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# Trinity Tidings "Sound the Good News"

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Proverbs 22:6 Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

Perhaps, you have heard it said 'it takes a village to raise a child.' And perhaps it does, but as a t-shirt boldly reminded me when our daughter Heide was born, "Warning: No Instructions Included."

Raising children is not easy. And we parents have each other to lean on and to learn from as we try to raise our children and keep them safe from all the harms of this world. But aside from cute memes on the internet social sites, occasional shared grumbling at family gatherings, and a variety of television talk shows with varying reputations, how do we parents really grow as parents, and get better at raising our children?

I am introducing a series called Faithful Parenting this month. It is my hope that this series helps parents come together to hear solid parenting advice, be supported in their faith family, and be a safe place to address the difficult topics facing parents raising children these days.

The first topic is bullying behavior (see the article in this newsletter about our August 24th event). Future topics will be announced as we go along. Fellow parents, this is our opportunity to be Church together. Let's get together, grow together, and learn how to faithfully parent our children for today and tomorrow.

In Christ's love, Pastor Jamie

# Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for the birthday greetings and cards. I really enjoyed the birthday cake at our July 23rd joint congregation event. What a special way to turn 40. Thank you, again, so very much. Pastor Jamie

## **Faithful Parenting Forum**

Sunday, August 24th, 7PM, here at Trinity Lutheran Church, all parents of school aged children are invited for a Faithful Parenting Forum.

Bullying behavior is not the normal social banter between friends, it is not the typical school kid, playground picking and teasing. Bullying is a behavior that hurts, both physically and emotionally, leaving scars that can fester into further psychological and physical problems. Bullying is behavior that can be stopped.

Pastor Jamie, who grew up with firsthand experience of bullying behavior, they are starting this Faithful Parenting Forum for the purpose of beginning a conversation in our community regarding this behavior and how we can work together - as Parents, as Churches, as Schools, to bring an end to bullying and make our community safe for all children.

The entire Chadwick/Milledgeville community is welcome to attend.

## **August Prayer Calendar**

#### Week of August 3 to 9

Sunday, August 3rd, Time after Pentecost Devotional Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

This Week in prayer our homebound members: Myron and Linda Deets, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward, Gladys Reed, Elnora Hinrichs, Helen Friel, Elda and Dick Dalquist, Bill and Ruth Borth, Elsie Heward, Joan Massengil, Ardree Fogel

#### Week of August 10 to 16

Sunday, August 10th, Time after Pentecost Devotional Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

This Week in prayer: This week is the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, keep in prayer all who attend the assembly, all the work of our Synod and national church, and in particular for the Northwest Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod, the Northern Illinois Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Gary Wollersheim of the NIS and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the ELCA. Continue to pray for our local partners here as well: Faith on Forty Ministry, Church of the Brethren on Main Street, Dutchtown Brethren, Milledgeville United Methodist, and Community Baptist Church.

#### Week of August 17 to 23

Sunday, August 17th, Time after Pentecost Devotional Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:2, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

This Week in Prayer: Schools: administrators, teachers, custodians, volunteers, and food providers, especially the Milledgeville-Chadwick School District, the Eastland School District, the Sterling School District, the Rock Falls School District and all other local area school districts. Students - of all ages, including those who are attending college for the first time or have moved away to college for the first time. For parents as the entrust their children to the educators.

#### Week of August 24 to 30

Sunday, August 24th, Time after Pentecost Devotional Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

This Week in Prayer: Global crisis hotspots - the Ukraine/Russia conflict, the Holy Lands and the people of Israel and Palestine, the children of Central America on the Mexican/US Border seeking asylum from the ongoing civil war and economic crisis in their home countries.

# Confirmation Kick-Off Lock-In

Friday, August 22nd 7:00 pm to Saturday, August 23rd, 7:00 am. All Jr. High (6th to 8th grade) students are welcome to attend our opening Confirmation Kick-Off Lock-In. The theme will be "Walking with God". We will have a great time, as always. Friends welcome. Bring snacks to share throughout the evening. A late night ice-cream dessert will be provided, and a light breakfast as well. Participants should have dinner before they arrive.

# 5th Quarter Fun!

Friday August 29th, after the 4 quarters of the home opening football game, the fun doesn't end. Jr. High and Sr. High (7th grade to 12th grade) students are invited to the Brethren Church on Main Street for the first 5th Quarter event of this season. Food, Games, and Devotion will all be a part of this new Community Youth Ministry event. More information will be listed in our weekly bulletin after the Aug. 11th planning meeting.



# **August Calendar**

Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>: Stewardship Resource Night Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>: Milledgeville Youth Ministry Planning

Noon Sewers Meet

Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>: Naomi Circle @ Lois Simmons Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Backpack Blessing

Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Trinity Delivers Golden Meals

Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>: Noon Sewers Meet

Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>: 11 AM Ladies Summer Luncheon

Worship @ Southtown

Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Confirmation Kick-Off Lock-In

Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Faithful Parenting Forum

Monday August 25<sup>th</sup>: Noon Sewers Meet Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fun

Sunday August 31<sup>st:</sup> 12 Sunday after Pentecost

**Healing Service** 



## Ladies of the church Summer Luncheon @ <u>The White Pines</u>

August 19<sup>th</sup>

Meet at the church @ 11:00 Lunch @ 11:30

We will carpool

All ladies of the church are invited to come and enjoy lunch and fellowship.

Any questions Call: Lynn Stewart – 225-5541 Carol Bushman – 225-7757

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## **Stewardship Resource Night!**

Thursday, August 7th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Join Pastor Jamie and the Stewardship team in attending a fun workshop at St. John Lutheran Church in Sterling. This event will introduce our stewardship team to a new resource for congregational stewardship programs called "First, We Give of Ourselves." This resource is intended to be a three year discipleship program opening our hearts to a more generous way of living.

If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Jamie know.

## SAVE THE DATE

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Trinity Lutheran Church Bazaar



# **Sunday School News**

I would like to thank all of those that volunteered to be crew leaders and assistants at Vacation Bible School. You all did a great job and helped to make the week memorable and meaningful for our youngsters. I would also like to thank all the members of our congregation who so generously donated money to purchase the supplies I needed to put together the VBS games. It was more than I had expected and it was greatly appreciated.

The start of Sunday School is quickly approaching and Pastor Jamie and I are working on plans for Rally Day, which is Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Lastly if you are interested in teaching Sunday School this year, please contact me.

Thank you, Amy Strehlow 815-499-5733

## **Healing Service!**

Sunday, August 31st, during the regular 10:15 am worship service at Trinity, we will have a healing service. During this intentional worship, an opportunity will be provided for those who wish to come forward for prayer and the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil. Please join us during this special service.



## **August Mission Focus**

There is no specific August Mission; however the Social Ministry would like you to start thinking about purchasing items for the School Bags. School supplies will start going on sale soon.

Also in the upcoming months the Social Ministry will also start collecting for shoebox ministry, Christmas families and Lutheran World Relief.

#### **Backpack Blessing!**

Sunday, August 17th, during our regular worship, all school students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship to receive a special blessing.



Confirmation Planning Session!

Sunday, August 17th, 4:00 pm at the Union Dairy in Freeport - because what is more fun than planning confirmation ministry over some amazing ice cream treats! This meeting is for parents and students. We will be discussing the program for the year, and most importantly choosing a weekly day/time for our Pastor and students to learn together.

Please call Pastor Jamie to let him know you can attend.

#### Milledgeville Youth Ministry Planning!

Pastor Rick of Dutchtown, Pastor Jim of Brethren, and Pastor Jamie have been meeting and discussing various ways we can work together to make a Jr/Sr high ministry a community effort. On Monday, August 11th at 7pm, we will meet again at the Brethren Church here in town. We are preparing for 5th Quarter events to follow the home football games this season. Pastor Jamie is looking for supportive adults to be part of a team that will not only help coordinate these events, but also be a visioning team as this ministry moves forward. Please let Pastor Jamie know if you are interested in being a supportive adult in our new community youth ministry.

## **August Prayer**

God of all wisdom, bless our schools, our teachers, our administrators, and education board members. As our children return to school this month, protect their going and coming from school, our bus drivers and crosswalk guards. And help us as parents, grandparents, and special friends, who help with homework and cheer on sports, to be faithful to our children, and to help the grow in your ways. In Jesus name, Amen.

# **Choir Begins**

Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 PM.

#### All are welcome



There are many reasons why you should want to join the Choir. Here are five suggested reasons:

- C Character. Choir helps build character. People who sing in the choir give up one night a week and worship faithfully. These people have real character. (Some members in the choir are real characters!
- Healthy. Choir makes you healthy. How often do you exercise your lungs? Your lungs are important to living. If you really want to enjoy living and be healthier, come and sing with us.
- O **Otherwise**. Otherwise it won't be as much fun if you are not there. Otherwise you'll miss many opportunities to offer God your expressions of praise and adoration.
- I **Interesting**. You'll sing interesting music. You'll hear interesting comments about your singing. You'll meet some interesting characters (see letter 'c'). Your interest in worship will increase and grow as you participate in the next Sunday's worship.
- R **Relaxation**. After a stressful day of decision-making- should I sell this, buy that, watch this, cook that—it will be so relaxing to have someone say to you, 'sing this'!

Questions call Cinda @ 815-718-2933

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