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8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.**

**Pastor Jacob Dandy  
Pastor Marty Reed  
Pastor Michael Carney**

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# The Trinity Times

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## From the desk of Pastor Jacob Dandy

### **What Is a Pastor?**

Last month caused me to reflect a lot on Pastoral ministry. We had a card shower for Pastor Lee Seetin, who was celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination. I was blessed to preach at the installation of a dear friend in Ogallala, Nebraska. I celebrated the anniversary of my own ordination on June 30. The Office of Holy Ministry has been on my mind.

From the very beginning, God has appointed men to preach His word. He has called many to faith through feeble and often humble words of men whom He has set apart for service within the Church. Every one of you has interacted with a pastor. You have listened to a sermon, engaged in Bible class, and have been blessed by their service. Trinity is indeed blessed to have three called and ordained servants of the Word. So it is important to ask, "What is a Pastor? What is he supposed to

do? What should we expect from him?" Article V of the Augsburg Confession explains that the pastoral office exists "for the purpose of bringing the Word and the Sacraments to His people, in order that they may come to saving faith." The pastor is therefore not merely a skilled orator or community leader, but the steward of divine mysteries, entrusted with the means by which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith (cf. Rom. 10:17; John 17:17).

Jesus Himself instituted the office of the ministry when He commissioned His disciples to proclaim the Gospel and administer the Sacraments so that no one would be left without access to His life-giving Word. As Paul writes, "How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching?" (Rom. 10:14). In this way, every pastor stands in the

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## Trinity Falcon News from Principal David Birnbaum

Summer is upon us and it is quickly slipping away.

We have been working hard on closing out last school year and getting things ready for the new year. Did you know that it costs approximately \$200 per child for the workbooks alone?

We are planning to team up with the Benedictine school this year to offer football for our boys. Mindy Young has

already been working with some of our girls with summer volleyball and we hope to have soccer back again this fall.

Melissa Blanton and Rhonda Gierstorf lead our music program for the third through eighth grade last year. This year Karen Schmidt is willing to serve in Rhonda's place. We praise God for all these ladies' gifts and talents. We are

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historic succession of the apostolic ministry, carrying forward Christ's promise that His Church would endure by Word and Sacrament alone.

A pastor's authority derives from a divine summons rather than human ambition or popular vote. Scripture teaches that Christ "gave to some... apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers" to equip His people for service (Eph. 4:11). In our congregational practice, this call is publicly recognized through a regular call (Titus 1:5), assuring the flock that their shepherd has been set apart by Christ Himself and endowed with the authority to teach, forgive sins, and administer the Sacraments. In other words, the pastors who serve Trinity are your pastors. God has given them to you as a gift so that you may hear the Word of God. Neither you nor I has any reason to doubt that the men who are called here actually belong here. As a seminary professor once told me, if you doubt that you're the man for the job, open your desk and read your call documents.

Through the proclamation of Law and Gospel, the pastor faithfully applies the Word. The Law awakens contrition by revealing sin's guilt and driving us to Christ's mercy (Rom. 3:20), while the Gospel comforts the troubled conscience with the sure words of Christ's forgiveness (Rom. 1:16; 2 Cor. 5:19). It is by these two proclamations alone that the Holy Spirit creates, strengthens, and preserves saving faith in the hearts of sinners.

As shepherd of the flock, the pastor protects the congregation by guarding sound doctrine (Acts 20:28), feeds the sheep with Christ's Word in preaching and teaching (2 Tim. 4:2), and leads by example in prayer, service, and holy living (1 Pet. 5:2-3). Even when human frailty shows through, "every pastor is also a poor, miserable sinner," the efficacy of the ministry remains undiminished, for "the Word does not return empty" but accomplishes the purpose for which God sends it (Isa. 55:11).

Why do we need pastors today? Because Jesus commanded us to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His har-

vest" (Luke 10:2). In every generation, God continues to call men to this sacred office so that sinners may be awakened by Law, comforted by Gospel, and drawn into the life of His kingdom. Through their faithful ministry, we continue to hear the voice of Christ, grow in grace, and be saved (Rom. 1:16). This is why every man should consider at some point whether pastoral ministry is something God is calling him to do. Who knows?

God wants us to know Christ. He sends a poor servant to proclaim this message. It is all because He loves you! Thanks be to God for that!

#### **Looking Back:**

- We had a successful VBS. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.
- We had our New Member potluck. We thank and praise God for bringing these new members to our congregation. Check out their pictures in the Parish Hall.
- The Kansas District held its triennial convention. All of our called workers attended, along with a few of our wonderful lay members. Pray that God continually blesses the Church with faithful doctrine and practice to carry out the mission of proclaiming Christ to the world.
- Our Elders have gone through training along with several potential new Elders. Pray for these men as they assist in the care of the souls in our congregation.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

- This month, several of our Youth will be headed to Higher Things to grow in their faith. Pray for their safe travels.
- Next Month, on August 9, our congregation will be hosting a parenting workshop. See more details on page 3.
- Adult Inquirers will be starting up again on August 17. Please look for the flyer with the sign-up on the back. Consider inviting someone to attend with you.





**This year we recognize those celebrating  
birthdays of 80+ years.**

- July 18 Happy 87th Birthday, Rosie Kearney!
- July 26 Happy 86th Birthday, Sharon Dyer!
- July 28 Happy 89th Birthday, Marjorie Stone!

**Anniversaries**

- July 1 Jim & Carol Hale
- July 1 Mike & Terry Mills
- July 1 Joe & Diane Schletzbaum
- July 1 Dennis & Carol Niemann
- July 1 Phillip & Sarah Sinclair
- July 2 Jack & Marcene Selberg
- July 2 Terry & Shelly Hess
- July 8 Keith & Paula Peuker
- July 12 Don & Cindy Lassen
- July 20 Jason & Jennifer Curley
- July 22 Bob & Linda Grippin
- July 22 Pat & Lori Trainer
- July 23 Steve & Yvonne Peuker
- July 23 Jim & Linda Estes
- July 24 Lewis & Patricia Myers
- July 24 Paul & Tammy Pyles
- July 24 Corey & Missy Johnston
- July 25 Jeremy & Lottie Lee
- July 26 Terry & Sheryl Sanders
- July 28 Terry & Alane Hanshaw
- July 28 Andrew & Kelly Peuker
- July 29 Sean & Terry Everett
- July 31 Rob & Beth Stone

PLEASE let us know if we missed yours or have the wrong information in our system.

## Trinity Lutheran Church is proud to host The Privilege of Parenting

**With  
Rev. James  
Woelmer**



**Saturday  
August 9, 2025**

**9:30 - 1:00**

**TLC Fellowship Hall**

**Lunch is provided.**

**Cost: Freewill  
offering**

Raising children is a joy and a challenge. You may ask yourself...How can I protect my children? How can I be firm, yet loving? How can I bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord? How can I teach them the Word of God and about Jesus? What is the ultimate goal of parenting? We will answer these and other questions from the perspective of God's Word. We want to see our children in heaven. Whether you have young children or teenagers, please come to this seminar.

Rev. James Woelmer is the pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Manhattan, Kansas. He and his wife, Rachel, have five grown children and 17 grandchildren. Possessing a Master's degree in Family Life from Concordia University in Nebraska, he brings expertise on the topic of parenting.

RSVP to Rachel Goodpasture via the church bulletin, or her email: [rachel.micheele@cune.org](mailto:rachel.micheele@cune.org), or by phone (913).426.4007. Please include the number attending the seminar, the number of children that need childcare and their ages.



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hoping to offer BAND for the fifth through eighth grade as a last period elective on Tuesday and Thursdays. If you have any INSTRUMENTS that you would like to donate or would like to sponsor a child's music cost, please contact Karen or the school office.

Atchison School district is looking for lunch service personnel for our school. Our lunch program is mostly handled by the 409 Atchison School District. If you are interested in the position, please let us know.

Still hoping for a couple of thousand-dollar donations to get at least the tattered downstairs hallway carpet replaced. Please let me know if you could help fund this project.

If you did not see the incredible details that Cathy (and Allen) Higley did for our Vacation Bible School, you missed A LOT. They spend hours of preparation (and clean-up) time to make this event beautiful and memorable for children of ALL AGES. Please praise the LORD for these servants.

TLS Principal David Birnbaum

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Teachers will be at the parking lot shed on the first Sundays of July and August from 10:30-12:30 collecting clothing items to help fund the October National Teachers Convention. Let Principal Birnbaum know if you need help hauling out old clothes.

Mark your calendars for Thursday evening July 31. The teachers are having MUSIC-TRIVIA BINGO night at Servaes. We will receive funds for each music-bingo card purchased. The evening will focus on Singalong and 70's/80's TV Theme songs. Games start at 7 p.m., so get your cards by 6:45. Come join the FUN!

## Joke of the month:

Joke of the month: Where do birds stay when they go on vacation?

Answer: *Someplace cheep!*



Above: Family of Pastor Fricke (L to R): Gretchen Gittner, Rev. Bill Gittner, and Mary K. Bahnmaier.

### SURPRISE VISIT

Pastor Fricke served as Pastor at Trinity Lutheran from 1958—1969. On May 30th, we had a surprise visit from two of his daughters, Mary K. Bahnmaier and Gretchen Gittner. They were accompanied by Gretchen's husband, Bill, who is a retired Pastor and military Chaplain. Our Secretaries had a delightful visit with them and enjoyed hearing about many treasured memories of their time at Trinity. They were the last family to live in the old parsonage that was located directly behind the church.

## **Health Note - Summertime with Parish Nurse, Marcene Selberg, R.N.**

I just wanted to remind everyone of a few safety tips for outdoor activity as we head into what is usually the hottest part of the summer.

- 1) Wear light colored clothing, light colors tend to reflect the sunlight while dark colors absorb it.
- 2) Wear loose clothing, this allows air to get to your skin for easier evaporation of sweat for cooling.
- 3) The greatest chance for sunburn is from 10AM to 3PM, utilize any shade, wear a hat that shades your face, AND use sunscreen.
- 4) Generally, the hottest part of the day is from 4PM to 6PM and the heat will affect you more if the humidity is high because your natural cooling system, evaporation of sweat, is less effective than when the air is drier.

Be aware of when your body is becoming overheated. If you get muscle cramps while you are engaged in activity in the heat, it usually means your body is signaling you to slow down, cool down, and rehydrate! (Drink water or drinks that replace electrolytes, avoid caffeinated drinks and alcohol to rehydrate.) Also, be aware that if you have heart disease, being out in the summer heat will put stress on your heart. The heart pumps harder and faster in the heat to redirect blood to your skin for cooling. It is estimated the heart must pump 2 to 4 times more blood each minute than it does on a cool day. Use common sense and enjoy being outdoors this summer!

Roar sea, and every creature in you, sing earth, and all who live on you! Psalm 98:7

Blessings,

Marcene Selberg RN, parish nurse

Resources:

[webmd.com](http://webmd.com)

AARP magazine, June/July 2020 issue

[health.harvard.edu](http://health.harvard.edu)



## **Sunday School and Vacation Bible School News with Cathy Higley**

VBS 2025

The “EPIC Australian Adventure” Vacation Bible School completed a successful week of fun, learning, and meeting new friends here at Trinity Lutheran. The overall scripture truth was “Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Each day the focus was on a key truth of Jesus. He calls, leads, teaches, saves, and sends us, all learned from the Bible stories of Moses and the burning bush, Joshua leads the Israelites to the promised land, the good Samaritan, Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension.

There were 177 children who attended at least one day and 121 who were able to attend all five days! Teachers, helpers, and many staff guided the children through Bible Storytime, science and take-home leaflets, games, crafts, music, and snacks each day. Our middle school group had a different adventure each day. They prepared and delivered crafts to Trinity Place and played Bingo on Monday. Each day they started with a music session with the Koala-la-las and Bible story focus with Pastor Carney. Pastor Dandy, Eric Berry, Debbie Schneider, Camille Hollingsworth, Jason Curley, Quilting group, Rhonda Gierstorf, and Pastor Carney shared about the various ministry areas of the church with the group. Other activities included a scavenger/amazing race activity, a movie day, swimming at the Y and the highlight of the week was a service opportunity with Kaden’s Kloset, in Troy, where the group helped sort and place items for distribution to foster and adoptive families.

The mission project for the week was the Pregnancy Resource Center of Atchison. We received \$1,042.21 in cash/coin donations! Many items were collected for this local ministry as well.

Many, many people worked to make this week a wonderful outreach to our children and the community. THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help with children, decorating, providing funds, food items, and prayer. Continue to pray that the seeds sown in the hearts of the children and their families will continue to grow and produce good fruit in their lives and in God’s kingdom. What a privilege to host this ministry each year and share our precious Lord with the children and their families. Thank You all for supporting this effort!

### **Rocky S’mores Snacks**

#### **Ingredients:**

(1)10 oz. bag mini marshmallows  
3 T butter  
5 cups Rice Krispies  
½ cup quick-cook oats  
4 sheets of graham crackers, broken in pieces  
½ cup mini (or regular) chocolate chips  
Butter flavor pan spray

This recipe is very “adaptable.” Increase or decrease ingredients according to taste.

Coat microwave-safe bowl with butter spray.

Microwave marshmallows and butter on High for 90 seconds, stir until smooth.

Stir in cereal, oats, and graham crackers.

Let cool one minute, then stir in chocolate chips.

Spray your hands with butter spray and roll into 1 ½” balls. Cover with plastic wrap and put in the refrigerator to harden. Store in air-tight container.

Makes 32 snacks, one or two per person.

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Looking ahead to August:</b> Aug 5: New TLS Family Orientation Aug 10: TLS Open House Aug 11: Back to School Night Aug 13: School Begins Aug 17: Adult Inquirers' Class Begins		<b>1</b> 1:00p Quilting  7:00p Fellowship	<b>2</b>  7:00p Finance 7:00p NA	<b>3</b>  6:30p Handbell Choir 7:15p Adult Choir 8:15p Chamber Choir	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <b>Offices Closed</b>  7:00p NA	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Worship</b> 8:00a, 10:30a, 6:30p 9:15a Family Bible Hour 9:30a KAIR Broadcast	<b>7</b>  6:00p Evangelism Calling 7:00p NA	<b>8</b>  1:00p Quilting 6:25p Elder Training	<b>9</b>  4:00p LWML 7:00p Board of Directors 7:00p NA	<b>10</b>  6:30p Handbell Choir 7:15p Adult Choir 8:15p Chamber Choir	<b>11</b>  <b>6:30p 55+ Potluck</b> 7:00p NA	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Worship w/Communion</b> 8:00a, 10:30a, 6:30p 9:15a Family Bible Hour 9:30a KAIR Broadcast	<b>14</b>  6:00p Theodora Circle 6:00p Evangelism Calling 7:00p NA	<b>15</b>  1:00p Quilting	<b>16</b>  6:30p Day School Com. 7:00p Social Ministries 7:00p NA	<b>17</b>  6:30p Handbell Choir 7:15p Adult Choir 8:15p Chamber Choir	<b>18</b>  7:00p NA	<b>19</b>  8:00-Noon Loaves & Fishes
<b>20 Worship</b> 8:00a, 10:30a, 6:30p 9:15a Family Bible Hour 9:15a Properties 9:30a KAIR Broadcast 12:00p Lunch and Learning	<b>21</b>  6:00p WIP Craft Night 6:00p Evangelism Calling 7:00p NA	<b>22</b> 1:00p Quilting 6:25p Elder Calling <b>DEADLINE: August</b> <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>23</b>  7:00p NA	<b>24</b>  6:30p Handbell Choir 7:15p Adult Choir 8:15p Chamber Choir	<b>25</b>  7:00p NA	<b>26</b>  Rutz-Martin Wedding
<b>27 Worship w/Communion</b> 8:00a, 10:30a, 6:30p* 9:15a Family Bible Hour 9:30a KAIR Broadcast <b>*Door Offering for Valley Hope</b>	<b>28</b>  6:00p Evangelism Calling 7:00p NA	<b>29</b> 1:00p Quilting	<b>30</b>  7:00p NA	<b>31</b>  6:45p Teacher Fundraiser Music Bingo		



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Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m.