

Trinity Tidings

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SUNDAY, JULY 31

10:00

BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

Come enjoy a light breakfast and a family faith project for all generations!



Help Wanted

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS!

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

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:

TEACHERS, SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, HOSTS, SNACK SUPPLIERS, AND MORE!

August 2022

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Sunday, July 31

- Worship 9 AM
- Family Activity 10 AM

Monday, August 1

Tuesday, August 2

- Worship & Music Committee 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 3

- WIC 8 AM
- Staff Meeting 8 AM
- Support & Service 5:30 PM

Thursday, August 4

- No Bible Study
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM

Friday, August 5

Saturday, August 6

- Graichen Wedding

Sunday, August 7

- Worship 9 AM

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

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



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:

- Carrie Doughty - illness
- 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

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

Timber Rattler Game!

SATURDAY, AUG 13 • 6:40PM

\$10 per ticket

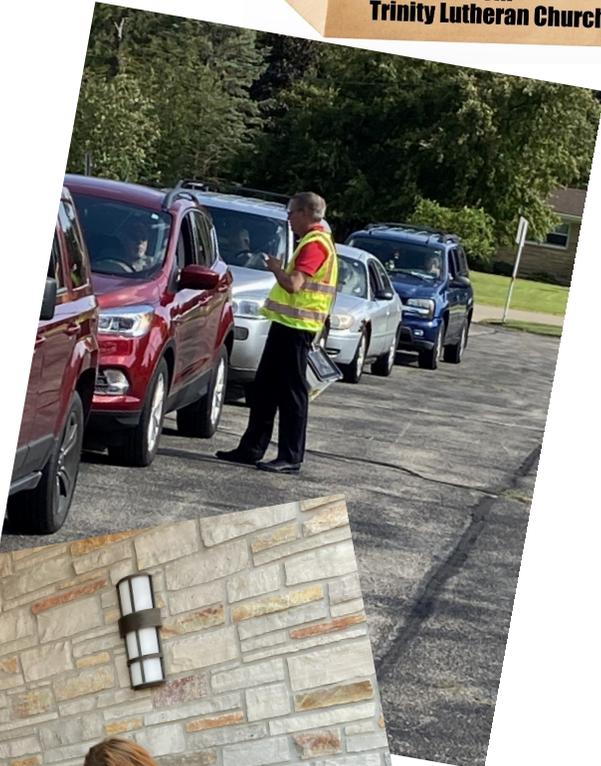
To sign up contact Tom Vigil, the church office, or the sign-up sheet at the Info Center.

Sunday, August 21

Meet the Afghan men whom we have been supporting. Stay after worship for pie and ice cream.

Pie bakers (or buyers) needed for this event!

Dawn Hess and Cindy Wolford served brats and hot dogs at our Community Meal on Wednesday. We served 176 meals. Many thanks to the volunteers who pack the bags, serve the food and make donations. Hosting and serving the meal has become so easy as many hands make little work.



The semi will be ready Oct 8!

The **Fall pick up of Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits is scheduled for Oct 8th this year.** This means we have to be all packed, labeled, blessed and out the door before this date.

Will you support the school kit project and assemble one or more school kits?

There are items to start you off located in the back of the church sanctuary. Grab a bag and the items we have and complete a kit. Return kits to the same spot and let's see if we can meet or exceed last year's goal of 50 kits!

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

In Christ,

Sue Krejcarek skrejcar@gmail.com

Organizer of Lutheran World Relief School Kits



Lutheran
World
Relief

Hi, I am a piece of cloth donated to Trinity Church, New London. I am destined for great things! But I need your help to become a Lutheran World Relief Mission quilt. Someone needs to cut me up and carefully lay me out in a pattern. Then some lucky person gets to sew me together! Others need to then lay me out on the table with some batting and get me pinned together for another bout at the sewing machine. And finally someone lovingly will make ties of crochet cotton all over me to keep the quilt together. There are other easy jobs as well.

Will you be one of the helpers? We will be starting our work year on **Thursday, Sept 29, at 10:00 in the church fellowship hall. I can't wait to get started!!**

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts are a reminder to families that even in the midst of crisis, they are not alone.

Whether you make one or a few quilts as a solo quilter or hundreds as part of a quilting group, each Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilt you make will be cherished by the person who receives it.

Contact person-Sue Krejcarek skrejcar@gmail.com or [920-680-2399](tel:920-680-2399)

LWR Quilt Liaison

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN JULY





**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23**

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with.

¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their

days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

WHAT DO PEOPLE GET FOR ALL THE TOIL AND ANXIOUS STRIVING WITH WHICH THEY LABOR UNDER THE SUN?

ECCLESIASTES 2:22, NIV



Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,

and boast of their great riches?

⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish

and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot live forever;

they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

My ^{mouth} shall speak wisdom: the meditation of my heart shall be ^{understanding}

PSALM
49:3

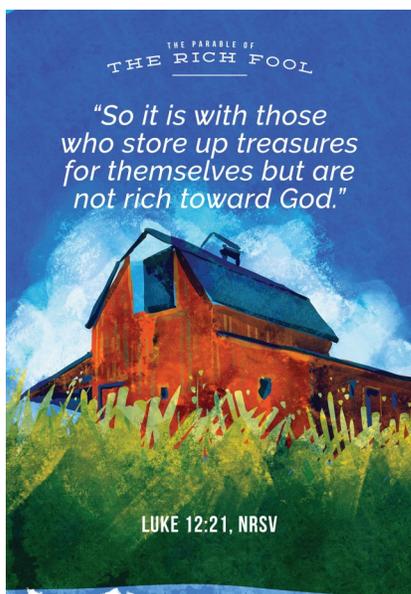


⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



"What is Greed?"

Several years ago, Millard Fuller of Habitat for Humanity addressed the National Press Club on public radio, on which he recalled a workshop he conducted at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with 200 pastors in attendance. The assembled pastors quickly pointed toward greed and selfishness as the reason the church never had enough money to accomplish its mission in the world. Millard then asked this seemingly innocent question: "Is it possible for a person to build a house so large that it's sinful in the eyes of God? Raise your hand if you think so. "All 200 pastors raised their hands. "Okay," said Millard, "then can you tell me at exactly what size, the precise square footage, a certain house becomes sinful to occupy?" Silence from the pastors. You could have heard a pin drop. Finally, a small, quiet voice spoke up from the back of the room: "When it is bigger than mine."

What is greed?

According to the dictionary: **a selfish and excessive desire for more of something (such as money) than is needed.**

Greed is when we are not satisfied with what we have. We have to have more. "We have to keep up with the Jones'."

Scripture addresses greed often. there were many greedy kings of Israel. Two of the 10 commandments deal with greed: "Do not covet..."

Jesus has a lot to say about greed. For instance, he addresses it when a man comes to him asking him to intervene with his brother to give him his inheritance. Jesus re-





“You shall
not covet
... anything
that belongs to
your neighbor.”

Exodus 20:17

fuses to take the role of the divider; he begins to talk about greed and supports his teaching with the parable of the rich fool. It was common in first-century Palestine for Jews to ask rabbis for a legal ruling. The man thought of Jesus as a respected rabbi who influenced people, and could convince his brother to give him his inheritance. The man seems to be the younger brother because, according to the Law of Deuteronomy the firstborn

son receives a double portion of his father's main estate.

The eldest brother is also responsible for keeping the estate intact or dividing it among his brothers. Therefore, younger brothers initiate when asking for their inheritance. Remember the prodigal son story?

Younger son asks for his share and then blows it?

Jesus refuses to act as arbitrator or divider of inheritance because he knows the younger man's inner thoughts and evil intentions. Jesus exposes the younger man's desire to covet his brother, "And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions'" (verse 15)

Jesus knew that this younger brother wants to obtain more wealth and a more advanced status within his community at the expense of his older brother.

Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool to teach against greed. He emphasizes that successful life does not depend on possessions, but on entrusting one's life to God.

The scenario that Jesus depicts is a wealthy landholder who had an abundant harvest and decided to tear down his current storage facilities to make room for larger ones. This rich man is a shrewd businessman, but his shrewdness is very evil. By building huge storage, the rich fool decides to hoard his harvest and not contribute to the market with his surplus.

This farmer is only interested in his well-being, ignoring the needs of the poor peasants around him who will be affected by his decision.

The wealthy farmer is a fool because he assumes that his security depends on his possessions and wealth, not God, the source of

all gifts and security.

The man dies but can't take his wealth with him.

It is left to someone else, so what is the point of hoarding everything he has?

"You will never see a hearse pulling a U Haul." Jesus says we need to be "rich towards God," which means sharing wealth with others in need.

Being "rich towards God" means being in relationship with others.

Greed is the opposite of generosity.

It makes us worry about the future instead of trusting God, who holds the future. "Greed destroys us, but generosity blesses us."

Generosity is where we experience joy.

Everything we have is a gift from God.

God desires us to use our wealth wisely and generously.

Jesus wants to free us from the destructive power of greed that moves us away from God.

Jesus says, "Trust me. I will provide for you." And he does provide.

We can trust him because of what he did through his death and resurrection.

We can prayerfully ask God how to use our wealth.

The reason that there are so many starving people is not because God has not provided enough resources.

It is because of human selfishness and greed. Jesus shows us that giving is far more satisfying than hoarding.

We do not need to worry about how much others have.

Our self-worth is not dependent upon our possessions.

Enjoy what we have and share it.

God gives us what we need.

It is more than enough.

Amen.

Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

David Newton, Kirk Van Dreef

Lector

David Newton

Slides

Mark Moser

Communion Assistant

David Newton

Altar Guild

Dawn Hess, Sandy Krueger