate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, prepare for Thanksgiving, and yes—even Advent and Christmas is soon upon us once again.

It is in this whirlwind of seasons and activities that we remember Christ is always with us working in us and through us. Christ walks with us through whatever challenges, celebrations, disappointments and joys we face.

As a teacher, I faced each September with trepidation and excitement as to what the new school year would bring. Sometimes things happened that did not bode well for the remainder of the school year—but I would take it in stride remembering how important it was to be flexible. I believe it was my faith in Christ that made that flexibility possible. When faced with difficulties at school—or in my family—I knew that my foundation lay in the love and hope of Jesus Christ—the one who continues to create, mold, shape, and make me new.

In other words, I am always made ready for the changes God has in store for me. May God continue to create us and make us new as we put summer behind and make ready for a new fall.

Blessings, Pr. Julie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **"WELCOME BAGS"** Please pick up a red welcome bag and an address on the front Narthex windowsill along with delivery instructions. Welcome someone to the neighborhood by striking up a conversation. If they are not home, try again later. It is face to face relationships that makes evangelism work.
- **AUGUST 13TH OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC.** Bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on. Youth will be sitting together for the picnic to talk about this fall's activities and the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.
- **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION continues.** Please pick up a brochure and registration form for someone you know who is looking for a preschool experience for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Preschool and PreK Classes are Monday through Friday 9:30am to 12pm and Wednesday afternoons til 3PM.
- **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday** is September 10th. This is a day of service for all Lutheran churches across the United States. We are looking for service opportunities in our neighborhood to do on this day. If you are aware of any projects or needs in which we might be able to serve, please let Pr. Julie or Deacon Carol know.

- **RALLY DAY** is September 17th. Come at 9:00am for breakfast with Katie and Martin as we kick off a new year of Christian Education. There will be some surprises so come and see!
- **Augsburg-Fortress Book Sale** is also happening beginning on September 17th. Twenty books reflecting the Reformation anniversary are being offered for your purchase. The book fair will be going on for 2 weeks. All orders must be in by Nov. 13th. The good news is that Trinity gets to keep the 20 books that will be on display.



Thank you to everyone who contributed toys and stuffed animals for the game stands at the Strawberry Festival this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Debiec

Hope you were able to attend worship July 16 when we shared the experiences we had at Camp Noah in Kokomo, IN. It was a full week of teaching, singing, playing & making children feel special. They have experienced so much trauma in their lives.

A sincere thank you for your hard work putting together blankets for the children. They absolutely LOVED them as they sat on them & snuggled in them all week....BUT when they realized on the last day that the blankets were theirs to keep, it was a tear-jerking moment. You gave them a tangible reminder that they are LOVED!

Remember to keep these precious children in your prayers and give thanks to God for allowing us to bring joy to their hearts.

We were blessed to be able to go.

-Mary Nace



Blankets packed and ready to go



Kids with their blankets @ Camp Noah



- Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars for this past quarter to Trinity Lutheran Church in Wernersville. Church Council has designated these dollars to our pre-school. You can do this on line by going to Thrivent.com or via phone (800-847-4836). When you hear the menu of options, say "Choice Dollars" and you will be connected with a "real person" to conduct the transaction. You now have to initiate this action every quarter whereas in the past Thrivent reminded you that you had choice dollars to designate.
- You can make Monetary Donations to Opportunity House in lieu of purchasing salad, dressing, pudding, rolls, etc. See Mary Young or Mary Jane Evans or put cash in an envelope and designate for Opportunity House.
- If anyone needs financial help for a project such as the Strawberry Festival, etc. and has Thrivent Financial Products, we can help you apply for matching funds (up to \$250.00 per grant). That is how we have funded VBS the last 2 years. Deacon Carol Koch can help you process your request online. It only takes a few minutes. Each person is eligible for 2 grants per year. Please see Deacon Carol or Pastor Julie if you have any questions.

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Ruth Bachman, Dawn Giangiaco, Carl Grasham, Sara Lawry, and Buzz Lockwood.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Ruth Bachman, Janet Dissinger, Ron Harman, Ardelle Heffner, Marlene Ochs, June Page, Jim Putt, Emma Renzo, and Mary June Yackera.

The Military: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Kiley Ann Gring, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Eric

Ochs, Nick Taatjes, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr.

Family and Friends: Michael Barber, Wanda Barnett, Larry Brossman, Carolyn Bryant, Joanne Debiec, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, David Fox, Nicholas Hydock, Hannah Kramer, Jake Powers, Patricia Prutzman, Resch Family, Kenneth Searfoss, Rodney Weiss, Jr., Beverly Wentzel, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

Special Ministries: Our missionaries in Tanzania-Dr. Stephen Friberg and his family.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.



Have a garden?

If God blesses you with an abundance

bring your “overage” to the basket on the side windowsill in the narthex.

If you don’t have a garden or are not growing what’s in the basket take what you would like, leave a donation.

All donations will be given to World Hunger.



Last Vacation Bible School Date is 8/2.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is \$15.00. The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$38.00. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. **We need bulletin sponsors for August 13, 20, and 27th. Please sign up in the narthex.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for August: 8/7-Carol Koch in memory of her father, Rev. William H. Marburger, 8/13-Bonnie Giamotti in memory of her mother, June Porter, 8/20-Kathy & Rick Lawry in honor of their wedding anniversary, 8/27-Mary Young in memory of her wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for August : 8/7-Sue & Joe Sickler in memory of Joe’s mother, Elsie Sickler, 8/13, 8/20, and 8/27 are available.

Helpers for August

Communion Assistants: Helen & Dick Hummel

Altar Guild: Suzanne Kreider

Greeters: 8/6-Kurtzes, 8/13-Bonnie Giamotti, 8/20-Dan & Audrey Eshbach, 8/27-Marie & Joe Rosati

Lay Readers: 8/6-Cindy Hassler Schappell, 8/13-Wendell Byler, 8/20-Carol Koch, 8/27-Charlotte Moyer

Ushers: 8/6-Lawry's, 8/13- Bashore's, 8/20-Kurtzes, 8/27-Berkenstocks.

Counters: 8/6-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 8/13-Jarsocrak, 8/20-Debiec/Rinehimer, 8/27-Hummels.

Bulletin Assemblers: 8/3-Mary Young, 8/10-June Rapley, 8/17-Diane Brown, 8/24-Connie Fritz, 8/31-Linda Weiss.

Newsletter Assemblers: Linda Weiss and Ann Sentz

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Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in August

Clarence Schein (our oldest member & in church every Sunday) will be 99, John Ketner will be 86, and Ardelle Heffner will be 80. Happy Birthday Clarence, John, and Ardelle.

Church Council Highlights

1. A meeting was held with the principal of Conrad Weiser East Elementary School as part of our community outreach efforts.
2. Property Committee is getting bids for the parking lot, sidewalks, back doors and basement doors.
3. The mortgage principal balance will be down to \$50,000 after money sent in June.
4. The Preschool is doing well with registration ahead of last year at this time and an expanded schedule to include classes every day and one afternoon weekly.

Note: We are establishing the 21st of the month as the newsletter deadline for every month. All newsletter articles, slate of helpers such as greeters, acolytes, sound system, etc. must be in the office by the morning of the 21st.