

# Trinity Tidings

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## TIMBER RATTLER GAME

Saturday, August 13; 6:40 PM  
\$10 per ticket

SIGN UP WITH TOM VIGIL, THE CHURCH  
OFFICE, OR AT THE INFO CENTER

August 2022						
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Sunday, August 7

- Worship 9 AM

Monday, August 8

- WIC 8 AM

Tuesday, August 9

- *Election Day*
- Financial Resources 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 10

Thursday, August 11

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Youth & Education 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM
- Media Outreach 6:30 PM

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

- Timber Rattler Game 6:40 PM

Sunday, August 14

- Worship 9 AM

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

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



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 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

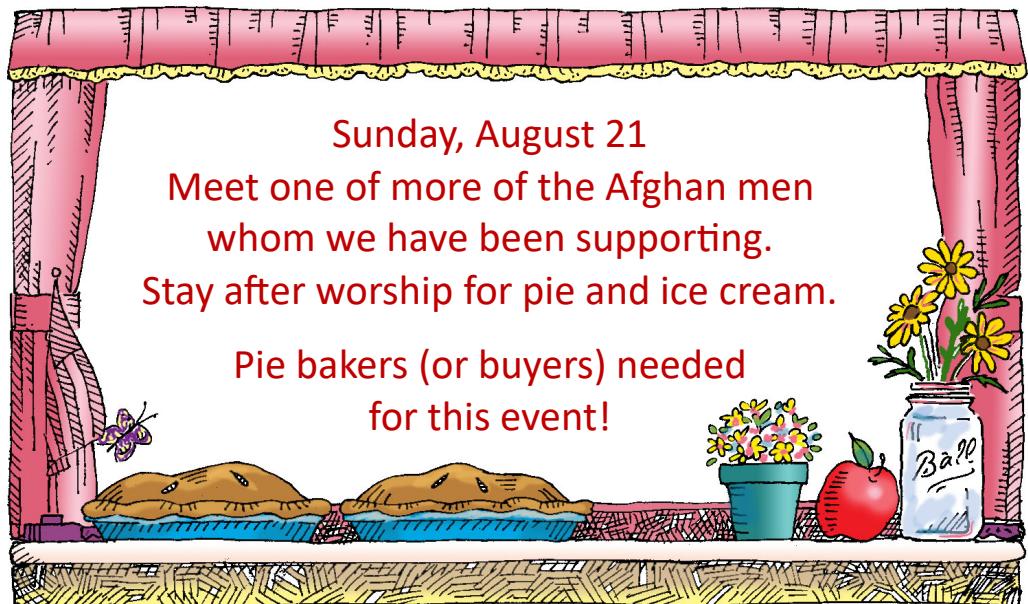
Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel

Trinity 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.



Our Confirmation Students took some time this summer to meet with Pastor Chuck. They had a chance to catch up and check in with each other. They also spent some time playing a review Jeopardy game to help them review all the things they learned this past year!





## Breakfast with Jesus



# 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](mailto:skrejcar@gmail.com)

Organizer of Lutheran World Relief School Kits



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](mailto:skrejcar@gmail.com) or [920-680-2399](tel:920-680-2399)  
LWR Quilt Liaison



## Sunday Scriptures

### First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said,

"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>The horse gives vain hope for victory;

despite its great strength it cannot save.

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.  
<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup>Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.  
<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon  
us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

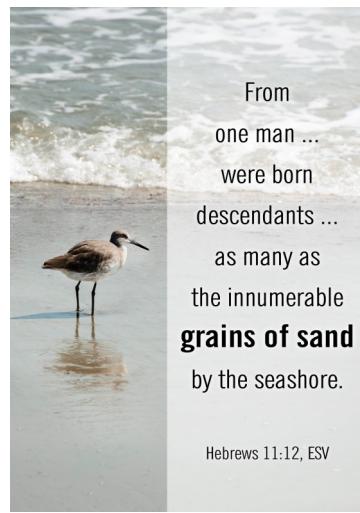
<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

<sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had



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Hebrews 11:12, ESV

been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."



### Abram

Richard Foster wrote once of a father walking through a mall with his two-year-old son. The child was cranky; he kept whining and wriggling and complaining. The father struggled to remain patient.

...[The father] scooped up his little two-year-old grumbler, held him tight to his chest, and began to sing an impromptu love song. None of the words rhymed. He sang it off-key, but as best as he could, he shared his heart: "I love you. I'm so glad you're my boy. You make me laugh." From store to store the father kept going, words not rhyming, notes off-key. His son relaxed, captivated by this strange and wonderful song.



Finally, when they had finished, the dad went to the car, buckled his son in the car seat, and his son raised his arms and lifted up his head. "Sing it to me again, Daddy. Sing it to me again."

Don't we all need some reassurance? Especially when we are kids?

Or even on our jobs If we do not receive positive feedback at least once in a while we can feel under appreciated.

Or we can feel like we are left hanging, not sure how we are doing.

Many quit jobs because they do not feel valued.

Or in our family relationships.

There's an old Scandinavian joke about Lena on a wedding anniversary asking Ole to tell her that he loves her.

He responded, "I told you I loved you when I married ya and if I change my mind I'll let you know."

We need to do better than that.

While it is true too much praise too often may

### Serving at worship this Sunday

#### Ushers

Kirk Van Dreef, Ron Flohr

#### Lector

Ron Flohr

#### Slides

Dawn Haag

#### Communion Assistant

Ron Flohr

#### Altar Guild

Ruth Rex, Darlene Maus



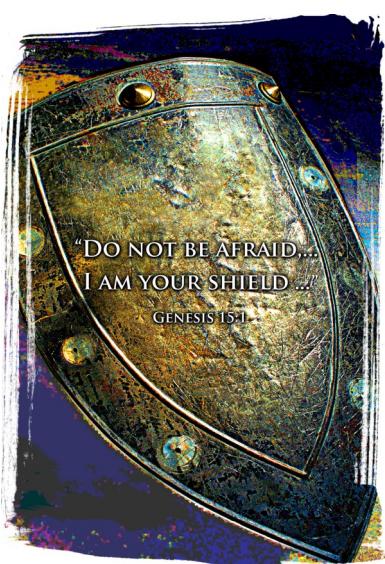
not mean as much, we still need to let those around us know that they are loved, valued, and appreciated., at least once in a while. Abram had a decent relationship with God but he was still struggling in some ways.

God had done great things for him, but Abram did not have what he needed most: an heir. To set the context of passage, in the previous chapter, Abram has just been in a battle. He has fought off a nation to rescue his nephew, Lot. And some scholars suggest that perhaps Abram is afraid of his enemies coming back after him for revenge, and this time, he might not be able to withstand the onslaught. So, God assures Abram that He will protect him. He says to him, "Abram, do not be afraid. I am your shield, your exceeding great reward." In other words,

you don't have to be afraid of anything or anybody, because as your shield, I stand between you and every enemy that would harm you. God says, I am your shield, but then God says, I am your exceeding great reward. In other words, what I will bless you with, will be

far beyond anything you could have imagined. God had come through for him, but Abram wanted more.

And even with all God had done for him, Abram is still not settled. Something is missing. Abram knows that something else should be happening based on the promise that God made to him. Abram has all this stuff, but something is missing. God has increased him rapidly. God has promised to continue to bless him. God has promised to be his protector and provider. But notice Abram's response to God, he says, "I'm grateful for all You've given and all You've done, but I don't have the key thing that the promise is based on. I don't have a child. How can I be the father of many, and I presently don't have any?" In the Hebrew, Abram basically says to God, all that you've given, all that you've done, all that you've promised is fine, but none of it means anything if I don't have someone to be the propagation of the promise. Abram says to God, "You promised a nation, but I don't even have a namesake." We should not be hard on



Abram. It's not ingratitude. It's not a poor attitude. It's not entitlement. It's frustration. He needed reassurance from God that he indeed would father a nation.

Is not this like us?

Many things can go right in our lives, but we focus on what we do not have.

Instead of being grateful for all of our blessings we can get frustrated when things do not go our way, when we do not see the benefits of following Jesus, when things do not appear to be getting any better.

We can wonder where is God at work in an ugly world full of injustice, natural disasters, unending wars, a never ending pandemic, inflation, bitter partisanship that prevents things from getting done for our country.

In our own personal lives, we all have our frustrations with jobs, family relationships, you name it.

Like Abram we can get impatient.

We need reassurance that God is at work in our lives, that we really are in God's hands.

But God assures Abram that he will have an heir and that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars.

And Abram believes.

"It is reckoned to him as righteousness."

It has been a process for him.

Results did not come overnight.

Eventually he has a son, Isaac.

God came through on God's time.

It is a process for us too.

It can take time to see God's promises fulfilled.

As Abram trusted in God's promises we can too.

God is faithful.

He provided Abram an heir and created a great nation, which produced Jesus.

When Jesus died on the cross for us God showed us his steadfast love.

On Easter morning God began the dawn of a new age, which eventually will be everlasting life, which gives us a glimpse of what eternity with God will look like.

From Abram to us today God is faithful and his steadfast love endures forever.

That we can be assured of! Amen

## grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness