

# Trinity Times Newsletter

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*Gather as God's People...*

*Grow in Faith, Family, & Service...*

*Go into the World as Disciples for Christ...*



## The Green Lake Quilt Auction Is Coming

This takes place on July 25<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday. The event takes place at Green Lake Bible Camp, and is a really fun day. Upon arrival there is time to view all the quilts which will be for sale, along with items for a silent auction. Lunch is available for a nominal cost and then the auction takes place on the lawn by the lake. Unless you are the driver, this is truly a relaxing day. If interested, sign your name on the Women's Board in the hallway by the office.



## Combined Summer Bible Study

The Martha, Rebecca and Hope Circles will again hold a combined Bible Study this summer in the Gustafson Room.



The lessons from the June and July/August Gather Magazine will be the topic of the study. We will meet Thursday, August 20 beginning with coffee at 9:30 am, have the study, and then enjoy a Trinity potluck lunch. Even if you are not a

regular member of one of the circles, copies of the studies will be available either before Thursday, August 20 or that day. All are welcome and encouraged to share in this fellowship. The Lord said *"Where two or three are gathered, there I am also."*

## Thank You To All Involved In The Red Cross Blood Drive

It was a fabulous day to give blood on Wednesday, June 24. Many thanks go out to all the donors and all who volunteered, donated food and coordinated the drive. A special thank you to Ann Bruggeman & Meredith Young for over seeing the drive! You gals rock!



43 units were donated, not quite meeting our goal of 45 but still able to save 129 people's lives when the need arises. One unit will help save three people's lives . . . incredible to think about!

## A Warm Welcome To Pastor Nathan Luong And His Family

On Monday, June 29, 2015 Pastor Nathan Luong will begin his call as the Associate Pastor/Children, Youth and Families of Trinity Lutheran Church. His ordination took place on Saturday, June 20 at his home congregational church of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in North St. Paul.



Pastor Nate and his wife Andrea have been married seven years and have two adorable children. Paige is three years old and Mark is nine months. They moved into their home near North Elementary School on Friday, June 26.

On Sunday, July 12, Pastor Nate will be installed during the morning worship services. We ask that everyone wear their nametag to help Pastor Nate and his family learn our names. A guest preacher from the Synod Staff will preach that morning and preside at Pastor Nate's installation. Following each of the morning services, cake and coffee will be served at a special "Meet and Greet" reception. Everyone is invited to join in on this special day at Trinity.



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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends in Christ,

In my study at Trinity is a picture that I remember seeing years ago on the living room wall of my childhood home. It was a Christmas gift in 1965 from my grandparents to my parents, brother and me. I'll try to describe it so that you can see it with your mind's eye. A city is faintly visible in the background of the scene. Lush trees line a winding, dirt road. In the foreground, two men are intently listening to another man walking with them. The man walking between them is Jesus.

The Scripture passage this painting is based on is Luke 24:13-35, the story of a journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. It is one of my favorite passages from the Bible. According to Luke, the two men on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize the risen Lord with them. That is, they didn't recognize him at first. They had heard about Jesus' empty tomb, but they could not quite understand what had happened. (Who among US would have understood?!) They had questions and doubts. (Who among US wouldn't have had questions and doubts?!) Luke tells us that Jesus walked with them and told them all that had been written of him by the prophets. Then, Luke goes on to say,

**"As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him... That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."** (Luke 24:28-31, 33-35)

As I said, it is one of my favorite passages from Scripture. This passage offers a great reminder that just as Jesus walked with the two men on that road to Emmaus, so too God in Christ Jesus walks with us on all our journeys in life. He is, after all, Immanuel... God with us.

Did you notice, too, that after having their eyes opened to

see Jesus, the two men continued their journey together? Together, they had the privilege of sharing the good news of God's unending, unfailing love for the world. Like the two written about in Luke's Gospel, you and I have the privilege of walking together as God's people.

Although it doesn't seem possible, it is nearly a year that you and I have been on this journey together as pastor and congregation. We've covered much ground together, including of course, heart-aches, joys and celebrations. I've learned a great deal about Trinity Lutheran Church from you and from Pastor Trish. Now, we're about to welcome Pastor Nate and his family on the journey with us. Please mark July 12 on your calendar as the date when he will be installed at Trinity as Associate Pastor/Children, Youth and Families. We want to give the Luong family a warm welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!

By the way, my first newsletter article in the TRINITY TIMES (September 2014) also had to do with being on the road -- again -- since I was a commuter when I began serving this congregation. In that article I included Jesus' promise, "... remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). It is a great and precious promise! We walk together and Jesus walks with us, empowering us to live as children of God in this world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Joy Ekstedt

**Trinity's Children Took A Trip Back In Time** during the week of June 7 - 11 at Vacation Bible School. Each evening they were transported back to "Bible Blast to the Past." We had a total of 63 students in all that registered. This year, our VBS was in the evenings and a meal for the children and volunteers was served. With a total of more than 25 volunteers, it was a complete success. The children sang, played and learned so much! God's love is INCREDIBLE, FAITHFUL, INVINCIBLE, UNCONDITIONAL and REAL! We are so grateful for these volunteers and their families, without them, it would truly be impossible. Thank you so much for sharing your time, love and support to Trinity and the community's children! Erica Penkert

*Thank You  
So Much!*

*Every experience God gives  
us, every person He puts  
into our lives, is the perfect  
preparation for a future  
only He can see.*

*Corrie ten Boom*



### Contact the Pastor

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## The Featured Books Of July



Did you know that the formal opening of Trinity's parish library was held on June 10, 1959? Other notables involved in the early work of our library were brothers Gilbert and Oscar Gilbertson, who built the original shelving, the "Triniteens"-high school library club members - Peggy and Joyce Kretschmer, Ann and Judy Gustafson, and Linda Larson who 'prepared and jacketed' the books. Enjoy these featured materials for July:

**No Swimming on Sunday**, by Lyn Cryderman. You will enjoy this journey and remember what it was like to grow up in a time when church was a normal part of American family life.

**REAL LIFE REAL MIRACLES**, by James L. Garlow & Keith Wall. Each of these stories offers encouragement, hope and inspiration and a sense of wonder, too.

**The Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogle**, by Bill Myers. This series of books will keep young readers laughing with titles like **My Life as Alien Monster Bait** and **My Life as Dinosaur Dental Floss**.

**A friend is one who joyfully sings with you when you are on the mountain top, and silently walks beside you through the valley.** ~ William A. Ward

## Have You Remembered Trinity Lutheran In Your Estate Planning?

When you make or revise your Will or Trust, or review your life insurance contracts or retirement funds, please consider naming Trinity Lutheran Church as one of your beneficiaries. The use of the following language ensures that your gift will be directed appropriately:

**"I bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate  
(or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / amount) to**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, located at  
511 South Fifth Street, Saint Peter,  
MN, 56082, designated for the Trinity  
Lutheran Church Endowment Fund."**

All gifts of \$5,000 or greater will be distributed according to the provisions of Trinity's Major Gifts Policy (copies available at the Church Office), unless the donor otherwise restricts his/her gift. For further information, speak with Pastor Joy Ekstedt or Jennifer Hubrig in the office.

# Newsletter

## TRINITY NEWS

### Through The Ages

Trinity Lutheran Church will be celebrating it's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017. It is important for our present and our future that we remember our past - the people, the events and the



faith that has come before to make us what and who we are today - to create the foundation for tomorrow. In this and future newsletters we will be highlighting some of those people and activities drawn from Trinity's archives to honor that past.

From the *Trinity's Time*, Summer, 1958 issue:

The focus was on the new Lutheran Hymnal. Dr. Paul Allwardt, Trinity's minister of music commented on its literary merit: "the Christina Rossetti poems, #36 and #37, for instance; its musical merit: e.g. about 10 tunes of carol-like nature not in the old one. We have not lost anything; all the important duplications have been kept." With Dr. Allwardt's strong leadership, Trinity has been using the new hymnal since the fourth Sunday in May. Trinity members find "not-too-much" difference in the new liturgy.

From the *Trinity's Time*, Summer, 1958 issue:

We learn that Trinity's softball team, defeating First Lutheran by one run on July 24, assured itself of at least a tie for first place in the city church league.

From the *Trinity Lutheran Church News Letter* of July 12, 1973 comes the admonition:

The crisis of our time is not a crisis of the hands, but of the hearts. The issue also included some summer fun with the adjacent Bible Puzzle (found on page 10 of this newsletter). How well can you do?

A 'Thank You' was also issued to the Don Scholl's, Carl Biederman's and others who helped with decorating the new Archives Room. Your help was most appreciated! (As a side note, Judy Scholl continues on the Archives Committee and regularly helps decorate the sanctuary with items found in the Archives.)



for the August edition is **Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Any committees or individuals that have information for the arch newsletter need to have it turned in no later than Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much!

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## COUNCIL MINUTES

### Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes For June 9, 2015

**Members Present:** Tim Kennedy, Pastor Joy Ekstedt, Pastor Nate Luong, Meredith Young, Jim Vavreck, Bob Broeder and Al Hewitt

**Members Absent:** Emily Kracht, Nancy Sizer, Jim Christensen, Mark Oberlander and Tom Peterson

1. Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Tim Kennedy
2. The meeting began with devotions from Bob Broeder
3. The May council minutes were approved with a correction to item #6 to say, "Computers" and to not label them as desk top or lap top. Motion passed.
4. **Pastor's report:**
  - a. Talking with Nate about the date he'll join Trinity's staff. He will be here the end of June or first of July. He has also been in contact with me about his date for installation.
  - b. Two funerals, one additional committal service, wedding renewal, and pre-marriage session
  - c. Met Wednesday, May 13 with Pastor Trish and Nate to have conversation about what has happened at Trinity with youth programming. That Wednesday we also had a youth group end-of-year party. Nate joined us and all had a great time!
  - d. Trish's ordination was a wonderful celebration! Thanks to all who helped create the reception time.
  - e. Am interested in getting Trinity to enter a float for the Fourth of July parade. Will do some checking on it. It may be too late for this year. We'd need members to participate.
  - f. Planning to meet in June with the Property Committee and Stewardship Committee
  - g. Fair booth – will check on possibility of having youth "man" the booth
  - h. Would like us to consider doing "God's Work, Our Hands" on the date set by the ELCA. In 2015 that will be September 13.
  - i. Synod Assembly offering will be distributed among shared ministry partners of the synod, i.e. Lutheran Campus Ministry, Shalom Hill Farm, Luther Seminary.
  - j. Shelly Conlon has had an initial conversation with me about a picture directory for Trinity.
  - k. Personnel Committee is meeting Thursday, June 11

5. **Request for endowment gift** for the Synod assembly was made for \$250 and passed. A second motion was made for a gift of a cross for Pastor Nate's ordination was made and passed. The money will come from Trinity's Endowments.
6. **The church council retreat** is set for August 12 and 13 from 5 to 10:00 pm at Gustavus Adolphus College.
7. **Discussion of staff evaluations** and making sure they are done yearly with quarterly reviews as well. Pastor Joy and Bob Broeder to meet with the personal committee on June 11.
8. **Volunteers are needed** for the food packing event at GAC on June 12 from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. All are invited to sign up for an hour of their time.
9. **Update on Pastor Nate:** He will begin work on June 29, Ordination on June 20 in North St. Paul, and Installation at Trinity on July 12 and the council will provide a cake afterwards. A letter will be going out to the congregation inviting them to the Installation of Pastor Nate.
10. **A request was made for the** purchase of a snow blower and lawn mower for the church. The council will ask the property team to look into the costs of buying or having a service do these jobs and report back at the July meeting. The church does not own either. Barry has provided his own equipment over the years.
11. **A gift of \$5,000 was made to Trinity** from Rosemary Mickelson's estate. After discussion with her son, it was decided the money would be used for computers and new paraments. A motion was presented to the council and passed.
12. **There is a need for volunteers** for the Nicollet County Fair Booth August 3-9. The council will ask Jen in the office to look at the Time and Talent sheets to see if we have any interested members.
13. **Finances during the summer months:** A discussion about the need for Trinity to borrow over the summer months due to low attendance. The council made the following motion: "Al Hewitt may borrow up to \$20,000 during June, July and August if needed to pay Trinity's bills". Meredith Young made the motion and it was seconded by Bob Broeder. Motion passed.
14. **Upcoming Events 30-60-90 days**
  - a. Synod Assembly June 12-14
  - b. Nate's ordination June 20 in North Saint Paul
  - c. Blood Drive June 24
  - d. National Youth Gathering July 14-20
  - e. Nicollet County Fair August 5-9
  - f. Council Retreat August 12-13 – 5:00 to 10:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Meredith Young



# 2015 SW MN Synodical Convention Of The Women Of The ELCA

Convention Theme – Repair, Rebuild, Restore

**Theme Verse** – “Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets to live in.” Isaiah 58:12 NRSV

What part of the theme verse reflects your life? **Don't underestimate what you can do!!!**

Four women from Trinity attended the convention at UMM, Morris MN on June 19-20. They were Kay Mowbray (Synod Board Member), Kathy Schulz (Delegate), Meryl Jessen, and Leona Miller. **Following are some reflections from these ladies:**

*After several years of “thinking about it”, my faith gave me a swift kick which told me I needed a good total faith pick-upper. I attended my second Synod Convention after being a member of Trinity for 42 years, and it was 1½ days of A+ Christian Faith nourishment with 168 sisters in Christ - ages 30 to 90+. I want to share a few profound ideas I walked away with.*

- *Change happens whether we want it or not.*
- *We must equip ourselves to meet today's needs and changes.*
- *To repair something doesn't mean to put it back together just the way it was – make it better.*
- *Start with knowing what needs to be fixed.*
- *“He didn't throw the clay away” is a great analogy between the potter and his vessel and our Heavenly Father and His child.*
- *The quality of the pot is determined by how it looks on the inside, not the outside – just like us.*
- *A potter can remold a broken vessel and our Heavenly Father can rebuild a person. Awesome!!*

One of the key speakers was a potter, Ren Fuglestad and the other was author, Dennis Herschbach. He has written four fiction books about terrorism, meth rings, sex traffic of young girls, and extremism taking place in and around the town of Two Harbors, MN. These books are well written mysteries and will be available in our library for some time. He spoke about the very real problem of sex trafficking.

Eight workshops were offered and most were attended. One was Healing Oils of Ancient Scripture. We learned about the extensive use of essential oils that were a part of daily living among the Hebrews, Jews, early Christians and their Gentile neighbors in Biblical times. Thirty-six of the 39 books of the Old Testament and ten of the 27 books of the New Testament mention oils or the plants that produce them. We were able to experience the touch and smell of 12 of these oils and heard about their potential use in this day.

More will be coming next month.

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## TRINITY WOMEN

### Shall We Do It?

How many of you would be interested in a bus trip to see the very first “Church Basement Ladies” play being presented again at the Plymouth Playhouse?

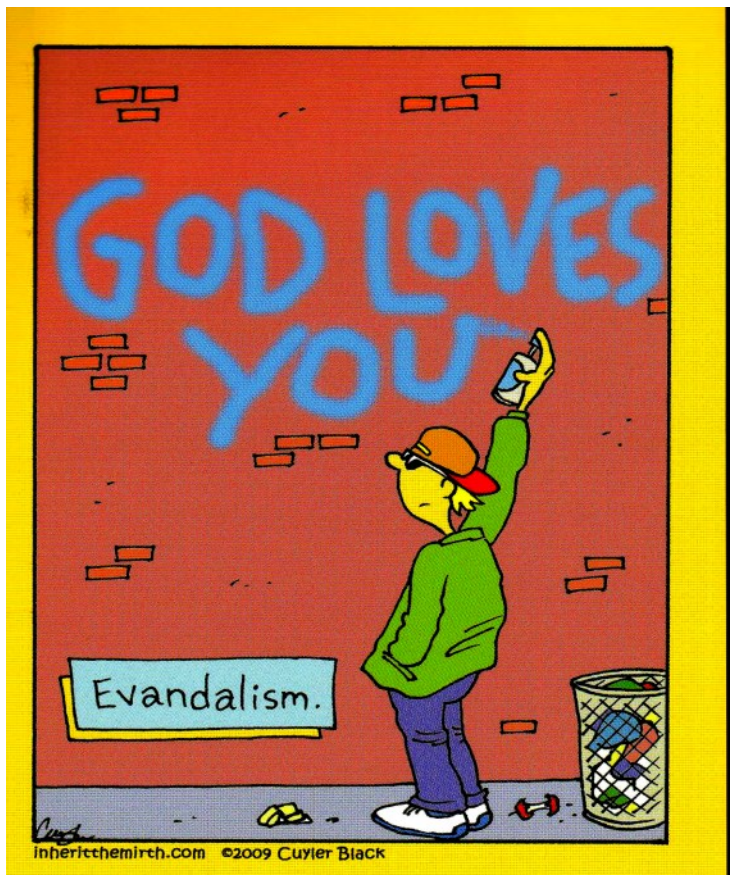
We are thinking of making it a Sunday event—leaving the church about 12:30 pm, eating a box lunch on the bus and enjoying the 2:00 pm performance.

If enough people are interested we will get it set up for a Sunday in August or September. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the hall to let us know you're interested.



### We Need A Creative Person

The second bulletin board (to the north) in the hallway across from the Gustafson Room is in need of input from a creative soul. This has been the responsibility of the Library Committee for many years and there is material available to put on the board. The board is changed seasonally and would take as much time as you wish to put into this project. Contact the office, if interested.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> <div>Newsletter</div> <div>JULY CALENDAR</div> </div> <div> <div>Stewardship Snippet</div> <div>God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for giving. ~ Billy Graham</div> </div>			<div>1</div> <div>7:00 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Staff &amp; Music Meeting 2:00 pm AA (Open) 6:00 pm Grapple Fun &amp; Fellowship</div>	<div>2</div> <div>3:30 pm Benedictine Service w/ Communion 5:00 pm Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA (Open)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Holiday—Offices Closed</div>	<div>Independence Day 4</div> <div>9:00 am AA (Closed)</div>
<div>5</div> <div>8:00 am Communion Worship Service w/Hymn Sing 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Communion Worship Service w/Hymn Sing Public Access TV Broadcast 7:00 pm AA (Closed)</div>	<div>6</div> <div>5:00 pm Public Access TV Broadcast 5:30 pm "The Kitchen" Meal Served</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9:00 am Mission Quilters w/potluck 11:00 am Public Access TV Broadcast 5:30 pm Executive Council Meeting 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting Trinity Women Board Meeting</div>	<div>8</div> <div>7:00 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Staff &amp; Music Meeting 2:00 pm AA (Open) 6:00 pm Grapple Fun &amp; Fellowship</div>	<div>9</div> <div>3:30 pm Benedictine Service 5:00 pm Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA (Open)</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:00 am AA (Closed)</div>
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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Trinity Youth Have Been Invited To “Everest” Vacation Bible School

The Coolest Week of the Summer! The Church of St. Peter would like to invite kids entering Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to join us August 2-6 from 6:00-8:30pm for VBS. Registration Fee is \$15/student. Registration forms can be found at [www.churchofstpeter.org](http://www.churchofstpeter.org). **Register by July 20<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot.** Questions? Contact Mary Grack at [Mary.Grack@churchofstpeter.org](mailto:Mary.Grack@churchofstpeter.org).

The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice. ~ Peggy O'Mara

### Lead From God's Pencil



Taking vacations weren't an every year happening when I was growing up. When we did go, it was usually for two weeks at a time. One year we drove to Florida and back, another year we went to Yellowstone National Park and one time we drove out to Seattle Washington and back. Whenever we went on vacation, it had to be after the spring wheat was harvested and the straw baled and we also had to get the hay crop in the barn. Depending on the weather kind of dictated when all this work would get done. It usually was July before Ma and Dad felt comfortable enough to leave the farm. We had milk cows for many years, so dad needed to find someone who could milk the cows and water them twice a day while we were gone. We also had chickens and pigs that needed feeding and watering twice a day. So getting someone who could do all the chores wasn't easy but Dad's brother(s), cousin or a neighbor would agree to do them.

Getting the grass cut one last time, cleaning the house, washing our clothes, cooking and baking and finally packing the suitcases were jobs that needed to be done in the week, before we could leave. The day before we'd leave, was the day the car would be packed with all the suitcases, boxes of non-perishable food items, the camping cook stove, and things that would keep us kids busy during the long drive. Ma measured, packed and unpacked and packed again the trunk until everything fit and had its place. She drew a diagram of how everything fit in the trunk and taped it to the lid of the trunk. Everything was labeled and us kids each were given our instructions as to what our jobs were to be each time we stopped to eat and when we stopped for the night. We each were responsible for certain items in the trunk to unload and then to get them loaded back in their designated spot when we were done with them. The first few days of the trip we referred often to the diagram. But by the time we heading home from our trip, we had the packing and unpacking down to a science.

It was hard to get to sleep the night before we left, but before we knew it, it was time to get up and go. It was still dark out when we were awakened and Dad was already in the house taking a bath after he had milked the cows and done the rest of the other chores.

Getting dressed and eating breakfast was all us kids needed to do before we left . . . well that and packing the perishable food in the cooler. After one last inventory check we'd get on the road as it started to get light out. Our car didn't have seatbelts nor did it have air conditioning and of course us three kids sitting in the backseat meant we had to call dib's on the seats by the doors. A lot of the time my brother ended up in the middle and he'd hang over the front seat until he'd get on Dad's nerves. Then he'd have to sit down on the seat, which didn't last very long because he couldn't see out any of the windows. Eventually my sister or I would change seats with him so he could look out the window, sit still and be quiet for a while. I can't imagine how distracting it was for dad to be driving when Robert would be hanging over the front seat. It's a wonder that dad didn't get testy more often by midafternoon when the heat of the day hit its peak.

We generally ate two of our meals at the “wayside rests” along the road and one meal at a restaurant. For the night, we'd get to stay at motels along the way. Back in those days, chain motels/hotels were only in the bigger cities so we ended up staying in many of those “mom & pop” motels. Every night before dad would pay for a room, he and ma would have to look at the room first and check to see if one of the beds was firm enough for mom to sleep on. Sometimes the room or the bed didn't pass inspection and another room was looked at. Ma always had the final say on which room was paid for each night. I always thought inspecting the room before paying for it was great fun, because then we could see how the room was decorated. Course there were nights when every motel we drove by had a “No Vacancy” sign outside. That's when we had to take what we could get; and if that meant getting a cot in the room for enough sleeping space, that's what we did. Or, it just meant we'd be driving to the next town for the next available vacancy. And I'm happy to report, that not once did we sleep in the car overnight.

While growing up, my example was taking Sunday as a day of rest. Doing just the necessary chores/work for the day was what got accomplished. To this day, it still goes against my grain to do work on a Sunday even though I, on occasion, justify it as *this is the only day I have to get this work done*. Jesus took mini vacations to have time away from the crowds and I'm grateful for His example that Sunday's aren't the only day of the week to take a vacation! Interestingly, it never really says in the Bible what day of the week it was when He would go off alone to rest. Until next month, God's Peace, Love, and Joy!

Bonnie

### Wednesday's Grapple Fun & Fellowship

REMINDER For Trinity Youth, In-Coming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders through Graduating Seniors! The Summer Grapple Fun & Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Trinity Youth are invited to join us for fun, games and Spiritual growth. (There might even be food involved!) Join us as we begin the journey of learning about topics important to today's youth. Bring your friends! Contact Carly at [youth@trinitystpeter.org](mailto:youth@trinitystpeter.org) for questions.



Awww  
thank  
you

#### Trinity Youth,

Awww - Thank you for the post-it note dispenser, and some surprise notes, I see! I haven't peeked yet . . . I'll wait and start using it in Mankato and be surprised and delighted when I do so - and then I'll miss you, too! Thanks again! Love ya all!

Pastor Trish

# Birthright

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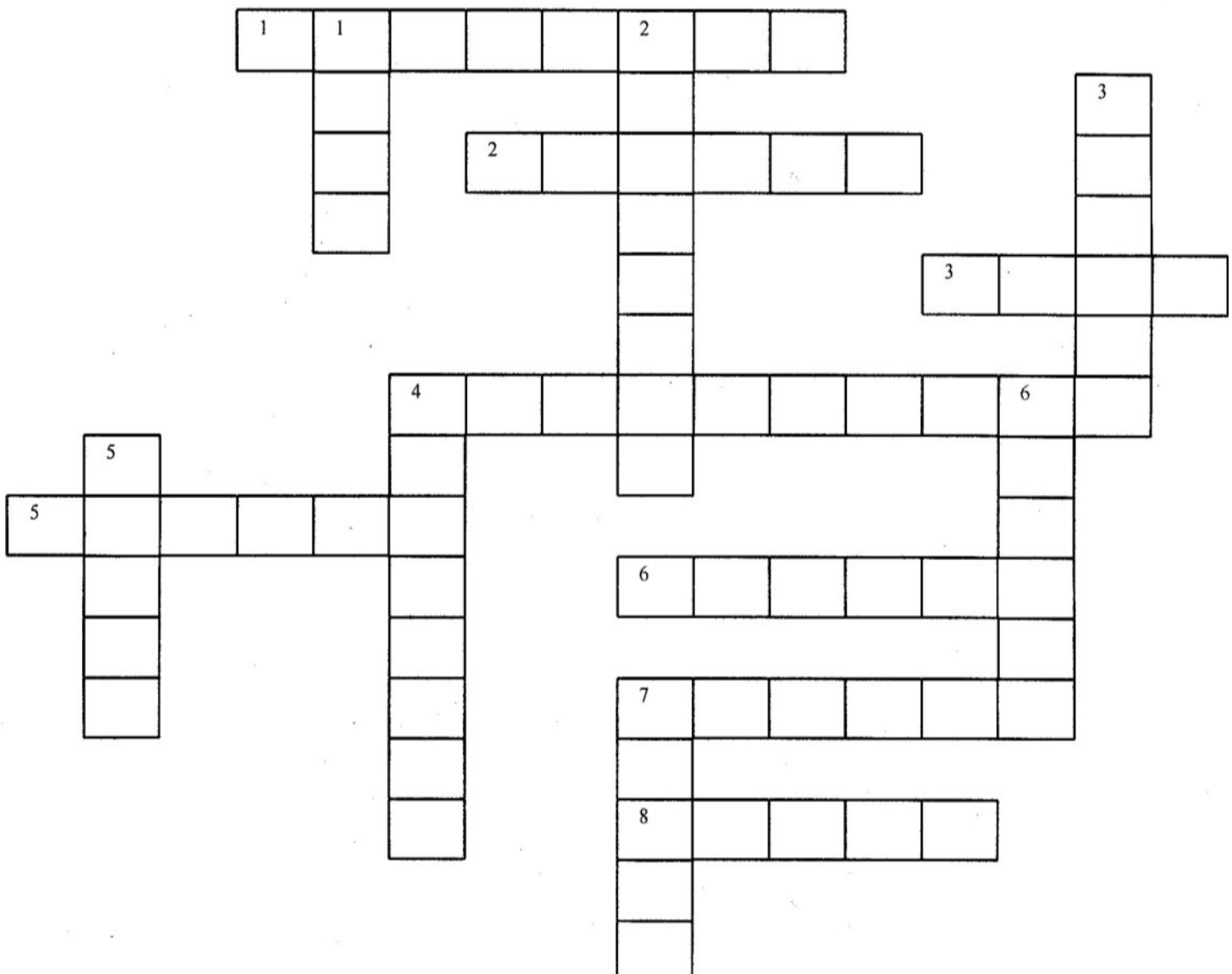
## PUZZLE PAGE

### ACROSS

1. The Bible says, Esau \_\_\_\_\_ his birthright.
2. Jacob's occupation was a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Esau traded his birthright for a bowl of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Esau did not value his \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Esau's inheritance included \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Compared to Jacob, Esau was very \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Esau was a mighty \_\_\_\_\_.
8. What was the name of Jacob and Esau's father?

### DOWN

1. Jacob's twin brother was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Esau's inheritance included \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Esau was the \_\_\_\_\_ brother.
4. In addition to items, Esau was to inherit his father's \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who tricked Esau into selling his birthright for a bowl of stew.
6. Esau thought he was going to die from \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Esau's face and arms were \_\_\_\_\_.





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## IN HIS SERVICE

**July 2015**

### USHERS

#### Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am Adrian & Pei-loh Lo and  
Arne & Meryl Jessen
- 9:30 am Dave & Marcie Greisen and  
Doug & Becky Rustman

#### Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am Jim & Nancy Kruger and  
Dennis & Mary Jo Erickson
- 9:30 am Jeff & Natalie Leonard and  
Jim & Valerie Christenson

#### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am Jim & Nancy Kruger and  
Dennis & Mary Jo Erickson
- 9:30 am Jeff & Natalie Leonard and  
Jim & Valerie Christenson

#### Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am Leona Miller, Dee Swenson and  
Tim & Marcie Schleeve
- 9:30 am Joel & Carolyn Darge and  
Bob & Sally Lambert

### VIDEO CAMERA

- July 5<sup>th</sup>** Pat Klubben
- July 12<sup>th</sup>** Pat Klubben
- July 19<sup>th</sup>** Marc Bachman
- July 26<sup>th</sup>** Marc Bachman

### ALTAR CARE

- July 5<sup>th</sup>** Kay Mowbray and Ann Maland
- July 19<sup>th</sup>** Wanda Kleschult and Carol Potz

### ACOLYTES

- 8:00 am Amelia Wernsing, Emily Peterson
- 9:30 am Dylan Graft, Hunter Wilmes

### Council Assistants

- 8:00 am
- 9:30 am Mark Oberlander

### LAY READERS

- July 5<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Walt Grochow  
9:30 am Emily Kracht
- July 12<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Marci Greisen  
9:30 am Judy Schultz
- July 19<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Rob Meyer  
9:30 am Rebecca Brenke
- July 26<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Tim Schleeve  
9:30 am Jeannie Liebl

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### BIBLE PUZZLE

In these letters are all of the books of the New Testament. Find them.

S N A I P P I L I H P S O J  
E P C O L O S S I A N S E O  
B H Y C O O N H O J J P P A  
H I H S T C A S W O U A E S  
S L T M T O I E H H E D T N  
N E O J N I H N B N A I E A  
A M M Y S T T E E D T S R I  
I O I M T T N U B E T S T T  
S N T A N S I R S R E U L A  
E Y M R E H R U S M E J N L  
H M N K C R O M A N S W G A  
P L U K E R C J K L U N S G  
E L R E V E L A T I O N K S  
F S N A I N O L A S S E H T

They may be in a straight line, in a diagonal, backwards, up and down etc. (Note: There are four Johns but only one each of Corinthians, Thessalonians, Timothy, and Peter. You should find 23 books.)

## Time To Enjoy

You've put a lot of time and effort into getting where you are. Take some time to truly enjoy it, right here and right now. What is the point in struggling and striving for more, if you do not enjoy what you already have? Why put your effort into getting further ahead, if you cannot enjoy where you already are? Take some time to simply enjoy. No matter where you may be, there is always a way to truly enjoy the incredible blessing of life. And the more you enjoy that blessing, the more it grows. The more you truly enjoy what you have, the more there will be to enjoy. It makes no sense to postpone your enjoyment until some imagined time in the future when conditions will be ideal. For if you cannot find enjoyment where you are, that ideal time will never come. Take time, on a regular basis, to truly enjoy, even if there are no reasons. For when you do, there will soon be plenty of reasons.

-- Ralph Marston

### Christian Radio Station Guide

- KTIS FM** 98.5 FM Minneapolis *Contemporary Christian*  
94.9 FM Mankato  
107.7 FM Albert Lea
- KTIS AM** 900 AM Minneapolis
- KJLY FM** 104.5 FM Blue Earth *Contemporary Christian*
- KJTS FM** 88.3 FM New Ulm *Know Jesus the Savior*
- The Refuge** 88.7 FM Nicollet

All Trinity members share in food preparation and serving duties for funerals and other church events throughout the year. The membership has been divided into 13 groups with designated coordinators for each month. This allows one group to have a month off each year. Groups move up one month each year as well, so that you are not serving in the same month each year. When your assistance is needed, a coordinator will contact you. Food coordinators are responsible to call and line-up the coffee fellowship hosts for each Sunday in their month and submit the list to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication in the Trinity Times.

## July 2015

### Food Coordinators:

Mary Oberlander	934-4315
Pei-loh Lo	934-4649

### Name:

Bachman, Marc & Wendy  
 Braun, Nancy  
 Ebeling, Barb  
 Evans, Ted & Becky  
 Fay, Colleen  
 Fedeler, Julie  
 Gerke, Douglas  
 Gesch, Deloris  
 Grinnell, Robin & Synnove  
 Holteen, Dolores  
 Horning, Darlene  
 Hulsebus, Joey & Laura  
 Jodock, Darrell & Jan  
 Johnson, Kraig & Natalie  
 Johnson, Paul & Jane  
 Johnson, Roger & Deb  
 Keeley, Jeff & Kim  
 Kivi, Eileen  
 Lawrence, Joyce  
 Lo, Adrian & Pei-loh  
 Moulton, Pete & Cindy  
 Nygard, Doug & ReVae  
 Oberlander, Mark & Mary  
 Ogren, Darin  
 Rolland, Paul & Amy  
 Rustman, Douglas & Becky  
 Rydeen, Wesley & Harriet  
 Sawyer, Mick & Victoria  
 Swanson, Jan  
 Tappe, Shirley  
 Vandenburg, Pat  
 Wilkinson, Roger & Sharon

 *Heartfelt*  
**THANKS**  
 TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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## SERVICE LISTS

## August 2015

### Food Coordinators:

Liz Jacobson	550-4096
Julie Estenson	934-1903

### Name:

Barry, Linda  
 Betz, Dale & Gail  
 Biehn, Tim & Deanna  
 Bishop, Shirley  
 Bresnahan, Mike & Vickie  
 Combellick, Blake & Julie  
 Darge, Joel & Carolyn  
 Dillon, Mallory  
 Estenson, Paul & Julie  
 Gault, Sam & Julie  
 Gernscheid, Chris & Elizabeth  
 Glimsdal, Don & Jan  
 Hanson, Carmen  
 Hanson, Keith  
 Herberg, Steve & Kathy  
 Hofferbert, Lisa  
 Jacobson, Ray & Liz  
 Kennedy, Tim & Snyder, Mary  
 Miller, Dick & Mary Lou  
 Miller, Lenny & Diana  
 Mogensen, Mary  
 Noyd, Rich & Judy  
 Olson, Diane  
 Palmquist, Rosella Sexe-  
 Prafke, Todd & Ytve  
 Salzwedel, Chad & Kristi  
 Seitzer, Jerry & Carol  
 Siewert, CJ & Kayla  
 Snow, Keith & Jo  
 Weber, Debra  
 Weber, Rick  
 Witty, Jason & Jessica



## Baptism

**Jackson Gregory Hulke**  
 Son of Kyle & Heidi Hulke  
 June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015



## Funerals

**Cleo L. Tesch**

February 18, 1934 - June 4, 2015

**Bret Dale Vickers**

May 12, 1962 - June 16, 2015

**Louise Delia Sunderman**

July 5, 1936 - June 19, 2015



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Trinity Staff

<b>Lead Pastor:</b>	Joy G. Ekstedt
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<b>Christian Education Coordinator:</b>	Erica Penkert
<b>Youth Activities Coordinator:</b>	Carly Ballman
<b>Office Coordinator/ Publicist:</b>	Bonnie L. Rieger

<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Jennifer Hubrig
<b>Custodian:</b>	Barry Wood
<b>Organist / Pianist:</b>	Judy Maharry
<b>PraiseBAND:</b>	Roy & Larissa Nieves
<b>Celebration Singers Director:</b>	Annette Meeks
<b>JOY! Choir Director:</b>	Nancy Sizer

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Monday - Thursday:	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday:	8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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