

Trinity Tidings

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So glad to be getting back to our Fall schedule here at Trinity! **It is time to start up Trinity Times coffee hour after worship.** Is this a ministry you can participate in? We need people to oversee this fellowship opportunity. It really runs itself if everyone just signs up to do a small part. Weekly we need a set up to make coffee, snacks brought in and set out, the area cleaned up at the end of the fellowship time.



Please contact Sue Krejcarek 920-680-2399 if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP



Scheduling worship leaders for the months of September, October, and November will begin soon. Are you currently volunteering but need/want to change your status in some way? Do you have Sundays when you know you will be unavailable? Are you not currently volunteering, but would like to share your gifts? Please notify the church office by Monday, August 22.

August 2022						
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Sunday, August 14

- Worship 9 AM

Monday, August 15

Tuesday, August 16

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 17

- Staff Meeting 8 AM

Thursday, August 18

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

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

Sunday, August 21

- Worship 9 AM (Nemetag Sunday)
- Pie & Ice Cream Social 10 AM

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

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

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Email or call with your request.

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 Feeny 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

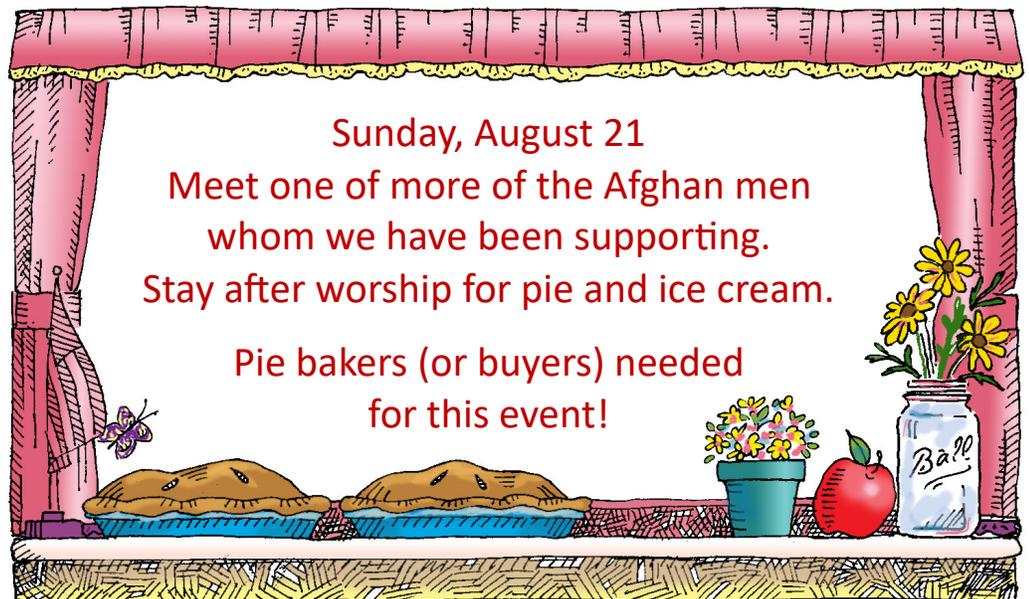
August FREE Community Meal

Allison and Peter Kurth are the meal leads this month. They are serving up hot ham and cheese sandwiches with a pasta and fresh vegetable salad. The meal is on **Wednesday, August 31, from 5 to 6 pm.**

Donations needed for August meal are:

- Healthy snacks (e.g. apple sauce, raisins, craisins, fruit cups, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- Cookies (packaged or homemade)

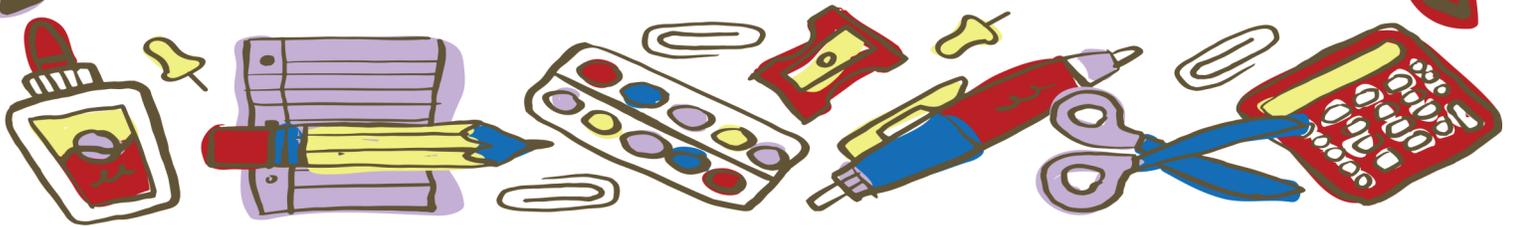
PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION. Place donations in the orange bin outside of church.



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



Save the Box!

We will be sending our quilts and kits to First English Lutheran North Site on October 8 for a Lutheran World Relief ingathering. To prepare we will **need boxes** for everything. Medium size boxes work best. Can you find some for me? We will need about 20 boxes so check your basements and garages now! I would like to have all boxes by Sept 25th so we will have time to box, label, tape up and tally.

Thank you, Trinity, for your support of Lutheran World Relief!
Sue Krejcarek



Thank you, Trinity, for your continued support of the New London Community Cupboard!

There is an ongoing need for donations. The current wish list includes soups, cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, etc. Please drop off your donations in the bin outside of the church doors.



If you didn't get a chance to drive by the church this week...there has been a lot going on!

SE:aRCh - Racial Equity Journey

August 28th, 7:00-8:00 pm

The men of St. John Lutheran in Ashwaubenon - Men On His Mission (MOHM) - have been meeting for many, many years. About two years ago they decided to read and discuss Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. Thus began a series of events and learnings about what racism is and how we can fight it. They read and discussed more books and videos, developed a resource list for people who want to learn more, and created "Did You Know?" cards and bulletin inserts as conversation starters. On Sunday evening, August 28, the men of St. John will share the story of their journey and how you can do something similar in your church. The presentation is offered through the synod's SE:aRCh Zoom format. The presentation is free, but you must register to receive the link.



SE:aRCh

Sunday Evenings:

a Recharge for The Church



Click
Here to
Register

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
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Lay School: Education for All

Registration for Lay School continues! Throughout August we will continue to feature courses. This week, Introduction to New Testament!

****Introduction to the New Testament:** The goals of this course are to gain a working knowledge of the content of the New Testament, a basic understanding of its socio-historical background and an awareness of how the New Testament came into being. The student will develop skills in reading biblical texts while exploring the various Gospel portrayals of Jesus. Students will use the knowledge to grow in confidence in proclaiming the Gospel to others. Students will also explore key theological concepts such as grace, justification, the theology of the cross and stewardship. The instructional method will encourage students to grow in love and excitement in the reading and study of the Bible.



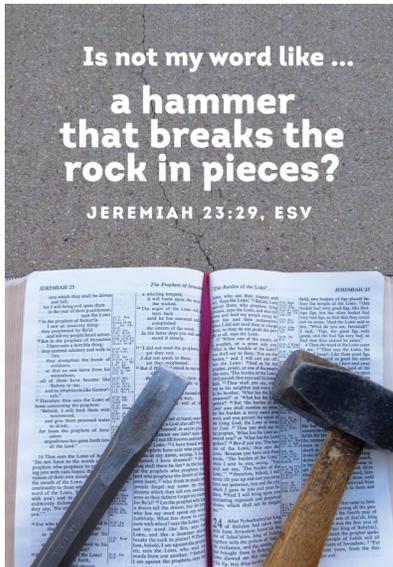
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TO **REGISTER**



First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their

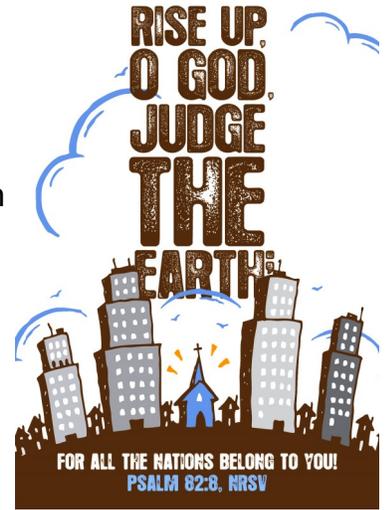


dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm: Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods: ²"How long will you judge unjustly,

and show favor to the wicked? ³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; ⁴rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked. ⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶Now I say to you, "You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; ⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince." ⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.



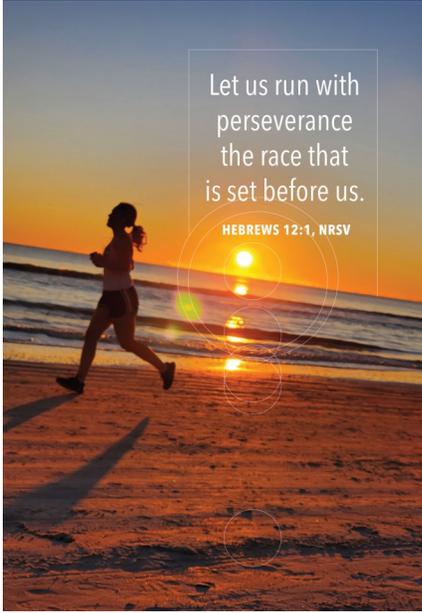
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, desti-

tute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.



³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin

that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son



I came to bring fire to the earth...

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"



You Are Not Alone

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Three men of the cloth, taking a short breather from their heavy schedules, decided to leave town for a little getaway. They were on a park bench, chatting and enjoying an early spring day. You know, since all of us are such good friends," said one, "this might be a good time to discuss the problems that are disturbing us." They all nodded in agreement. "Well, I would like to share with you the fact that I drink to excess," said one. There was a gasp from the other two. Then another spoke up. "Since you were so honest, I'd like to say that my big problem is gambling. It's terrible, I know, but I can't quit. I've even been tempted to take money from the collection plate." Another gasp was heard. But the third man remained silent. After a few minutes the others coaxed him to open up. "The fact is," he said, "I just don't know how to tell you about my problem. "It's all right, brother. Your se-

cret is safe with us."
"Well, it's this way," he said. "You see, I'm an incurable gossip. And I cannot wait to get back to town."

We all need somebody. Remember the Blues Brothers? "Everybody needs somebody., I need you, you, you!" We all need someone to confide in.



Someone to trust.
Example: "an addict alone is not in good company."

None of us are self-made.
We would not be here without people supporting and leading us, beginning with our parents, then teachers, coaches, pastors. I have had many mentors throughout my ministry, whom I feel a debt of gratitude toward.

I will never forget the words from my Teaching Parish supervisor before I preached my first sermon.

Our seminary in Chicago had a program where seminarians were assigned to parishes in the Chicago area to gain experiences in preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and worship., coinciding with our classes. Myself and 2 others were assigned to a church in Palos Heights, IL.

For the preaching class we had to preach at least once in front of a live congregation. I was nervous the Sunday it was my turn. But just before I went up to the pulpit my supervisor said:

"Relax, and let God speak through you."
I have never forgotten that.

I have countless other examples of words of wisdom shared with me by wise pastors.

The author of Hebrews makes the point that we are never alone in our faith.

He gives many examples of faithful people who have gone before us who still witness to us.

"A great cloud of witnesses."

Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— This "hall of fame of faith" does more than describe what faith is; it also illustrates what faith requires. Faith is active and demanding. It is not always easy to trust God.

That is why we need others.

We need each other.

Many ask "Why do we need the church?" The best answer is because we cannot grow in faith by ourselves.

I like the church is a "hospital for sinners" image.

Many have false perception of church as place where people think they have it all together.

We all have our issues.

That is why we need the "great cloud of witnesses" Hebrews talks about.

This is why we need to hear the stories of Abraham, Moses, David etc. as they were people of faith who had their struggles.

They all had God but also others for support.

We are all a part of the "great cloud of witnesses" to what God has done for us.

We together can look to Jesus, and as Hebrews says, "let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Together we look to Jesus, who has "been there, done that."

He went to the cross to help us get through our trials, and he rose again to ensure us of eternal relationship with him.

Together we look to him.

Together we pray, support, and love one another.

Together, along with the "great cloud of witnesses" we move forward in faith, trusting in our Lord who will not let us down.

We are never alone!

Amen.

Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

Woody Haag, Bill Krejcarek

Lector

Kathryn Moser

Slides

Bryan Willner

Communion Assistant

Bill Krejcarek

Altar Guild

Ruth Rex, Darlene Maus

