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Altar Guild

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Stan Cook
Walter Major
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Elder on Duty

Mike Montgomery

Trustee on Duty

Norman Feltmann

Communion Assistants

Walter Major

Sunday

7-3-2022

Counting Team

Terri Schmitt
Charlotte Dole & Jan Faskell
Kathy Huchison
Donna Mullins
Del Weinhold
Donita Tressner & Jan Schmidt
Stan & Sue Cook
Kathy Wahlstrom
Charlotte Dole
Lois Poth

Liturgical Color

Green
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Acolytes

T.J. Jerrell
Katarina Oliver
Mackinzie Moore
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Mackinzie Moore

Trinity Times

July, 2022

Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the Sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers



John 14:2-4

“In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

It’s always good to get away for a bit. But a recent trip got a little complicated. For one, our allergies are pretty bad, especially at certain times of the year. So right off the bat, we need to pack an air filter with us. Some hotel windows are better than others at blocking the super-early light. There’s an air conditioning unit that might, or might not work well. And of course, the beds are always very different from what we have here at home.

But, after years of going to Branson, we definitely have our favorite place to stay. This year, prices were boomeranging, but we ultimately decided to stay where we usually do.

Then the morning of the trip came, and the hotel called us to say two things: their pet policy had changed, *and* a car had just driven through the glass wall, right into their pool, so the pool would be unavailable. After hearing that everyone was alright, we decided we needed to change plans... on the day of the trip. After a series of quirks and misadventures, the trip actually *did* end up being rather relaxing. Still, when we got back home, we rather gratefully fell back into the routines of *home*.

Honestly, it was all fairly minor stuff in the grand scheme of things. My reason for telling you this is *not* to make you feel somehow bad for us... for what it takes to make a place livable for a week on vacation, or how things don’t go always go according to plan. You already know *that* part for sure. The reason I’m telling you this, is because you’ve probably had a trip similar to the one we had in at least one respect: A trip where you get home, pull back the sheets on *your* bed, turn off *your* lights, let go, sink in, and whisper “Hallelujah... we’re home.”

Home. Sometimes you can take it for granted until it's gone for a while, and then you appreciate it more. Sometimes home is an elusive *feeling*. Because sometimes, let's face it, home doesn't always feel like home... isn't always strife-free, obstacle-free, disruption-free, pain-free. Oftentimes, we bring it on ourselves in some way. Sometimes we're subjected to it without our consent, but still don't choose to deal with it in a way that's God-pleasing... so we make it worse.

There can be all kinds of things that make us feel like we not 'at-home' with where we are. Whether it's because we're actually *not* home, but we're on a trip that didn't go to plan, or it's a hospital stay, or because home just doesn't feel like it has felt or like it used to feel. The reason can be all sorts of things.

But there is some great news, if you've ever felt like that. If you've ever felt like things just aren't right, if you've ever felt just not 'at-home...' just not at-peace. Or if you've ever felt like *you* were what was all wrong. If you've ever felt *any* of these things.

Good.

Because God says you're *not* home yet. God actually tells us not to get too comfortable with the world. While I hope you have only great days from here on out... when you do have a harder one, let it simply remind you that we have not yet seen with our own eyes *every* promise God has made.

The fact is, we have a Savior, who saw the worst of all of this. He saw the worst of all of *us*. And he *left* home (and a perfect one, at that). And he made his home with us... in flesh and blood and bone like ours. He ate and drank in a life very much like ours. He died a death that was coming for us. And then he rose... to give us a life

like *his*... and home *exactly* like his... with him forever. And he promised to strengthen us daily, being *with* us for each step, bringing us (day-by-day) closer to where all things will be put right... when we can finally let go, sink in, and say, "Hallelujah... we're home." Amen.

Pastor Jeremy May



Our Mighty Mites

June– \$51.00 Elvins Food Bank

July – Missouri District

Trinity LWML met on Saturday, June 18, to make plans for the upcoming months. Liz Faries, who attended the recent District Convention, pointed out that the LWML recommends that we do service projects instead of meetings. But we feel that we should have a meeting to plan a service project, so.....we will simply have shorter meetings!

The Uplift Homeless Shelter located in Farmington is one of the projects planned. They need supplies: paper plates, bowls, toilet paper, paper towels, bottles of water, and plastic spoons. We will begin collecting these items on July 3, 10, and 17 and invite Trinity members to help in this effort. In addition, our LWML will provide a meal for 40 people sometime during the week of July 17.

Undies Sunday - The ysleta LCMS Lutheran Mission serves Mexican families near the US border and encourages them with the message of the Gospel. As part of their

mission, they help the families with things like underwear and socks for their children. So, sometime during September we will have an Undies Sunday to collect these items.

Pack the Pantry - A 5K walk or run for a food pantry. Participants would pay \$10 to participate or bring 10 cans of food. We would encourage our young members to become involved in this service project planned for sometime this Fall.

Student from St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, MO - A student from Slovakia attended this school last year. His mother hopes he can attend another year because of the war/unrest in his area. His father and brother are in their army and he would be drafted as well if he returned. This Fall we will consider raising funds to be shared between this student and our own St. Paul Lutheran High School.

80th Anniversary of LWML - In honor of the 80th anniversary of the LWML we will give a birthday cake (on their birthday) to each member of the church who is 80 years old or older, starting in September.

Upcoming Brief Meetings - Sunday, July 17, at 10:00 between Bible Study and Worship. Sunday, August 14, after Worship Service

Charlotte, Liz and Barb

**“Serve the Lord with Gladness”
Ps. 100:2**



Stewart Shipman

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Silas Francis	7-4
Nancy Wells	7-4
Jared Hays	7-9
Bonnie Huff	7-9
Janie Simpson	7-10
Victoria Best	7-12
Kendra Skaggs	7-13
Joan Oliver	7-14
Jesse Hillis	7-21
Kenni Bay	7-22
Lena Lee	7-22
Tessa Oliver	7-24
Rachel Jones	7-24
Kayla Curdt	7-24
Joyce Davis	7-25
Jan Schmidt	7-25
Roxanne Pierce	7-26
Clayton Faskell	7-28
Connor Welch	7-28
Jim Welch	7-28
Jake Yates	7-30
Michael Eaton	7-31
Sarah Curdt	7-31



Jason and Lori England
7-13

Gary and Joan Oliver
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Michael and Crystil Skaggs
7-25

Paul and Marlene Hedgcorth
7-27

Matthew and Kenni Bay
7-29

Daniel and Leslie Eaton
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STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

New Testament Standard Giving

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?”

Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was

quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord

your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this

is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.



June Church Statistics

Date	Worship	Bible Study
6-5-2022	47	20
6-12-2022	48	23
6-19-2022	53	25
6-26-2022	54	26



VBS 2022

Thanks to all who helped make this year's VBS happen...through participation and prayer! I believe the children had a fun time, while adding to their knowledge of God's Word through the activities in each station.

"Bravo!" to Melissa and Katie Hillis for their roles as Beacon the Puffin (puppet) and Katie the Lighthouse Keeper. The Opening each day, led by both characters, was the point at which 'Explorers' were given clues and information about finding the Infinity Lanterns of Love, Trust, Faith, Joy, and Hope, as well as the Bible story of the day. Lighthouse Keeper Katie revealed the lantern of the day at each Closing. She and Beacon then summarized the lesson learned in each Bible story. Their work in these key roles, and well as their excellent job with the five Pre-K children was greatly appreciated!

Equally appreciated are the Elementary station leaders/teachers:

Storytelling; Pastor Schmitt and Terri Schmitt

Crafts; Joan Oliver

Music; Teresa Rudasill

Science and Games; Sue Cook

Participating in Storytelling several days were Pastor May and Stan Cook (memorable performances, indeed!).

Good job, Stan Cook, manning the AV desk for VBS! Kathy Hutchison organized the Snack station, enlisting a wonderful group of ladies who served snacks to the children, set out the snacks for adult leaders, and cleaned up the kitchen each day. Many thanks to Kathy, Donna Mullins, Jan Schmidt, Liz Faries, and Jan Faskell!

To those who provided food for the leaders...YUM! How kind of you!

Our teen team leaders and assistants this year were Katie Wahlers, Clara Lincoln, Abby Bradley, and Bree White. Good job, girls!

Many thanks to those who provided help with: "Muscle power:" Blake Oliver, Luke Oliver, Del Weinhold, Pastor May, Pastor Schmitt, Sara and David Bradley, Stan Cook, Mike Montgomery. I'm sure I have left out names, but things get hectic the day before VBS.

Scenery: Mike Montgomery, Prodigal Son scene

Materials/decorative objects: Lori Deer, Del and Barb Weinhold

Making several of the tissue paper flowers:

Barbara Smith, Carol Turner-Smith

Clean up each day: Teresa and Irv Rudasill

Apologies again to anyone I failed to mention.

Most importantly, thanks and praise to God for a blessed week and for a wonderful Trinity family.

Sue Cook



PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

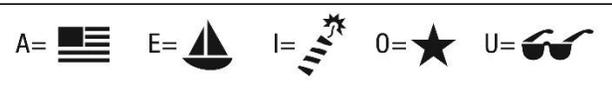
1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

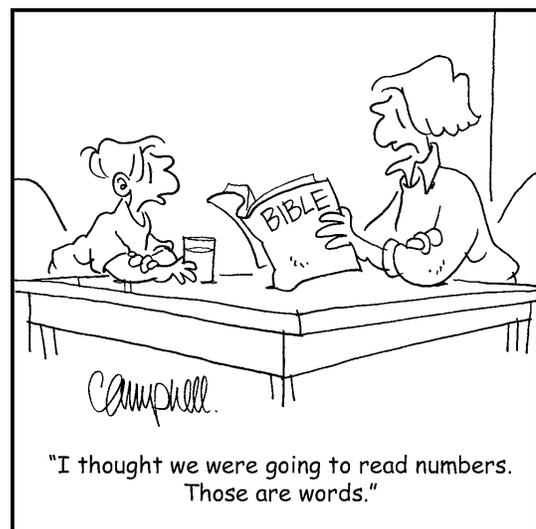
Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.



I k _ _ p my _ y _ s
 I w _ y s _ n th _ L _ RD.
 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



July 4

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Independence Day
