

Trinity Tidings for July/August, 2018

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Cool Waters

Do you remember your first meaningful vacation? I do. I was five. My dad was a working musician and had a drum playing job in Traverse City, Michigan. I recall my mother saying to me that we were going on a trip. Daddy had “a job” and we were coming along with him for vacation time. She packed all my stuff including my bathing suit and off we went. I don’t remember everything we did, but I do remember Lake Michigan—rocky, huge, and expansive—it was the largest body of water I had ever seen. I’m pretty sure my mother had no idea just how cold Lake Michigan was even in the summer. Oddly, thirteen years later I journeyed up the other side of Lake Michigan to go to college in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The water was still cold.

I do love vacations. I love summer. I love the warm weather, the relaxed environment, the more or less lighter schedule, sitting on the front porch and the patio, going places, visiting family and friends, working in the yard, sitting by campfires, and catching lightning bugs. And along with summer always comes CAMP—Day Camps, Music Camps, Retreats, and Vacation Bible Schools in all their sizes and shapes. Some of us even go camping all across the United States. And if not camping we might take time to enjoy our local parks and forests or spend time in our own backyards.

These wonderful summer outdoor experiences always bring us closer to God’s creation. It is in this time of rest and rejuvenation that we see shy animals, skittering bugs, blooming and growing flowers, ferns, and trees. We might causally spot a bald eagle or a timid baby fawn. A woodland walk may bring you to the precipice of cascading waterfalls or cool, rocky, and dripping caves. There is so much to see and do.

We have people who fish, walk, hike, boat, ride horse, and bicycle. There are so many ways to immerse ourselves in the wonders of God’s creation. Perhaps many of you have spent a night lying on a blanket in the yard gazing up at the Milky Way.

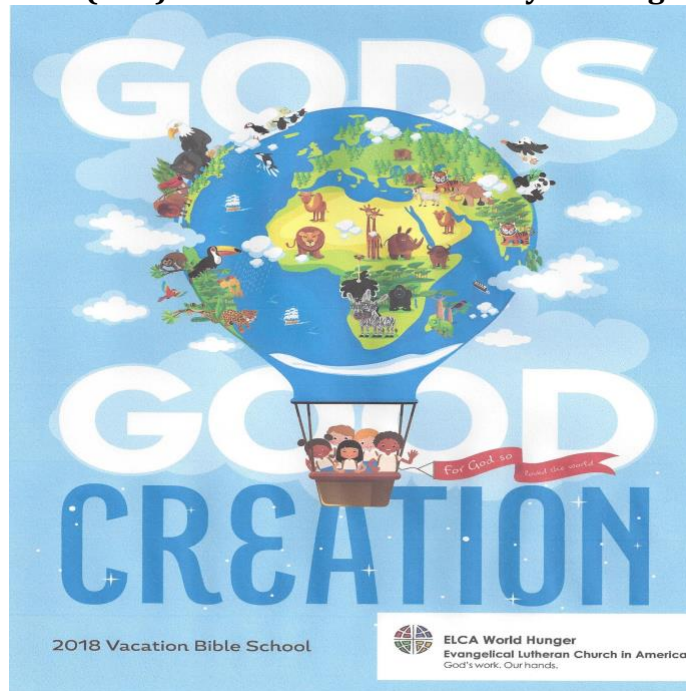
This summer I encourage you to be still and quiet in these moments for it is in these quiet places surrounded by the mystery and beauty of God’s creation that God speaks to us. Remember Elijah who tried to run from his problems? He climbed a mountain and began to listen for God. There was wind, fire, and an earthquake—but God was not found in any of it. It was in the silence of the mountain’s shadows and darkness that God came to Elijah and spoke to him.

It is where we, too shall find God—in the silence of our restful moments as we ponder the grandeur and majesty of God’s creation. We, too, are God’s creation. Every single person on the face of this planet is a creation of God knit together by the hand of God and born of love.

Remember who you are as you step into the cool waters of summer. You are a baptized Child of God. Peace be with you this summer as you journey into the peace and mystery of God’s creation.

Blessings,
Pr. Julie

Vacation Bible School (VBS) continues on Wednesday evening 7/11, 7/18 & 7/25



Thank you to the Harmony Wentzel, Mary Nace, Sandy Shadel, Eva Stone, Lori Shoumlisky and Pastor Bruce Osterholt who helped with the games, food, and crafts the first two weeks of Bible School and to Pastor Julie for leading the music and story and adult study. *Deacon Carol*

Schedule for July leaders is as follows:

July 11 (Bees-we have a beekeeper coming as part of the story time)

Meal: Kelly Perrone and Kay Stout

Craft: Diane Brown

Games: Kurtzes

July 18 (Fish)

Meal: Beth Byler

Craft: Morgan Enck

Games: Michael Enck

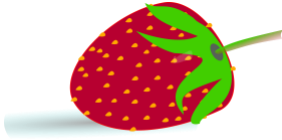
July 25 (Pigs)

Meal: Rick & Kathy Lawry

Craft: Kathy Bashore

Games: Pastor Bruce Osterholt

- Meal: 6-6:30
- Story & Singing: 6:30-7:00
- Craft: 7:00 to 7:25
- Games: 7:25-7:55
- Closing: 7:55-8:00
- There will be a Study for Adults while children are doing crafts and games. Games will be outside, weather permitting.
- There is a sign up sheet in the narthex weekly to sign up if you are attending the meal that week.



Strawberry Festival Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who signed up or said "yes" to our calls and pleas for help at the Strawberry Festival. Your willingness to help us in so many different ways is greatly appreciated, and is a major factor in success of the festival.

Anne Marie Rinehimer & Mary Young

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our raffle. It's because of you that our raffle was a success. Thank you so much.

Sincerely Connie Fritz

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Dawn Giangiacomo, Buzz Lockwood, Mitch Matlack, Matthew Schwartz, baby Charlie Stout and Rodney Weiss, Jr.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Ardelle Heffner, Marlene Ochs, June Page, Jane Wilkinson, and Mary June Yackera.

The Military: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Kiley Ann Gring, Natalie Ketner, 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, Samuel Guido, Glenn Helbert, Annie Herman, Karl Himmelmann, Jessey Homan, Hannah Kramer, Claire F. Pirl, Jake Powers, Patricia Prutzman, Tom Reppert, Resch Family, Kenneth Searfoss, Judy Steffie, Sandra Troutman, Beverly Wentzel, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

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

Upcoming Events

- **WBMD Music Camp** is at Trinity from 9 AM to 12 noon on July 30 thru August 3rd. There will be a program followed by an ice cream Social on Friday, 8/3 @ 1 PM.
- **August 5th Outdoor Worship And Church Picnic.** Bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on.
- **Camp Noah** will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Reading the week of August 13th. Please see Diane Brown or Mary Nace if you would like to help in any way or just for more info.
- **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday** is September 9th. This is a day of service for all Lutheran churches across the United States. We are planning to serve a community meal & do blood pressure checks.

- **Rally Day** is September 16th. Our theme is Noah's Ark and our worship service that morning will reflect this through song and message. We will also bless the animals that day at worship.
- **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.**

A few pictures from our first week of VBS, thanks to Morgan Enck



Making goat banks



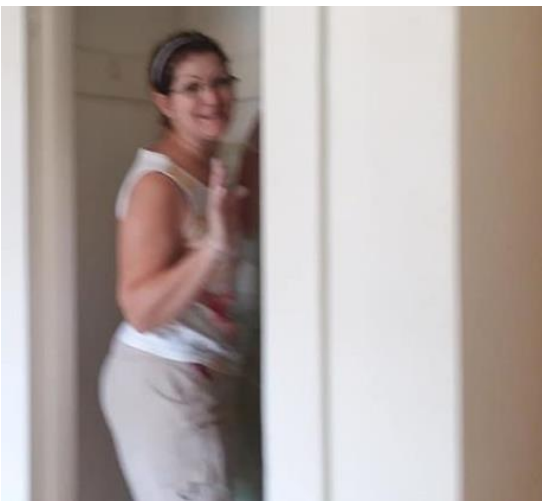
Playing the goat obstacle course

Blessing the PB & J we brought for the Conrad Weiser Food Bank



We obtained Thrivent Action Team Grant to help finance our VBS meals

Working on rehabbing our home at 110 S. Walnut St.



Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

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Altar Flower Sponsors for July: 7/1-Scott & Betty Lou Franzen in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. William Colove, 7/8-Bonnie Giamotti, 7/15-Stephanie and Kevin Kurtz in honor of John's 21st birthday, 7/22-Pamela Moyer in memory of Annie McKinney.

Bulletin Sponsors for July: 7/22-John Ketner in memory of his and Doris's wedding anniversary.

Helpers for July

Communion Assistants: Jerry Jarsocrak & Diane Brown

Greeters: 7/1-Diane Klinger, 7/8-Charlotte Moyer, 7/15-Suzanne Kreider, 7/22-Clarence Schein, 7/29-Bonnie Giamotti

Lay Readers: 7/1-Diane Brown, 7/8-Dan Nace, 7/15-Betty Lou Franzen, 7/22-Mary Nace, 7/29-Jerry Jarsocrak

Ushers: 7/1- Lawry's, 7/8- Bashore's, 7/15-Kurtzes, 7/22-Berkenstocks, 7/29-Barbara Debiec & Laura Miller.

Sound System: 7/1- Scott Franzen, 7/8-Patrick Berkenstock, 7/15-Wendell Byler, 7/22-Stephanie Kurtz, 7/29-Scott Franzen.

Counters: 7/1-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 7/8-Jarsocraks, 7/15-Debiec/Rinehimer, 7/22-Hummels, 7/29-Franzens.

Bulletin Assemblers: 7/5-Eleanor Brossman, 7/12-Carolyn Kurtz, 7/19-June Rapley, 7/26-Diane Brown, 8/2-Connie Fritz.

Newsletter Assemblers: Linda Weiss and Ann Sentz

Church Council Members

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Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in July

Jean Fiant will be 88, Clint Garrison will be 88, Patricia Paine will be 85, and Michael Renzo will be 80. Happy Birthday to all of you.

Looking ahead to a milestone-Clarence Schein will celebrate his 100th birthday in August and he is in church every Sunday.

Church Council Highlights for June

1. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday will be 9/9. We plan to offer a Community Meal and Blood Pressure checks.
2. Rally Day and Blessing of Animals will be held on 9/16. Theme for the day is Noah's Ark.
3. Combining July & August Newsletter but will be a calendar sent for August via E-Mail and distributed in church.
4. VBS offerings will go toward ELCA Good Gifts Global Barnyard.
5. Financial Difficulties being experienced @ Synod, District, and Local level. Discussed concerns in decline in offerings vs. expenses for current ministry.

August update below:

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Bulletin Sponsors for August: 8/5 & 8/12-available, 8/19- Sue & Joe Sickler in memory of Joe's mother, Elsie Sickler, 8/26-available.

Helpers for August

Communion Assistant: John Kurtz

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