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WHAT A GREAT GROUP OF OUR KIDS TURNED OUT FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT TRINITY! THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT HELPED IN PROVIDING THIS OPPORTUNITY.

**RALLY
sunday**

Come and Celebrate

**BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - 9:30 AM**

A graphic with a red and white circular design, stars, and a yellow banner at the bottom.

Join Us
Sunday - September 1, 2024

*St. Pauli Lutheran
8:45 am Service*

Trinity Members please join us at St. Pauli, there will be no service at Trinity on Sunday.

Holden Lutheran Service will be at 10:30 am



Keep us in your Prayers

*Sandy Abbott, Landen Arnett, Greta Bötter,
Jamie Cardwell, Dan Hagelin,
Mary Jo Huselid, McCoy Jipson,
Alma Jorgenson, Tjyson Karsky, Donna Moberg,
Susie Nelson, Verna Schlimme, Pam Schneck,
Lois Jorgenson, Karianna Wiegman.*

Happy August Birthday

- 1 Sebastian Schmidt
- 2 Debbie Nelson
- 3 Bill Combellick, Jennifer Nordly
- 4 Jesse Athey, Brian Krueger
- 5 Maria Botker
- 6 Randy Erickson, Levi Stattelmann, Amber Doschadis
- 9 Logan Nordly
- 10 Blair Morrill
- 14 Garrison Moberg
- 15 Minister Jim Rach
- 16 Maurice Herberg
- 17 Lorie Chase, Daisy Norlund
- 18 LeRoy Schoon
- 19 Karen Hagen, Madison Olson
- 23 Terry Maus, Meghan Smart
- 25 Pam Chase, Donna Folkens, Gwen Athey, Deb Maher, Jameson Nordly
- 26 Susie Nelson, Joleen Wiegman, Kenlee Chase
- 28 Finn Gillespie, Huck Gillespie, Bruce Herberg
- 30 Adam Ebnet, Jon Pansch
- 31 Branden Cardwell



YOUR GIVING MATTERS!



Thank You from a Veteran

I FOUND MYSELF AT THE SIOUX FALLS VA FOR A GOOD PORTION OF CHRISTMAS DAY. IT WAS A COMPLICATION TO A SERVICEMAN'S ISSUE. THE STAFF GAVE ME A CHRISTMAS LIGHT BEFORE I LEFT. IT CONTAINED YOUR BEAUTIFUL QUILT. I WANT TO THANK YOU, AND LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO ME. MY NAME IS NOT IMPORTANT, YOUR WORK IS. THE QUILT LIFTED MY SPIRITS AND GAVE ME JOY. THANK YOU

For All The Special Things You Do

Trinity Quilters Receive
Thank you note!

CONGRATULATIONS You Win

July 1 - \$100 - Robyn Lampert	July 16 - \$100 - Tom McNally
July 2 - \$100 - Kristi Moberg	July 17 - \$100 - Lowell Larson
July 3 - \$100 - Lee Sigler	July 18 - \$100 - Terri Abraham
July 4 - \$190 - Patricia Kleindl	July 19 - \$100 - Deb Maher
July 5 - \$100 - Dennis Viacrusis	July 20 - \$150 - Tammy Kohl
July 6 - \$100 - Corey Fuhrman	July 21 - \$500 - Chris Lupkes
July 7 - \$500 - Chad Gillespie	July 22 - \$100 - Clayton Brobst
July 8 - \$100 - Kerri Herberg	July 23 - \$100 - Mike Maher
July 9 - \$100 - Hannah Young	July 24 - \$100 - Terry Gillespie
July 10 - \$100 - Terry Gillespie	July 25 - \$100 - Ben Bernard
July 11 - \$100 - Dustin Ringsaker	July 26 - \$100 - Haley Gillespie
July 12 - \$100 - Lete Herberg	July 27 - \$150 - Marie Altrich
July 13 - \$150 - Steve Nelson	July 28 - \$500 - Tori Teske
July 14 - \$500 - Hannah Graham	July 29 - \$100 - Mick Murphy
July 15 - \$100 - John Stolpman	July 30 - \$100 - Bernie Kirchberg
	July 31 - \$100 - Ron Relsdorf

THANKS TO THE FAMILY OF BERNICE MATTKE FOR THE \$500 DONATION TO OUR BIBLE SCHOOL

In Loving Memory of
Bernice Carol Mattke
September 14, 1925-October 26, 1023



SAVE THE DATE

Trinity Confirmation Classes

STUDENT/PARENT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
5:30 PM



Thought I would share with you a fellow Lutheran pastor's response to a 75 year old woman's question about why she is suffering so much. Minister Jim

WHY ME

Dear M.S.

My sister Barbara is visiting me right now, and today at breakfast, we spoke of suffering. She is uniquely qualified to speak on this as a member of two clubs nobody wants to join: the mother of a dead son, and diagnosed with breast cancer.

This morning my sister reminded me of the most helpful thing anyone said to her about suffering. That person, who also was living with cancer, said to my sister that she (like you) struggled with the question "why me".

Friend, it is normal to scan our lives for casual factors when life heads south. Christians do it. Buddhists do it. New Age folks do it. All ask our own version of the same thing: Did I do something to deserve this? A hidden sin, karma of some sort? What brought this upon me?

"Why me?" is as human a question as any I have heard, but that doesn't mean it's helpful. We also quietly ask the same question when bad things happen to other people. We always look for evidence of blame for them or us. It's understandable. We must keep the chaos monster at a safe distance through any piety available. Because it's terrifying to allow for the possibility that if it happened to them it could happen to us – and equally terrifying to admit we do not have the power to control the universe. Which brings me back to my sister's friend, who said the most helpful thing.

"I stopped asking why me," she told my sister, "and started asking why NOT me?"

M.S. I know you already know this, but I'm going to say it for my own sake. These are not words that ever belong in the mouth of anyone but ourselves. But for my sister, there is no "cancer sucks" coffee mug, or "everything happens for a reason" comment or purpose driven drive that did for her what that question "but why NOT me" did. Because realizing there was no satisfying answer to why NOT me helped her realize there was also no satisfying answer to why me. And this led her to radical acceptance of what is (not an endorsement, mind you, but acceptance).

Life is capricious M.S. – in a moment everything can change. I wish I could tell you here's what to do to avoid that. All I know is your ill health at this moment is no more punishment than my for-the-time-being good health is any reward. So, I wish you joy and good healing, M.S. I wish you freedom from the tyranny of "why" questions. I wish you long lists of things you love about yourself. I wish you pleasing memories.

I wish you belly laughs and pain free napping and every good thing life has.

Nadia

(Next newsletter I will share Nadia's answer to the theological question is God with me in my suffering)

Minister Jim

PICNIC RALLY SUNDAY

Join us following the 10:30 am church service for a Picnic Fundraiser for the Trinity Sound System - Free Will Offering.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
TRINITY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

JOIN US

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

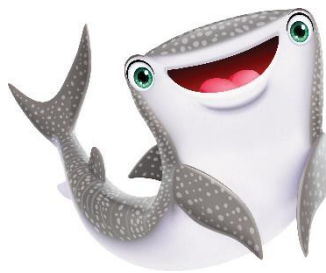
Lord, grant us peace as we send our children back to school.

Help us trust in your care and guidance for them each day.

- Amen



"Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."
(John 13:34)



"We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God."
(John 6:69)



God is a friend forever.

Trinity Bible School - 2024

We are getting closer to making the new sound system for Trinity Church a reality with the gracious donations and fundraising efforts that have been made by our members and community. The council is in the process of getting bids for the system including state-of-the-art speakers, microphones, amplifiers, monitors, cabling, etc. for the new sound system. Also included will be a video presentation system that will allow us to project our service information and update our video presentations for our streaming online. Our fundraising efforts so far is \$17,352. Thanks to all for your support!



September Birthdays

- 1st - Bonnie Dybdahl
- 2nd - Alan McAlister
- 3rd - Jason Dresch, Kelly Stattelman
- 4th - Sandy Abbott
- 6th - Brian Dahl
- 11th - Chad Arndt, Donna Moberg
- 12th - Donnette Herberg, Keane Turner
- 13th - Elaine Christianson
- 14th - Marlee Doschadis, Bruce Strobel
- 20th - Chanler Combellick, April Sibson, Mark Vangsness
- 21st - Gretchen Cardwell, Sherry Jipson
- 23rd - Bryce Hoffman, Alma Jorgenson, Richard Sandberg
- 24th - Grace Cardwell, Eric Kleindl
- 25th - Steve Nelson
- 26th - Jerome Huselid
- 27th - Lois Torgerson
- 29th - Angel Dresch, Jensen Huselid
- 30th - Adam Ebnet

Please give your information to the office if your name has been missed.



Thanks to Chuck Folkens for the beautiful landscaping and taking care of our church grounds. Also thanks to our summer lawn mowing crew for all you do!



Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:
Y = T, D = I

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C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.
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Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV

AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 8:45 Church at St. Pauli 10:30 Service at Holden	5	6	7 9 am Trinity Quilters 1 pm Holden Quilters	8	9	10
11 8:45 Service at Trinity 10:30 Service at Holden	12	13	14 9 am Trinity Quilters	15	16	17
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SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:45 Service at St. Pauli 10:30 Service at Holden	2	3	4 9:00 am Trinity Quilters	5	6	7
8 8:45 Service at Holden 9:30 Rally Sunday 10:30 Contemporary Service at Trinity	9	10	11 9:00 am Trinity Quilters 1:00 pm Holden Quilters 5:00 pm Church Council	12	13	14
15 8:45 Service at Holden 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service at Trinity	16	17	18 9:00 am Trinity Quilters	19	20	21
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