

July 2023

TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

This month, we'll reflect on Edward Riojas' *The Parable of the Buried Treasure* (2013).

Riojas based this piece on one of Jesus' lesser known parables from Matthew 13: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field" (v. 44).

This parable seems fairly straightforward. The buried treasure represents the value of God's kingdom. The man symbolizes every Christian. We are to so value being a member of God's kingdom that we would give up everything to keep it.

But Riojas asks us to imagine a different way of looking at this parable.

Instead of reading the parable where you are the man and the kingdom/Jesus is the treasure, reverse it. Imagine that you are the treasure, and Jesus is the man. But he's not in just a normal field, but a cemetery strewn with stones. Jesus sells all that he has—even his own life—and buys the cemetery to claim his hidden treasure—you!

As Luther says in his Small Catechism (echoing 1 Peter 3:18): "Jesus Christ [...] purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own" (explanation to the Second Article of the Creed).

Riojas reinforces this point by depicting the treasure as a coffin—for we use a "coffer" for our valuable objects and a "coffin" for our valued deceased family and friends. The coffin also teaches Paul's point that we were all born dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1), unable to come to God or His Son. We were in a box that we could not escape. There was nothing valuable within us.

But Jesus found us. He dug us up. Because he still treasured us when we were sinful and dead. He gave "all that he had"—dying and rising again for you. He spoke to you and made you His own in Holy Baptism. And now you belong to Him.

We are not the doers. Jesus does the work. We are not the finders, but the found.

Or to put it another way: Jesus is our greatest treasure because we are first His greatest treasures.

How would it change you if you woke up every day and remembered that reality? If you realized that, despite your sin and shame and brokenness, Jesus thinks you are his greatest treasure?

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl



BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Jesus Christ be praised, He is risen, alleluia. May what we do, may what we say and may what we write lead to praise of Him who redeemed us, who brought the "Good News" of salvation to the entire world.

A Voters Meeting was held on June 11th at 9:15 am to approve the 2023-2024 budgets for Trinity and the TLC Preschool. Pastor Hatesohl and Louise Johnson reviewed the material for the congregation. Budgets were approved by a unanimous vote.

Budget highlights for Trinity and TLC Preschool are as follows:

- Anticipated income for 2023-2024 is \$381,791.00 with \$381,791.00 expenses
- New expenses for this budget year will include the purchase of security and safety items, legal and professional fees, and replacement laptops
- A significant increase was provided for anticipated utility expenses
- Where appropriate a 4% inflation increase was budgeted
- The Preschool is budgeting for 80 students with a proposed income of \$199,550.00 and expenses of \$199,550.00

Additional financial information:

- Trinity Members have been generous in their giving, and it is anticipated that Trinity will finish the current budget year \$27,000 in the black
- The Joyful Living account has \$580,000 on hand for our future building project
- The Facility Maintenance & Improvement Fund has a balance of \$120,000
- The Emergency Fund has \$128,000 on hand
- Total assets for Trinity, including restricted or dedicated funds, are over \$910,000
- Trinity has approximately \$790,000 in laddered CD's earning 5% interest
- At this time Trinity remains debt free

The Lord has blessed Trinity as our church attendance continues to increase. Year to date attendance is up 40%. In the past year we have received 12 new adult members through adult confirmation and profession of faith. As referenced above Trinity continues to operate in the black. The annual Senior Picnic is scheduled for August 9th. Plans are being reviewed for designing a new sign and landscaping for the front of the church.

The Board will be meeting July 13th, your input is welcomed. A segment of each Board meeting, (second Thursday of the month at 5:00pm) is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. A suggestion is located in the Narthex.

Your Brother in Christ ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman, Board of Ministry Directors



**TRINITY MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

All confirmed members who will be full-time college students this fall are eligible.

Please contact the church office for an application.

Application due to the Elders by July 16, 2023

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

July 2023 Elder / Usher Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Elder	Assitant Elder	Usher
7/2/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Solomon Post	N/A	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am	Roger Orkfritz	N/A	Reuben Velez
7/9/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Rick Castel	Donovan Johnson	Matt Castel
		10:30 am*	Tim Mahnke	Solomon Post	Reuben Velez
7/16/2023	Sunday	8:00am	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		10:30 am	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Bella Westberg
7/23/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Steven Drescher	Roger Orkfritz	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am*	Rick Castel	Tim Mahnke	Matt Castel
7/30/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Tim Mahnke	Solomon Post	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		10:30 am*	Roger Orkfritz	Steven Drescher	Bella Westberg

* Communion



Sign up for weekly emails from Trinity!

<https://www.trinityhuntley.org/email-sign-up>

Emergency Line



Pastor is always available to you in the case of a pastoral emergency, even after hours. Simply call the main Trinity phone number, 847-669-5780, and follow the instructions.

Your call will then be forwarded to the pastor.

(Note: Pastor's cell phone number has changed. To reach him for non-emergencies, call the office or send him an email.)

Kid's Worship Bags



Kid's Worship Bags (lovingly sewn by The Trinity Quilters) are available each Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary. These bags are appropriate for kids 3 - 10 years old.

The bags are filled with crayons, coloring pages that go along with the day's scripture readings, books and other surprises which can help keep the squirms and wiggles at bay.

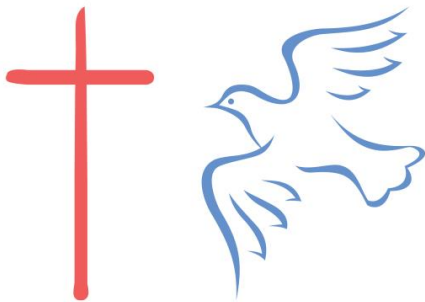
Kids are invited to take a worship bag into the worship service with them and are asked to place the worship bag to the return basket after service.

OFFICIAL ACTS - JUNE 2023

New Members: Alex and Adrienne Von Ahnen on June 6, 2023, received by Adult Confirmation.



AMAZING
Grace



Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Amazing Grace (LSB 744)

AMAZING GRACE! Grace! God's Riches at Christ's Expense! Pretty amazing that Jesus would give up His life so that we can live. What a sacrifice for our freedom from the bondage of sin, death, and the power of the devil. We were lost. Now we're found. We were rescued from our sinful crisis. All done for us through Jesus by the grace of the Father "...the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (*Ephesians 2:6*). As we celebrate the independence of our country let us celebrate that freedom and victory won for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus! It's truly **AMAZING GRACE!**

AMAZING GRACE! Start thinking now how you can sing God's praise and be part of the *Voices in Praise*, ring bells and be part of the *Celebration Ringers* and/or play instruments and be part of *HIS! Band!* We'll be officially starting up again after Labor Day. The Sunday School children have been a *Joyful Chorus* of beautiful music in our worship services! What a blessing; thank you! Do you have children that would like to sing? Maybe your family would like to sing? Let me know. And, thank you to those in the military for your service to our country, and for your service of singing God's praise of His **AMAZING GRACE!**



TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Kaszuba, TLC Preschool Director*

The summer is up and running and the weather has been so cooperative and brings so much joy! The teachers are also getting ready for the new year ahead, and the rooms are starting to shine once again.

Our registration for fall is well under way and our enrollment continues to grow. The teachers are so anxious to start the new year and have been making plans since the summer began. We look forward to meeting new families and continuing to enjoy all of those that are continuing on with us for another year!

We are very excited about the first Preschool Pirate Party being held for families in the community. There will be games and activities planned for all the little ones to enjoy and we pray for great weather and lots of laughter! We are always looking for new ways to share the love of Jesus with people far and wide and pray this day brings us all



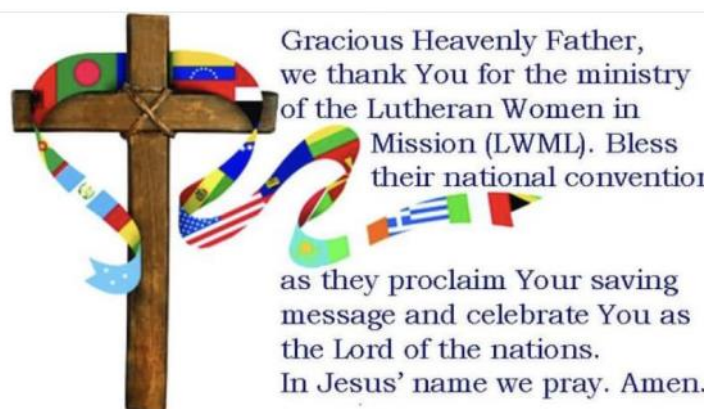
LWML *by Reta Stohs*

It was a beautiful time at the LWML National Convention, which was held June 22-25 in Milwaukee.

There were four collections taken throughout the weekend, with the money going towards:

1. The Mission's Goal
2. "We Are Called to Care" foster system for children in Plano, IL
3. Wolf Rive Scholarship Program, for students at Wolf River H.S., which is in an Indian Reservation in WI.
4. Supplies from Concordia for materials to go to 20 pregnancy centers in the Milwaukee area.

More exciting details from the convention will follow in the next newsletter!



Being a Christian is a blessing and the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident. The LWML website is full of information and contains all the news and events going on. You can visit them at www.LWML.org

You can check out their latest eNews newsletter by clicking [HERE](#).



BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS

20 AND 30 SOMETHINGS

SUMMER PARTY



JULY
21
2023

6:30 - 9:30 PM



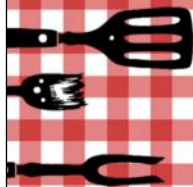
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RSVP: TrinityHuntley.org/20s30s




For where two or three are
gathered in my name,
there am I among them.
Matthew 18:20




Trinity's Annual Senior Picnic

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
4:00 pm, Dinner at 5:00 pm
Fountain View Pavilion at
Del Webb

See Worship Folder for
more details.

The Trinity Quilters



Meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Church Basement

Contact Marilee Payne for more info



Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday
of the Month at 8:00 am

All men are welcome to meet
for breakfast and fellowship


Meets at the Village Inn
Huntley

Thursday Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

The Thursday Bible Study is suspended for the remainder of the summer.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP



All women are welcome!
 2nd Tuesdays (new day)
 2:00 pm @ Trinity

Join us on July 11th!
 We will be discussing:
 "Come Rain or Come Shine"
 by Jan Karon

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Any questions you may have may be directed to Judy Ladage, 224-858-7282.



Altar Flowers

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.
 TO PLACE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR FOR A SPECIAL DATE, SIGN YOUR NAME AND OCCASION (IF APPLICABLE) NEXT TO THAT DATE.
 ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE LAST SERVICE (IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON HAS SIGNED UP, PLEASE JUST TAKE ONE VASE).
 THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GLORIFY GOD AS YOU REMEMBER SOMEONE YOU LOVE OR CELEBRATE A MILESTONE!
 THE COST IS \$35. FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE IN THE RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Psalm 100:2




SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOR 2023

Volunteer sign-up spots are available for hosting/providing goodies for the Fellowship Hour between Sunday services (coffee and juice is provided by the church). You can host on your own, with a friend or with a group.

Sign-up on the board in the Narthex

Trinity has an ongoing collection for the **Grafton Food Pantry.**

Cash donations are the best and most efficient way to offer help... every \$1 buys \$8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. However, they cannot purchase household supplies and personal care products, so they are the next most needed items. All donations are appreciated, needed and used. Food items must be non-perishable.

Items are always picked up and delivered weekly from the food cart in the narthex. Contact Judy Melman with any questions.





Are you using Trinity's Photo Directory? There are four ways to view the direc-

1. Download the app on your phone at www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/. When searching for Instant Church Directory, choose the one with the little green house.
2. Download from any computer/laptop at www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com/
For both options 1 & 2, you will set your account up with your email. Only emails that are listed in the directory will sync. Contact Jamie in the church office if your email doesn't match and she'll update it.
3. Request a PDF directory from the church office.
4. If you are unable to access through a computer, please contact Jamie in the church office for a printed copy.

Note: The app and online version are always current and updated. The PDF and printed version will only be updated at the time of publishing.

If you do not have your picture in the directory, it's never too late! You can submit online or send an image to the church office email.

Is your photo in the directory?

If not, here are several options to do so:

Upload your photo here: https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/submit_photo.aspx?id=370d1885-7d39-4035-8e99-6335c71c96b5

- Send your photo to the church office via email.
- Drop off a photo that can be scanned and uploaded.
- Visit the Selfie Station after service and have your photo taken. Please be sure to sign the form so we know who the picture belongs to.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Madeline Erath	7/3	Ne'Vaeh Manetta	7/20
Marlene Luedke	7/3	Calvin Bredlau	7/21
Peggy Rottmann	7/3	Missy Erath	7/21
Jennifer Drescher	7/6	Mark Melman	7/21
Lora Mahnke	7/7	Robert (Bob) Gillig	7/22
Shirley Zoellick	7/8	Carol Tomlinson	7/23
Andy Schultz	7/8	Bill Eisenmenger	7/26
Carolyn Krich	7/8	Georgina Ozga-Dortch	7/26
Daniel Castel	7/11	Tuck Johnson	7/26
Kaylee Goers	7/12	Lana Gibbons	7/28
J.R. Westberg	7/12	Pam Frederick	7/29
Alex Von Ahnen	7/13	Paul Krause	7/30
Michelle Thomas	7/13	Monique Schroeder	7/31
Ted Rottmann	7/14		
Mark Kunde	7/14		
Wayne Turner	7/16		
Kendall Krich	7/17		

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Colleen Wilkins	58 years on	7/3
Steve & Patricia Phillips	55 years on	7/6
Andrew & Alexa Hatesohl	6 years on	7/7
Bob & Diana Lutzow	16 years on	7/7
Stephen & Sandy Phelps	19 years on	7/10
Paul & Karren Krause	54 years on	7/13
Andy & Amy Schultz	7 years on	7/16
Roger & Carol Tomlinson	7 years on	7/17
Bill & Bev Eisenmenger	60 years on	7/20

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the wrong information, please call the church office.

CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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 Lana Gibbons, *Organist & Music Director*



Elders

Keith Bereolos
 Enrique Castel
 Steve Drescher
 Donovan Johnson
 Tim Mahnke
 Roger Orkfritz
 Solomon Post

Board of Ministry Directors

Keith Bereolos
 Ed Dennis
 Nancy Dvorak
 Ken Ladage
 Keith Nelson
 Sandy Phelps
 Janet Westberg

Trinity Worship Times

Sundays @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Communion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Worship Service Broadcast

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at TrinityHuntley.org/live or on the Trinity home page.



@TrinityLutheranHuntley

Church Office Hours The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

Help Keep Church Records Up To Date If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847-669-5780 or email at office@trinityhuntley.org.

Prayer Chain Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email the church office.

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled.

Flower Chart The flower chart for 2023 is on the bulletin board above the tract rack in the Narthex. To place flowers at the altar for a special date, sign your name and occasion (if applicable) next to that date. The cost is \$35. Altar flowers may be taken home after the last service (If more than one person has signed up, please just take one vase). This is a great way to glorify God as you remember someone you love or celebrate a milestone!

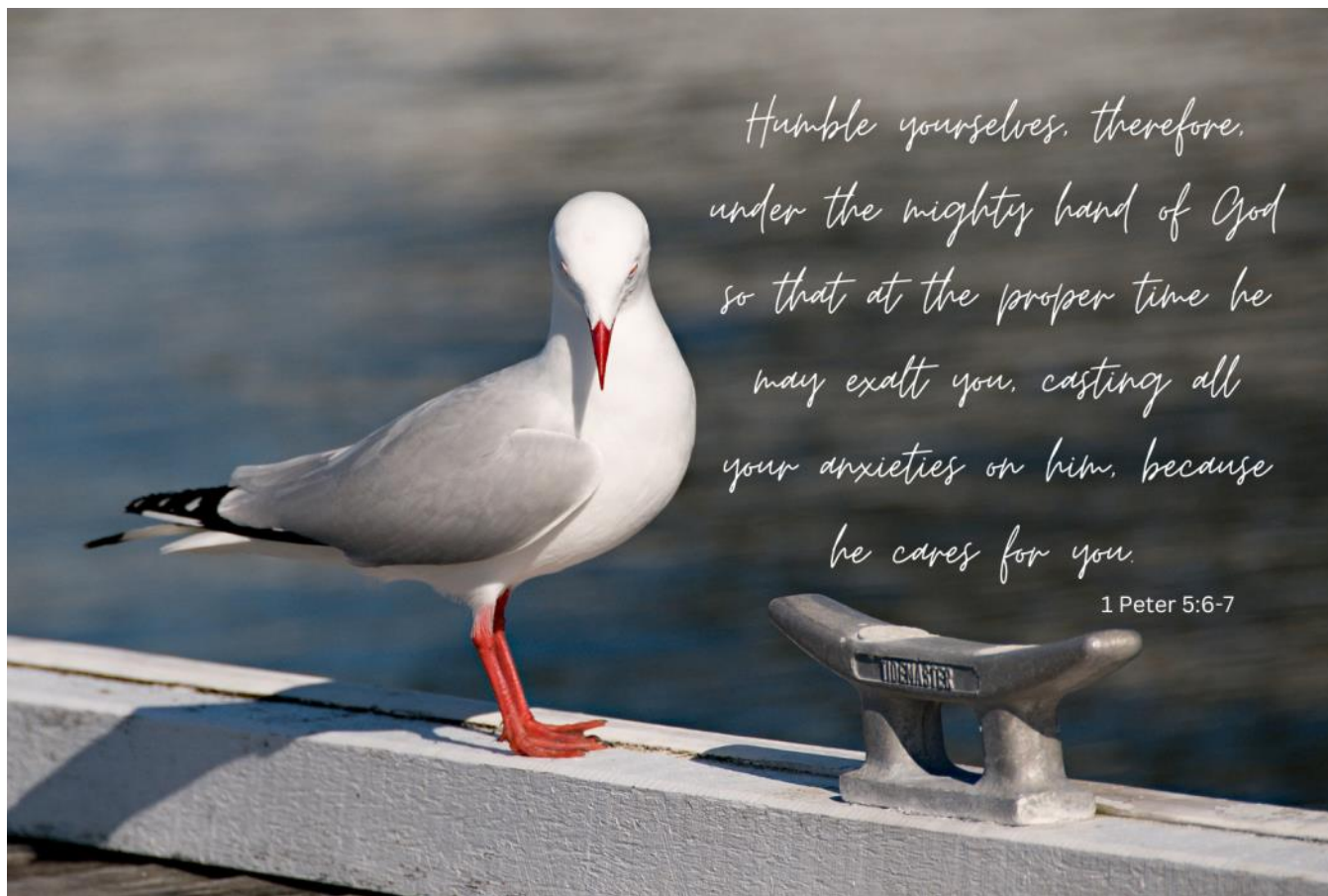
Electronic Giving Trinity offers two options, Give+Online and the Vanco Mobile App. Visit TrinityHuntley.org and click on the "Giving" tab for more information.

Head over to Culver's Restaurant of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or ANY Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.

WORSHIP ANEW - A Program for Shut-Ins A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and dropoff destinations. Call 1-800-451-4599 to schedule a ride.

Grafton Food Pantry Please place donations in the "shopping cart" located in the narthex. Please also consider a monetary gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may place a separate envelope from your Trinity donation in the offering plate labeled FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Questions: Contact Judy Melman at 847-669-6563 or lmelman02@comcast.net.



*Humble yourselves, therefore,
under the mighty hand of God
so that at the proper time he
may exalt you, casting all
your anxieties on him, because
he cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7

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