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June 2024
Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

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Beloved Friends in Christ,

Last month at the annual Synod Assembly, we were treated to an enthusiastic jazz ensemble led by Jon Ailabouni, a jazz liturgist who works as a professor of music at UW-La Crosse. Familiar hymns came alive with a new sound as a group of local musicians from the Iowa City area joined him to bring a new energy to the assembly. One of the theme hymns is one that I love to sing of Tanzanian origin:

*"Listen! Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy."
– Listen, God Is Calling (ELW 513)*

This hymn helped to serve as the theme for the assembly itself and is one that I continue to dwell on as I think about one of the verses that inspired that hymn *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* – *Isaiah 43:19*

Imagine hearing this incredible news, as the people of Israel listen to the prophet Isaiah, when they feel like hope is lost and there is less than a certain way forward. When our congregation and others listen for a new way in the world, what do we hear? How often are we surprised by what God is doing in our midst? When you think of ways God has called you, as a parent, as a citizen, as a member of the church, as a professional [whatever you are/were], or as any other vocation that I couldn't possibly list off here on one page, could you have perceived it before it was really happening?

When someone changes jobs, they often find new ways that God has shown up to them in their new work. When a new child is born, a parent learns about skills they never knew they had. These times of wilderness and isolation can often cause us to fear or doubt that we will be equipped for the new thing that will spring forth on the other end; but God reminds us again and again of the ways that God accompanies us and provides that new thing.

I invite you to listen. It may sound faint at first, but God continues to call to us all in a variety of ways. What are the ways that God has invited you to participate in sharing God's love with the world? How else might this congregation be called to do so?

God has loved us into our very being; and God will continue to love us to the end. Christ exemplifies this in all the love that we see poured out through the cross and the sharing of the body and blood of Jesus Christ that we share in our communion each Sunday. The Spirit continues to call us forth into something new all the time. What that new thing is remains to be seen. But I pray every day for this congregation to continue to listen and discern what the new things might be. With focus and direction provided by God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, we share the Good News of Christ through all that we do.

Listening along with you,
Pastor Stephen Nilsen



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

May Council Meeting in a Nutshell

- Wiener Roast with VBS families June 13, 5:30 PM.
- Quad City Bandits game July 25, 6:30 PM.
- Susan Varilek presented mock up drawings for the front of the church and Fellowship Hall.
- Property Committee will consider Susan's ideas as part of the TLC long term plan.
- Council agreed the options presented are acceptable and budget friendly.
- The Food Pantry explorations process will be discussed at later date.



YEAR TO DATE THROUGH APRIL 2024

Collections to date	\$65,501.84
Expenses to date	\$60,930.01
Net to date	\$4,571.83
No funds have been transferred from Stewardship Reserves year to date.	

ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR MAY

May	5	68
May	12	54
May	19	61
May	26	71

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!

BIRTHDAYS

1 Stephen Nilsen
 1 Payton Paul
 2 Cody Dexter
 3 Randy Neumann
 3 Diane Kaufmann
 4 Gene Jebesen
 11 Byron Kime
 17 Jan Sussex
 23 Nick Aguilar
 24 Lanette Lane
 24 Ron Claussen
 25 Lexi Aguilar
 26 Claudia Neumann

Happy
 birthday

June

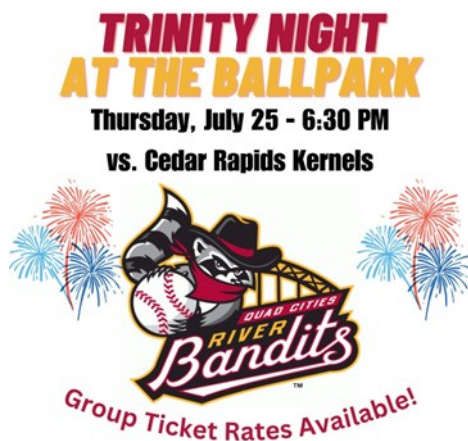
ANNIVERSARIES

4 Al & Barb McIlrath
 7 Gene & Vicki Jebesen
 9 Don & Diane Cook
 12 Tom & Mary Shelton
 14 Arnie & Diane Kaufmann
 16 Janine & Brad Hank
 21 Paul & Ellen Opperman
 21 John & Sheila Vining

Happy Anniversary

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Altar Guild	Linda Busch	Diane Holst	Diana Mayes	Connie Short	Diane Kaufmann
Communion Assistant	Carol Kaufmann	Sally Morrow	Jo Ann Hogenson	Diane Holst	Jim Sbertoli
Lector	Sally Morrow	Justin Paul	Dawn Brick	Barb Paul	Glenna Sbertoli
Usher Greeter	Chris Kaul Barb Paul	Ron Morrow Don Cordts	Deb Anderson Diane Cook	Travis Brunsvold Judy Rutledge	Arnie & Ed Kaufmann
Worship Video Livestream Producer	John Newman	Justin Paul			
Fellowship	Claudia Neumann	Barb & Darrell Paul		HOT TEAM	

If you would like to help us in our Sunday Gathering by doing any of the above tasks, please contact the church office to be added to the list of volunteers.



Trinity Night at the Ballpark Coming July 25!

"Take me out to the ballgame!" We'd love to have you join in with our special night out at the Quad Cities River Bandits on Thursday, July 25. First pitch is at 6:30 PM, and tickets are \$13. If you're interested, you can sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or see the weekly email to sign up on the form online.

TRINITY'S PRODUCE GARDEN RETURNS TO HELP NEIGHBORS!

After a great year last year producing hundreds of pounds of fresh produce for our neighbors in need, the Trinity Lutheran Garden Feeding Ministry is back for 2024. There will be lots of tasks that need help in our growing effort. This year, we may also till some more land to plant potatoes. If you have interest in helping with planting, watering, weeding, or even a curiosity about cleaning the produce once it is picked, please contact Dane Crist (563 340-6343) or Tom Shelton (563-468-9039). Many hands make light work!



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:34-35



Synod Assembly Offering:

Special Matching Gift to Help Future Leaders

Thank-you so much to the generous donors who have helped to raise up future leaders in the church by contributing to the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly's Special Offering for the ELCA Fund for

Leaders Scholarship! With the matching gift that the council discretionary fund added to the gifts of our collected offerings throughout the Easter season, Trinity gave an offering to the synod's effort of \$2,340. These scholarship funds will help a seminary student to pursue theological education with added support, allowing for a congregation in the ELCA to have a future leader with a little less debt. To find out more about Fund for Leaders, visit [ELCA.org/Our-Work/Leadership/ELCA-Fund-for-Leaders](https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Leadership/ELCA-Fund-for-Leaders).

JUNE'S FUN BIBLE FACT

Andrew was a disciple of John The Baptist before becoming Jesus' disciple ([Jn 1:35-37,40](#)).

AMITIE

Amitie will meet June 10 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, which serves mothers and young children in need. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship and worship.

Rudella Eberlein, Convenor



Choir Rehearsals Coming Up!

Every other Wednesdays and Sundays

Any who are interested in singing in our renewed choir music ministry are invited to join in on Sunday at 8:00 AM for our next rehearsal with our new director, Chelsea.

The upcoming rehearsals will be:

Wednesdays 6:30 PM June 5 & 19.

Sundays 8:00 AM June 9 & 23.

Altar Flowers



Do you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like to commemorate? Starting in January, we will have Altar Flowers that you can sign-up to sponsor for any of the worship services throughout the year. The bulletin board will be by the door between the narthex and hallway.

Questions?

Call or Email Paula at
563-332-5188 or
office@trinitylcpv.com



BIBLE Study

WEDNESDAYS AT 10 AM

Join us for a **weekly** Bible study centered around the texts for the upcoming week's worship service as we find what God is up to in the text and our lives this week



WEEKLY READINGS

06/02 Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23—3:6

06/09 Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1, Mark 3:20-35

06/16 Ezekial 17:2-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13] 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

06/23 Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

06/30 Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43



NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

By popular demand, our council is undertaking a new photo directory, and we need your help! Stop by after worship in the office, to get a photo taken, or submit one of you and your family by email to office@trinitylcpv.com. New photos will be compiled and a new directory will be going out by the soon!

CARD CRAFTING MINISTRY MEETING MONTHLY

Trinity's card ministry reconvened a few months ago. We meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the basement of the church. June's meeting will be June 12 1:00 PM. **All are welcome to join us- no experience necessary!**

Each month we make and deliver cards to the residents of Aspire of Pleasant Valley Nursing and Rehab (Formerly River Manor). We also make and mail greetings to members and friends of Trinity. In addition, the committee has been working to replenish the supply of greeting cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall. All cards are \$2.00.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kaul, Linda Busch, Claudia Neumann, Cathy Newman, Marcia Brunsvold or Pastor Stephen.



CRISWELL STREET REHABILITATION

The City of Bettendorf has selected Criswell Street from Valley Drive to Forest Grove Road for rehabilitation as part of the City's Community Improvement Program. Contact information along with a construction schedule will be sent as soon as a contractor has been selected. Work on this project is expected to commence on or after April 22, 2024 and be completed by September 1.

There will be no changes to solid waste collection, school bus routes, mail delivery or emergency services.

If you would like to discuss how this project will affect your property, or access to your property, please don't hesitate to contact the city Assistant City Engineer. Patrick Lynch, PE. 563 344-4062 plynch@bettendorf.org. For more information: <https://bit.ly/BettCriswellStRehab>

TIME & TALENTS

Survey



Check your weekly email update and the Narthex for surveys to collect your input into the life of our congregation. Everything from Worship volunteers to help around the property to hospitality will be surveyed, and we'd love to find out what gifts our congregation can share. Surveys are available at trinitylcpv.com/timetalents and in the narthex. Even if you are not checking boxes from an area, it helps to get as many surveys back as possible.

Seeking Help with Livestreaming Worship

Our worship services are available to view on both our Facebook page (facebook.com/TrinityLCPV) and our YouTube channel (youtube.com/@TrinityLCPV). As we continue to provide this ministry for those who are unable to join us in worship in-person, please consider helping with the livestreams. After much work from dedicated volunteers, our live-stream set-up is very easy to operate. Please contact Pastor Stephen or Randy Goslin (rgoslin@mchsi.com) if you would like to help.



Global Health Ministries Newborn Kits

Global Health Ministries last year sent 7,200 Newborn Kits to hospital clinics on three continents, attempting to connect with mothers and their newborns for perinatal care to help teach important health care. This year GHM has set a goal of 10,000 Newborn Kits! Last year TLC delivered 55 Newborn Kits to the warehouse in Minneapolis, MN and our Endowment Fund sent money to ship the kits to the clinics where they were needed.

TLC Social Ministry Committee has decided to be a part of this goal in 2024! The dates that we will be collecting items for the Newborn Kits are May 19 through July 7. Please place all items on or under the table in the Narthex. Also, please reach out to your neighbors, family, and friends to be a part of this caring project.



NEWBORN KIT ITEMS (new or gently used items)

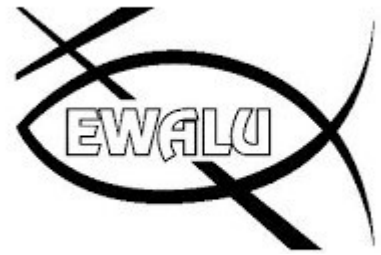
- ~1 bath towel (around 52" long)
- ~1 washcloth (not microfiber)
- ~1 bath size white Ivory soap bar
- ~1 newborn/'onesie' cotton t-shirt size 0-3 month
- ~1 newborn stocking hat (very small)
- ~1 baby cotton or light flannel receiving blanket (around 30"x30")
- ~2 cloth diapers (may be found at Target)
- ~2 diaper pins



TRINITY DAY CAMP WITH CAMP EWALU

MONDAY, JUNE 10 -
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This year, Trinity Lutheran Church will be partnering with Camp Ewalu Bible Camp counselors to provide a Day Camp. We are excited to say that registration is still open, and can be accessed at TrinityLCPV.com/vbsregistration or in the paper copies in the Narthex. This year's camp comes with the theme Created to Be - kids can find out lots about how they are Created by God to Be one of God's Beloved. The registration fee for the week of camp is a suggested donation of \$65.

With so many great kids learning here, we will need many volunteers to help throughout the week with everything from food to helping "shepherd" children around to the different learning spaces. You can sign up to bring food or help out during the week of our Day Camp VBS on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please have all food brought to church by Sunday, June 9.

Looking for another way to help with the camp but don't have a camper to bring or the ability to bring food or volunteer? You can also help "Sponsor a Camper" by marking any offering for VBS. As mentioned, we are recommending a \$65 donation per camper, so you could sponsor a whole week for a camper for that amount. If you have any questions, please contact John Newman (563 949-7375) or Pastor Stephen.



VBS Wiener Roast June 13 5:30 PM

There will be a camp wiener roast as well as a program presented by our campers.

Thanks to all that who have a hand in making the VBS camp a success.



Scott County Library's Bookmobile with New Times for 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. We'll have snacks and drinks available in Fellowship Hall.

4:40—5:10PM on June 25, July 16, August 6



ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

“...And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16 NIV

Trinity’s Endowment committee is gearing up for another year of giving. Each year, 5% of the investment fund is distributed according to the Mission Endowment Agreement. In 2024, the distribution will be \$16,000. The breakdown is as follows:

20% Council Discretionary Fund	\$3,200
20% ELCA Affiliated Programs	\$3,200
20% Community Service Programs	\$3,200
40% Miscellaneous	\$6,400

Over the next few months, the Endowment Committee will be working to make its recommendations for the use of these funds. Congregational input is important to the committee. Members of the congregation are invited to suggest possible uses. Written suggestions are encouraged and all suggestions will be seriously considered. Last year funds were given to new organizations that were suggested from our congregation.

Please consider your recommendations and submit your requests to the committee soon. Request forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by contacting the office or committee member. We are asking that your suggestions be submitted by July 31.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the committee members, Alan Diers, Diana Mayes, Susan Varilek, Sheila Vining, Mitch Sussex, Treasurer and Marcia Brunsvold, Council Representative.



Trinity Lutheran Endowment Committee
Congregational suggestions for Endowment Fund Distribution

Congregation members, committee members or groups seeking resources to support a program. Organization, ministry or mission are invited to submit to the endowment Committee request for use of Endowment Distributions. All requests must be submitted in writing and received by July 31 for the current year's distributions.

Your name_____

Your contact information phone _____ **Email** _____

Organization you recommend for Donation_____

Please provide information about the organization, ministry and suggested use.

Suggested donation amount_____

(Please note that the committee is not bound by this suggestion, but your input is appreciated.)

For questions, please contact Committee Members: Alan Diers, Diana Mayes, Susan Varilek, Sheila Vining, Mitch Sussex, Treasurer or Marcia Brunsvold, Council Representative.

Completed forms can be turned into the office or emailed to brunsvoldmarcia@gmail.com



June 2024 – School is out, but LSI continues to serve

School may be out for the summer, but LSI continues to serve Iowans year-round. Our Early Childhood team continues their in-home visits, ensuring young families are supported and connected to their community as they raise the next generation of Iowans. Our therapists are talking and, most importantly, listening to individuals struggling with mental health challenges, difficult situations at home, and seemingly simple everyday problems. Children in our Foster Care and Adoption services are bonding with their foster parents as they grow and learn in their community. Immigrant and refugee learners gather at LSI offices in Des Moines, Sioux City, and Waterloo to attend class as they prepare for their citizenship test, learn how to become financially stable, practice their English skills, and more. Global Greens farmers are busy at the farm or selling their produce at the Global Greens Farmers Market in Des Moines.

Summer is a great time to get involved with LSI! Volunteer with our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services, check our social media pages to see what donations our services need most, or give a financial gift to support numerous services benefiting children and families across the state. Visit our website (LSIowa.org) to learn more about getting involved this summer.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

At Luther Properties, our mission is to provide safe and affordable quality housing to low-income elderly or disabled persons. To accomplish this, we work with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide subsidized, independent residential housing to persons who are eligible to receive such assistance. When our churches also partner with us, we are able to provide more than just a home. Activities can be planned to encourage fellowship and a sense of community when a congregation or an individual makes a financial gift to Luther Properties. Please consider giving to help those who are often forgotten. To learn more, visit our website at lutherproperties.org.

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:00 Property	3	4 4:30 Worship & Music 6:30 Education	5 10 Bible Study 3:30 Social Ministry 6:30 Choir	6 6:00 Personnel	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8
9 8:00 Choir 9:00 Worship	10 9-4 Day Camp 12:00 Amitie 6:30 Council	11 9-4 Day Camp	12 9-4 Day Camp 10 Bible Study 1:00 Card Ministry	13 9-4 Day Camp 5:30 Potluck Wiener Roast & Program	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15
16 9:00 Worship	17 6:00 Stewardship	18	19 10 Bible Study 6:30 Choir	20	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22
23 8:00 Choir 9:00 Worship	24	25	26 10 Bible Study	27	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29
30 9:00 Worship						