

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Our Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Meraz

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13 NIV

God's peace and joy to you...

Looking out the office window today I see blue sky, trees filling up with green leaves, flowers blooming (especially the azaleas), all put in gentle motion by a tender breeze. It's enough to make me forget the long winter season we've been through. Going outside on a day like today just brings joy into a person's life. To put that feeling into a single word, a day like today is encouraging.

I spoke about being an encourager in a sermon several weeks ago. I have to admit I was a little nervous to speak of it too boldly but I believed God was leading me to do it so I didn't sugarcoat it. I've received more feedback from that sermon than from any other sermon I can remember preaching and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. That, in itself, was encouraging.

We live in a world that likes to point out flaws and inadequacies. If there's no shortcoming, then the world will make one up. If you're on social media it doesn't take long to see that the majority of items or opinions that are posted are almost immediately trashed. It doesn't even matter which side of the argument you're on, it's just about getting a chance to sound off under the guise of anonymity and pretend you're an expert on the subject.

The thinnest women are fat-shamed if they post a swimsuit picture on the beach. Parents are bashed for taking positions on raising their children no matter which position they take. You can't look at a Twitter feed without seeing at least one person complaining about a travel delay or bad customer service. There are blogs dedicated to *tacky Christmas lights* or *prom picture fails*. I think some of those were meant to be only humorous but do you want to see a picture of your house that you spent so much time decorating being made fun of?

Because we have a tendency to let our sinful natures have control, becoming a Barnabas (or a *son of encouragement*) is something that has to be intentionally relearned. I truly believe that a forgiven child of God is an encourager at heart but it's easy to get out of practice. An encourager is a friend, an advocate, a supporter, a well-wisher. An encourager finds people trying hard to do their best and thanking them for it. An encourager is a helper, a defender, a sympathizer.

I'm asking that you join me in regular prayer that Trinity would become a congregation of Barnabas'. Pray for yourself personally and then pray for your brothers and sisters here. There are plenty of people out in the world who will gladly point out all of our faults. We all need people who will speak words of encouragement to us that inspire us. I know I do. So let's **encourage one another daily** knowing that our time here is short (**as long as it is called "Today,"**).

God's blessings to you all, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am
*Sunday School and
Adult Bible Classes*

10:00 am
Worship Service

*Holy Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th
Sundays*

OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will
proclaim the Gospel,
administer the Sacraments,
and provide Christian
education to children and
adults in a supportive and
nurturing environment.*



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TRINITY LUTHERAN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor Rev. Jonathan Meraz

Church Secretary Anne Combes

Music Director Stephen Pruitt

Bookkeeper Janice Williams

Sexton Bill Sontag

Custodian Antonio Tutt

Chairman of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding – Zone 3

Deacons

Sharon Plawin – Zone 1

Craig Scott – Zone 4

Ken Leiding – Zone 5

Roger & Mary Ann Medlin –
Zone 6

Bud and Lynn Hubert –
Zone 7 & Active Guests

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From the Church Mouse

Mulching of the Playground



A BIG thank you to all who helped make this project possible! It all got started when a few realized we needed a nice playground for Summer Camp. The church council approved the funding and everything got set into motion.

Two work parties were put together for the spreading of the mulch. We had 15 people show up to help early on a Saturday in the very hot weather for the first work party. Trinity came to life for the community to see. Everyone was busy with weeding, shovels, wheelbarrows, pitchforks and muscle! We completed most of the playground that first day. Pastor even joked that the little pile left was his to do! Much to his surprise on Monday when he showed up for work the little pile was gone. Thank you to the mystery mulch mover!!

During the week the mulch pile kept getting smaller and the playground fuller. We had more people helping to get that done. Then our second Saturday had four people show up and all they had to do was spread the remaining mulch that was already moved into the playground. We beat the rain and mulching was complete!

This could NOT have been done without everyone's help! From the ladies who supplied drinks and snacks, the worker's, the Church Council, those who came and weeded prior to the work party, mystery mulch mover and anyone I may have forgotten! We took pride in our playground and made it a place where Summer Camp children are going to have a safe place to play.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Official Acts

Baptisms

Logan Eugene Cox - May 20, 2018

Deaths

Karl Liebrich - April 30, 2018

Members Moved to Active Status

Kimberlee Rolfsmeier - May 15, 2018

Members Removed

Floyd Wilcox - April 18, 2018 (officially)

From our Pastor

Introduction to the Divine Service

Notes on the Liturgy #13 – The Creed

No creed but the Bible. Perhaps you've heard something like that before and wondered why Lutherans and other Christians use creeds in the Divine Service. A wonderful answer to that question, is to use another question: Why not use them!? If another Christian ever asks you that question, recite one of the creeds to them, and ask then what is it about that creed that they would object to.

We Lutherans boldly confess **Scripture alone!** We don't place creeds on the same authority as Scripture, but they become important for us because they teach what the Scriptures teach. Throughout history people have twisted the Bible. Thus, creeds become important tools for confessing the orthodox (**right teaching**) doctrine of Scripture. They say *Here we stand! This is what the Word teaches! This is what we reject!*

Speaking of pastors, Luther states they have two duties: **feed the sheep and ward off the wolves.** That is, the pastor must teach the Word purely and also condemn false doctrine. This is what the creeds do for Lutherans. In Lutheran Worship there are three ecumenical creeds – the Nicene, Apostle's, and Athanasian Creed. They are called *ecumenical* because they're accepted by many Christians throughout the world. All three creeds teach the doctrine of the Trinity. Note how the Nicene & Apostle's Creed follow a similar outline based on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

These Creeds are ancient. The Nicene Creed began to be formed at a church council in Nicea, Turkey in 325 AD as a response to specific heresies that were invading the church. The Apostle's Creed dates to at least the early 2nd century after Christ, and it gained its name because it confesses the faith as the apostles taught it, not because they specifically wrote it. The Athanasian Creed appears in what is now Southern France in the 400's, but no one knows who the author is even though it was named after Athanasius. It too was developed to address specific heresies of the time, and it's typically used only on Holy Trinity Sunday because of its length.

We do not confess **modern** creeds written anew every Sunday and neglect the confessions of the past. Because the ecumenical creeds are built on Scripture, they're timeless. The age of these creeds remind us that we don't confess them alone. We're part of a mighty army of believers marching from of old and yet we're one church that confesses the faith **with angels and archangels and all of the company of heaven.**

These notes were originally written in 2001 by Pastor David Oberdieck and have been edited.

Christian Growth recommended reading

Below is Pastor's Review of a new book recently entered onto our shelves.

The Screwtape Letters

C. S. Lewis

I have reviewed a couple of newer books in the past few months. This month I was inspired to read a 'classic' – ***The Screwtape Letters***. You may be familiar with the author, C. S. (Clive Staples) Lewis, and his book series The Chronicles of Narnia the first book of which is The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Other popular books he has written are Mere Christianity, Surprised by Joy and The Problem of Pain. Lewis authored The Screwtape Letters about 10 years before The Chronicles of Narnia. This is a book that I reread every so often because the content always applies.

Screwtape is a devil who has taken the task of mentoring his nephew and apprentice devil, Wormwood. The book consists of a series of letters where Screwtape offers ideas and suggestions on how Wormwood can best tempt a British man, called only *the Patient*, into sin and, eventually, into Hell. Early in the book the Patient is converted to Christianity and the remainder of the book has Screwtape describing ways to bring the person out of faith.

It is important to remember the book's perspective. This is demon to demon. God is not overtly mentioned but there are numerous references to *the Enemy*. The letters deal with issues of reason vs faith, lust, anger, works righteousness, etc. In other words, the things that normal believers battle day to day. I see myself and the battles I constantly fight in so many of these letters. I truly believe that you will also. Reading this reminds me that my temptations are not unique to me. There is nothing new under the sun. We are all fighting the same battles while we are on this side of heaven.

The chapters are quite short and you can read them in short bursts or binge the entire book, if you so choose. I recommend that you do read this book, if you have the opportunity. The grace and mercy of God is subtle but it is there.



Board of Worship

Bud Hubert

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's 98th Anniversary is June 3rd. We are planning to celebrate this great occasion with a glorious service. There will be a Pot Luck Luncheon inside Belvedere Hall after the Worship Service. Everyone is encouraged to sign up on the Volunteer Board to bring main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. Our theme is "**Bringing the Family Together**". Please make plans to join us.

Armed Forces Sunday will be celebrated on July 1st. Those in the Military are encouraged to wear their uniforms to the Worship Service. We are very thankful for our Military and Veteran members of the congregation. Pastor will use the LCMS Service for Armed Forces Sunday. We plan to sing many of the Patriotic Hymns. God has truly blessed this country.

Stephen Pruitt has accepted the job as Director of Music. He will be starting in the middle of July. The LWML will be sponsoring a welcoming reception after his first service. Watch the bulletin for date and details. Please help us welcome Stephen and Diane to Trinity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those members, who help Pastor during the Service. Acolytes, Lectors, Communion Assistants and Ushers enhance our worship service and we appreciate their service.

Mr. Stephen Pruitt will be joining our staff in mid-July. He and his wife Diane are moving to the Hampton Roads area from Colorado. They are both LCMS

Lutherans and were looking for a church to serve and a place to worship. Stephen is the current Minister of Music at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Church Music degree from Concordia University, Wisconsin. We had a chance to hear him play the organ, keyboard and grand piano. He is an extremely talented musician. He feels that the Lord has led him to Trinity and we truly feel that is true. With his experience and background, we are very excited about the potential he can bring to our ministry at Trinity!



Trinity's 100th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2020



Our first planning meeting was held on May 14, 2018. The following attended: Pastor Meraz, Bud and Lynn Hubert, Jan Knickelbein, Cathy George, Ken and Sharyn Leiding, Janice Gwin and Sharon Plawin.

Everyone was asked to bring ideas back to our next meeting. Looking for a theme, a scripture reading and a hymn that would help us to bring together a cornerstone for our celebration. We hope to plan some sort of an activity to occur once each month January thru December 2020.

If you have any ideas, please get in touch with one of the people listed above. It was suggested that we have a ministry that we focus on during our anniversary year. Soon you will see a suggestion box on the table in the Welcome Center. If you know of a ministry to the community that we could support in some way in honor of our 100th Anniversary, please drop that suggestion in the box.

We will be planning a banquet in June 2020. Everyone who has served Trinity, Trinity Lutheran School, past and current members and friends will be invited. If you know of someone who should receive an invitation, please make sure that Bud or Lynn have their contact information.

As a fundraiser for this celebration we are planning on printing a Cookbook. Start gathering your recipes!!!! You can email them to klynnhubert@gmail.com or hand them to Lynn at church. Please make sure to include your name so we can give you credit for the recipe. If anyone has some past cookbooks from Trinity (we have Our Daily Bread, printed in 1976) please consider loaning Lynn your copy so we can include some old recipes from past members. We hope to have this cookbook ready for sale in late 2019. Thank you in advance for your contributions of your favorite recipes!!

Our next meeting will be held on June 11th. We are so excited to get this party started! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Bud and Lynn Hubert
Co-Chairs 100th Anniversary Committee

LWML

Lynn Hubert

As we come to a close for the summer we would like to thank everyone for your support of our Rummage Sale in April. The proceeds of \$1234.00 went to support our League and its missions. Thank you for your donations! We hope to do this again.

OUR END OF YEAR LUNCHEON was held on May 5th at the Pagoda. There were 17 ladies and Pastor in attendance. It was a beautiful location and a wonderful luncheon. We missed those who could not make it and hope you can join us next time!!!

Mite Boxes are used to collect money for missions. Twenty-five percent of the mite offering is sent to LWML for mission grants and the remaining seventy-five percent is used for our district's mission grants. Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions. Please continue collecting your Mites and drop them off in the Welcome Center in the large Mite Box.

We look forward to welcoming Stephen Pruitt and his lovely wife Diane to Trinity the middle of July as Stephen begins his new position as Director of Music. The LWML will be hosting a reception in their honor his first Sunday with us, following the service. Watch the bulletin for details and please plan to attend and make them feel welcome to our Trinity family!

The executive board will be meeting this summer to prepare our 2019 calendar. We look forward to seeing everyone when we return to our meetings in September.

Sunday School Mission Project

LCMS Disaster Response

We have collected \$907.47. These funds will be used to help victims from the fires in California and hurricane disasters in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

**Christian Growth**

Cathy George

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. Hebrews 10:24

We help strengthen the faith of others when we affirm God's effectiveness working in our own lives. Some people make it a fulltime job to encourage the faith of others. Missionaries, pastors and chaplains for example. Our pastors have the responsibility to encourage us in the faith. We are responsible to submit to leadership and listening heeding the word of God. Those who are called to "Leadership in the Church" encourage the "Church Family" by the example they lead. But that does not take the rest of us off the hook. We should aspire to lead such God pleasing lives, hold firm to the trustworthy word of God.

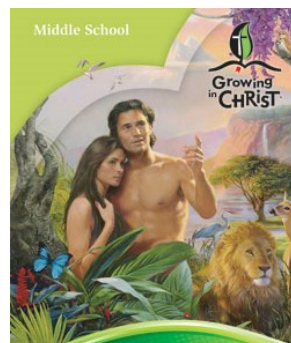
The greatest obstacle to encourage one another in spiritual growth is not being in fellowship. In a way each of us has been called to preach the gospel, it is part of the Great Commission proclaimed by Christ Jesus. Corinthians 9:14 tells us to get living the gospel!

Encouragement goes both ways. This is what Paul states in Romans 1:12 "Mutually encourage each other". And always protect the faith. In Jude verses 3-4 we are reminded that our faith we hold so dear can be compromised if we are not paying attention.

Encouragement is there for us, so long as we know how to find it. All it takes is our commitment to explore God's word.

O Lord, sometimes we need to be reminded of the great potential You have given us. We need someone to point out our likeness to You who created us, to see Your image in us. Just one little word of encouragement can make all the difference.

*Excerpts from the LWML Winter Rally Workshop
given by Carol Stano from
King of Glory Lutheran Church.*



The Sunday School for the children has been focusing on "Old Testament: God creates a world and His people". Check out our bulletin boards and see what we have been learning.

Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

The Board of Deacons meets monthly with Pastor Meraz. Do not hesitate to contact your deacon if you have concerns or questions pertaining to the spiritual atmosphere at Trinity.

Deacon presence was provided at the baptism of Logan Cox on May 20th.

Please have your photo taken so that it may be included in the church directory. The family of Christ at Trinity is enhanced when each and every person is recognized.

A SPRING SING is scheduled for Sunday, June 10. Gather in Belvedere Hall after worship service, have a light lunch, then visit four homebound members, sing favorite hymns and patriotic songs. Everyone is invited to participate!

Nominating Committee

Sharyn Leiding

Trinity's nominating committee, consisting of Errol Jennings, Sharyn Leiding and Roger Medlin, has met and are seeking candidates for the following positions: Vice President, Treasurer, 2nd Trustee, Director for Board of Christian Growth, and Director for Board of Deacons.

Interested in one of the positions? If so, speak to Errol, Sharyn and/or Roger for details. Put your abilities and talents to work for the family of Trinity. The above positions are two-year terms, with the exception of Vice President and 2nd Trustee; those are one year terms but advance to President and 1st Trustee during the second year.

Those who choose to serve, and are duly elected by the congregation at the Fall Voters' Assembly, will be installed in December and begin their service in January 2019.

Responsibilities/duties of each position are listed in the church's by-laws, a copy of which is posted on the hallway bulletin board and the church's website, www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org

It is a pleasure to relay this information to you. Long-time member, Jack Carter, has agreed to serve as Trinity's Vice President for the remainder of 2018, a position that was vacated several months ago. Welcome aboard, Jack, and thank you for your service.

Preteens

Patty Malone

We just had our last Preteen Fun Night of the 2017/2018 school year. It was a fun Friday with chalk-ing parking spots for Mother's Day, making Mother's Day crafts, playing outside, an object lesson and pizza!

Our object lesson was James 3:5-10. They took toothpaste and squeezed all the paste out and then had to try to get it back into the tube with a spoon and a straw. They realized they couldn't do it. Just like when we say words you can't take back once they are out of your mouth. They were reminded to speak the way Jesus would want them to speak and to practice that over the summer. Then told as a reminder every time you brush your teeth remember God wants you to speak kind words! "Do it God's way - watch what you say!"

We hope everyone had a great 2017/2018 school year and got to enjoy Preteen Fun Nights! If you have not come out for these fun-filled nights we will be back in September - 2nd Friday of the month!

These fun nights are not possible without the parent's involvement and the support of the church. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

Have a safe summer and see you then!

Bowling League

Doug Sulak

The bowling league finished its current season on Monday, May 14th. We held our banquet on Sunday, May 20th at Outback Steakhouse in Virginia Beach. We will have our organizational meetings for 2018-2019 on Monday, August 20th with bowling resuming the next Monday.



Special Ministries

Patty Malone

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help cook and feed the homeless in April. It is always a great morning of fellowship and fun while cooking before heading out to the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center in Virginia Beach. We served hot dogs, coleslaw, beans and brownies. Everyone left with full bellies and glad hearts, if only for that day! It was great having Mary Lou and Craig Scott come out for the first time to support this ministry. If you have never come to one of these you are missing out! This is such an important ministry where we are helping those in our own community when they need it most. Thank you for your support!

The bookshelf in the Welcome Center was filled to the brim and even overflowing with children's books. The books came mostly from Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church on Tidewater Dr. They had a book collection and nowhere for the books to go. We had a place for books but not that many were filling the shelves. It is amazing what can happen when one sees a need and offers to help fill it! A special thank you to Julie and Sam Locklear who helped facilitate this wonderful "match-up".

REACH Reading Enriches all Children came the week of May 14th and picked up the second full shelf of books collected. That week REACH distributed over 3,000 books to support children in our community! Together, we are making positive impacts on literacy for children who are at-risk and homeless throughout Hampton Roads.

We will keep collecting new and gently loved books so when your children or grandchildren outgrow those books you now have a place to bring them.

The summer we will again be supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. Last summer we held a Christmas in July! Well...you guessed it we are going to have Christmas in July again. The date has not been secured but rest assured we are having it and it will be an "Ice Cream Social" just like last year. We hope to build on last year and make this year even better!

There will be Christmas crafts for the children to make, Christmas music and ice cream with all the toppings. A free will offering will be collected as it takes \$9.00 to send a shoebox.

There will also be a collection bin for shoebox items starting in July running through the fall. We will have a packing party after church one day in the fall.

Below is a list of a few items suggested by Operation Christmas Child:

comb
hairbrush
toothbrush
washcloth
adhesive bandages
reusable plastic containers w/hair bows or bracelets,
socks
mittens
pencils
pencil sharpener
colored pencils
pencil case
pens
crayons
markers
coloring pad or notebooks that will fit into a shoebox
foam ball
small doll
finger puppets
Slinky
cars
plastic tools
plastic cookware

One "WOW" item is suggested and is usually a small stuffed animal. All items should be new and in good condition.

If you are traveling this summer and stop in a hotel – remember to bring back those little bottles. We use them to make hospitality bags for the homeless. We are turning this project over to summer camp as one of their service projects for this summer. The campers will be packing the kits for the homeless. What a great project to get the little ones involved in social action!

We will be holding our annual meeting in August 2018. This is when we decide on ALL the events for the following year. If you know of any cause or program you would like us to consider please let a team member know. Team members are Jo-Nell and David Chadwick, Cathy George, Sharon Knorr, Linda Loper and Patty Malone, chairperson. We would love for you to become part of our Trinity Team that reaches into the community, region and world!



Stewardship

Stewardship Board – Craig Scott/Director, Dave Petri/Treasurer, Janice Williams/Bookkeeper, Anne Combes and Lynn Hubert

It takes everyone in God's family here at Trinity to participate in the daily running of our ministry in this place. From volunteering to lead, work or just participate in activities when invited to do so. Contributing your gifts as you feel you can.

Budget - As stated before we are working with a bare bones budget. Approximately 75% of our budget covers salaries. We pay salaries to our pastor, secretary, bookkeeper, sexton and custodian. A large portion goes towards utilities – electricity, gas, water. We pay for phone and internet services. We pay for fire and security services. We are blessed with a beautiful home on Granby Street. Our home is old and requires daily maintenance. After all that is covered we can then use the remainder of your contributions to help cover our ministry work thru the many boards making up our Church Council. These volunteers do everything they can to keep expenses down. Most of the time we come in under budget each month. The notice you see each month in the bulletin shows you not what we budgeted to spend but what was spent in the last month (expenses), what was brought in (revenues) and the difference between the two. As of April 2018, we were \$6,967.68 short of meeting what we needed to pay our bills. This meant that we had to go into our savings to cover those costs. Thank the Lord we have some savings but even those funds can't last forever. Please continue to give as you feel you can. We are all a member of this family and it takes each of us to help to keep this place running so that we can continue to meet as God's family here at Trinity.

Time and Talent – How many of your households have a chore list that is divided among your family members? Someone does the laundry, someone cleans the bathrooms, someone pays the bills, someone cooks the meals, someone does the shopping. Hopefully that does not fall on just one member of the family. When chores are divided the chores get done and no one has to carry the load by themselves. That is what happens here in our Trinity family. We are so blessed with our volunteers. We thank God for each and everyone of you. If the same people have to do the same chore over and over again it begins to weigh on them. Each of us carrying our load makes this a more productive family. Not everyone is a leader, not everyone can sing or cook or do yardwork. But we all have talents that the Lord has given to us. Please consider where your talents can be used to benefit the family of God as we all share the "chores" that need to be done.

Thank you to Pastor Meraz, Anne Combes, Janice Williams, Bill Sontag, Antonio Tutt, our volunteers, and our contributors. Trinity could not exist without all of you! Please prayerfully consider what you can do whether it be your tithes, your time or your talent. We are all blessed to be a part of this family. Remember we are better with you than without you!!!

God bless!

(Please see our continued article on the next page!)



Stewardship continued

We would like to share the following article:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

June 2018: Newsletter Article

By Rev. Jason Braaten

Immanuel Lutheran Church – Tuscola, Ill.

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper.

And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.



June**Birthdays**

- 1 Traver O'Keefe
- 4 Hannah Harger
- 6 Christine Leiding
- 6 Brooke Christy
- 9 Bendra Pendry
- 11 Doris Lass
- 11 Porter Bayse
- 14 Sam Gilson
- 17 Mary Lou Scott
- 19 Finn Flannigan
- 20 Charlotte Gunther
- 22 Erika Straddeck
- 23 James O'Connor
- 25 Anne Starke
- 28 Matt Prince

Anniversaries

- 11 Ken ♥ Sharyn Leiding
- 15 John ♥ Talma Butcher
- 21 Jim ♥ Marilyn Vaughan
- 21 Scott ♥ Natasha Thieman
- 23 Arthur ♥ Brenda Christy

July**Birthdays**

- 3 Judy Sykes
- 4 Shelby Blaker
- 6 Flo Ball
- 6 Sofia Capehart
- 8 Abigail Roll
- 8 Benjamin Roll
- 9 Cathy George
- 10 Rachel Gillooly
- 12 Craig Bayse
- 13 Kenneth Leiding
- 13 Colette Gilson
- 16 Antonio Tutt
- 18 Sara Harger
- 19 Viola Person
- 22 Catie Roll
- 26 Ryan Gillooly
- Robyn Ocana
- 26 Henry Kepler
- 28 Cullan Thieman
- 30 Luis Delgado

Anniversaries

- 5 Bill ♥ Charlotte Gunther
- 15 Clint ♥ Dana Dalton
- 21 David ♥ Jo Nell Chadwick

Dear Pastor Meraz and Trinity Lutheran Church People,

I have moved to California for two more months. I am sorry that I did not contact you because so many difficult things I have to do for relocating in San Francisco from Norfolk (west cost to east cost).

I am still remembering my last day work in Trinity, and people gave me a wonderful farewell and a lot of support. I appreciate Trinity's people very much for giving me so many helps and supports when I was working at church for about 15 years. Please pass this message to congregations, and thank you so much for people's helps.

Now I am living in a new and challenged location, but so far I am okay for working in a church, teaching in a private music school, conducting a local choral and write my compositions. I wish you and Trinity people very well. Keep in touch.

Best Wishes,

Kai

WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Ushers	Linda Blaker and Doug Sulak	John Knickelbein and Justin Malone	Linda Blaker and Errol Jennings	Jack Carter and Bud Hubery
Lector	John Knickelbein	John Butcher	Cathy George	John Butcher
Communion Assistant	John Knickelbein		Jeff Ingmire	
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Sermon	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding	Pastor Meraz	Pastor Meraz

If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please make arrangements for someone to cover for you and phone the Church Office with the changes. THANKS!!

	July 1	July 8	July 5	July 22	July 29
U	Jack Carter and Bud Hubert	Errol Jennings and John Knickelbein	Justin Malone and Doug Sulak	Linda Blaker and Julie Meraz	Jack Carter and Doug Sulak
L	David Chadwick	Cathy George	Chaplain Townes	Anna Carter	Julie Meraz
C A	Jeff Ingmire		Chaplain Townes		Jeff Ingmire
A	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
C S	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding	Pastor Meraz	Pastor Meraz	Pastor Meraz

In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements concerning any cancelations. Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an email address on file and by phone to those who do not.

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3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship 11:15am 98th Anniversary Potluck Luncheon	4	5	6	7 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	8	9
10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Worship Service 11:15am Sunday School Teacher's Mtg 11:15 am Deacon's Spring Sing	11 7pm 100th Anniversary Committee	12	13	14 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	15	16 8am Ladies Monthly Bible Study @ Coaster Coffee on Tidewater Drive 8am Men's Breakfast
17 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Father's Day	18 Summer Camp starts	19	20	21 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	22	23
24 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10am Worship Service 11:15 am BBQ Fundraiser Dinner	25 7pm Church Council Meeting	26	27	28 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	29	30

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PLEASE notify the Church Office.**

Summer Camp @Trinity Lutheran Church



Ages 3-12
*(all children must
be potty trained)*

Summer Camp is accepting registrations for its fun filled 9-week program beginning June 18th and ending August 17th. We have wonderful adventures planned.

The campers will enjoy arts and crafts, water fun, cooking and gardening and our annual 4th of July cookout. There will be something for everyone.

Please have your kids come join us for a summer full of adventures. Contact the Church Office or Mrs. Loper (757-418-0611) for more information or to receive a camp packet. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. Please keep Trinity Lutheran Summer Camp in your prayers.



BBQ Fundraiser

**Sunday, June 24, 2018
11:15 am to 1:00 pm**

A Barbecue Dinner is planned to raise money to help with the Field Trips for Summer Camp! We will be serving in the hall and selling dinners to go!!!

Fellowship and Food!!!