



THE TORCH

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August 2023
Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

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LETTER FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Our July council meeting was held without Pastor Stephen. .by the time you read this he will be back at it, but we hope he enjoyed the time away bonding with Leslie.

Jerry Short has decided to resign his position on the council. Jerry is the first one to downplay his contributions to Trinity! He shies away from credit and doesn't like the spotlight. However, I want to make sure that everyone is aware of what Jerry does for Trinity. Jerry pours his heart and soul into Trinity. Each council meeting Jerry runs down a list of items that were taken care of. Not to slight anyone else, but many of these are taken care of by Jerry! Jerry your contributions on council will be missed and we thank you for the time you served on the council.

One ending always leads to another beginning, so if you are moved to serve on council, please let me, Pastor Stephen, or any current council member know. Even if you have questions and would like to know more about how meetings go, I encourage you to reach out. We will keep you posted as a search for a new council member moves forward.

During our VBS partnership with First Presbyterian, it was mentioned that we should look into getting matching shirts to show our unity. For those that have been around awhile, we used to have a red Trinity shirt. Diane Cook has offered to look into this. We will keep you posted as it moves forward, but it will be nice to have a common shirt to display when we are at service or social events like Share-a-Meal or a River Bandits baseball game.

Al was back at it again making sure we have the most cost-effective garbage service. Garbage costs have steadily been rising to around \$186.00/month, but Al used some negotiating tactics and was able to get Republic to drop the rate to \$30.00 per month (plus fees/surcharges) for pick-up of two cans per week. We are locked into a three year contract with 9% cost increase per year, but our feeling is that is a pretty good overall value forecasted out during that time. Thanks Al for taking the time to help control our garbage fee!

Justin

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT IN AUGUST: STIR THE FIRE MINISTRY

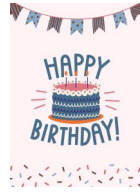
Join Diane Noll **after worship Sunday, August 6**, as she shares about the work she and others have done in Zambia helping those in need with the organization Stir the Fire Ministry! Diane and others have gone on trips and supported the work to invest in the future building a school and providing supplies to those in need. The Endowment Committee has also supported the work of this ministry in previous years. For more info about Stir the Fire, visit StirTheFireUSA.org



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

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michelle Wetterow
- 2 Carol Diers
- 4 Ron Leiby
- 7 Maclynne Naslund
- 9 Sheila Vining
- 13 Justin Paul
- 14 Alan Diers
- 16 Leah Holloway Nilsen
- 22 John Newman
- 22 Tim Trelstad
- 23 Julie Trelstad
- 26 Ann Criswell
- 30 Mari Naslund



AMITIE

Amitie will meet August 14 at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your sack lunch and drink. Dessert will be provided. We will be tying another baby quilt for the Edgerton Clinic. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship and worship.

Rudella Eberlein,
Convenor



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Mike & Cindi Ven Horst
- 13 Steve & Melissa Aguilar
- 21 Neal & Pam Schroder
- 21 Alan & Carol Diers
- 28 Jason & Keri Walter

Happy Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Steve and Vicki Engler on the birth of their new granddaughter. Charlotte Grace Robinson was born at 12:08 AM on July 25. She weighed in at 7lbs. 4 oz and is 19 in. long. Proud parents are Billy and Sarah (Engler) Robinson and her sister Adalyn.



YEAR TO DATE THROUGH JUNE 2023

Collections to date	\$89,391.17
Expenses to date	\$81,150.91
Net to date	\$8,240.26

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

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.

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	September 3
Altar Guild	Diane Holst	Connie Short	Randy Goslin	Diana Mayes	Diane Kaufmann
Communion Assistant	Michelle Wetterow	Lois Schurr	Sally Morrow	Jim Sbertoli	Jo Ann Hogenson
Lector	Diane Noll	John Newman	Sally Morrow	Glenna Sbertoli	Jean Mattson
Usher/Greeter	Chris Kaul Diane Cook	Barb Paul Jo Ann Hogenson	Carol & Ed Kaufmann	Judy Rutledge Travis Brunsvold	Don Cordts John Newman
Fellowship					

FUN FACTS ABOUT AUGUST

In the northern hemisphere, August is what we call the dog days of summer. The weather is gloriously warm, the gardens are lush with vegetables ready to pick, and the parks and beaches are packed with people enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation. August is such a blissful month, isn't it? August is a time to relax and recharge for the coming school year and the impending fall season. We're not quite ready to drink pumpkin-spiced lattes in August, so we'll stick to our iced tea and coffee for now, thank you very much.



MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 1	Worship & Music	4:30 PM
August 6	Property	11:00 AM
August 7	Education	6:30 PM
August 14	Amitie	12:00 PM
August 14	Council	6:30 PM
August 21	Stewardship	6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR JULY

July	2	59
July	9	57
July	16	71
July	23	65

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY'S BOOKMOBILE COMES TO TRINITY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!

The Scott County Library Bookmobile will stop by the Church parking lot through the summer on Tuesday afternoons every three weeks. Anyone with a library card from a library in Scott County can check out books and other media 4:15-4:45PM August 1 & 22 We'd love to see you there!



Seeking Help with Livestreaming Worship

For the past few months, Randy Goslin, Travis Brunsvold, Jerry Short, and Pastor Stephen along with the Worship & Music Committee and Property Committee have been working on getting our sanctuary ready to livestream our worship services. This ministry will help to reach out to both our homebound members and others exploring what worship is like at Trinity. In the coming month, we would love to hear from **YOU** if you are interested in serving during worship to record our livestream. Please contact Pastor Stephen or Randy Goslin (rgoslin@mchsi.com) if you would like to help.



WEEKLY READINGS

08/06 Isaiah-55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

08/13 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:1-13,
Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

08/20 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67
Romans 11:2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28

08/27 Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Feeding Our Community with Central Community Circle Food Pantry

The Central Community Circle Food Pantry truly appreciates your generosity, and you can continue to bring non-perishable food items or bottled water whenever. Volunteers at the food pantry also love to have **rain ponchos and travel sized personal hygiene items** to distribute.

Even more... you are invited to volunteer at the food pantry with sorting or distributing items, **Wednesday and Friday mornings 9AM-noon**. Contact Pastor Stephen if you have a group of folks who would like to go over to the pantry together.



"Do for others what you want them to do for you; this is the meaning of the Law of Moses and of the teaching of the prophets."
(The Golden Rule) - Matthew 7:12



TRINITY LUTHERAN FEEDING MINISTRY GARDEN UPDATE

Spring onions are completely harvested providing room for two additional plantings of green beans. Despite heat and drought, the beans are looking good due to volunteers watering regularly. Peppers are beginning to appear as well as a few tomatoes. A doe and fawn have helped themselves to tomato plants outside of the fenced garden, but all plants within the fenced area are well protected. Cucumbers and squash were planted last month beside lattice structures (donated by the McIlraths) at a remote location due to the space required for those plants. Thank you to families who have donated food from their personal gardens. Leave the produce on the kitchen island, and we will get it to the CCC volunteers.



WANT TO CONNECT THE WITH WEEKLY HAPPENINGS 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!

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LE CLAIRE

The Pleasant Valley School District does not qualify for the federal summer lunch program that many schools qualify for. As a result PV students are advised to visit a Bettendorf school that provides lunches. For students and families in Le Claire that can be a significant barrier. Finding a way to bridge this gap and care for the needs of children in our community has been something First Presbyterian Church in Le Claire has been working on and would love our help. The new Free Summer Lunch program we are starting this year will help bridge that gap.

First Presbyterian will *serve meals 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)*. Meals will meet nutritional needs of children and be children sized servings. One meal per person. Meals will be sack lunch style of uncooked items, such as sandwiches, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Meal prep will start at 11 am with distribution between 11:30-12:30. We will need two volunteers a day. Volunteers can sign up at: <https://bit.ly/FPCLeClaireFreeLunchHelpSignUp>

Share this new program with your friends and neighbors with the flyer below:

Free Summer Lunch Program

11:30-12:30

Monday- Wednesday-Friday
At First Presbyterian Church

No sign up or registration required
For more information visit fpcleclaire.org

Grab -n- Go

June 12 till August 17