Trinity Weekly News

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July 16 & 17, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by Mike and Jenny Brame in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 7/16

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

9:00 a.m.—Fellowship

9:30 a.m.—Sun. School

10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

12:00 p.m.—Higher Things Meeting

Monday 7/17

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study

6:00 p.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

Tuesday 7/18

7:00 a.m.—leave for Youth Trip

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

5:30 p.m.—GLAT

6:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry

6:30 p.m.—Board of Stew. & Finance

Wednesday 7/19

Youth Trip 9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Thursday 7/20

Youth Trip

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

11:00 a.m.—Bible Study @ Lenoir

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

6:00 p.m.—Board of Evangelism

6:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study

Friday 7/21

Youth Trip

Pastor Thieme's day off

Sunday 7/23

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service

9:00 a.m.—Fellowship

9:30 a.m.—Sun. School

10:30 a.m.—Divine Service



The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Psalm 118:14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 18-21: Higher Things Conference

Wednesday, July 26: Pool Party

Saturday, September 2: Float Trip @ Lake of the Ozarks w/Christ the King

Sunday, September 17: Chinese BBQ

HIGHER THINGS UPDATES

We are now just days away from our Higher Things Conference! Things to remember:



Sunday School: Youth and parents are invited to learn more about the conference topic in Bible Class at 9:30 AM in the Youth Room. TODAY (7/16) is the final class on the topic.

Paperwork: Make sure you have given Pastor McCalley a paper registration form AND medical release.

Preparation Meeting: Our final meeting to prepare for the conference will be **AFTER LATE SERVICE TODAY (7/16).** Please plan to attend.

BIG NIANGUA FLOAT TRIP

A day long float trip to Big Niangua is being planned with Christ the King Lutheran Church. It is being organized through Living Waters Canoe Ministry. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor McCalley ASAP. More details to follow.

Youth Fun & Fellowship: Pool Party Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Place: The Eckhoff's House 10200 W Graham Rd Rocheport, MO 65279

Time: 1:00-5:30 PM

Commitment: Up to 4 1/2 Hours

Contact: Jacque Eckhoff, 573-289-0273

Come any time 1:00-5:30 PM. You will need to provide your own transportation. Snacks and drinks will be provided, but don't forget your sunscreen and a towel!



Ladies' Bible Study & Story Telling

Through story telling the Holy Spirit inspired Moses to write the first books of the Bible. Jesus used parables to teach us how to live and understand our lives as His followers. In this Bible study we will get to know some of the women of the

Bible, their stories and experiences. We will explore how we can share their story with others. Whether it be encouragement, endurance, grief, or love their stories are a gift; a gift that is meant to be shared. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Questions? Contact Chris Bailey at 573-639-0727 or email at vanity411@yahoo.com.

Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study began new study in May.
This new study will use the new Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

– A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition). Spe-

cifically, we will start with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of Concordia, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the Concordia notes. Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at 7:00 am each Thursday.



Death & Dying Bible Study

Pastor McCalley's Death and Dying study will begin meeting on

Wednesday, August 23 at 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to join the class, please contact the church office. If you signed up previously but are unable to attend, please let the church office know.

Life Thoughts

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July 16 - Pentecost VII (Proper 10A) -

Celebrating every human being as gift and privilege sometimes meets with resistance. This doesn't mean the message failed. Good ground may lie beneath an unsightly surface. Our patient Savior often slowly softens soil, and seeds take time to germinate and flower. The sanctity of life carries God's message, not ours, and He guarantees His strong Word never goes to waste (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Attendance Cards

Please assist us by filling out the attendance cards located in the pew rack. Each card has two sides: one for you to provide a record of attendance, communion, and pastoral care needs; the reverse contains space for prayer requests.

These cards help us to keep track of attendance and membership for our own church records and our annual report to the LCMS.

Cards may be placed in the offering box before or after the service. Thanks for your help!

Lectionary Preview Study Prepare for next week: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 2023

Old Testament: Isaiah 44:6-8

- 1. How many names or titles for God are in the first half of verse 6? Can you recall an Old Testament narrative where each name fits (many right answers here).
- 2. What book of the New Testament ends with Jesus saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last"? Does God change through the Scriptures? Unscramble the letters for the fancy term describing this attribute of God (Hint: first letter i last letter e): ultmmaeib
- 3. In these verses 7, 8 the Lord reminds his people of the utter foolishness of idolatry. An idol is created, and God is uncreated—he alone is eternal. It is foolish to look to a created thing to predict the future because the true God is Lord over all. He alone has spoken and revealed the course of human events. In verse seven, "Let them declare what is to come..." God calls (somewhat mockingly) on the idolaters to try and prove their gods are real. He does in Isaiah 43:9-14 and 41:22-24 and he really lets the idolaters have it in 44:9-20. Look at 44:20, what is the effect on the body and soul when worshiping an idol?
- 4. Verse 8 is wonderful gospel. What promise was given to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, that Israel should believe in? Has God hidden this promise from the Israelites? God reminds the Israelites that he has protected and preserved them for the sake of the promise, and they are a living witness to the pagan nations around them. Therefore, it is utter nonsense for them to jump on board with the idols. Throughout history, not one pagan idol has proven its trustworthiness or effectiveness.

Psalm 119:57-64

Epistle: Romans 8:18-27

- 5. In verse 19, Paul is referencing Genesis 3:17-19. What did God to the earth after the fall into sin? What changed from the way God created the earth to function?
- 6. If fallen creation is subject to futility, what must happen? See Psalm 102:25-28 and Revelation 21:1, 5; 22:1-4.
- 7. When did God guarantee the "work" needed vv. 22-25? John 3:17, 19:30. How is this given to you? 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

- 8. According to this parable, will the church have orthodox (right-teaching) doctrine until Christ comes again? Will the church contend with heterodox (contrary-teaching) doctrine until Christ comes again?
- 9. Who sows the good seed (v. 37)? Who sows the bad seed (v.39)? In the parable, what is the good seed? See 1 Peter 1:22-23, John 1:12, 13. Who are the weeds (v.38)?
- 10. What's the danger of weeding aggressively, v. 28-29? How is this a good encouragement for patience?
- 11. It's interesting Jesus explains the parable away from the crowds he was teaching. With what saying does Jesus finish his teaching, v. 43? Only those who have f __ _ _ h, Romans 3:22.

Hymns for Next Sunday 7/23

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling 722 In Holy Conversation 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised



We want everyone to have an opportunity to share in the blessing of having Pastor Thieme as God's faithful servant for 30 years! Plan for your family to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the 10:00 a.m. special worship service on September 10 and for a hearty dinner and program in our gymnasium shortly after the service.

All member households will be mailed a formal invitation and RSVP card this week. (Many thanks to the nine women who

helped to address the envelopes!) Additional invitations will be available from the church office—nonmembers and former members, please contact Heather if you would like to receive an invitation so you too can join our congregation on this occasion. Be sure to complete and return the RSVP card quickly so we can provide an accurate headcount to the caterer. There is no cost for you to attend the dinner.

A very heartfelt thank you for the contributions received toward the gift the 30th Anniversary Planning Committee has chosen for Pastor Thieme and Sarah. Our congregation will be sending them on an overseas 12-day trip of a lifetime in appreciation of their 30 years of faithful service! The details of where they are going and some of what they will be doing while away will be revealed during the program on September 10. Copies of the May 10 letter and Designated Gift envelope are available to you from the church office if you would like to read more and/or still like to contribute. Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with a notation it is for PT's 30th Anniversary.

The program is being planned. Contact Larry McCoig, our congregation president, if you have any suggestions or ideas for the program. His contact information: 660-247-3026 or Imomc@yahoo.com.

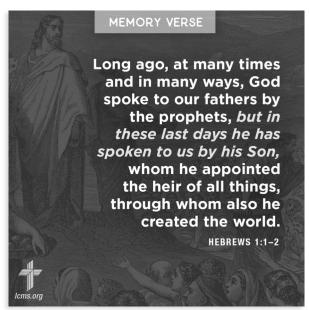
Assistance will be needed to help set up and clean up on the weekend of September 10. Let us know if you can help: 573-445-2112.

Stewardship & Scripture

July 16 - Proper 10

Romans 8:12 – "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

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The Life Team has several items to share with you. First, we recommend the movie. Sound of Freedom. It is a true story of the horrific reality of human trafficking which happens all over the world, including the United States. This is a powerful and emotional movie and definitely not recommended for families to watch together. However, it is the slavery of our times and we urge you to see it, if possible, to become informed about this issue and see how you can help.

Next, Save the Date! Life Network of Central Missouri is holding their annual banquet on Friday, September 15th at the Crossina Church. The speaker this year is Kelly Lester who shares her story about desperate situa-

tions and that they are not beyond God. She shares her story of God making beauty from the ashes of her life. The Trinity Life Team is sponsoring a table this year and 4 seats are available. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sylvia Glenn or Phyllis White.

And one more item: the Life Team, in an effort to educate and equip our congregation to be Gospel motivated voices for life, is working to bring a speaker from Missouri Right to Life to talk about the proposed initiative petitions for the election in 2024 and how, if passed, they would affect the protections for women and unborn children in our state. Be on the lookout for the announcement in the weeks to come!

Blessings, the Life Team



Trinity Lutheran Church has a caregiving ministry. When you face a difficult time, reach out to one of our pastors and consider a caring IMINISTRY. relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. The ministry is free

and completely confidential. Quotes from past care receivers: "It is a wonderful thing available to people in need." "The Stephen Ministry and my caregiver were a Godsend." A tri-fold flyer and a yellow information card are available from the information stand in the narthex. Meetings with a caregiver can be at your home or a neutral location (library, church, restaurant).

Stephen Ministry has a resource available to you. Journeying through Grief book sets can help you extend care and minister to people you know who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It is sometimes difficult to know how to minister to others who are grieving. Our hope is this will be a loving and effective way for you to extend care to people in your life. The book sets are available to you at no cost or obligation. A sample set is on display in the information stand in the narthex. If you would like to obtain a set of the books, text or leave a message to Barbara Barrett: 573-268-0056 or email her at Barbara.barrett5@outlook.com



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8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM** 9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM** 8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM** 10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Begin studying the book of Acts on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study the Psalms in July on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Augsburg Confession Articles 6 & 7 on The Church on Concord Matters (7/22 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!





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