



# Trinity Trumpeter



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### Endure



## ENDURE

Last month five of us from Trinity went to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The trip was filled with great music, fantastic speakers, fun activities, and meaningful conversations. The trip was well worth it. Yet throughout the trip, there were many things the participants had to endure. We endured travel. We endured hot and humid days. We endured long walks. We endured long days and late nights. We endured being surrounded by twenty thousand other Lutherans. We even endured a protest of the gathering! There was a lot that had to be endured.

This idea of enduring was fitting as “Endure” was the theme for the youth gathering. This theme comes from Hebrews 12:1-3, which proclaims: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with **endurance** the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” More than enduring the challenges of a youth trip, we as Christians endure a lot throughout our lives. We endure hardships of every kind: sickness, broken relationships, financial crises, adverse weather, addictions, persecution, and sin and its consequences. Yet Jesus calls us to endure. We endure these hardships, but we only endure in and through Him. It is by faith in Jesus that we can endure. We endure in Jesus because He also endured much in His life. Hebrews 12:1-3 reminds us of what Jesus endured. He endured sinners. He endured suffering. He endured shame. He endured the cross. He endured *our* sin. He endured all of this for our sake. It was because of our sinfulness that Jesus endured all of this. Yet Hebrews 12 also proclaims that it was “for the joy that was set before [Jesus]” that he “endured the cross, despising the shame.” It was out of joy that Jesus endured His suffering, crucifixion, and death. It was out of joy in saving us that He endured. It was out of joy for *us* that He endured. Jesus joyfully endured these things that we might receive forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. Jesus joyfully endured these things that we might have a restored relationship with Him.

And Jesus’ joy gives us joy. Even when we endure hardships, we have joy in Christ. Our joy in Jesus enables us to endure the hard things in life. We have joy in Him because of what He has given us and what He has done for us. No hardship can take away our joy in Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can and will endure!

~ Pastor Watt



**Ladies Tuesday Bible Study:** A new study started in July. Judges: following the death of Joshua and before the rise of Israel's monarchy, God preserved His people from being absorbed by pagan cultures through the ministry of savior-judges. Although immanently human and sometimes exceedingly wicked, God's gracious work through these men and women foreshadows His greater work of deliverance through the true and perfect Savior-Judge, Jesus Christ. In Judges you will learn about:

- the successful woman-man team of Deborah and Barak;
  - the mighty Spirit-powered deeds of Samson;
  - God's faithfulness to His covenantal promises to His people, ultimately fulfilled in His Son, Jesus Christ.
- IF you would like to join this Bible study contact Shirley Holtzen.

**Monday Bible Study:** will be on a short break for the rest of the summer. We will start back up the second Monday in September. More details in the September newsletter.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class: Bible Study on 1 Corinthians** - How do Christians live out their faith in Jesus in a world full of immorality and hostility to Christianity? How do Christians live out their faith when there are so many divisions within the church? How do Christians guard against worldly infiltrating their lives and congregations? In 1 Corinthians, St. Paul grappled with these and many other issues, issues that are relevant to Christians today. In grappling with these issues, Paul centered his message on preaching Christ crucified, proclaiming that “the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor 1:18). Come join us for a new Bible study on 1 Corinthians where we will explore God’s Word and connect it to our everyday lives. The Bible study will be Sunday mornings at 9am in the church basement.

**Sunday Circle** meets the first Sunday of each month immediately following the Church service. Our next meeting will be August 3rd. We meet in the small meeting room just outside the Church office. We would welcome to you join us with open arms.

Lillie Chambers, who runs Mom’s Food Pantry of Bennet, will let us know when and what she needs to serve the people in the Bennet area in the future.

Our next banner will be for Ash Wednesday. We haven’t set a date to put it together as yet.

Projects we are discussing include the possibility of sponsoring a Mission Festival and purchasing portable playground toys. More discussion on these two projects will take place at our next meeting in August.

**Pastor Watt and his family will be taking vacation** August 13th through August 27th.

They will be home for much of this time (staycation!), but they will also take a trip to Washington, D.C. from August 20th to August 25th. As this will be a time of rest, relaxation, and refreshment, Pastor will not be checking his email or returning non-emergency calls/texts regularly. The Watts are looking forward to this time to take a break from their work and focus on having some quality family time together. If there is an emergency while they are in D.C. and a pastor is needed, please contact one of the elders. They will contact a local pastor.



## Our Mission Dollars at Work

Our \$500 Mission Dollars for August goes to: Orphan Grain Train



Orphan Grain Train-Houston was blessed by the generosity of donations and the 50+ volunteers who offered 326 hours of their time last week during our extended hours. What a wonderful gift of Christian fellowship we shared coming together as the hands and feet of Jesus. With the help of Matt and Ashleigh Grape from Hope Lutheran Friendswood, an

OGT trailer, full of donations from across Houston was delivered to Hill Country Daily Bread after being rerouted from Hosanna Lutheran in Kerrville. Please continue to pray for survivors, search, and clean-up efforts, and for those working to bring aid and comfort to those in need.

[If you want to make a monetary donation to those affected by the flooding, click on these words or scan the QR code for the link to Thrivent who will match the funds donated.](#)



**Mary & Martha League:** meeting is the third Thursday of each month in the church fellowship hall at 1:45 pm with refreshments starting at 1:30. Our next meeting is on August 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are free the third Thursday of the month, we would love to have you join us.

Please remember that the fourth Sunday of each month is Mite Box Sunday. The Mite box will be on the table by the bulletins on July 27th. The next collection will be August 24th. We thank you in advance for your support of the LWML Mites program.

The church Library has a complete set of Arch Books. Titles added in so far in 2025 include: Very First Lord's Supper, He's Risen! He's Alive, Week that led to Easter, Loving Jesus Dies for Me, Names of Jesus, Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus, Jesus said, "Go and Tell", God gives us Heaven, Little Jesus Born for Me, and The Best Loved Parables of Jesus.

Remember that you can purchase Birthday cards from the Mary and Martha League's stash for \$.25 each. The box of available cards is right next to the elevator inside the south entrance.



## August Birthdays

8/1 Zach Maahs, Lisa May  
 8/2 Brantley Schippert, Lisa Smithers  
 8/4 Lori Cartagena  
 8/6 Mike Rasmussen  
 8/7 Jackson Lunn  
 8/8 Ivan Bruss, Hank Oetjen  
 8/9 Madison Luebke  
 8/11 Cindy Claasen  
 8/12 Hunter Maahs, Alan Retzlaff  
 8/13 David May  
 8/19 Ethan Kemper  
 8/20 Steve Meyer  
 8/21 Connie May  
 8/28 Joshua Harper, Julia Luebke  
 8/29 Carl Siefert



## August Anniversaries

8/4 John & Karla Snoozy (1984)  
 8/25 Jeremy & Carolyn Bruss (2001)

## August - National Dog Month

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D	I	G	R	E	A	T	D	A	N	E	E	D	E
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BULLDOG  
 DACHSHUND  
 GREAT DANE  
 WEIMARANER  
 MALTESE  
 SHIH TZU  
 BICHON FRISE  
 BOXER  
 SCHNAUZER  
 DALMATIAN  
 PUG  
 POODLE  
 AKITA  
 BEAGLE  
 AIREDALE  
 BASSET HOUND  
 LHASA APSOS  
 LABRADOR  
 TERRIER

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2656000/>

## August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Sunday Circle	4	5 Woman's Bible Study 12:45 pm	6 Secretary Work Day	7	8	9  Elder's Meeting 7:00 am
10 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	11	12	13 Secretary Work Day	14	15	16  Mom's Group: TBD
17  9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	18	19	20 Secretary Work Day	21 Orphan Grain Train-Work Day 1:30 p.m. Mary & Martha League	22	23
24/31 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service 24 <sup>th</sup> Mite Box Sunday	25  Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28 Secretary Work Day Newsletter Print Day	29	30

**Those serving in August 2025 Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

**Elders**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Holtzen, John Snoozy  
10<sup>th</sup> Tracy Refior, Steve Cartagena  
17<sup>th</sup> , Hank Oetjen, Tim Holtzen  
24<sup>th</sup> John Snoozy, Steve Cartagena  
31<sup>st</sup> Hank Oetjen, Alan Retzlaff

**Acolyte**

3<sup>rd</sup> Knoxley May  
10<sup>th</sup> LoRee May  
17<sup>th</sup> Kristina DeNino  
20<sup>th</sup> Jason DeNino  
31<sup>st</sup> Bianca Singh

**Altar Guild**

3<sup>rd</sup> Karla Snoozy, Kristi Refior  
10<sup>th</sup> Erin Singh, Megan Rexroth  
17<sup>th</sup> Laura Hametis, Becky Nisley  
24<sup>th</sup> Deb Pavey, Shirley Retzlaff  
31<sup>st</sup> Karla Snoozy, Kristi Refior

**Pastor**

3<sup>rd</sup> Rev. Luke Watt  
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17<sup>th</sup> Rev. Dirk Reek  
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