

Trinity Tidings

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JUNE 26 COMMUNITY MEAL

For next week's June 26th meal, Trinity is serving hot ham and cheese sandwiches, along with a pasta and fresh vegetable salad from 5-6 pm.

If you know someone who could benefit from this meal, please direct them to Trinity's parking lot on Wednesday. If the person does not have transportation, please consider waiting in line and delivering the meal to them.



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Sunday, June 23

- Worship 9 AM

Monday, June 24

Tuesday, June 25

- Community Meals Packing 5 PM

Wednesday, June 26

- Community Meals Distribution 5 PM

Thursday, June 27

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

Friday, June 28

Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30

- Worship 9 AM

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



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Trinity has an opportunity to have an overnight at Pine Lake Camp on Friday July 26th. This will be only one night, Friday and then leaving Saturday. Activities will be planned to make it a great experience. There is a sign up sheet at the information center outside the office or contact the church office.



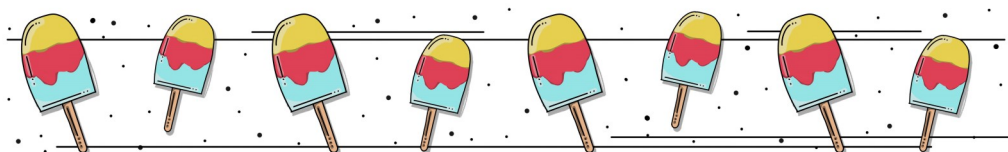
Office Hours:
8 AM - 12 noon
Tuesday - Thursday
Other times by appointment



Thank you, Trinity, for your continued support of the New London Food Pantry! The needs continue to be great. Please drop your donations in the deck box outside of the church doors.



- Jeremy & Julia Martinson - friend of Amy Kuehl, Jeremy is recovering from surgery
- Tony Krajna - friend of Dan Wesenick, cancer
- Jim Schmidt - friend of Dyreson's, recovering from surgery
- Shelley Langkau - cousin of Vigil's, cancer
- Bryan Price - friend of Vigil's, cancer
- Sue Luba - recovering from surgery
- Carla Fulcer - friend of Sue Luba, cancer
- Keith Krueger
- Mary Jo Driessen - friend of Wesenick's, cancer
- Trista Jo Westphal - health concerns
- Ginny Halverson - friend of Lehl's, recovering from a stroke
- Peter H. - friend of Dyreson's, leukemia
- Julie Smith - daughter of Jean Smith, recovering from transplant surgery
- Leslie Larson - uncle of Marta Wesenick, cancer
- Beth Cochran - friend of Dan Wegner, health concerns
- Kaden Wegner - grandson of Michael Wegner, health concerns
- Pastor Dean Desilet - friend of Pastor Chuck, health concerns
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer



Trinity's Joy of Giving for June is Lutheran Disaster Response

In the face of disaster, Lutheran Disaster Response shares relief today and builds resilience for tomorrow. From wildfires to hurricanes to refugee crises, we are present when disaster strikes, ready to accompany communities through relief and recovery. We are also in communities when there are no impending disasters, preparing people to mitigate the effects of a disaster and enabling them to bounce back more quickly.

Lutheran Disaster Response relies upon strong partnerships with global companion churches, ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations. We recognize that every disaster is local and responses need to be rooted in community. Our partners know their communities the best and can address local needs.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response share healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. Together, we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Give today to support survivors in the United States and around the world, wherever and whenever a disaster may strike. [Learn more.](#)

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) or follow [@ELCA_LDR](#) on [Instagram](#).

Sign up to receive **Lutheran Disaster Response** alerts.



Give Now to Lutheran Disaster Response



Last week some of the Comfort Crafters drove over to Herrschners in Stevens Point for their annual warehouse sale. They picked out yarn for projects they will make for Trinity's knitting/crochet ministry.



Comfort Crafts is partnering with Mission of Hope House to make afghans available for the residents. If you knit or crochet, please consider making afghans. You don't need to come to church for Comfort Crafts to help with this cause. Yarn has been donated and is available for your use, if needed. You may also donate yarn to this ministry. Contact a member of Comfort Crafts or the church office for more information.

Do you know of someone who could use a shawl or lap blanket as a source of comfort? Please contact the church office or someone from Comfort Crafts and they will be honored to help you pick something. Recipients do not need to be Trinity members.

Comfort Crafts meets at 5:30 PM on Thursdays. If you are interested in learning to crochet or knit, they are happy and honored to help you learn!



Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of

the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;

their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love

and your wonderful works for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;

in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

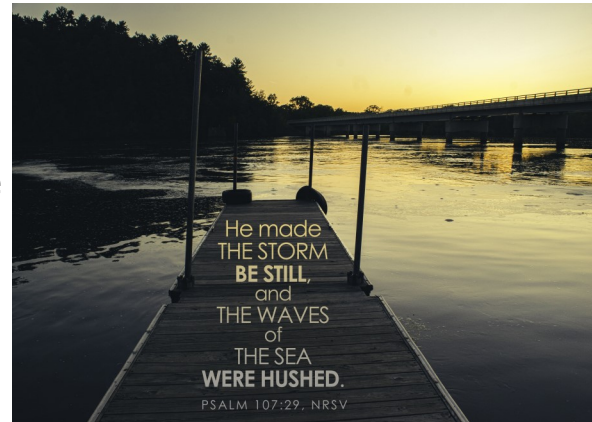
Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in eve-



ry way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



Need Some Rest?

Anyone need a pillow? I've got a long sermon today.

One lucky individual has my permission to take a nap.

Don't we all need some rest?

Some experts say short naps are healthy during the day, as long as they do not disrupt our sleep cycles.

Actually if you could stay awake that would make me feel better.

Jesus slept.

He was fully human as well as fully God so he needed rest too.

We just heard the story of Jesus sleeping through a storm.

There is so much rich imagery in this story.

Sleep is a typical posture of trust in God (Job 11:18-19; Psalms 3:5; 4:8), so Jesus has absolute trust in the Father through the storm.

The disciples, however, are petrified.

And some of them were seasoned fishermen.

Terrifying storms could spring up out of the blue.

Throughout the Bible the sea is associated with chaos that only the Lord can master.

Example, in the beginning of Genesis God brings order out of chaos.

Therefore, the disciples turn to Jesus for help and wake him up.

They cry out "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Jesus wakes up and stops the storm.

Two harsh verbs express how Jesus stilled the storm. (4:39a). The first, "Be quiet!" (siōpa), was used to dramatize Jesus' silencing of antagonists (3:4b); later, one of his questions will shush the Twelve (9:34). The second, "Shut up!" (pephimōso), is the same verb Je-

sus used to muzzle an unclean spirit (1:25).
So also 4:39b: Jesus conquers demonic forces that threaten human life.

The message of this story is clear:

Jesus—and no one else—is Lord, and that God remains dedicated to our welfare.

We need to be reminded of this constantly.

Do we not face storms and chaos all of the time?

I do not need to remind many of you of the destructive power of nature.

Floods and tornadoes and hurricanes can be devastating!

There seems to be more and more severe weather.

During times like these we need to hold on to something to get through.

I will always remember a family camping trip to Ottawa Lake with another family.

A storm with hurricane force winds hit.

Our new screen tent was destroyed but I helped my friend Luke hold down the awning attached to his camper.

Wives and kids huddled inside the camper and sang songs as Luke and I held on.

“He’s got the very wet daddies, in his hands.”

That was calming in the midst of the storm.

We face all kinds of chaos and storms.

I do not need to go into the chaos of another presidential election year: all of the nastiness and negativity.

We face storms of illnesses, strained relationships, watching loved ones suffer.

We never know what to expect, what can come up.

We need to cling to Jesus.

It has been said that faith is like an oscillating fan: veering from one extreme to another. Sometimes our faith is strong and other times we do not trust in God, and need Jesus’ reassurance.

The opposite of faith is not doubt.

It is ok to question God.

The opposite is depending totally upon ourselves, thinking that we can fix everything.

In my own experience this does not usually turn out well.

We need Jesus to calm our storms, we cannot do it ourselves.

Once again remember that

Jesus—and no one else—is Lord.

We cannot calm the storms of life on our own.

We need Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again so that he could conquer the forces of evil and chaos that overwhelm us.

His voice comes to us in the midst of the storm: “Peace! Be still!”

This poem expresses faith in the midst of a storm quite well:

He lay with quiet heart in the stern asleep;
Waking, commanded both the winds and sea.
Christ, though this weary body slumber deep,
Grant that my heart may keep its watch with thee.

O Lamb of God that carried all our sin,
Guard thou my sleep against the enemy.

—Alcuin of York (735–804)

In Jesus, the calmer of all storms, we have rest. Amen.

Serving at worship on Sunday

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