



Trinity Tidings

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FREE Community Meal on Wednesday, July 27, from 5-6 pm

Dawn Hess and Cindy Wolford are grilling brats and hot dogs for this month's free community meal.

Please help us spread the word of the meal date and time!



We encourage Trinity members who know of someone who could benefit from a meal(s) to please feel free to go through the distribution line on July 27, pick up the meal(s), and deliver them. Thank you for helping to feed those in need!

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Sunday, July 24 - *Christmas in July*

- Worship 9 AM
- Christmas Treats 10 AM

Monday, July 25

Tuesday, July 26

Wednesday, July 27

- Community Meals 5 PM
- Youth & Ed. Listening Session 6:30PM

Thursday, July 28

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

Friday, July 29

Saturday, July 30

Sunday, July 31

- Worship 9 AM
- Family Activity 10 AM

Click [here](#) for the most current calendar.

Click [here](#) for the livestream of Sunday's worship service.



A very merry Christmas in July!
Sunday, July 24 - 9:00 AM
Stay after worship for Christmas
treats and fellowship!



Trinity Church Library is **OPEN** for anyone to check out books, CDs, audiobooks or DVDs. Just put your name on the card and put the card in the slot. You do not need a "return date card". When you are finished with the item, return the item to the library and put it in the book return slot.



Healing:

- Jim Henderson - father of Laura Thompson - recovering from surgery
- Mary Snyder - recovering from surgery
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Rick Roesler - son-in-law of June Steinberg, recovering from an accident
- 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



July's Joy of Giving The Salvation Army

New London's Salvation Army is known as a Service Unit which is composed of local volunteers who know their community very well.

Service Unit Aid May Include:

- Groceries
- Utility Payments
- Rent Assistance
- Emergency Transportation Expenses
- Emergency Meals
- Emergency Prescriptions
- Assistance for Disaster Victims
- Fuel / Home Heat
- Hygiene Items

Please support this ministry with your July Joy of Giving. Use the Joy of Giving envelope or online giving through the Trinity website.

Did you know that all monies collected in the Kettles in Waupaca County stays in Waupaca County?



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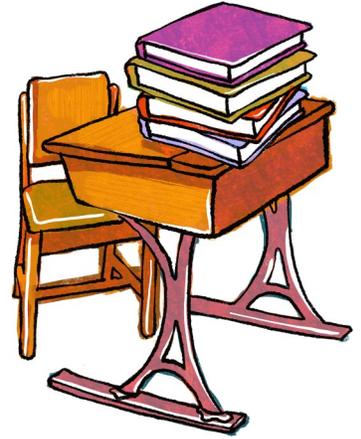
We Want to Hear from YOU!

Youth and Education is hosting a listening session. We want to hear your ideas, feedback, and any concerns regarding the programming at Trinity. Come share openly with us!



Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30

If you are unable to attend but would like to share, email Madalyn at familyfaith.trinitynewlondon@gmail.com



Help Wanted

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS!

CONTACT MADALYN AT FAMILYFAITH.TRINITYNEWLONDON@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

**WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:
TEACHERS, SUBSTITUE TEACHERS, HOSTS, SNACK SUPPLIERS, AND MORE!**



Sunday Scriptures

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

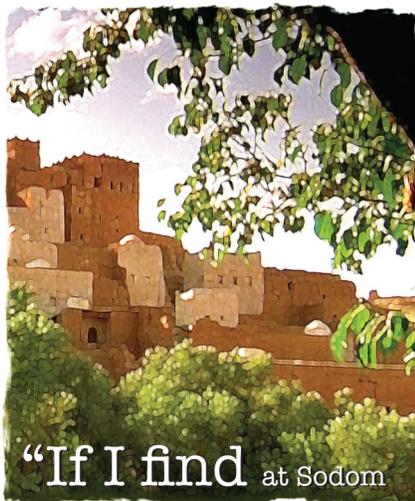
²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?"

²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose



fifty righteous in the city,
I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Genesis 18:26, ESV

five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Psalm: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me;

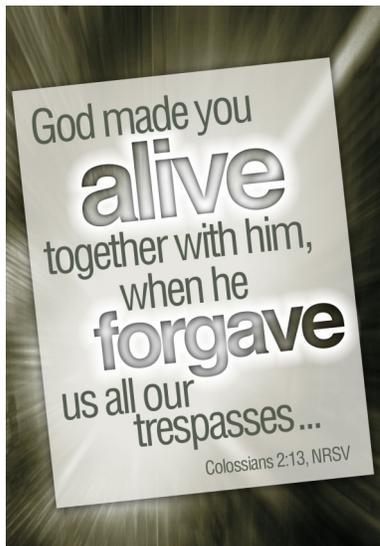
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him,



when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing

festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

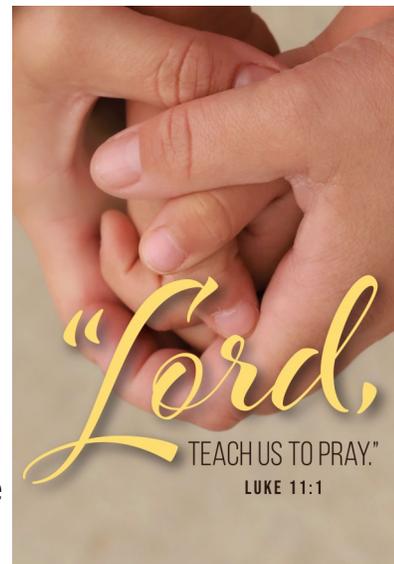
³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

Allison Kurth, Peter Kurth

Lector

Cindy Wolford

Slides

Laura Thompson

Communion Assistant

Cindy Wolford

Altar Guild

Dawn Hess, Sandy Krueger



Sermon Notes

A man named Larry goes to a revival and listens to the preacher. After a while the preacher asks anyone with needs to be prayed over to come forward to the front at the altar. Larry gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks: "Larry, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Larry replies: "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing." The preacher puts one finger in Larry's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Larry's head and prays and prays and prays. After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks Larry: "Larry, how is your hearing now?" Larry says, "I don't know, Reverend, it's not until next Wednesday."

Miscommunication. Misunderstandings. They happen all of the time. Especially in texts and emails when you cannot see the other person's face, read body language, hear voice inflection etc. Even face to face we can misunderstand one another.

Have you ever wondered if God understands our prayers, especially when they do not seem to be answered? Do we wonder sometimes if our prayers are clear enough? Or wonder if we are praying for the right things? Using the right words?

Jesus is clear that we need to be persistent in prayer. We need prayer. Prayer is about communication with God. Prayer is about relationship. Prayer is not transactional: it is not just about getting what we want from God if we ask nicely enough. God is not a vending machine. Sometimes God's answer is "yes," sometimes "no," and other times "not yet."

Some people have lost their faith when their prayers are not answered the way they wish. Jesus tells us to be persistent because God is faithful and God listens. "Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you shall find." He uses image of asking friends for help. Friends respond to one another in times of need. Our God is a friend, someone who wants us to turn to him! It is about relationship. The foundation of this relationship is generosity and confidence. God the Father will never answer our requests with malice but with love. God never says "stop bugging me!" God always has our best interests in mind. God wants to hear from us. God wants us to know him. Prayer is the best way to know him.

Prayer also gives us power. More prayer. More power! Prayer builds us up. Makes us stronger. Prayer helps us build up an account that we can draw on in trying times. Prayers of others can lift us up when we are weak. It's hard to describe but it is real. Laura and I felt the prayers of so many this week for her Dad who is hospitalized. I had an experience at a healing service on a retreat a couple of months ago when a large group prayed for me and I had a burden lifted. Prayer is about experiencing a relationship with a loving God who wants to know us. A God who created us and knows us inside and out. A God who came among us on Jesus Christ to show us his love, who suffered and died on the cross to reconcile us to God and rose again so that we may know him eternally! A God who is present with us through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us to pray when we don't have the words.

Jesus says. "Be persistent. Keep coming to me. I am here 24/7!" Amen.



For everyone who *asks receives*, and everyone who *searches finds*, and for everyone who *knocks*, the *door will be opened*.