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#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Bible School will be July 25 through 29, from 8:45 am to noon, for children who will be age 3 by September 1, 2016 through those who have recently completed Grade 5. Adults and youth wishing to help should be in contact with Lura Godfrey at <a href="mailto:luradg@charter.net">luradg@charter.net</a> or 864-243-8019. Registrations received in July will be \$20.00 each.

Help decorate for Bible School by loaning these items: surf boards, boogie boards, life preserver, life vests, a tall white stool with a back (to make into a lifeguard's chair), and other beach related items. Contact Mark or Lura Godfrey regarding items to loan.

The theme is *Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love*. Students will spend the week enjoying a camp setting and learning some of the *water stories* in the Bible. Parents should park and walk their children in to the Multipurpose Room each morning, where the day will begin with a devotion and worship experience. Parents are welcome to attend devotions with their children. At noon each day, parents should pick up their children in their classrooms. No children will be released to meet rides outside. The week will conclude on Friday with a picnic in the Gym. Families are encouraged to attend. Reservations can be made during the Bible School week.

As part of worship children are invited to bring an offering each day. On Monday, non-perishable food items will be collected. Tuesday, 70 page spiral notebooks; Wednesday, gently used children's books; Thursday clean, worn denim jeans and change for *Sole Hope*; and Friday, pet food will be collected.

Bible School is a fun week at Trinity, and also an important week as students and leaders give their time and attention to our calling as children of God. Please remember the leaders and learners in prayer as all seek to grow in faith and love for God and others around us.

Registration forms may be found in this publication as well as in the weekly announcement page.



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# In the News at Trinity

Child Protection Policy Training

**ELCA Missionary to Visit** 

Lutheran Heritage Tour of Germany

Outreach for Greenville Literacy

Sole Hope Collection

Vacation Bible School

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

I am preparing to travel to Germany this month with twenty-four members of Trinity to explore our Lutheran heritage by visiting sites that hold great significance to the Protestant Reformation. Rereading some of Martin Luther's writings has renewed my deep love and appreciation for the Lutheran faith and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. While Martin Luther made many significant contributions to the faith, I am especially grateful for the guidance Luther provided for how we read and understand Scripture.

When Martin Luther made the proclamation of *sola scriptura* as the only authority for the Christian's life, part of the phrase has been commonly ignored. Luther actually said, *Scripture rightly divided*, which simply means, *interpreted correctly*. One of the most important reasons to read and study the Bible is that it protects us from false prophets. In every age of the church there have been men and women who use the Bible for their own purposes, not to build God's kingdom.

One of the ways we can prevent ourselves from falling prey to these false understandings is by accepting the fact that the Bible is God's love story to the world. Words of Scripture help us see that God is love and that God reaches out in love to all humanity. All of God's creation - every single human being on this planet - is held in God's loving, forgiving, and welcoming embrace. Some parts of the Bible carry more weight, more significance than others. Martin Luther helped us see the importance of considering every phrase of Scripture through the lens of love. This Lutheran way of reading the Bible gives us permission to set aside those phrases that represent ancient cultural norms rather than the love and grace of a merciful and forgiving God.

The gospel of Jesus is a word of grace, acceptance, and love. Using Scripture to condemn, judge, or hurt certain segments of God's beloved people is unhelpful, inappropriate, and contrary to God's intent. The Bible commands us to love. My prayer is that God's love in our lives will give us the strength, courage, and wisdom to reach out to a broken and hurting world with love, kindness, and compassion.

Peace, love, and joy,

Pastor Susan Crowell

#### LUTHERAN HERITAGE TOUR OF GERMANY

Twenty-five member of Trinity including Pastor Crowell and Amy Brown will be in Germany from July 7 to July 17 to explore Reformation history by touring sites that are significant to the Protestant Reformation. Please pray for this group that includes Elizabeth Allen, Mark Allen, Bev Bresette, Rich Bresette, Kaitlyn Bresette, Roger Brown, Rowan Brown, Deirdre Hixson, Valerie Hollinger, Wayne Hollinger, Lauren Miller, Paul Miller, Grace Kirven, Rita Kirven, Wayne Mangels, Gail Moose, Kaitlin Moose, Richard Moose, Lynn Parsons, Peggy Schotsch, Nancy Teachey, Cindy Ulmer, and Ron Ulmer.

#### PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group meets at 11:30 am in the Library every Wednesday. The group meets for thirty minutes to share prayer concerns and celebrations and pray for individuals and ministries in the life of Trinity. Prayer reguests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com. All are invited to attend.



Prayer

#### MEN'S GROUP

The group will meet on Tuesday, July 12 at noon at Trappe Door, 23 W. Washington St. Contact Joe Rice with guestions at 246-8661 or saluda171@yahoo.com. All men of the congregation and friends are invited.

#### **ELCA MISSIONARY TO VISIT**

As part of Trinity's support of the wider church, our congregation supports the ministry of an ELCA missionary. Our missionaries, Pastor Erik Roth, and his wife Tauna, and their daughter Nozomi, will be visiting with us on Sunday, July 24. Pastor Roth will preach at both the 8:15 and 10:00 am services. He and his family will share more about their ministry in Tokyo, Japan during a program at 9:15 am in the Assembly Room.

#### **CREATION CARE TEAM**

Trinity has a new Creation Care Team which is exploring issues regarding recycling, energy efficiency, and care for the earth. Current projects include washing the china mugs after Coffee and Conversation each Sunday, picking up the recycling (plastic, cans, and paper), and investigating ways to make the campus more green. Persons who are interested are invited to the next meeting on Sunday, July 31 at 11:15 am in the Assembly Room. Speak with David Potts, Peggy Schotsch, Lura Godfrey or Mark Godfrey for additional information.



### WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

#### HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Barry Taylor - 701, St. Francis Beverly Henderson, Dean Nix and Jeanine Stratton have been discharged.

#### BIRTH

Anthony Dean Stratton, son of Dan and Jeanine Stratton, on June 9

#### **DEATHS**

the sister of Sally Boliek Wanda Wagner on June 24

#### ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE

	<u>6/5</u>	<u>6/12</u>	<u>6/19</u>	<u>6/26</u>
8:15	85	93	71	108
10:00	<u>188</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>167</u>	<u> 195</u>
TOTAL	272	254	238	303

#### OFFERING SUMMARY FOR JUNE

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Needed for Budget	102,877	617,263	
Given to Budget	74,839	<u>508,595</u>	
Difference	- 28,038	- 108,668	
Given to World Hunger	1,052	7,950	
Given to Preserving Our Heritage	47,693	384,792	(Campaign to date

#### SOLE HOPE SUMMER COLLECTION

During the month of July, Trinity will continue to collect funds to sponsor shoes cut by members during the past year, over 150 pairs. Once the unassembled shoes are shipped to Uganda, each pair costs \$10.00 to be assembled into a full shoe by a trained craftsperson who is paid a fair wage for the work. A display is in the breezeway with information about sponsoring one or more pairs of shoes. For more information about the work of *Sole Hope*, visit

## www.solehope.org.

#### OUTREACH FOR GREENVILLE LITERACY

The Greenville Literacy Association is celebrating the 15th anniversary of the *Really Good*, *Really Big*, *Really Cheap Book Sale*. Book collection will continue through July 29. Look for the collection boxes in the Breezeway. The sale runs August 12-14. For more information, contact Peggy Schotsch at <a href="mailto:schotsch@bellsouth.net">schotsch@bellsouth.net</a> or go to the GLA website.





#### PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

On Sundays, July 3 and August 7, twelve to fifteen volunteers are needed to staff the soup kitchen from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers must be middle school age or older. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Wilson at <a href="mailto:mai



#### **UNITED MINISTRIES**

Trinity continues to receive food for the United Ministries Food Pantry on the first and third Sundays of each month. There is a particular need for canned fruit, saltine crackers, canned peas, canned Treet, and hot and cold cereal. Other items are appreciated as well.



#### **COUNSELING SERVICES**

Because Trinity Lutheran Church participates in a Membership Assistance Program with Canterbury Counseling Center, members of the congregation pay a fee of \$25 per session for the first four sessions of counseling. To make an appointment, speak with Pastor Crowell or call the Canterbury Counseling Center at 235-7501.

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

With the beginning of Trinity's summer worship schedule on the first Sunday of June, new opportunities for offering music in worship abound. If you are interested in singing or playing your instrument at the 8:15 or 10:00 am service, please contact Pastor Parham by e-mail at <a href="mailto:jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws">jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws</a>, or by phone at 242-5702, ext 16 to schedule a rehearsal.



#### **BOOK GROUP**

The Trinity Book Group meets in the Parlor at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of even numbered months. Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss a variety of books. The next meeting will be on August 18, when the group will discuss *The Man in the High Castle* by Phillip Dick.

#### TLC4TLC

Adults are invited to gather once a month for TLC4TLC (Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church) to write notes and cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys. The group will meet on Sunday, July 24 at 4:00 pm in the Library. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450 or Tracey Hoffert at 991-8547.



#### **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES**

Although Sunday School is taking a break for the summer, learning is never out of season at Trinity. Each Sunday between the two summer worship services, everyone is invited to the Parlor and Assembly Room area beneath the Sanctuary for fellowship and refreshments.

#### **OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH**

The Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. The group enjoys lunch together on the fourth Sunday of each month. The group will meet a week later than usual at the *Red Lobster* on Sunday, July 31 at 11:15 am. Contact Amy Brown if you would like to attend.

#### LOVING THREADS

Loving Threads is a ministry that knits and crochets handmade prayer shawls, baby blankets and bandages for those in the community and around the world. Most work is done at home, and members gather quarterly to enjoy fellowship and to pray for those receiving the shawls. Anyone who can knit or crochet, or would like to learn, is invited to participate. For more information, contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.



#### LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

Lutheran Church Youth is Trinity's ministry program for youth in grades 6-12. All youth in these age groups are invited to participate.

#### Wednesday, July 27 - LCY LUNCH

LCY youth will meet outside Mandi Whitley's office door at the end of VBS, around noon. All attending should bring \$10.00-\$15.00 for lunch. Pick up time is 2:00 pm at the Church.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION DAYS - Current middle school youth are encouraged to attend this year's Middle School Mission Days on Monday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 13. Drop off is at 8:30 am each morning and pick up time is at 3:30 pm, both at the Red Canopy Door. The group will participate in devotions, games, and service projects. The cost is \$20.00 per child, which will help with the cost of supplies and food. Those interested in participating who have not yet signed up should contact Mandi Whitley immediately.

CAMPFIRMATION - JULY 17 THROUGH JULY 23. Vicar Megan Lineberger and Mandi Whitley will be leading some of Trinty's eighth grade youth at a week of campfirmation at Lutheridge. Youth will participate in camp activities as well as confirmation sessions with other Lutheran youth. This year's youth attendees are Corinne Amyette, Hannah Hill, Sydney Hoffert, Bo Wallace, and Mac Wallace.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - LCY's annual fall retreat will be Saturday, August 27 through Sunday, August 28 at Lutheridge. An email with further information will be sent to families later this month.



Lutheran Church Youth



#### QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group meets in the Activities Building at 9:30 am, usually twice a month. The group makes quilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to make quilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are welcome. The next group meeting will be on August 15. For more information, contact Sarah Weeks at 246-7862 or Amy Brown at 242-5702.

#### LEISURE/ACTION

The Leisure/Action Group is for retirees or those who would like to be. The group generally meets once a month for outings to places of interest. Adults of any age are always welcome to join the group. The group will not meet again until August.

Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. Participants will meet in the Assembly Room on Wednesday, July 27 at noon. Those attending are invited to bring their lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.



Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love	2016 VBS REGIS	STRATION	FORM - JULY 25 - 29	
Child's name	e			
Mailing Address				
Age on Se	ptember 1, 2016 <sub>-</sub>	or	Grade completed	
	Child's T-	shirt size (¡	olease circle)	
Child's XS (2-4)	Child's S (6	·-8)	Child's M (10-12)	Child's L (14-16)
Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Adult 2X
Parent's or	Guardian's Name	·		
Telephone	Numbers (H)		(O)	<u>-</u>
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Pa	rents or guardians,	please checi	t items of interest below	:
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I can help on these days.				
Attached is my registration	on fee. (\$20 in July)			
My child has an ALLERGY	or HEALTH CONCERN	vou should be	aware of:	

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

All volunteers who interact with children in any capacity need to complete the Child Protection Training Program. This includes, but is not limited to, volunteers who help with the nursery, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, LCY, children's groups and choirs, athletic teams and GAIHN. A training class for adults who are interested in working with youth and children is being offered on Sunday, July 17 immediately following the 10:00 am service in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. A light lunch will be served. Participants must sign up with Kay Cook through the Church Office or by emailing <a href="mailto:kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws">kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws</a> no later than July 10. This will be the last training opportunity before Vacation Bible School.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY  8:15 HOLY COMMUNION  9:00 PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN  9:15 FELLOWSHIP  10:00 HOLY COMMUNION	OFFICE CLOSED 4	9:00 STAFF MEETING 5	6 11:30 PRAYER GROUP	7	1 8	9
				———— LUTHERAN	HERITAGE	TRIP TO GERMANY
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  8:15 HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 FELLOWSHIP 10:00 HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE	9:00 STAFF MEETING	12 12:00 MEN'S GROUP	13 11:30 PRAYER GROUP	14	15	16
	MIDDLE SCHOOL 8:30 am to 3:30 pm	MISSION DAYS ——				
MINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 8:15 HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 FELLOWSHIP 10:00 HOLY COMMUNION 1100 CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING	9:00 STAFF MEETING	19	20 11:30 PRAYER GROUP	21	22	23
GERMANY TRIP CONCLUDES  CAMPFIRMATION						
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 24 8:15 HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 FELLOWSHIP 10:00 HOLY COMMUNION	8:45 VBS 9:00 STAFF MEETING	26 8:45 VBS	8:45 VBS  11:30 PRAYER GROUP 12:00 LEISURE/ACTION GAMEDAY 12:00 LCY LUNCH	8:45 VBS 28	8:45 VBS 29 12:00 VBS LUNCH	30
4:00 TLC4TLC	VACATION	BIBLE SCHOOL				
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 31 8:15 HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 FELLOWSHIP 10:00 HOLY COMMUNION 11:15 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 11:15 CREATION CARE TEAM						

#### 2016 RESPONSIBILITIES JULY **FOR**

8:15 am Lector Margaret Roth **Prayers** Caroline Massey Cantor Amanda Cook Acolytes Scott Gifford Delaney Wannemacher Greeters Debbie Farstad, David Nichols Karen Nichols Nursery Charlie Reed, Megan Reed Nursery Aide Anna Lee Henry 10:00 am Lector Tom DiAntonio **Prayers** Frank Green Cantor Amanda Cook **Acolytes Everett Lawrence** Caitlin Littlejohn Greeters Al Banister, Lisa Black Jeanne Blinkoff Nurserv Lvnne Hunter Nursery Aide Elizabeth Allen Communion Fill Caroline Massey (Intinction) Communion Clean-up (8:15) Margaret Wyatt

(10:00)

10th Ralph Mover Chris Barnett Susan Troutman Carson Spiers Convers Wingard Eric Rose, Mike Wilson Susan Wilson Anne Branham, Betsy League Abigail Smith Paige Dillon Christine Elizabeth Owens Ann Coon Thomas Rice Jack Wilcox Darwin Cline, Susan Cline Bonnie Farmer Melanie Wessinger Reagan Hoffert

Caroline Otten Donnie and Karla Koon Ellen Boler, Jimmy Reynolds

17th Ryan Macek Karen Nichols Russ Wise Patrick Childers Daniel Fisher Jo Glymph, Bridget Gossett Patti Parker Shannon Barnett, Caroline Massey Kayla Rose Delaney Wannemacher Bill Renninger Reagan Hoffert Anna Bennett Anna Lee Henry Eric Glass, Ed Holliday Judy Holliday

Henry McGee **Bailev Hoffert** Susan Wilson Mike and Patti Parker

John and Lynne Hunter

24th Debbie Varner **Betty Collins** Rowan Brown **Andrew Rose** Kayla Rose Joe Mulcahy, Merry Mulcahy Margaret Wyatt Ashley Macek, Ryan Macek Kaitlyn Bresette Jeff Rehm

Paul Miller Rowan Brown Jordan Forbes Lauren Miller John Hunter, Lynne Hunter Nancy Teachey Susan Burton Caitlin Littleiohn

Betsy League (Intinction) Jacob Delap Betsy League

<u>31st</u> Stephen Troutman Micaela Peterson Eliza Stockman Grace Kirven James Kirven Jan Koerber, Mike Parker Patti Parker

Bev Bresette, Megan Reed

Ellen Spiers

Lvnne Hunter Caitlin Littleiohn Melanie Helling Bailey Hoffert Reagan Hoffert

George Corell, Barbara Corell

Marilyn Koerber Brenda Bridges **Delaney Wannemacher** 

Karen Nichols Al and Mary Valenti Dale and Sandra Hamann

Ushers 8:15 John Otten (Captain), Chuck Ballew, Lisa Osborn, Marty Osborn

10:00 Terry Morgan (Captain), Bonnie Farmer, Scott Panhorst, Buzz Sprinkle

<u>3rd</u>

Offering Tellers

Team 1 Richard Delap (Captain) Team 2 Lisa Panhorst (Captain)

Betsy League

Chris Wannemacher, Lara Wannemacher Joanne Jones, Mary Beth Ridenhour **Nursery Captains** 8:15 Mary Margaret Delap 10:00 Amanda Jensen

Audio Ministry **David Troutman** 

Visiting First Time Worshipers Debbie Farstad, Betsy League

Sanctuary Preparation Sarah Weeks **United Ministry Food Baskets** Bill Renninger