

Trinity Tidings

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News

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Facebook Flashback Fridays need your help! Do you have any photos from events at Trinity? Are you willing to share photographs or memories from Trinity's history? We want to keep our Flashback Fridays going on Facebook and are looking for any material you would be willing to share. You can email them to wegerndanielj@gmail.com, or drop them off in the Church Office



addressed to Dan Wegner, or give them to me at Worship! I hear there might be some pictures from a Bridal Show done at a Women's Spring event in the past, wouldn't that be a great Friday Flashback!

Dan Wegner - Media Outreach

June 2022

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Sunday, June 19 - *Father's Day*

- Worship 9 AM

Monday, June 20

Tuesday, June 21

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 22

- Staff/Volunteer Meeting 8 AM

Thursday, June 23

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Yarn Crafting 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM

Friday, June 24

Saturday, June 25

Sunday, June 26

- Worship 9 AM

The most current calendar and worship services can be found at

www.trinitynewlondon.com.



Healing:

- Barbara Johnson - recovering from surgery
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Trista Jo Blank - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Cindy Wolford - cancer
- Kathy Feeney Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel



Sandy Krueger and Kerri Kohls will be giving meal participants in June the choice of macaroni and cheese or a grilled hot dog. The June meal is Wednesday, June 29, from 5-6 pm.



The Community Meals committee is looking for donations of:

- * Healthy snacks (e.g. apple sauce, raisins, craisins, fruit cups, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- * Desserts

PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION. Place in deck box outside of church.

Let's have a ball! Trinity members, family & friends!

Timber Rattler Game!

SATURDAY, AUG 13 • 6:40PM
 \$10 per ticket

To sign up contact Tom Vigil, the church office, or the sign-up sheet at the Info Center.



First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
⁶See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
⁸Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

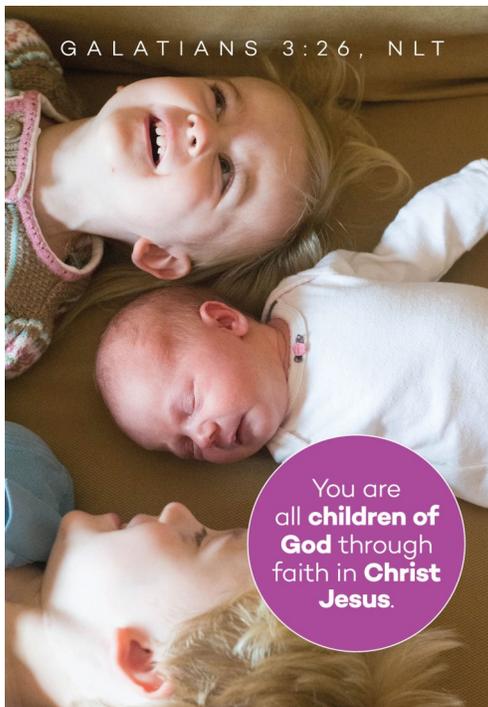
Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you
have rescued me.
²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you
of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring
of Israel.
²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the
poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's
face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears
them.
²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those
who fear the LORD.
²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before
God.
²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed



GALATIANS 3:26, NLT

You are all **children of God** through faith in **Christ Jesus**.

yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

pened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had hap-



Better Safe Than Sorry?

This past Thursday night I saw my first funnel cloud.

Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to see one.

I was fixated on tornadoes.

Read about them over and over and watched videos whenever I could.

Whenever there was a tornado warning for Racine County I ran outside to look for it; that is until mom made us go into the basement. My favorite old vhs tape was "Tornado Video Classics."

Thursday night about 5:55 pm I heard the sirens go on and I looked out our back window. There it was: a cone shaped funnel extending from a rotating wall cloud about 1/3 of the way down to the ground.

At first I thought am I just imagining things, seeing what I want to see, or is that the real thing?

I had attended 2 storm spotting trainings through the National Weather Service several years ago so I knew what to look for.



It WAS the real thing!
So then I had to make a snap decision: take a quick video or pictures or head downstairs. Quickly I ran downstairs. "Better safe than sorry" won out. As fast as the storm was moving I decided not to take a chance. Later on after the storm passed I texted some friends about the experience. One of them, the former youth director at my former church, called me a wuss for not getting shots of it. haha. But I probably did the right thing. The smart thing.

How do we know the right thing to do?
That is what the Law is for.
What do I mean by Law?
Everything God wants us to do.
What we OUGHT to do.
Best example: 10 commandments.
Summary of the law: love God, and love your neighbor as yourself.
Law was meant for INSTRUCTION but it became distorted to become a MEANS of salvation.
God gave the law to us for our own good, to preserve order, to show us how to live a God pleasing life.
The law also makes us aware of our sin and need for God.
It points out our transgressions.
We cannot keep the law, so it makes us aware of our need for salvation.
The law is a gift from God.

Paul, in his letter to Galatians, was combating teachers who were telling people that faith requires obedience to the law. A misunderstanding of the law. Gentile converts, for instance, were told they had to get circumcised and obey food laws. Paul writes:
"Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would

be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."
Paul is saying that it is faith that saves us. The law CANNOT save. The law is a MEANS to an end. The law has its purposes but it is faith, trust in what Jesus did for us through his death and resurrection. God in Christ saves us when we cannot save ourselves. We receive salvation, reconciliation with God through faith. Because of our faith we WANT to keep the law, to live God pleasing lives.

So what do we do when we need to make our decisions? Use our God given brains and listen to his instruction given to us through the Word and through faithful believers. On this Father's Day I remember my Dad, who was a faithful believer who gave me many words of wisdom. Dad and Mom always stressed better safe than sorry. Go to the basement when there is a tornado warning! Most importantly Dad taught us "Know the Lord."
Trust in God to show us the right way, to help us make the right decisions. Not to achieve salvation, but to live it out. This is the Gospel: Christ died for our sins and rose again. We can trust this. He will show us the way. Following God's ways is to be far better safe than sorry!

Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

David Newton, Kirk Van Dreef

Lector

David Newton

Slides

Mark Moser

Communion Assistant

David Newton

Altar Guild

Kathryn Moser, Allison Kurth