

Trinity Tidings

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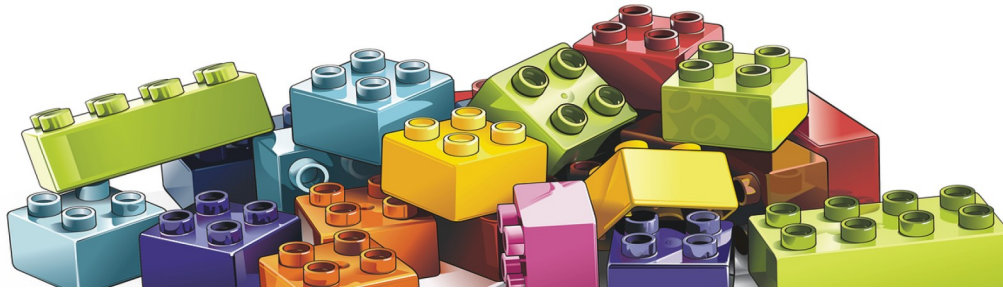


Lego Build Party!

Sunday, June 9 | 4-5 p.m.

Lower level of Trinity Lutheran Church

All preschool, elementary and middle school-aged youth welcome!



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Sunday, June 9

- Worship 9 AM
- Lego Build Party! 4-5 PM

Monday, June 10

- Ruth Circle @ Cleveland's 7 PM

Tuesday, June 11

Wednesday, June 12

- Financial Resources 6:30 PM

Thursday, June 13

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

Friday, June 14

Saturday, June 15

Sunday, June 16

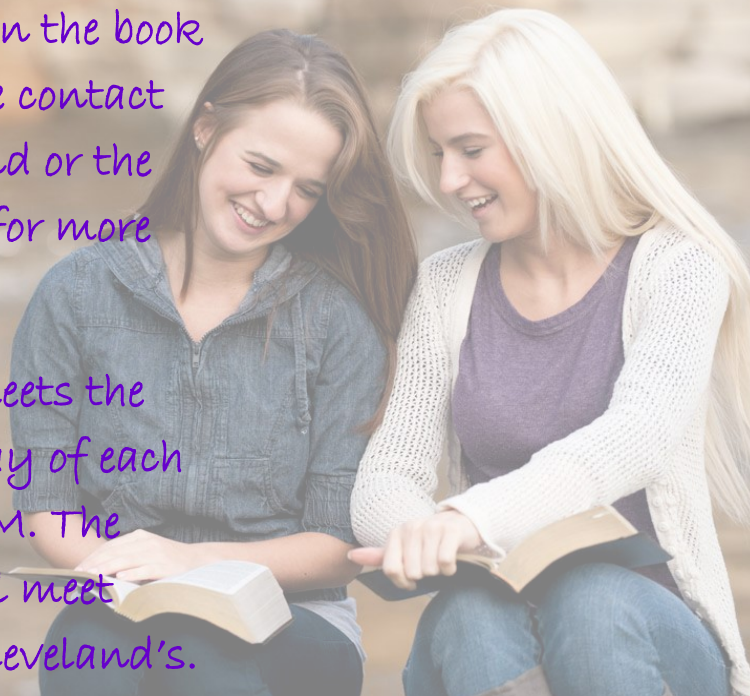
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Click [here](#) for the most current calendar.

Click [here](#) for worship.

Ruth Circle is starting a new study on the book of Acts. Please contact Carol Cleveland or the church office for more information.

Ruth Circle meets the second Monday of each month at 7 PM. The next circle will meet June 10th at Cleveland's.



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



- Sue Krejcarek
- Wendy Sasman - health concerns
- 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
- Paul Bock - recovering from surgery
- Brian Miller - health issues
- 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
- Mike Lopnow - 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



Medical Center-New London

Trinity has received a check for \$1000 from the ThedaCare Medical Center – New London Quasi Endowment Fund in support of our “Grab and Go” community meals ministry. ThedaCare’s mission is to improve the health of the communities that they serve which is also a goal of Trinity’s community meals ministry. This is the fourth year that Trinity’s community meals ministry has received support from ThedaCare Medical Center – New London Quasi Endowment Fund.

Trinity’s Community Meals committee is very thankful for this donation! This funding helps Trinity to ensure its ability to continue its outreach to those experiencing food insecurity in the New London area.



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.](#)

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Third Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

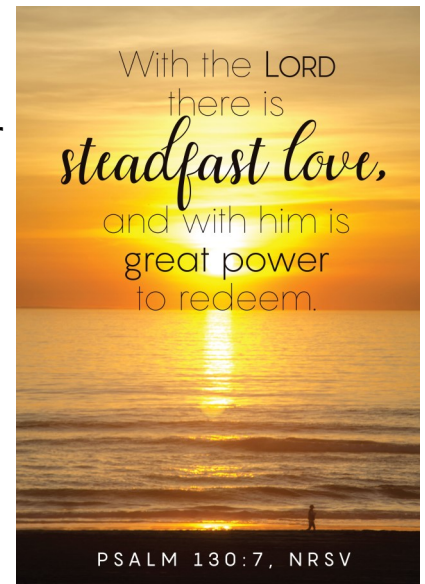
⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.



Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Je-

THEREFORE WE DO NOT LOSE HEART.

14 Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16, NIV

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] 20 and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he can-

not stand, but his end has come. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28 "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— 30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33 And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Serving at worship on Sunday

Ushers

Woody Haag, Dawn Hess

Lector

Dawn Hess

Communion Assistant

David Newton

Slides

Stella Dunday

Livestream

Dawn Haag

Altar Guild

Kathryn Moser, Allison Kurth





Family

Good night John boy

Good night Elizabeth

Good night Mary Ellen

Good night Jim Bob...

Do you recognize this?

The Walton's of course.

The model, close knit family that stuck together through thick and thin through the depression and World War II.

Then there was Little House on the Prairie, the saga of the Ingalls family that hung together through trials after trials.

These are the tv shows I grew up with.

There have been many sitcoms on families.

Usually healthy families.

Later on there were some satirical shows such as Married with Children.

I don't watch much tv today but from what I understand families look quite different, as times have changed.

We hear a lot about "family values," although people do not agree with what they are.

What is a family? According to the dictionary "a group of one or more parents and their children living together as a unit" or more broadly "all the descendants of a common ancestor."

"Family" is a broad term but most often we think of our parents, and siblings, those we are related to biologically.

"Family," however, can be an exclusive term that draws boundaries.

In today's gospel Jesus seems to be kind of rude to his own immediate family: his mother and brothers and sisters.

First they are trying to come to him because they think he is losing his mind.

After all, he was raising quite a raucous with his teachings and healings.

The text says that they "went out to restrain him."

Maybe they were worried about him and his safety.

He had made enemies, including the religious leaders who accused him of using the power of Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, to cast out demons.

Jesus points out how contradictory that is.

Then his family asks for him and he kind of blows them off.

He responds with, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

What Jesus is doing here is expanding the definition of family.

What is interesting is he includes "sister," since they were normally ignored.

Jesus is transcending boundaries that society builds.

He is not attacking the traditional family unit of blood relatives but is stating that families are more than biology.

This was good news for his followers and those who heard these stories later on when the gospels were written, for many had left their loved ones to follow him.

In the early church families were divided over following Jesus.

To those who felt rejected or estranged from their biological families Jesus was offering them a family of faith, brothers and sisters who loved them and accepted them.

We all know our families are not perfect. One speaker of a retreat I went on said:

"96% of families are dysfunctional, they just have not found the other 4 percent yet."

We need our immediate families and blood rela-



tives, even when they're not much help.

There's the story of how Ole was taking Lena, who was pregnant with twins, to the hospital when his car went out of control and crashed. Upon regaining consciousness, he saw his brother Sven, sitting at his bedside. He asked Sven how Lena was and his brother replied, "Don't worry, everybody is fine and you have a son and a daughter. But the hospital was in a real hurry to get the birth certificate filed and both you and Lena were unconscious so I named them for you."

Ole was thinking to himself, "Oh no, what has he done now?" and said, "Well, what did you name them?"

Sven replied, "I named da little girl Denise." Ole said, "Ya, dat's a very pretty name! And just what did you come up with for my son?" Sven smiled and replied, "Denephew."

Just a little Scandinavian humor.

We love our imperfect biological relatives but in addition Jesus offers us relationships that transcend boundaries.

When he died he died for ALL.

For God so loved the WORLD that he gave his only son.

He died and rose to reconcile humanity to God and to create God's family on earth.

God gave us our biological families to love and honor, but offers us a broader family of brothers and sisters in Christ which transcends all boundaries.

We are all a part of God's family, the Body of Christ, called to carry out his will in the world.

We are all in this together. Amen

