

Trinity Tidings

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News

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The options of macaroni and cheese or a grilled hotdog are being given at this month's free community meal on Wednesday, June 29, from 5-6 pm.



We encourage Trinity members who know of someone who could benefit from a meal(s) please feel free to go through the distribution line on June 29 and pick up the meal(s) and deliver them. Thank you for helping to feed those in need!

June 2022

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Sunday, June 26

- Worship 9 AM

Monday, June 27

Tuesday, June 28

Wednesday, June 29

- Community Meals 5 PM

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

Saturday, July 2

Sunday, July 3

- Worship 9 AM

The most current calendar and worship services can be found at

www.trinitynewlondon.com.

**PAJAMAS, POPCORN ,
MOVIE, & BOARD GAMES**

Family Fun Day

July 10
following worship and congregation meeting
wear your comfy clothes or pjs to church
and enjoy some fellowship!



Your Council is informing you of a Congregational Meeting being held on July 10th, 2022, @10:05 am, following our Sunday Service.



The reason for this meeting will be to approve Council's recommendations to use Badgerland Restoration and Remodeling, Inc., out of Weyauwega, to act as general contractor for the repairs needed on our building, due to hail damage from the previous two hailstorms and secondly, to approve the formation of a taskforce who will then have authority to oversee and make decisions regarding these repairs.

Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. This is important work that needs to move forward, with time restraints from insurance, as well as restraints in our construction season.

Healing:

- 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

Trinity's Joy of Giving for June is Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

Prayerfully consider adding your support to this mission. We know all too well how quickly disaster can strike and the devastation it can leave behind.



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

**ELIJAH
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UPON HIM.**

1 KINGS 19:19

²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate.

Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Psalm: Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.
¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

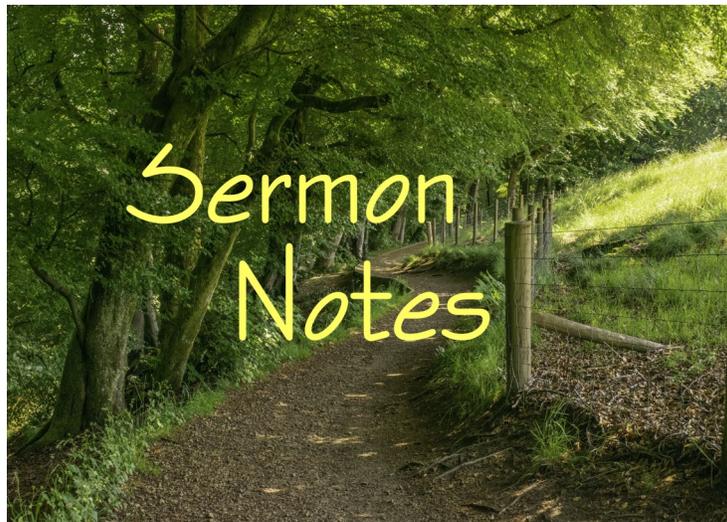
¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.



Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



Transitions

We all face them at one time or another.

Retirement, graduations, job transition, parenthood, separation from partner, new tensions among families, loss of loved one, loss of possessions, new living arrangements, medical conditions.

These past 2 years of the pandemic have created many transitions, especially in people changing jobs, (like me) many retiring early, new mental health challenges.

Churches are not the same as before Covid-19.

We have returned to "normalcy" in many ways, but most churches are facing less numbers, depletion of volunteers available, less children and young families.

One positive: technology. Anyone can access our services online. Who would have imagined this? If you cannot be in worship, you can watch live or anytime!

Transitions can be positive or challenging depending how you look at them.

But they are always stressful to some degree.

Change causes stress. With change comes loss, and some grief.

Sometimes we operate by "change is great as long as everything stays the same."

Change is not easy to accept.

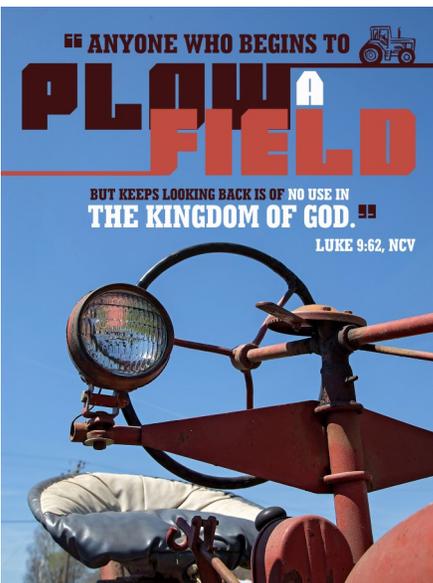
Jesus was constantly in transition as an itinerant preacher and healer.

But he had a clear vision of his ultimate destination: Jerusalem.

In Luke's gospel it takes Jesus longer to get to Jerusalem than the other gospels, as he is encountered by many different people.

He does not allow himself to be distracted from his mission.

Three potential disciples interact with Jesus, and Jesus calls each of them to allegiance to him and to the arriving kingdom of God. In his first response to an eager follower, Jesus warns of the hardship of an itinerant life. There is little time to rest. In the second case, Jesus issues a call to follow him, but the would-be disciple raises a family obligation. Jesus responds with a riddle ("Let the



dead bury their own dead") and a second exhortation, this time to proclaim the kingdom. Finally, a third person commits to following Jesus but with the condition of saying goodbye to their family. Jesus' seemingly harsh words let these people know

that discipleship will not be easy. Transitioning into discipleship is not easy.

He summarizes his perspective in blunt terms:

"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

It has been my experience that transitions are rarely easy.

When I began ministry it was exciting but also scary.

You never know what you are getting into.

Bishop preached on this text for my ordination.

His words of advice?

"Figure out who in the heck they are before you try to change them."

"Don't move the baptismal font or the American flag the first Sunday you get there."

I have never forgotten these words of wisdom.

Meet people where they are.

When we face transitions in relationships we need to accept people where they are.

We cannot fix them.

While Jesus never promised us that transitions will be easy, he does assure us that he is with us through it all.

There are practical ways to deal with transitions.

Here are some from Nami:

Most importantly trust in Jesus.

A friend asked me when I was nervous about taking a new call:

"Has God let you down yet?"

The answer is no.

Does not mean change is easy, but God walks with us.

Jesus, our Crucified and Risen Lord, has gone before us to pave the way, walks alongside us, and is ahead of us.

We need not fear transitions.

They are inevitable.

But we can cling to Jesus, to our Triune God, who is with us every step of the way!

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Amen.

Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

Jack Thurk, Kirk Van Dreef

Lector

Ruth Rex

Slides

Laura Thompson

Communion Assistant

Jayne Murphy

Altar Guild

Kathryn Moser, Allison Kurth