

Trinity Tidings

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News

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Outside & Inside
Clean Up
Sunday, June 5th
after worship
Many hands make
light work.

June 2022

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Sunday, May 29

- Worship 9 AM

Monday, May 30 - *Memorial Day*

Tuesday, May 31

Wednesday, June 1

- Staff & Volunteer Meeting 8 AM

Thursday, June 2

- *No Bible Study*
- Yarn Crafting 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM

Friday, June 3

Saturday, June 4

Sunday, June 5

- Worship 9 AM

The most current calendar and worship
services can be found at

www.trinitynewlondon.com.



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your request.
Email or call with your request.

Healing:

- The families & friends of those lost in the school shooting in Texas
- Simonson Family
- Kolbe Family
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Tami - friend of Amy Van Dreel, recovering from spinal surgery
- Trista Jo Blank - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Cindy Wolford - cancer
- Kathy Feeny Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Gerald Schroeder - health concerns
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel



TIMBER RATTLER GAME

Saturday, August 13; 6:40 PM
\$10 per ticket

SIGN UP WITH TOM VIGIL, THE CHURCH OFFICE, OR AT THE INFO CENTER

Help Grow Trinity's Outreach!

If you are a member of a church committee or a church group, please share what's happening with others through Trinity's Facebook and website. Send photos and content with a brief write-up to wegnerdanielj@gmail.com. Help us spread the word of God's work at Trinity!



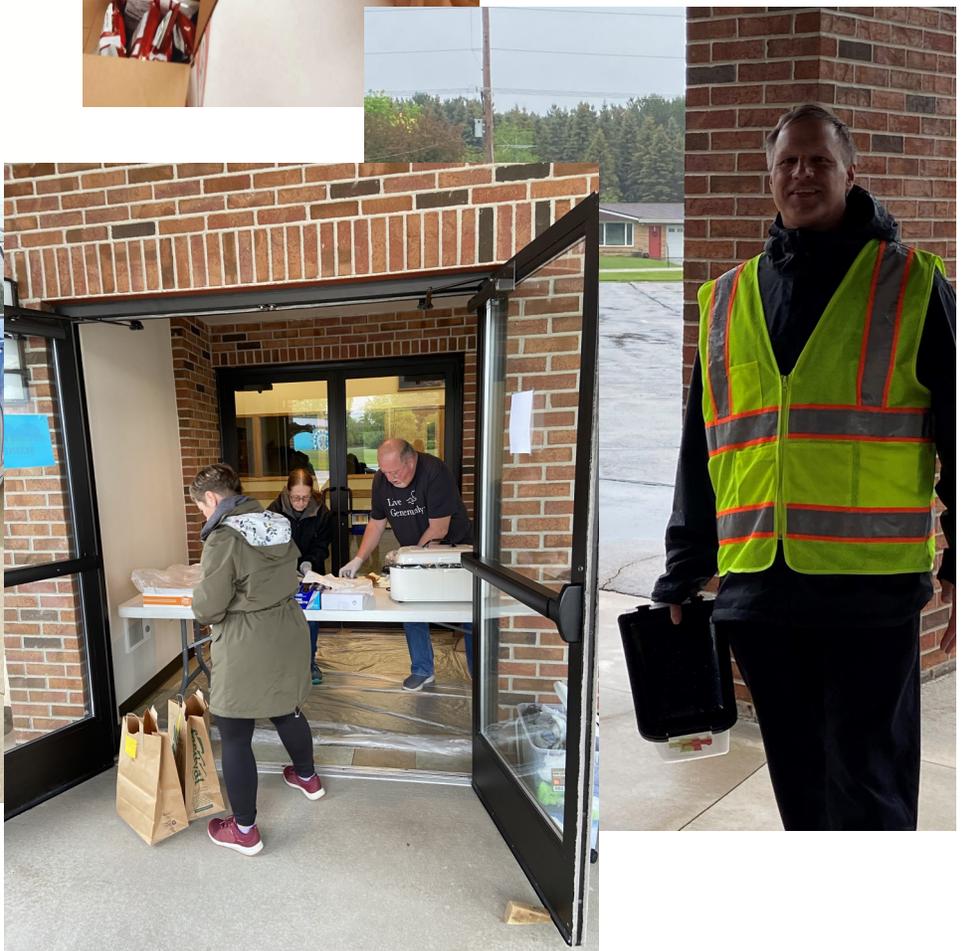


May's Grab & Go Community Meal ministry served up grilled hotdogs on a cold rainy evening. Hot dogs were accompanied with the usual beverage choices, and a full lunch bag of fruit fresh fruit, assorted snacks and dessert.

The team served a total of 126 meals to guests in vehicles, the Mission of Hope House and deliveries to Trinity members. This month's meal was accomplished through the generosity of Tyson's donation of all beef hotdogs; Kwik Trip's donation of the fresh fruit, ThedaCare's grant and donation of the hot dog condiments, and the generous monetary and supply donations by Trinity members. The success of this monthly ministry is a result of the great leadership and generosity of our church and church members.

Next month's Grab & Go Community Meal is scheduled for June 29, 5:00-6:00. If you know of a family in need, please share with them this meal opportunity; or offer to pick up a meal for the family if they have transportation difficulties.

Kelly and Barbara Lehl – May Community Meal lead



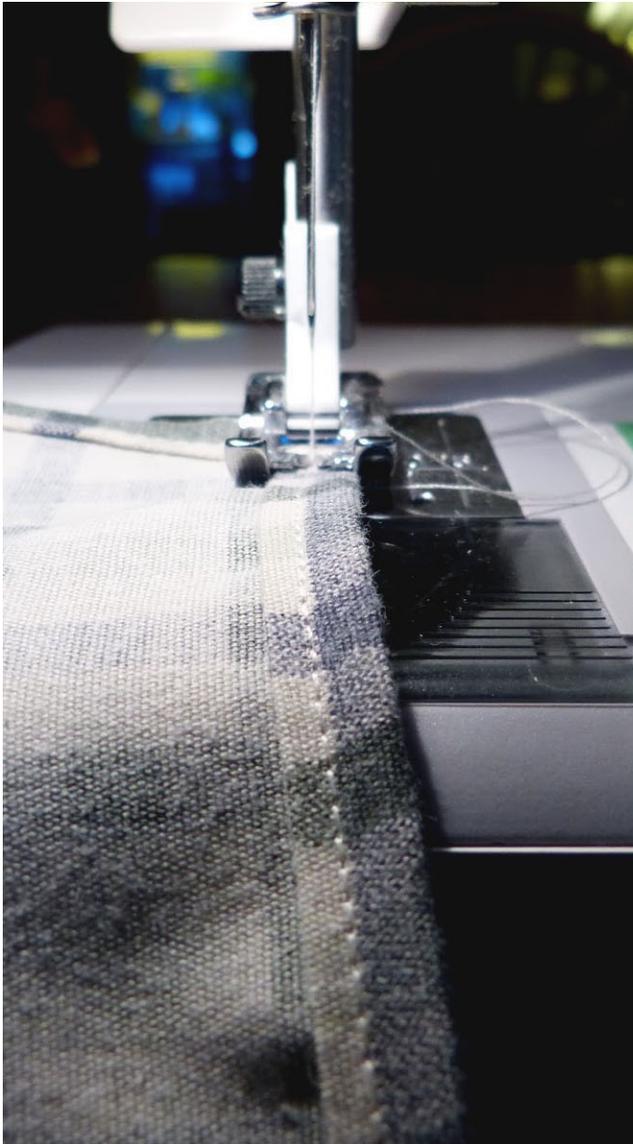
Fishing supplies needed for our Afghanistan men in Oshkosh

Do you have extra fishing supplies in the basement or garage that could be given to the Afghanistan men living in Oshkosh whom we are supporting? They have expressed a desire to start fishing. We will support them with supplies and pay for the licenses needed to fish in Wisconsin. Please bring any supplies and financial support to the church office. A trip is planned to visit and bring the supplies on June 1st.

The original men have added one more refugee to their apartment so now 5 men are living in their apartment. All are working (and sending money home to Afghanistan to help their families) and



taking English lessons. They have been given bicycles and are exploring the area and must have some fishing experience from back in Afghanistan which prompted their desire for fishing supplies.



The quilting factory is closed for the Summer!! The quilters have cleaned up their area and put the machines and supplies away for the summer. We have completed 141 quilts so far this year and have totaled about 800 hours of work on this mission.

Well deserved summer off ladies!!

Thank you to everyone who makes this mission work at our church possible. Please remember us if you frequent thrift shops and rummage sales over the summer as we need material and bed sheets (for quilt backs). All collected items can be dropped off at church over the summer so we will be ready to go in the fall.

Remember that we are always in need of additional help to complete our mission quilts. No experience is required. Join us this fall when we start up again.

Sue Krejcarek
LWR supporter

Ascension Day



A Pastoral Message

Today is a festival of the church known as Ascension Day. In some European countries this is a national holiday. What is the ascension event? It is the commemoration of Jesus' return to heaven 40 days after his resurrection. This is a mysterious event that is difficult to picture. Jesus is described in Acts 1:6-11 as being "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." While this is difficult to picture, the ascension event has real meaning for us. First of all this is the exaltation of Jesus. After the humiliation of his suffering and death, he is now exalted to God's right hand, which means the ultimate place of power and authority. Secondly, the one being exalted is the One who has just been through hell. Jesus went through hell on earth to lift all of us out of it. Jesus' resurrection brings a new creation. Evil, suffering, and death are not all there is. Finally, as Jesus returns to the Father he did not leave his followers abandoned. He takes his place at God's right hand so that he can send us the Holy Spirit to be in our midst. Jesus left the earth so that he could be more powerful than ever. The message of the ascension, then, is not how Jesus left us behind, but rather how God and humanity are reconciled now and for eternity. We need this message today more than ever. We live in difficult times. The pandemic is not over. There is a war in the Ukraine that is adversely affecting the world's economy. There are more and more instances of gun violence. Many are suffering from depression. The list goes on and on. However, the crucified, risen, and ascended Lord is with us through it all. We can live as people who accept our realities but cling to the hope that in our Triune God we are never alone. In the end God wins!

Pastor Chuck

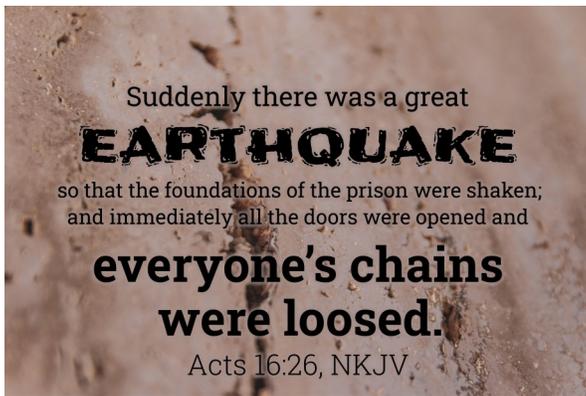
First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations



of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm: Psalm 97

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
²Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.
³Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.
⁴Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
⁶The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.
⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.
⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.
¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

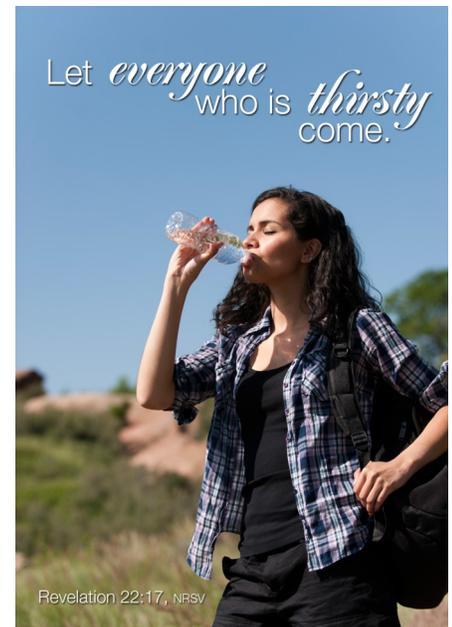
²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.



[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."



On this Memorial Day weekend we honor those who gave their lives defending our country.

Today, however, I would like to mention a few other heroes who also sacrificed their lives to save others.

This week 19 students and 2 teachers were shot down at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

Stories of heroism are coming out.

Irma Garcia, an educator for 23 years.

"Sweet, kind, loving. Fun with the greatest personality. A wonderful 4th grade teacher at Robb Elementary who was a victim in a Texas school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. She sacrificed herself protecting the kids in her classroom. She was a hero. She was loved by many and will truly be missed," the Go Fund Me campaign for her said.

Garcia's nephew, John Martinez, told The Washington Post that officials informed the family that she helped shield students from the gunfire.

"I want her to be remembered as someone who sacrificed her life and put her life on the line for her kids," Martinez told the Post on Wednesday. "They weren't just her students. Those were her kids, and she put her life on the line, she lost her life to protect them. That's the type of person she was."

Amerie jo Garza

Her father, Angel Garza told CNN's Anderson Cooper Wednesday his daughter had just turned 10 years old two weeks ago. The family gifted her with a phone, which she had been asking for, Garza said.

Garza found out his daughter was trying to use her phone to call authorities during the shooting, two students told him. He explained he's med-aid and responded to the scene



where he saw one girl covered in blood who told him that someone had shot her best friend. When Garza asked who her best friend was, the girl said his daughter's name.

"I just want people to know she died trying to save her classmates. She just wanted to save everyone," Garza said.

He continued: "Please don't take a second for granted. Hug your family. Tell them you love them. I love you Amerie jo."

These are only two stories as many more are gradually being told.

In the midst of more and more senseless gun violence, we have these stories which are inspiring but also heart wrenching. Why do so many good people die?

Why can't our country come together to find common sense solutions to gun violence instead of simply pointing fingers at one another?

Who do we turn to in times like these?

There is always Jesus.

Today we conclude the Easter season with Jesus praying for his disciples.

His final words to them just before his arrest. We just heard what is called the "High priestly prayer" in John 17.

Jesus is praying for us too.

In John 13-17 Jesus has been comforting, instructing, and preparing "his own" (as his friends are called in 13:1) for what is to come and for what they are to become in the world. He prays that we would be one as he and the father are one.

He is praying that we may experience the love that he shared with his father and the Holy Spirit.

Trinity is relationship of love.

Jesus wants us to be in this relationship too.

This relationship of love is what gets us through our trials.

It is God's love that brings good out of evil.

When we are hurting it is the love of family and friends that gets us through it is it not?

When my dad died I could not believe the

number of people who showed up at the funeral.

He was involved in the church and community but I had no idea how many people he touched.

In the reception line for visitation I had no idea who many of the people were.

But they were there.

Bishop told me that "when you preach at a funeral people may not remember what you said. What they will quote about you was that you were there."

Some of the kindest most caring people may not say a lot but they are there.

Pastor Rick Warren likes to say that when someone is hurting and you don't know what to say or how to help you can just "show up and shut up."

We have a God in Jesus who shows up.

He is here now.

He proved his love for us by dying for us, and by sending us the Spirit after his resurrection so that we are never abandoned.

Because we are loved we can share it with others.

Corrie ten Boom: "There is no pit so deep, that God's love is not deeper still."

Amen

