

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

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Dear Church,

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Did you know that we follow a church calendar year? It is a wonderful gift we have inherited from the Christians whom came before us. The calendar revolves around events in the life of our Lord Jesus and His Church.

From Advent through the Easter Season is the first part of the church calendar year. During this time we focus on the perfect life of Jesus Christ. Then, we focus on his passion, death and resurrection. At the end of the Easter season Jesus ascended into heaven. So to recap: this church year began in December 2022 with Advent. Then, we celebrated Christmas and the twelve days of Christmas. Then, the Magi came on Epiphany. Ash Wednesday began the 40 days of the Lenten Season. Palm Sunday began Holy Week. Then, we moved into Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Season.

The second part of the church calendar year starts with Pentecost. The focus is on the life of the church. On Sunday, May 28 we celebrated Pentecost and received new members into our congregation. That day the color of the paraments, vestments, and altar cloths was red as we focused on the power of the Holy Spirit coming down, filling and then enabling the disciples with power. The following week was Trinity Sunday and we received another family into fellowship. The liturgical color for that day was white, which is the color of purity and completeness. Now, we are in the Pentecost season of the church year and the color has shifted to green, symbolic of new life and growth.

Indeed, new life and growth for all people is God's mission. We, the church, focus on this mission during the season of Pentecost which started in June and goes until November.

During this Season of Pentecost, I challenge you to share the Gospel with one other person - preferably a non churched person. Invite that person to come to church with you. Pray for him or her. Growth is the Holy Spirit's job. We plant and water.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 says, *5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.*

In Christ,
Chaplain Prince

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am
*Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School*
(no classes during
July and August -
will resume in September)

10:00 am
Worship Service

Holy Communion
Every Sunday

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'S MINISTRY TEAM

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Vacancy Pastors

Rev. Timothy Utton

Chaplain Matthew Prince

Church Secretary

Anne Combes

Director of Music

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Bookkeeper

Lynn Hubert

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 & Lynn Hubert - Zone 7 & AG

Council 2023

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Call Service was held on Saturday June 3rd where 41 Communicant Members of Trinity voted unanimously to extend a Call to Rev. Erik Sorenson as Trinity's next Pastor. A special thank you to Pastor McReynolds and Pastor Utton for leading our Call Service and to the Call Committee for all of their hard work leading us to this day.

Call Update – The following letter was received from Reverend Sorenson:

Dear saints in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope and pray you are doing well.

I am writing to formally acknowledge that I have received the call to become your pastor. Please know that I will be praying faithfully as I give this call very careful consideration. I thank you for your prayers and support in this time of deliberation as well. It is my intention with the help of God to have a decision on this call no later than Sunday, July 2nd, 2023.

May the Lord of the Church continue to bless you in His rich grace and mercy.

In Christ,

Rev. Erik J. Sorenson

Pastor Sorenson and his wife visited Trinity on June 28th before making their final decision concerning the Call. We were delighted to meet them at a Meet and Greet on that evening and anxiously await his decision.

Please keep Rev. Sorenson, his family and current congregation as well as Trinity in your prayers.

Board of Stewardship

Below is the letter that was sent to all members and Active Guests of Trinity in June. As we continue our Moving Trinity Forward Campaign we ask that if you have not yet returned your pledge, please do so to help us manage our resources. We mailed 98 letters and to date we have received 12 pledges. (Pledges forms are available in the Church Office if you need one.)

Dear Trinity Family,

We, the blessed people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, have just celebrated our 103rd Anniversary—God is good! At the beginning of 2023, the Board of Stewardship rolled out the **“Moving Trinity Forward” Campaign**. This is a **five-year campaign** that will enable Trinity to be here for many generations to hear and proclaim God’s word. Our goal was \$50k per year with an ultimate goal of \$250k. We are six months into this campaign with a current balance of less than \$5,000.

This fund will support renovations of our heating and cooling systems, updates to the building (safety and security), improvements to our roof, and wiring upgrades throughout the building. This will allow God's people through the Holy Spirit to use Trinity to grow the Church.

As we embark on our 104th year and beyond, we are asking that you prayerfully consider joining us in making a meaningful pledge in addition to your regular tithes and offerings. This will be a time-bound campaign, with a spiritual commitment to an amount for each year from 2023 to 2027.

There are multiple means for you to provide your tithes and offerings, and we would like to offer these options for that as well as for your pledge over the remaining years of this stewardship campaign:

- ♦ Giving via cash/check
- ♦ Setting up ACH through VANCO (Please consult with Anne in church office)
- ♦ Offering appreciated stock or mutual funds (Please consult with Anne in church office)
- ♦ Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) / Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
(Please consult with your financial advisor)
- ♦ Employer matching charitable-gift program (Please consult with your company)

In addition to the above pledge options, we would also like to remind our faithful of other possibilities by which to offer stewardship-based support to maintain and grow the church:

- ◇ Bequest in your will that would benefit Trinity in perpetuity
- ◇ Life insurance Distribution

Below are suggested amounts for your faith-based pledge. Please realize these are only suggested amounts—any and all amounts are welcome and will help Trinity ‘move forward’ as we proclaim the Word of God!

\$365 = \$1 a day
\$500 = is \$41.67 monthly or \$9.62 weekly
\$750 = is \$62.60 monthly or \$14.42 weekly
\$1,517* = is \$125.42 monthly or \$29.17 weekly

(* 1517 is the year Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the castle church in Wittenberg)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we continue the **“Moving Trinity Forward” Campaign**. Please fill out and return the accompanying pledge card to commit to your gift by July 15, 2023. This will enable Trinity to plan for our future, and **our future looks bright!**

In His Service,
Board of Stewardship

Board of Worship

Janice Gwin

Call Extended – On Saturday June 3rd - 41 Communicant Members of Trinity attended a Call Service and with a vote of unanimity, the congregation elected to extend a Call to Rev. Erik Sorenson as Trinity's next Pastor.

Please keep Rev. Sorenson, his family and current congregation as well as Trinity in your prayers.

We have a schedule through August with our Vacancy Pastors, Pastor Utton and Chaplain Prince. Trinity has certainly been blessed with wonderful pastoral coverage. They have both said they will continue to be with us through this journey. Thanks be to God!

Trinity Sunday was celebrated on June 4th with Pastor Utton and Chaplain Prince leading our service. Our anniversary hymn and anthem were included in the service. Because of bad weather we moved our picnic indoors following the service. It was a wonderful day of blessings and fellowship!

On Sunday July 2nd we will be celebrating Armed Forces Sunday with Pastor Utton, Chaplain Prince, and Chaplain Rockrohr leading our service. Military members are encouraged to wear their military uniforms. There will be a patriotic songfest at the end of the Worship Service. We will also be taking our annual picture of our military members! We hope you will join us!

Since there will not be Adult Bible Study or Sunday School during the months of July and August, the church building will not be opened until 9:00 am each Sunday. We pray you have a wonderful and blessed summer!

On Sunday, August 27th the Worship Service will include the Blessing of Students, Teachers and Backpacks. All individuals involved in Education are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.



Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

Your deacons met on May 16th and will continue to do so monthly during June, July and August.

Eighteen people gathered in Belvedere Hall on Sunday, June 11th for lunch and carpooled to the homes of Trinity's homebound members for hymn sing/patriotic songs. This outreach ministry is always welcomed and appreciated. We went to three cities in the Hampton Roads Area - Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. THANK YOU Janice Gwin, Kevin and Katie Heckman, Charlotte Horton, Bud and Lynn Hubert, John Knickelbein, Zach and Julie Kuenzli +5, Ken and Sharyn Leiding, Viola Person and Candy Sontag!

Letters (19) were sent to Trinity's guest worshippers making them aware of the New Member Classes conducted by Chaplain Prince this spring.

Easter cards (25) were sent by deacons.

A welcoming reception, hosted by the Board of Deacons, was held on Sunday, May 28th as five new members joined TLC.

Erika Straddeck, long time member of Trinity, passed into her heavenly reward on June 2nd. Twenty-three telephone calls were made to people who remembered Erika. There was deacon presence at Erika's funeral on June 7th. Chaplain Prince conducted the service and fondly remembered visiting her at Lake Taylor Hospital. Flowers from a funeral spray were brought to Trinity by daughter Christina Erdman and displayed on Sunday, June 11th. Bouquets were taken to two of our homebound members.

Communion visits continue to the homebound. Deacons Bud Hubert, Ken Leiding and Roger Medlin provide this service.

Summer Plans? Faithful worship - study of scripture - prayer warrior - witnessing to others - listening to concerns - Noble goals, unable to achieve without the Holy Spirit.

See you in the pew -

July 23rd
Vacation Bible Picnic
**Noah's Faith
and Obedience**



- Who: All Trinity members and friends and family (all ages encouraged to participate)
- What: Lunch and Noah's Ark Themed Mini VBS
- When: Sunday, July 23rd, immediately after worship
- Where: Trinity Front Lawn
- Why: To continue Christian Growth and fellowship over the Summer

August 20th
Vacation Bible Picnic
**God Keeps His
Promises**



- Who: All Trinity members and friends and family (all ages encouraged to participate)
- What: Lunch and Noah's Ark Themed Mini VBS
- When: Sunday, August 20rd, immediately after worship
- Where: Trinity Front Lawn
- Why: To continue Christian Growth and fellowship over the Summer

**So that we can plan for food for everyone -
PLEASE sign-up in the Welcome Center if you will be attending!
THANK YOU!**



**There will be no
Adult Bible Class or
Sunday School in
July and August.**

Classes will resume in September.

LWML

Sharon Knorr

A special thank you to all who supported LIFEchange (spare change can change lives) by filling baby bottles with monetary donations in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Center – Walk for Life. 60 baby bottles were distributed on Mother's Day and returned on Father's Day. The total donation will be reported as soon as we receive that information.

Our Mother's Day Luncheon held on May 6th at Vino Italian Restaurant (Fairfield Shopping Center) was enjoyed by all.

Mother's Day flowers were given to all mom's following our Worship Service on May 7th and chocolate pops were given to all dad's on Father's Day following the Worship Service on June 18th. May God Bless all of our moms and dads!

Arts and Crafts Fair at Trinity – August 19th – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - Co-chairs: Jan Knickelbein, Emma Studer and Candy Sontag. Crafters have been sending in their registration forms. We hope you will join us for a fun day in support of our missions.

Trinity continues its Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you know someone who should receive a Prayer Shawl to help them through a tough time, please contact Sharon Knorr or Lynn Hubert.

LWML Fall Rally will be here at Trinity on October 14th. Church Offerings to go to Mark Winterstein (thru LCMS). Discussion will be held at the September meeting.

Our next meeting will be held September 9, 2023 at 10:00 am.



Trinity's Helping Hands Donation Station



The Donation Station is located right inside the side door when you enter from the parking lot.

We also collect used **toner cartridges!** Bill Sontag discovered that Office Max/Depot Recycling Rewards give you credit for them for future purchases. Bill has been taking the cartridges, as allowed, to the store and getting that credit. The credits received are used to buy office supplies for the church. So, next time your toner is running low and you are getting ready to pitch it please don't and bring it to the collection bin. A special thank you to Bill Sontag for discovering this great money saving opportunity for the church!

Heading on vacation or that long awaited get away? Just a friendly reminder, that we are still collecting **hotel sample sized soap, shampoo, conditioners** etc.

We also collect **used prescription glasses** that are donated to the Lion's Club locally. So, if you have an old prescription pair of glasses laying around bring them to church so they can get on the nose of someone who is unable to afford glasses. **DYK:** That there are millions of people who are unable to see due to the inability to afford glasses!

We are **always** collecting **diapers** from newborn to adults and everything in between year-round. The diapers are donated to the **Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank**. The need there is always great. If your package is open that is alright as long as the size is known. So, if your little one outgrew their diapers and you had half a package left bring it to church. Just tape it closed so the diapers don't fall out of the bag/box. Again, making a difference in our community!

We are still collecting **new and gently loved books** for children of all ages for **R.E.A.C.H.** (Reading Enriches All Children). As your child grows those baby books are no longer used bring them in. From board books to chapter books we collect them all year-round!

Special Ministries

Patty Malone

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

A **BIG thank you** to everyone who donated to our food drive during the month of April. We collected a grand total of **418 pounds of food and \$620 for the Foodbank of Southeastern VA.** That means we were able to provide **1,128 meals**, in total, to those less fortunate in our very own community! The funds collected are put to great use by the buying power the Foodbank has. A special thank you to Diane Shaver for taking the food to the FoodBank and Bill Sontag for helping her load up her car. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Thank you, to everyone who stayed after church on May 21st to make sandwiches for **St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.** Trinity was able to deliver **204 ham and cheese sandwiches** to the day shelter. A big thank you to Jo-Nell and David Chadwick for getting the Thrivent Action Team card and to Bill Sontag for delivering the sandwiches.

We will be making sandwiches one more time during the summer and will be packing toiletry bags to go along with the sandwiches. Thank you for continuing to collect hotel samples, when available. Our target date is one day after church in August...**STAYED TUNED.** Many hands make for light work. We hope you will be able to stay after church to help make the sandwiches and pack the toiletry bags. If you have never made them before it goes fast and the conversation while making the sandwiches is fun! Hope you will join us!

Throughout **July** and **August** we will be collecting school supplies for the children at Granby Elementary located on Newport Avenue in Norfolk, VA. Granby Elementary is a Title 1 school and many of their students are unable to get the needed supplies to succeed. Help us make sure all students start off the New School Year with the proper supplies they need to help them learn.

- Plastic school box or pencil bag
- Crayons
- Vinyl 3-prong 2-pocket folders
- No. 2 pencil
- 1-subject spiral notebook – wide rule
- 1-subject spiral notebook – college rule
- Washable markers
- Colored pencils

Please place your school donations on the pew inside the parking lot doors.

The **end of September** you will be able to pick up a shoebox for ***Operation Christmas Child*** in the **Welcome Center.** This year we will have **30 boxes** that will need to be filled. A special thank you to Cathy George for getting the shoeboxes and applying for Thrivent “seed money” to pay for the mailing of the boxes. You will have the entire month of October to fill your box and return to church. **The final day for returning the boxes will be Reformation Sunday – October 31, 2023.**

We have done *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* for several years now and it continues to be a ministry in which all seem to participate. Check-out the bulletin board in the hallway leading to Belvedere Hall to see where ALL our shoeboxes have travelled. A special thank you to Lynn Hubert for putting up the “*Operation Christmas Child*” bulletin board. It is such a great visual to see how Trinity is making an impact from 6001 Granby St around the world!

DID YOU KNOW: Thrivent Action Teams are a great way to make a positive impact in your community? Simply gather a team of neighbors or friends for a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. Thrivent offers all the resources you need to get started, including up to \$250 in seed money. Your team provides the passion that brings your project to life. We try to utilize Thrivent Action Teams funds for our community outreach projects. If you are a Thrivent member you are eligible to apply for seed money twice a year.

The special ministry team is always in search of new places to help locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. Special Ministries will hold a planning meeting for the remainder of 2023 and all of 2024 on **August 6, 2023 after church.** If you are interested in participating in this ministry please mark your calendar. This is where to bring your ideas of what you would like to see Trinity doing in the community and beyond.

We hope each of you realize, **YOU are making a difference!** We are the church and the church goes way beyond the brick walls into the world in which we live, locally, regionally and internationally. So, to bring back a piece of your childhood...*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!* I hope the last part brought a smile to your face and caught you singing that familiar song!

Birthdays

July

- 2 Ted Barody
- 3 Judy Sykes
- 4 Shelby Blaker
- 6 Flo Ball
- 9 Cathy George
- 9 Samuel Robinson
- 10 Rachel Gillooly
- 12 Craig Bayse
- 13 Kenneth Leiding
- 13 Colette Gilson
- 16 Antonio Tutt
- 19 Viola Person
- 22 Tom Othmer
- 26 Ryan Gillooly
- 28 Cullan Thieman
- 30 Luis Delgado

August

- 2 Philip Gilson
- 3 Henry Othmer
- 4 Gerald Harger
- 7 Evelyn Kuenzli
- 7 Boyd Sylvester
- 8 Paul Rockrohr
- 12 Candy Sontag
- 12 Jeanette Gilson
- 15 Sophia Robertson
- 16 Nani Sabillion
- 18 Katie Heckman
- 22 Arthur Christy
- 22 Maggie Bayse
- 23 Richard Robertson
- 25 Richard Ball
- 25 Buster Sontag
- 25 Walter Staley
- 26 Donna Pitt
- 27 Victor Duarte, Sr.

September

- 3 Bud Hubert
- 5 Justin Malone
- 7 Rebecca Peele
- 13 Anne Combes
- 13 Hannah Prince
- 14 Janice Gwin
- 16 Ted Smith
- 19 Bettie Terrell
- 24 Carroll Smith



July

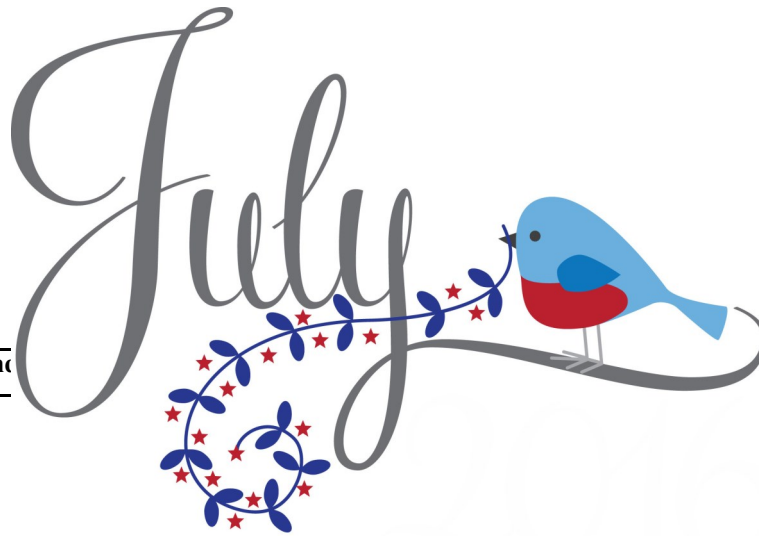
- 15 Clint ♥ Dana Dalton
- 21 David ♥ Jo Nell Chadwick

August

- 9 Jay ♥ Lisa Otero
- 12 Don ♥ Deborah Adams
- 12 John ♥ Jan Knickelbein
- 29 Kevin ♥ Anne Combes
- 30 Craig ♥ Mary Lou Scott



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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service	3	4 Independence Day <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	7	8
9 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Church Council Meeting	10	11	12	13 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	14	15 Moving Trinity Forward PLEDGES DUE
16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service	17	18	19	20 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	21	22
23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Vacation Bible Picnic	24	25	26	27 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	28	29
30 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service	31					

JULY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

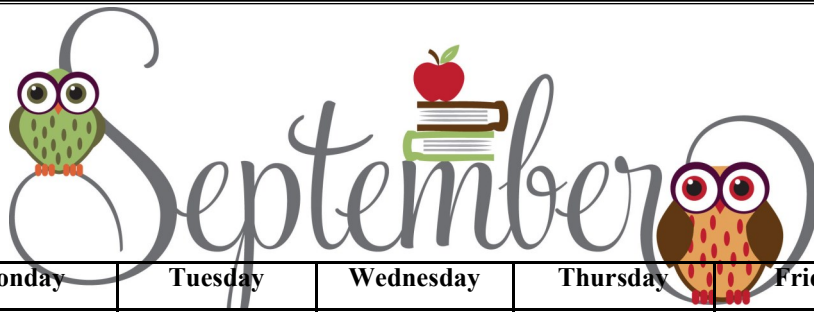
	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Ushers	Doug Sulak Errol Jennings	Ted Smith Scott Thieman	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Doug Sulak Scott Thieman	Anne Starke Ted Smith
Lector	Pastors	Boyd Sylvester	Sharyn Leiding	Judy Sykes	Scott Thieman
Communion Assistant	Pastors	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Dave Petri



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	4	5
6 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service Special Ministries Meeting Following Worship	7	8	9	10 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	11	12
13 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service	14	15	16	17 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	18	19 LWML Craft Fair 10 am - 3 pm
20 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Vacation Bible Picnic	21	22	23	24 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	25	26
27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service Blessing of Students/Teachers	28	29	30	31 11:30am Ladies Bible Study		

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Ushers	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Doug Sulak Scott Thieman	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Ted Smith Doug Sulak
Lector	Cathy George	Boyd Sylvester	Ken Leiding	Judy Sykes
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	Bill Sontag	Roger Medlin	John Knickelbein



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Communion Worship Service	4 Labor Day - Office Closed	5	6	7 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	8	9 10am LWML Meeting
10 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Church Council Meeting	11	12	13	14 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15 <i>Trinitarian</i> Deadline Oct/ Nov/Dec	16
17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	18	19	20	21 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	22	23
24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	25	26	27	28 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Usher	Doug Sulak Ted Smith	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Ted Smith Errol Jennings	Doug Sulak Scott Thieman
Lector	Scott Thieman	Cathy George	Boyd Sylvester	Sharyn Leiding
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag

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If your mailing information or
email address has changed,
please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!



Armed Forces Sunday will be celebrated at Trinity on July 2nd

A Patriotic Sing Along will
be held immediately follow-
ing our Worship Service.
Military veterans and those
currently serving will be
asked to wear their uniforms.

Operation Barnabas

Here is the address for the latest Warning Order -

<http://www.lcms.org/operationbarnabas/resources>

