



THE TORCH

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October 2022
Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we've been collecting peanut butter and jelly for the upcoming CROP Hunger Walk, I've been thinking about what an apt metaphor it is for the Body of Christ.

Ever since I was a young child, my favorite kind of sandwich has been a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. It's a stable go-to, even though there's a lot of variety (or diversity) in how it is prepared. Creamy or crunchy peanut butter; wheat or white bread (or all sorts of other whole grain or different varieties); as many types of jellies or jams as there are types of fruit.

Perhaps you're already guessing where I'm going with this: the apostle Paul writes in many of his letters about the varieties of gifts within the many members of the Body of Christ. My personal favorite is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses." (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

When we think about stewardship and our sharing of our time and talents, there are so many wonderful ways that we share these gifts. Just as we have such a variety of ingredients in a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, there are a great variety of gifts among each of you as members of the Body of Christ. Maybe you've been thinking about other ways that you would like to try things to help in worship or education or social ministry, and the good news is that those opportunities are available to try. We are reminded as Paul continues in First Corinthians:

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Some days, I like a creamy peanut butter. Others, I prefer the crunchiest, thick mess of whole nuts with as much butter possible. I'm usually a grape jelly guy, but nothing beats when my wife prepares a fresh jar of apple jelly. God delights in our various gifts and the ways that we share them with our neighbors just so we can delight in the various ways of PB & J. Some gifts even go well together – like peanut butter and jelly are often paired up: we all know how well the gift of interpretation and discernment can help each other when we are struggling with a difficult Bible text. What other gifts in our day-to-day vocations might also be paired like PB & J?

We have faith that the Spirit sustains each and every one of us to bring forth their gifts in the way that is most meaningful to them, our congregation, and for the good of the world.

Giving thanks for the gifts God gives us,

Pastor Stephen Nilsen

Trinity Office Hours Tues, Wed, Thurs + 9AM-1PM
Pastor Stephen's Office Hours Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs +10AM - 2PM

LETTER FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I missed last month's meeting, so this month was my first official meeting with Pastor Stephen present. It was nice to have a new presence helping to guide our meeting. I look forward to many more successful council meetings alongside Pastor Stephen.

There is lots going on at Trinity and with that creates lots of new opportunities. Please pray and act upon what stirs in your soul to help further the momentum here at Trinity. Ron Leiby has resigned his position on the Council. I would like to thank Ron for the many hours he dedicated to serve Trinity and make it a better place to worship. That being said, if you are interested in a position on the Council, please let Pastor Stephen and/or me know. This term will serve through December 2022. By then we'll know better how many open seats we have on the Council for 2023.

Fall clean-up is scheduled for November 5th with a rain date of November 12th. There will be plenty of tasks to complete, but many hands make for light(er) work. Please join us if you are able.

During this exciting time of transition, please be open to change. I know that change can be uncomfortable at times, but there has been discussion of changing up how we do worship assignments (usher, lector, communion assistant). We are looking at a sign-up sheet instead, similar to how Fellowship is done. In addition, there is some discussion on changing the flow of communion. Another topic of discussion was incorporating youth into the collection of offering. We appreciate comments left in the box that have helped stimulate these discussions. Please be open to trying something different!

Justin

INSTALLATION FOR PASTOR STEPHEN NILSEN

Join us for this special blessing for the beginning of a new ministry for Trinity Lutheran Church on October 16 at 9:00AM. Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Erika Uthe will be preaching for this special service.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October	4	Worship	4:30PM
October	6	Property	11:30PM
October	10	Amitie	12:00PM
October	10	Church Council	6:30PM
October	17	Stewardship	6:00PM
October	26	Endowment	4:00PM
November	7	Memorial	10:00AM

If you have a meeting scheduled, please let me know so I can add to this list.
Paula

ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER

August	28	67
September	4	48
September	11	53
September	18	66
September	25	58

COUNCIL NEWS IN A NUTSHELL-SEPTEMBER 2022

There will be no change to Covid policy.

- A Livestream camera was installed in the sanctuary.
- Installation for Pastor Nilsen will be Oct. 16 with Pastor Erika Uthe, Assistant to the Bishop, preaching.
- Sunday School began Sept. 11. It will be from 10:15 to 11:00 each Sunday.
- Marcia Brunsvold from the Endowment Committee shared endowment committee distributions for 2022.
- A search for a choir director was discussed.
- Fall clean up day is Nov. 5th with an inclement weather date of Nov.12.
- Kids/youth helping ushers with offering was made in the suggestion box. Council will work on getting this implemented.

Any suggestions or comments see a Council Member or put in suggestion box. Council members are: Justin Paul, Jerry Short, Alice Cordts, Deb Goslin, Al McIlrath, Carol Kaufmann, Paul Opperman, Marcia Brunsvold, Pastor Stephen Nilsen

YEAR TO DATE THROUGH AUGUST 2022

Collections to date	\$127,436.65
Expenses to date	\$114,587.90
Net to date:	\$12,848.75

No funds have been transferred from the Stewardship Reserves year to date.



WEEKLY READINGS

10/2– Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4, Psalm: Psalm 37:37 1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14,
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

10/9 - 2 Kings 5: 1-7, Psalm: Psalm 111, 2 Timothy2: 8-15, Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

10/16 Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm: Psalm 121 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

10/23 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm: Psalm 84: 1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

10/30 Isaiah 1: 10-18, 2:1-4, Psalm: Psalm 32: 1-7 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12,
Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

WANT TO STAY CONNECTED THE WEEKLY HAPPENINGS HERE AT TRINITY?

Sign up for our weekly email bulletin that will let you know what's happening in the week ahead and have other great upcoming announcements, as well as the weekly bulletin for worship. Call (332-5188) or email (office@trinitylcpv.com) Paula in the office to sign up!

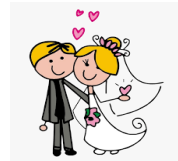
BIRTHDAYS

1 John Vining
 5 Fletcher Wright
 8 Ray Norris
 11 Jean Mattson
 11 Rhianna Smith
 12 Catherine Kime
 13 Keith Simmons
 19 Al McIlrath
 21 Jo Ann Hogenson
 21 Stephen Engler
 22 Jerry Short
 22 Kohler Wright
 27 Debi Goslin



ANNIVERSARY

9 Neil & Lolita Baker
 11 Neil & Cassie Vining
 29 Kristine & Jeff Rupp



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and FELLOWSHIP

If you are unable to fulfill your duties, please find a replacement and call the church office (332-5188) with your replacement. Thank you.

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Altar Guild	Jo Ann Hogenson	Alice Cordts	Linda Busch	Diane Kaufmann	Connie Short
Communion Assistant	Jo Ann Hogenson	Barb Paul	Diana Mayes	Claudia Neumann	Diane Cook
Lector	Bryan West	Justin Paul	Claudia Neumann	Ellen Opperman	Jean Mattson
Usher/Greeter	Al McIlrath Paul Opperman	Diane Cook Don Cordts	Connie Short Jerry Short	Arnie Kaufmann Diane Kaufmann	Judy Rutledge Connie Short
Fellowship	Lois Schurr & Bonnie Murphy	Peg Claussen Diane Holst	Debbie & Ron Claussen	Michelle Wetterow & Dane Crist	Tom & Mary Shelton

COMMUNION BREAD BAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 PM

Have you ever wanted to learn to make unleavened bread for communion? Whether you've ever baked before or not, you are invited to come try at our upcoming Communion Bread Baking Workshop in the kitchen. Ingredients will be provided and we'll have plenty of fun deepening our faith in this tradition-rich way of baking to be part of worship.



LEARNING ABOUT MISSIONARY WORK

Dr. Reyna will be in the Quad Cities November 3-7. Dr. Reyna is a Pastor of 5 churches in Mexico and does missionary work. There will be a get-together on Sunday November 6 at Trinity from 1-5. This gathering will include all of the participants during the 9 mission trips that Dr. Reyna was involved. Children and spouses are welcome. Anyone who's interested in knowing Dr. Reyna is invited as well. A great time to come and reminisce. Desserts and appetizers would be appreciated. Drinks will be provided.



CROP WALK

This year's Crop Walk is October 2 and begins at 1:00 PM at the Bass Street landing. The route is over the I-74 bridge and back.



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Quad Cities
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 2, 2022

DAVENPORT, IOWA



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 6 is All Saints Day. In commemoration of all the Saints who have passed before us, we will light a candle in remembrance.



CONDOLENCES

Our prayers are with the Opperman family with the death of Ellen's brother, Steven Dienst. Peace be with them as they continue to mourn.



CLUSTER 6 FALL WORK DAY

Reminder:

Cluster 6 meeting will take place Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St. James Lutheran Church in Bettendorf. starting at 9AM with a light breakfast and ending at 11:30AM.

AMITIE

Amitie will meet on Monday October 10 at 12:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided. The group will tie another fleece blanket for the Edgerton Clinic. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship and mission outreach. Cluster 6 meeting is October 8, at St. James starting at 9:00AM with a light breakfast.

Rudella Eberlein, Convenor.



UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE CHURCH

We have a new mail box at the church, so you can now send mail to our physical address: Trinity Lutheran Church 18137 Criswell St. Bettendorf, IA 52722. We will have mail forwarding for the next year, so don't worry if you've recently sent something to the PO Box.

Thanks to those that made this possible, especially Ellen Opperman, Jerry Short, Neal Schroder, and Paula McIntosh.

SHARE A MEAL

Share A Meal will be serving at Zion Lutheran Church on October 21, 2022. Looking for cookie donations. Please see Lois Schurr for any questions.

Lois Schurr



FALL CLEAN-UP

Get out your rakes and brooms and join us for Trinity Fall Clean-Up Day! Saturday November 5 or rain date November 12. Start time is 8:30 AM. Many hands make light work. Hope you can join in this time of work and fellowship.



FISH FRY

The H.O.T Team will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on October 7 starting at 5:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Diane and Don Cook are providing the fish and frying the fish. H.O.T. Team will provide the drinks and table service. We are asking participants to bring either a side dish or a dessert. There will be a sign up sheet on the board in Fellowship Hall so we may have an idea of how many will attend. It's very important for Diane and Don Cook to know how many so they can plan accordingly.

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all who purchased school supplies for the student kits. Thanks to all who compiled the kits and delivered them. Thanks to those who helped prepare the shirts for hospital gowns: Diane + Arnie Kaufmann, Barb McIlrath, Gretchen Reagan, and Mary Shelton. All items will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis this week.



ENDOWMENT APPROVED DISTRIBUTION 2022

The Endowment Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support this year. A special thank you to those who submitted recommendations for organizations that could use funds from us. We were able to distribute \$19,000 this year and all of the suggested agencies from the congregation were selected. Below is a list of the distributions. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss this with any of the committee members: Lois Schurr, Diana Mayes, Mitch Sussex, Alan Diers, Julie Trelstad, Treasurer, Marcia Brunsvold, Council Liaison.

Distribution Amount for 2022 \$19,000

Recipient		Amount	Category
Council Discretionary Fund	TLC	\$3800	Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Food Baskets	Community	\$500	Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas
Trinity Social Ministry	Community	\$500	Includes Share A Meal
Luther Properties	Community, ELCA	\$1000	Supports 5 HUD apt. in Davenport
Lutheran Social Services	Community, ELCA	\$1000	Provides needs for Eastern Iowa
Global Health Ministries	ELCA	\$1000	Overseas shipping for quilts, etc.
St. James Food Pantry	Community, ELCA	\$500	Local food pantry
All Saints Food Pantry	Community, ELCA	\$500	Local food distribution
Ewalu Bible Camp	ELCA	\$250	Campership for 1 camper
Camp Shalom	ELCA	\$250	Campership for 1 camper
Wartburg Seminary	ELCA	\$1000	To Scholarship Fund
Lutheran School of Theology (Chicago)	ELCA	\$1000	To Scholarship Fund
Free Indeed	ELCA	\$500	ELCA prison ministry
Crop Walk	Community	\$500	Local Hunger Walk
Churches United	Community	\$500	Feed Hungry and temp housing
Stir the Fire Ministries (Zambia)	Other	\$500	Feeding & educating orphans
Lutheran Disaster Relief	ELCA	\$2000	Sent in April for war in Europe
Family Resources	Community	\$500	Asst. shelter, rehousing, foster, etc.
Footbridge	Community	\$200	Provide postage to coordinate supplies for various charities
Tapestry Farms	Community	\$500	Gardens for refugee support
Hope at the Brick House	Community	\$500	Spiritual, educational, community based support
Garden Ministry	Community	\$500	Through Asbury– grow food & donate to local food banks
Hiney Hero's	Community	\$500	Local diaper bank/feminine product
The Center	Community	\$500	Provides food, showers, rental asst. Thrift shop vouchers
Life Connections Peer Recovery Group Comm.		<u>\$500</u>	DeWitt– help people in recover and mental health concerns
Total		\$19,000	

