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*Trinity Lutheran Church exists
to support its members
in proclaiming the Word of God
so that all may know
the peace, joy, and fulfillment
that comes through Jesus Christ.*

TRINITY GOOD NEWS

May 2024



Important Dates

May 5: Men's Band & Smelt Feed

May 19: Graduate Recognition Sunday at 9 am
Baccalaureate @ 6 pm at Boyceville Gym

May 20: Lagers with the Lord at 6 pm

May 27: Memorial Day-Office Closed



MAY

OFFICE HOURS:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion is served every Sunday			<u>1</u> Worship 6:30 pm	<u>2</u> Card Club 10am	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> 9am Worship	<u>6</u> Bible Study 10am	<u>7</u> Quilting 9am-Noon	<u>8</u> Worship 6:30 pm	<u>9</u> Card Club 10am	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
Luke 21:1-6	Luke 21:7-19	Luke 21:20-24	Luke 21:25-28	Luke 21:29-33	Luke 21:34-38	Luke 20:45-47
Happy Mother's Day Luke 22:7-13	<u>13</u> Bible Study 10am	<u>14</u> Quilting 9am-Noon	<u>15</u> Worship 6:30 pm Council Mtg @ 6 pm	<u>16</u> Card Club 10am	<u>17</u>	Luke 22:1-6
<u>19</u> 9am Worship Graduate Recognition Sunday	Luke 22:14-23	Luke 22:24-30	Luke 22:31-34	Luke 22:35-38	Luke 22:39-46	Luke 22:47-53
Youth Gath. Mtg @10:15 Baccalaureate @ 6 pm Luke 22:54-62	<u>20</u> Bible Study 10am Lagers with the Lord @ Buck Shots 6pm	<u>21</u> Quilting 9am-Noon	<u>22</u> Worship 6:30 pm	<u>23</u> Card Club 10am	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> 9am Worship	<u>27</u> Happy Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED Luke 23:50-56	<u>28</u> Quilting 9am-Noon	Luke 23:6-12	Luke 23:13-25	Luke 23:26-31	Luke 23:32-43
Luke 23:44-49		Luke 24:1-12	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:36-49	Luke 24:50-53	***Office Closed*** On Fridays Starting June 7 th (Summer Hours)

⁴⁸“You are witnesses of these things.” Luke 24:48

Here in May, I will continue a tradition that is very important to me. I will take my yearly pilgrimage to Wrigley Field to watch the Chicago Cubs. It is a trip that is steeped in memory, most especially of my Dad, who will have died 32 years ago this May 10th. I have gone every year since I was born except for the year he died, as I just couldn't do it. In connection to that, I have paired my yearly holy pilgrimage to Wrigley with taking my nephew Logan, now 21, with me to Wrigley. I have been taking him every year since he was 10 and I have been able to take him to his first night game, his first game in the bleachers, and when we go on May 17th, I will take him to the best Cubs bar, Murphy's Bleachers, before the game and buy him his first beer in Wrigley Field a little bit later. (Note: I have been in Murphy's with him before, but during the offseason when everyone can go in. But not before a game. Just want to be accurate!).

But maybe most importantly of all, I have been able to witness to him about the grandfather he never knew. I've been able to share stories with him, teach him how to keep score, just like my Dad taught me, and to continue to nurture the love of the Cubs that have continued for generations. And since I don't have kids, it has been a way to continue a legacy that I hope he will pass on one day to his kids. To witness.

Jesus tells the disciples that they are witnesses. Witnesses to the death and resurrection of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Witnesses of forgiveness of sins that are in his name. Witnesses. And what are we, dear friends, but the same thing? We are called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To proclaim Christ crucified and risen. To proclaim the good news that we are saved by grace through faith. To witness to the power of God's love in our lives every day. You get a chance to be that witness, to the old and the young, to family and friends, to strangers and others. You can be a witness through words and actions, in ways big and small. But a witness you are and a witness you need to be, for the world needs the hope, love, and grace of Jesus Christ. People need that hope, that love, that grace. I know that I need it. I have been privileged to not only be the one witnessing but also to be witnessed to, even by some of you. It is who we are as the people of God: witnesses to God's love in Jesus Christ in the world.

I miss my Dad and I'm glad I get to witness to his memory by continuing our shared traditions and passing them on the best I can. But he not only passed onto me those things, he passed onto me that I am loved by Jesus Christ no matter what and that in Jesus there is always hope. And so, I pass that on to you all as well, as a witness. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are saved. And you always have hope because Jesus is with you. For that we can say, "Thanks be to God!" Amen



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POINTS OF INTEREST

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Quilter's Corner News

Our quilting ladies have been busy getting some of our comfort quilts completed. We now work in the quilt room and out in the dining area, so we keep all our hands busy. We have had some donations, so thank you to all the ones that are donating fabric or any other kinds of items. If you are not sure if we can use it, just leave it in the quilting room and we can take out what we feel we can use. Our quilter this month is Trudie Chernak. After she retired, about 6 years ago, she thought it would be fun and to fill her time. She didn't know much about quilting and there were maybe 8 people in the group at that time. We are now a group of 14. That's amazing! Trudie does many different things in the quilt room, and she fills in where needed. So, that means she sews the final quilt, ties, cuts, and does serging on the diapers and blankets. She really enjoys visiting with the ladies, finding out how everyone around Boyceville is related and she loves learning history from Shirley Dow. It seems like every week someone has an appointment, so she is learning what's in store for her or all of us!! She found out that Arlene Clack went to school with her mother. That's awesome information. Some of the things that are different since she joined is that she feels that we have some amazing quilters and lots of beautiful quilts are made. We make more quilts now for many different places and we have 2 serger machines. Some of her favorite memories are working with Mary Slind and Dee Brezina. Pat Rettke taught her to put a piece of paper behind the needle to make it easier to thread the machine. She loves listening to everyone's life stories and of course, watching PB slide across the counter. Honestly, you need to see this in person. We are waiting for PB to go right over and on the floor. If that happens, we will be sure to post photos, but he seems to have his speed good for now. I never thought, what if PB doesn't have enough speed to make the jump to the counter!! Again, we will keep you posted with that. Trudie says that it is always nice to open the door to the quilt room and see things on the table that people have brought in, yarn, thread, sheets, etc. One time she said someone gave us a whole truck full of fleece. Eloise was gone last week, and our group was a bit smaller, so we had no one to thread our needles with the yarn. Sandy stepped up to the plate and if you remember the article on how she couldn't keep up like Eloise. She surprised us all. Great job Sandy!!! Thanks for reading and God Bless!

Becky Nyhus

YOUTH NEWS



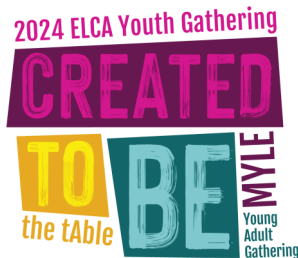
Confirmation has ended for the year!
Blessings to our confirmands over the summer!



Sign up for Luther Park Bible Camp! Go to www.lutherpark.org for information and to sign up today! Use code TLCB24 when you sign up.



Final Push to New Orleans! Help the Youth Gathering Youth in their final push to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans! Use the sheet in your bulletin to donate and help feed and house our youth and put gas in the vans. Thank you for your support! See the thermometer in the Narthex for our progress towards our goal.



Last Youth
Gathering Meeting
May 19th at 10:15 am

Graduate Recognition Worship
Sunday, May 19th at 9am

Baccalaureate at 6 pm at
Boyceville Gymnasium



Cooper Anderson
Parker Coombs
Sydney Garbe
Renee Hanestad
Hailey Hellendrung
Zach Kersten
Paul Kurschner
Cora Leslie
Mariah Marvin
Natelle McCarthy
Ali McRoberts
Paige Mrdutt
Nick Olson
Braden Roemhild
Jaden Stevens
Sarah Stoveren
Haley Stuart-Tollefson
Treylin Thorson

WORSHIP

Men's Band Worship

Sunday, May 5th @ 9 am



SMELT FEED

May 5th @ 10am-11:30am

served by the Men of Trinity

Smelt, Meatballs, Chips, Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert, and Beverage.

Free-will Offering taken to benefit Trinity Youth

**CALLING ALL MEN!!! WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP
FOR THE SMELT FEED. SEE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.**

TRINITY EVENTS

Bible Study

Mondays at 10am
All are welcome to attend



May 6, 13, & 20th



May 27th Office will be Closed



Quilting

We will meet Tuesdays from 9am-Noon. All are welcome to attend, you don't need to know how to sew to attend.

Office Closed
On
Fridays
Starting June 7th
(Summer Hours)

Card Club Fellowship

Card Club on Thursdays at 10am. Masks are Optional. Come join the fun and play '500'. Every talent level (beginner to pro) welcome to attend. We'll teach you the game. Cards and scoring sheets provided.



VBS will be July 29th– August 1st
9 am till Noon

SUPERHEROES FOR GOD

Games, Music, Crafts, Snack & More! Pre K through 6th grade
Dress up day, Water day & fun every single day!



Cake Walk

Please purchase a ticket or tickets for a chance to win a decorated bakery item. Drawing is after worship on Sundays.

\$1 for 1 ticket
\$5 for 6 tickets

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FREE of charge! All are Welcome!

Lagers with the Lord
May 20th at 6 pm
@ Buck Shots

A Celebration of Life for long time former member, **Loretta Wiehr** will be held on May 18th at the Open Door United Methodist Church in Kiester, MN. Visitation at 10, service at 11, lunch at noon and interment at 1. Please RSVP to Colleen Foxwell at cgfoxwell@gmail.com or 715-308-1446

WOMEN OF TRINITY

The Women of Trinity met on Sunday, April 7, after worship. We are now collecting clothing and household items for the Savers project. Day of Renewal will be on Saturday, April 20 at Hope Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Heidi Kothrade and Diane Oakland are planning on attending.

Luther Park Retreat will be held June 5 and 6 In Chetek. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

The WOT will begin the Cake Walk on the 1st Sunday of June and continue through the summer. Fellowship will begin the 2nd Sunday in June and continue the same.

The WOT will be collecting Baby Care items during the month of May. If you are going to garage sales this summer these are some of the items we need: size 6-24 months - sleepers or gowns, cotton t-shirts, light jackets, sweaters or hooded sweatshirts, receiving blankets, dark colored hand towels and baby socks. We can also use Onsies, we cut them off to make t-shirts. You can pick up a list of what is needed on the table by the kitchen where the display is set up. Thank you for helping us help others!

WOT Summer Gathering will be held on Thursday, June 6 @ 5 p.m. The board serves for this event.

Submitted by Kathy Hanson
WOT President



Happy Mother's Day
on May 12th!!!

HELP PAGE



Food Access & Resource Center
 823 Main Street, Boyceville
 Serving the Boyceville and Glenwood City
 School Districts at the
 Food Access & Resources Center
 Pantry Schedule
 Thursdays 1pm - 7pm
 Please contact Melissa at 715-977-1191
 No appointment needed
 (closed on holidays and if school is called off
 due to the weather)
 Volunteers Needed
 Call Melissa Larson 715-977-1191



Sign up for Summer Fellowship and Cake Makers to help support the Women of Trinity!



Sign-up to mow the church lawn
 We have a riding lawn mower for you to use or you can bring your own. Sign-up on the table in the Narthex.



Food Harvest Ministry
 Distribution Sat, May 18th, 2024
 8am – 9:30am
 1002 Main Street, Boyceville



Help Make Our Garden Grow!

Gardeners can use our hose and water, but you supply the 'green thumb'. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Help keep our church grounds looking beautiful!



1620 Stout Road
 Menomonie, WI 54751
 715-235-2920

Anyone In Need Of Food Is Welcome!

Food Pantry Hours

Mondays 11am – 2pm
 Wednesdays 3pm – 6pm
 Saturdays 10am – Noon

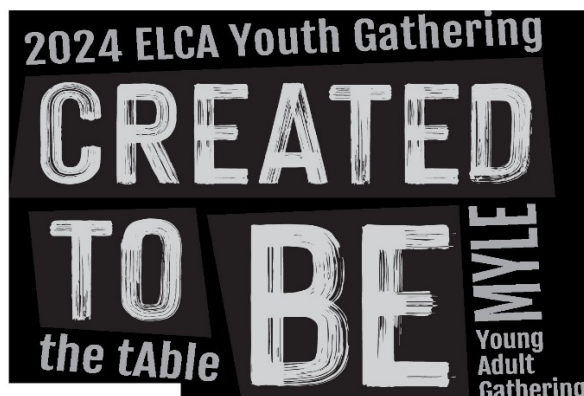
Free Produce Fridays 3pm - 4:30pm
 (Curbside distribution while supplies last)

*****NEEDED*****

**Looking for an usher for
 month of July**

Contact PB if interested

FINAL PUSH TO NEW ORLEANS!



Help us in our final push to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering! We need to raise at least another \$3,000 for this amazing experience of faith and service! This money will put food in our bellies, beds that we can sleep on, and gas in our vans to help us even get to New Orleans! We are so very thankful for the support of Trinity and we appreciate your support! Use this form and place cash or check in the offering plate, in the baskets at the entrance to the church, or on the office desk. Put “Youth Gathering” in the memo line. Thank you so much!

The 2024 Youth Gathering Youth and Adults,

Youth: Isabelle Bohn, Brooklynn Brite, Parker Coombs, Brooke Fenton, Sawyer Garbe, Sydney Garbe, Genna Gretzlock, Gretta Guy, Zach Hellendrung, Zoey Hellendrung, Chelsi Holden, Ella Lain, Lilly Lain, Cora Leslie, Natelle McCarthy Paige Mrdutt, Ali McRoberts, Delaney Olson, Owen Rydel, Karen Schaff, Brylee Stevens, Jaden Stevens, Samantha Stoveren, Sarah Stoveren, Austin Sundstrom, Halle Tonn, Lucy Wheeldon
Adults: Holly Coombs, Lean Garbe, Kim Guy, Melissa Holden, Jessica Lain, Pastor Brad

I would like to give:

_____ \$20: This will help one youth eat for a day.

_____ \$50: This will fill up one of our three vans with one tank of gas

_____ \$100: This will help four youth sleep in a hotel room on the way down or way back.

_____ \$200: This will help four youth sleep in a hotel room for one night in New Orleans

_____ Other amount: Any amount will help us to our goal!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

May: Wendell Andrews, Tony Hellendrung & Perry Johnson

Altar Guild

May: Helen Rosen & Diane Andrews

Acolytes

May 5: TBD
May 12: Sahara Hillstead
May 19: Tay Dean & Sawyer Brite
May 26: Liliana Olivares & Arianny Steies

Communion Bread

May: Cheryl Wyss



Fellowship Servers

May 5: Smelt Feed
May 12: Sahara Hillstead
May 19: Tay Dean & Sawyer Brite
May 26: Liliana Olivares & Arianny Steies



Cake Bakers

May 5: Zach & Zoey
May 12: Genna
May 19: Zach & Zoey
May 26: PB
June 2: Parker



Altar Flowers



If you would like to put flowers on the altar for a special reason, please sign up on the 'Altar Flower Chart' on the Narthex Table. Please include the reason for the flowers so you can be recognized in the bulletin, and a reminder to Parish Manager would be helpful.



Lawn Mowing

April 14-27: Bill Fisher

April 28-May 11: Ken Carlsrud

May 12-25: Dan Chernak

May 26- June 8: Dan Chernak

Sunday School Snacks

Thank you for all who served snacks this past year! Look for sign-ups starting in September



Crew Snacks

Thank you for all who served snacks this past year! Look for sign-ups starting in Sept



Subject: Volunteers needed

West CAP is in need of volunteers on Thursday's. We are open 1pm-7pm and like to schedule volunteers for two hour shifts. We also are in need of folks that have experience unloading semis with a power hand fork lift if interested please call Melissa J. Larson at 715-977-1191 to fill out a volunteer application. Thank you!

Thank you

FINANCIAL PAGE

Financials March 2024

Budgeted Revenue:

Cash Loose	885.00
Regular Giving	5,355.00
Simply Giving	6,105.58
Vanco Credit Card Giving	322.21
Misc/Investment Income	1,479.25
Designated- Building	726.00
Designated- Missions	365.00
Designated- Scholarship	100.00
Total Revenue	15,338.04

Budgeted Expenses:

Benevolences	365.00
Worship	2,270.53
Educational Ministry	0.00
Outreach Ministry	173.67
Personnel (NET)	9,219.90
Facilities	6,785.10
Designated-Scholarship	0.00
Withholding	229.39
Total Expenses	19,414.98

This Month's Net Income \$(4,076.94)

Prior Months Carried over	(2,772.45)
Year to Date Net Income	\$-6,849.39

Internal Transfers INTO General-Out of Budget

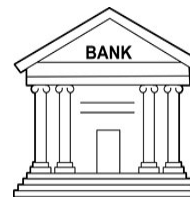
Transfers from Special	991.75
From Reserve	2,037.74
From Building	4,455.00
Designated: Youth Savings	1,984.10
Design: Youth Checking	717.85
Design: WELCA	289.00
Design: Men in Mission	354.78
Design: Quilters	440.00
Total Transfers INTO Gen	11,270.22

Internal Transfers OUT of General-Out of Budget

Transfers to Special	907.25
To Reserve	0.00
To Building	726.00
To Youth Savings	1,984.10
To Youth Checking	717.85
To WELCA	289.00
To Men in Mission	354.78
To Quilters	440.00
Total Transfers Out of Gen	5,518.98

Total Net Transfers \$5,751.24

Reconciled Checkbook Balance Feb 29	\$8,715.42
Net Income + Net Transfers	1,674.30
Add Back Withholding	229.39
Reconciled Checkbook Balance Mar 31	\$10,619.11



**Church Loan
Parking Lot/Electric Sign**

PAID OFF!!!

Simply Giving

March \$7,095.58

General	\$6,105.58
Building	\$ 720.00
Missions	\$ 210.00
Youth Missions	\$ 60.00

VANCO Credit Card

March \$350.90

General	\$ 322.21
Youth Missions	\$ 28.69

Financially Supporting Trinity

You can support Trinity financially a number of ways:

- by sending an offering in the mail to

Trinity Lutheran Church
PO Box 247
Boyceville, WI 54725
 - by using the GivePlus app.
 - by going to our website at www.trinityboyceville.com
- Thank you for supporting Trinity!



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

PRAYERS/THANKS/PASTORAL ACTS



BAPTISMS

*Leighton Evie Stanchik
March 31, 2024*

*Jonathan Michael Fern
April 7, 2024*

*Cruze Samuel Hoff
April 21, 2024*

Our Prayer Concerns

Carol Erickson	Saul Hedlund
Leona Steies	Gary Gilbertson
Ben Schlosser	Randee Mayer
Shannon Bauer	Shirley Mittlestadt
Jeanna Hollister	Kurtis Marlett
Tom Lohfink	Ashley Behling
Stub Swenson	Jennifer Marlett
Dick & Arlene Clack	Kayden Ebensperger
Melissa Holden	Willard Tronrud
Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson
Brian Moll	Lynda Bird
Jessica Larson	Amy Frieburg
Tim Bird	

FUNERALS



MEMORIALS

IHO Parker Coombs
Youth Mission Trip
Modanna & Murray Hosetetter

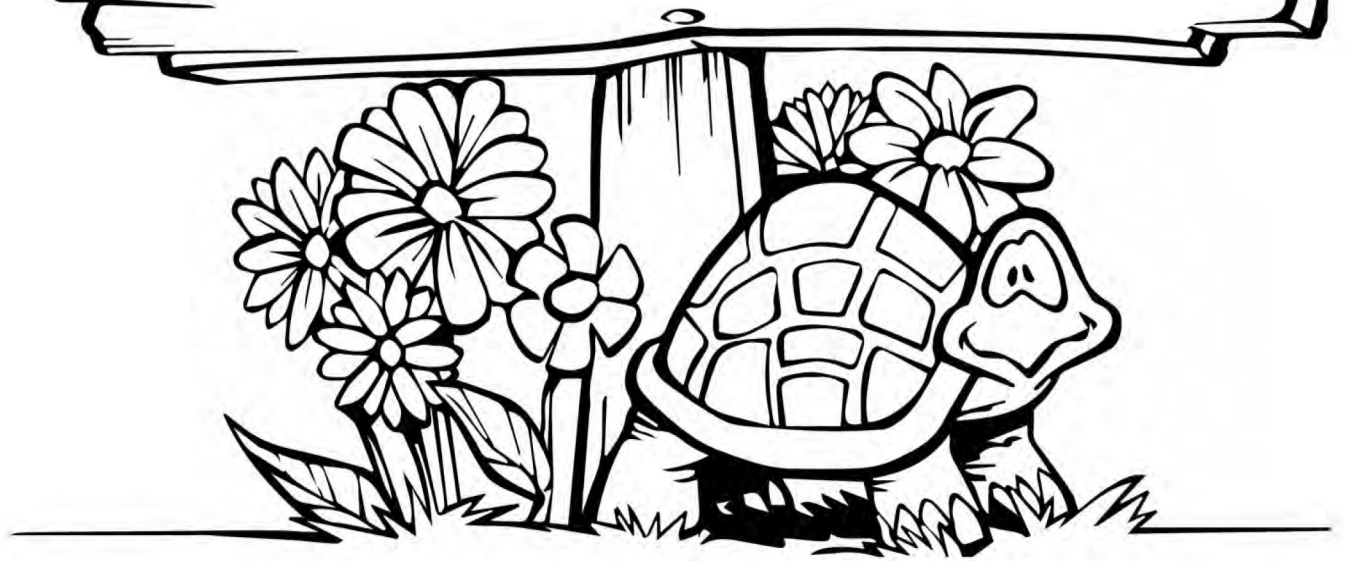
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Youth Mission Trip
Howard & Marlene Edlin

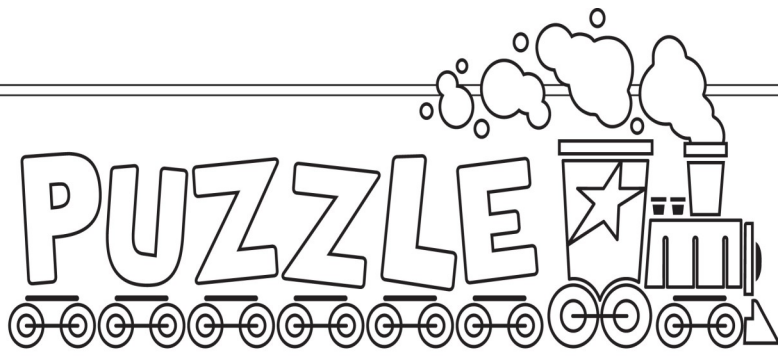
Thank You!

Thank you to Lonna Borgert, Heather Clark, Trudie Chernak, and Nichole Roemhild for all their help with Crew this past year! Without you, Crew does not happen! Also, thank you to all who provided snacks for the kids!

**TRUST IN
THE LORD.**

PROVERBS 3:5





UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf

— ○ —

pink, red, yellow, blue

— — ○ —

mother, sister, brother, aunt

— — — — ○ — — —

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

— — — — ○ ○ — —

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

— — — — ○ — — —

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

— — — — ○ — — —

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

— — — — ○ — — —

my, our, she, your

○ — — — — — —

faith, family, love, hope

— — — — ○ — — —

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

— — — — — — — — ○ — — — — —

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

— — — — — — — — ○ — — — — —

silver, white, gold, bronze

— — — — — — — — ○ — — — — —

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _ _ _ _ _
and qu _ _ _ _ p _ _ _ _ , which is
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, braid, bracelet, heart, potato, kiwi, cherry, orange, our, she, your, faith, family, love, hope, sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature, sandwich, pie, cake, cookie, silver, white, gold, bronze

a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

What you need:

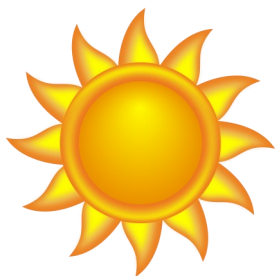
- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.





SUMMER SERVICE GROUPS

Summer 2024 / May- August

Darlene Booth & Brian 715-456-8924

Dan & Laura Debee
Larry & Jan Theberge
Lacy Bird
Katelyn Bird
Dale & Faye Bird
Tony & Bridget Hellendrung
Terry Norenberg
Troy & Kris Wilkins
Troy Kostman
Shirley Bloom
Dixie Quinn
Tom & Amy Mrdutt
Duane & Kendra Kostman
Danny & Shanna Knops
Bonnie Oliver
Nancy Zavodny
Brian & Katie Moll
Jeremy & Stephanie Schlosser
Dan & Cheryl Wyss

Bill & Lonna Borgert 715-643-2139

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Vicki Johnson
Jamie & Stephanie Anderson
Matt & Tessa Feeney
Tina Talmage
Lynelle Lagerstrom
Jay & Karen Lagerstrom
Dave & Erika Sudbrink
Cory & Sara Swenson
Rick & LeeAnn Wold
Tom & Paula McClelland
Derrick & Amy Retz
Jeff & Tryn Gross
Eric & Amanda Rydel
Sherri Hellendrung
Paul & Brenda Schlough
Allen & Jessica Lain
Wendell & Diane Andrews
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Vaughn & Sue Hedlund 715-643-6312 715-505-0072

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Jeff & Janine Klaustermeier
Angie Hellmann
Bethany Hellmann
Joel & Nichole Roemhild
Michele Hanson
Linda Kerr
Don & Sue Rose
Bethany Novotney
Heidi Upton
Kerry & Samantha Halopka
Craig & Sharon Formoe
Josh & Stacie Kurschner
Bob & Karen Anderson
Stan & Linda Larson
Dick & Jean Ebersold
Helen Rosen
Eloise Knutson
Levi & Marki Wolff

Nick & Trisha Schaff 715-579-3825

Howard & Marlene Edlin
Karen Bettinger
Ellen Carlson
Jamie & Angie Larson
Luke & Alesha Kersten
Jon & Alana Schutts
Teanna Cooper
Ron & Mary Hurtgen
Jamie & Rochelle Olson
Harry & Kathy Joles
Missy Schultz
Amy Schauer
Delinda Karnes
Sarah Ulrich Mahoney
Loren & Heidi Kothrade
Ron & Janet Gundlach
Tony & Amanda Harvey
Tamara Edwards
Jason & Susie Stalker

* Names in bold are contact people

Pastor Brad Goes on Sabbatical this Summer

In 2023, Church Council approved Pastor Brad taking a sabbatical starting on Saturday, June 8th through Tuesday, July 9th. As we prepare for PB's sabbatical, below is some important information.

What is a sabbatical? A sabbatical is an intentional time away for a pastor to renew and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

How often does a pastor take a sabbatical? The ELCA recommends that a pastor take a three-month sabbatical every seven years of ministry. Pastor Brad will have served Trinity 22 years in August of this year, and this will be his first sabbatical, which is only lasting about five weeks.

How will PB spend his sabbatical? Pastor Brad can spend it however he wants. He intends to do some traveling with Amy and spend a lot of time not working, which is his favorite hobby. No doubt you will find him on the golf course a lot when he is in town! He intends that the time away will be a chance to get refreshed, renewed, and re-energized as a pastor.

Who will lead worship in Pastor Brad's absence? Pastor Brad has arranged for all worship services on Sunday and Wednesday to be served by other pastors, so there will be no cancelled or missed services.

What happens if there is an emergency? Just like when PB is on vacation, there will be an on-call pastor to take care of any pastoral care emergencies.

What will Pastor Brad's contact be with the congregation during his sabbatical? This sabbatical is meant to be a full unplugging of the congregation for Pastor Brad. He will not return phone calls, emails, or text messages. If you see Pastor Brad around town, he will of course have a conversation with you and greet you, but he is to be away from the church until he returns on July 10th. However, if there is a tragedy that occurs in the congregation, PB may choose to return.

Does the sabbatical replace Pastor Brad's vacation? No. PB still receives his normal vacation time.

What will the congregation need to do during the sabbatical? There are a few things that everyone at Trinity can do to help during PB's time away. They include:

Keeping Pastor Brad, Amy, and Trinity in prayer.

Respecting Pastor Brad's boundaries during his time away. Please don't contact him regarding church matters.

Continue to support the church with your financial gifts, your attendance at worship, and your service to our mission and ministry in the world!

Contact List

For all general needs or questions: Parish Manager Andrea McVeigh, 715-643-3821, during church office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 am till 1 pm.

Need to get into the building or to have the building opened/closed? Trudie Chernak, Church Custodian, 715-643-2148 or Ted Litzkow, 715-702-1415

General questions or issues that may arise: Lenny Lange, Church Council President, 715-928-1172

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