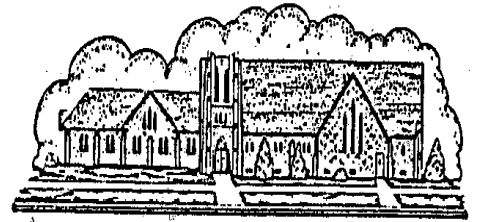




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The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole that he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. *"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes the water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts,"* the pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, *"Did you notice that there were flowers on your side of the path but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."*



Jim Rach is not a pastor. But, at the request of our congregational leadership, he has been authorized by the synodical bishop to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion for our congregations on July 7th & 14th and August 4th and 11th. For this ministry, he will be in consultation with an ELCA pastor. The authorization is granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, *The Use of the Means of Grace*, which says, "In witness that this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synodical bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a given location only."

Jon V. Anderson. Bishop. Southwestern MN - ELCA



St. Pauli Lutheran Church Worship

Trinity will hold their Sunday Worship at St. Pauli on Sundays, **August 4th and September 8th.** There will be NO worship at the Trinity building on those Sundays.

LivingLutheran

Living Lutheran is a monthly magazine of news, reflections, and stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its local and global companions. It covers religious news and social issues, congregational life, global and domestic mission, family matters, spiritual practices and resources, and more. **TRINITY** provides this magazine **FREE** to all its members on request. Contact the office and your name will be added to the subscription list.

ELCA Good Gifts Piggy Bank

Trinity's collection totaled **\$130.68** and will be sent to ELCA World Hunger designated to the Good Gifts program.

Just \$30 can provide a piglet to a family in need. When this little piggy grows up, she will give birth to as many as 16 piglets each year. Pigs help fertilize fields, provide food to eat, and can be sold at market for much-needed income.



Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger facts ~

- *** 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- *** According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population.
- *** At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.
- *** 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

August

- 1 Sebastian Schmidt
- 2 Debbie Nelson
- 3 Bill Combellick
- 4 Jesse Athey, Brian Krueger
- 5 Maria Botker
- 6 Randy Erickson
- 8 Russell Skundberg
- 9 Logan Nordly
- 10 Dawn Dresch, Blair Morrill
- 15 Tiana Chase
- 16 Jenna Mack
- 17 Lorie Chase, Daisy Norlund
- 18 LeRoy Schoon
- 19 Karen Hagen
- 23 Terry Maus, Meghan Smart
- 25 Pam Chase, Donna Folkens
Deb Maher, Jameson Nordly
- 26 Susie Nelson, Joleen Wiegman
- 27 Terrence Mack
- 28 Bruce Herberg
- 29 Russell Redfield
- 30 Adam Ebnet, Jon Pansch
- 31 Branden Cardwell

These birthdates come from the computer membership program, *Revelations*. Please give your information to the office if your name has been missed.

In case of Trinity building or maintenance issues contact the following:

- Josh Bohlen: 320-305-9771
- Jim Teske: 320-305-0375
- Gene Moberg: 320-808-9283
- Rick Schneck: 320-760-9791
- Bruce Moberg: 320-760-1582
- Kelly Stattleman: 320-808-6778



JUNE & JULY Happenings...

- 6/1 ~ Funeral for Stella Jacobson @ T
- 6/23 ~ Funeral for Edna Anderson @ T
- 6/29 ~ Baptism of Cohen Leuthardt, son of Zach & Tonia Leuthardt @ T
- 7/11 ~ Death of Florence Nelson
- 7/13 ~ Funeral of Wilma Anderson @ T
- 7/21 ~ Baptism of Jennifer Fuhrman, daughter of Cory & Nicole Fuhrman @ T

God's work. Our hands.

Mark your calendar!

www.elca.org/dayofservice

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is **September 8, 2019**. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2019!

The \$20 and the \$1 Joke

Two well worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City," he said. "I even went on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?"

"Oh," said the one dollar bill, "I've been to the Methodist church, the Episcopal church, and the Lutheran church."

"What's a church?" asked the twenty.

Please notify the church office (325-5178 or trinity008@cenurytel.net) with updates and changes to addresses, phone numbers, and/or memberships.

Trinity Council Meeting

June 12, 2019

Present: C Folkens, R Stotesbery, D Maher, J Bohlen,
K Stattelmann, J Morrill, Also present Bonnie Stotesbery

Call to order by Josh

Secretary's report approved as submitted.

Motion Randy second Chuck

Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

Motion Randy second Kelly

Committee Reports:

- Education: Bible School is set for July 24 thru 27
- Evangelism & worship: no report
- Property and Management: Weeds have been sprayed and flowers planted. Extra sump pumps have been installed.
- Stewardship: There was discussion on scholarship granting for students other than in their freshman year.
- Outreach: no report
- Parish board: no report
- St Pauli: no report

Old Business:

1. Interim: We have worship led thru June 30. There is a possibility of an interim pastor. The Pastor from Morris will lead us in worship on June 23, and also do a baptism.
2. Church property: Parsonage water lines have been repaired. The party interested in the Nelson house is trying to arrange financing.
3. Call committee will meet June 23rd at 9:30.

New Business:

1. The computer in the office needs to be updated. Motion to purchase whatever is needed up to \$500.00.
Motion Chuck, second Haley.
2. Will check with Melisa about the PIG banks.
3. The light on the pulpit will be taken off and replaced.
4. The rates on the CD's have been updated.
5. Fire Department donation is to be \$100.00
Motion Jodi, second Kelly.
6. Confirmation gowns. The company providing the gowns is going out of business and offered to sell @ 25.00 per gown. Bonnie will see if there is a new vendor available.
7. Prairie Five asked for a donation, Haley made a motion to table at this time. Second by Randy

There will be a donation in Pastor Skoglund's name for \$400.00 to a fund she specified at the synod in lie of payment for her helping cover worship. A donation will be made for \$100.00 in Kathy Draeger's name to the BSC Camp for Christ, and a donation for \$100.00 to Evangelism and Worship and Music in Wayne Huselid's name. Motion Jodi, second Deb.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be July 10 @ 6:30

Motion to adjourn Kelly, second Randy

Respectfully submitted by Deb Maher, secretary

Trinity Activity of Funds – June 2019

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| General | Bal. 6/1 | 53,065.80 |
| | Income | 11,499.25 |
| | Expenses | - 10,406.12 |
| | Trans. to Special Funds | + 74.95 |
| | Bal. 6/30 | 54,233.88 |
| Chaperone | Bal. 6/1 | 3,642.95 |
| | Income | 10.00 |
| | Bal. 6/30 | 3,652.95 |
| Discipleship | Bal. 6/30 | 10.28 |
| Long Range Repairs | Bal. 6/1 | - 1,045.46 |
| | Income | 130.00 |
| | Bal. 6/30 | - 915.46 |
| Olai Steen Scholarship | Bal. 6/30 | 5,275.30 |
| TLC Scholarship | Bal. 6/30 | 1,484.66 |
| Memorials | Bal. 6/1 | 4,526.00 |
| | Income | 65.00 |
| | Expenses | - 279.95 |
| | Income | 240.00 |
| | Bal. 6/30 | 4,311.05 |
| Thrivent | Bal. 6/30 | 8,988.33 |

Total balance of all special funds: \$22,807.11

Combined General & Special Funds: \$77,040.99

St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:

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| Bal. 6/1 | \$ 9,892.61 |
| Donations | .00 |
| Interest | .38 |
| Bal. 6/30 | 9,892.99 |

Memorial Money Market

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| Bal. 6/1 | \$ 100,130.34 |
| Income | 5,000.00 |
| Interest | 16.02 |
| Bal. 6/30 | 105,146.36 |

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Facebook.com/Lutheran;
@ ELCA on Twitter;
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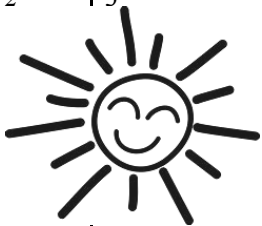


HOLDEN:
Altar:
 Kerri Herberg
Janitors & Ushers:
 Tom & Kerri Herberg

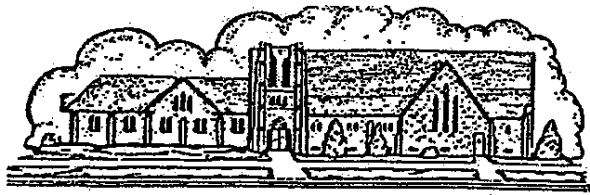
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| A quiet morning with a loving God puts the events of the upcoming day into proper perspective. | NEWSLETTERS are NO longer mailed out. Holden's can be found at the church. Trinity's are in the mailboxes. If you wish to receive it by e-mail, please let the office know. | | | 1 | 2 | 3  |
| 4 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship at St. Pauli Church | 5 | 6 | 7 9:00 Trinity Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoons | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship | 12 10:00 Trinity Women's Bible Study  | 13 | 14 9:00 Trinity Quilting 6:30 Trinity Council | 15 | 16 | 17 |
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| 25 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Holden Worship 9:30 Trinity Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Worship | 26 HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY? | 27 | 28 9:00 Trinity Quilting BACK TO SCHOOL  | 29 | 30 | 31 |



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