

Trinity Tidings

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September FREE Community Meal

Kelly and Barb Lehl are serving grilled hot dogs and brats to the New London community on **Wednesday, September 28, from 5 to 6 pm.**

Donations needed for the September 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.

Our Sunday School program could use a few items! Feel free to drop off at church anytime!



Items needed: hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, non perishable snacks (goldfish crackers, pretzels, etc)

September 2022

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Sunday, September 18

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Monday, September 19

Tuesday, September 20

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 21

- Staff/Volunteer Meeting 8 AM
- Confirmation Class 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 22

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM
- Dartball Practice 6:30 PM

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

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

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

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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

Dartball will practice on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in joining the team or being a sub, see you then! For more information or if interested but unable to attend the practice, please contact Bryan Willner. The season begins Thursday, October 6.



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.

BAKE SALE Sunday, October 30

Please donate baked goods and support the sale by purchasing items. All proceeds will benefit Trinity's youth so please be generous both in your donations of baked goods and in your purchasing of them!

September's Joy of Giving is to Lutheran World Relief. Your monetary gift will reach your neighbors with the very least who are living in some of the most remote and forsaken regions of the world.

Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.

At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and we do not evangelize.

Thank you for giving generously to save and change lives.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.



We have received a request from the guidance department at the Intermediate/Middle School to help children who need some very basic items.

Clothing needs:

- Boys and Girls, ages 5-10 need underwear and sweatpants
- Girls, ages 11-14 need girls leggings in a plain color
- winter hats and gloves in plain colors (adult sized) are also needed

School supplies needed:

- Elementary square art boxes
- Stick glue
- Colored pencils
- Thin tip markers
- Zipper pencil cases

Other needs:

- Gift cards to Walmart for \$10 or \$20 (to use for specific items)



This is an opportunity before us. God is gracious and gives us all we need and the ability to help our neighbors. There will be a box outside the church office for collection until Sept 25th. Please bring any gift cards into the office and place them in a designated envelope on Amy's desk.

**Thank you for "God's Work, Our Hands".
Support and Service Committee**

Thank you to everyone who participated in Trinity's Get Involved Ministry Fair. Sign Up sheets are still available in the narthex. Don't wait until the next fair to get involved! If, at any time, you want to get involved, please contact the church office and you will be directed to the right people.



The idea box from the fair is located on the high top table in the narthex. If you have an idea for something you'd like to see here at Trinity, write it down and drop it in the box.



Sunday Scriptures

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel
great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm: Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of
the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²Let the name of
the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth
forevermore.

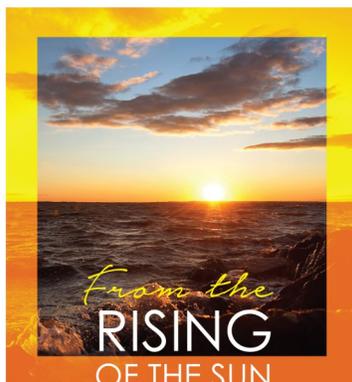
³From the rising of
the sun to its going
down

let the name of
the LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high
above all nations;

God's glory above
the heavens.

⁵Who is like
the LORD our God,



to its setting, the
name of the LORD
is to be praised!

Psalm 113:3

who sits enthroned on high,
⁶but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?
⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
⁸enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.
⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless
house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications,
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings
be made for everyone, ²for kings
and all who are in high positions, so
that we may lead a quiet and peaceable
life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is
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God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone
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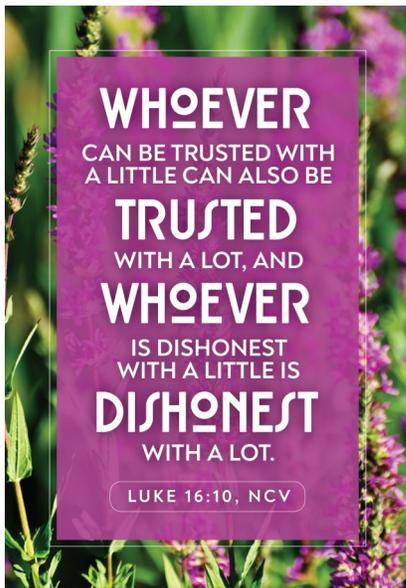
1 Timothy 2:1, NRSV

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God
and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this
I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am
telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of
the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

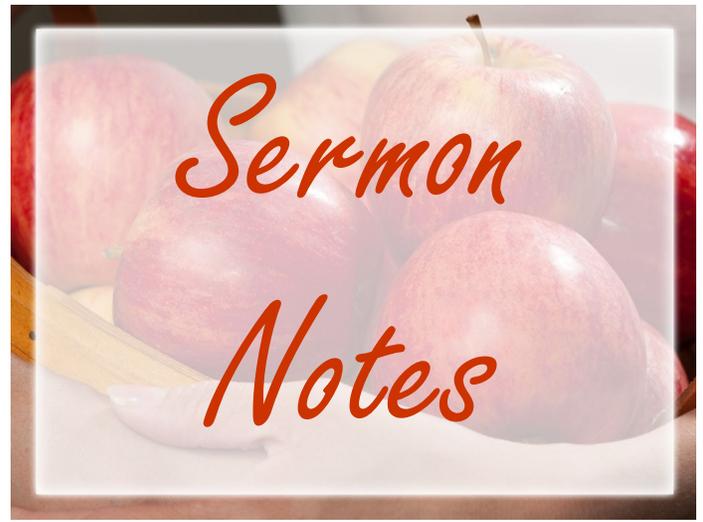
¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.



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¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you

have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."



Who Wants to Play Second Fiddle?

An Admirer once asked Leonard Bernstein, celebrated orchestra conductor, what was the hardest instrument to play. He replied without hesitation: "Second fiddle. I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm or second French horn or second flute, now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

Who wants to play 2nd fiddle? Maybe some of us like to be in the background rather than at the forefront. Some of us are better at following than leading.

But does it not irk us when someone we do not like is put in a position of authority ahead of us?

When I was in Junior High I was in a constant competition for first chair in the trombone section of the band. I usually won every challenge made by a kid determined to beat me. But after I got my braces and had to adapt my playing he beat me. Within 2 weeks I beat him and regained first chair and he never beat me again, but it was humbling experience.



In the first century it was humbling to be a Christian.

The church was diverse in status, class etc., but to be a Christian meant going against the pagan societal norms (polytheism, sexual promiscuity etc.).

The emperor claimed to be son of gods and demanded worship.

The author of I Timothy, however, said:



ASK GOD TO HELP THEM ...
AND GIVE THANKS FOR THEM.

1 Timothy 2:1, NLT

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life

in all godliness and dignity.”

Author is telling the church that even though they are playing second fiddle they need to pray for those in authority.

Then he continues:

“This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.”

God’s desire is for ALL to be saved and come to know the truth.

God is the one who determines our place.

According to the world we may be playing second fiddle but to God we are put in our places to achieve beautiful harmony.

God is the composer and director.

Jesus is the one mediator between God and humanity who brings us into relationship with God to create perfect harmony.

God in Christ does the work and not us.

As a church, we are reminded by this and other passages that ultimately it is God who determines our place in the world.

It is not up to us to bring in God’s kingdom.

God has already entered our world in Jesus and through the cross and resurrection has made us all worthy to be in his symphony.

God is the one who judges the world and not us!

How do we know our place? By listening to God’s voice.

By acknowledging God is in charge and not us.

By listening to one another, encouraging one another.

God has given each of us gifts, has made each of us unique.

God puts us all together.

As a church it is not that we are on a mission from God, but rather God’s mission has a church.

Notice the difference?

The church perhaps looks a little different today than maybe we expect.

But God is working.

Perhaps it may appear the church is playing second fiddle in the world, but God is using us!

In every little way we are reaching out to the community God is working.

We pray for those in authority and trust that God has us where we need to be.

Christ our mediator assures us that we are in His hands! Amen.

Serving at worship on Sunday

Ushers

Lydia Young, Mark Moser

Lector

Dawn Hess

Communion Assistant

Treston Kaepernick

Slides

Majah Knudsen

Livestream

Dawn Haag

Altar Guild

Dawn Hess

