



“Let the little children come to me...”

~ Jesus

Dearest friends,

May grace and peace be with you from our God and Savior Jesus who is the Christ our Lord! Jesus brings His people together and welcomes us into His presence as children one and all. He even goes so far as to tell his disciples that unless they receive his kingdom as a child receives, we have no part in it at all. “For the kingdom belongs to such as these.” So often Jesus’ disciples struggle to climb off our intellectualisms, our presuppositions, and our enculturations to simply receive, as a child receives, what God is giving in the WAY God IS GIVING to us.

We can receive in no other way as it turns out. When Jesus is our Way, our Truth, and our Life it turns out this is simply a confession that unless we receive AS He gives us, we receive nothing at all. God providence works that way. Manna and quail in the desert... just show up because God says they will. Water out of rocks... God provides as God wills. Turns out faith itself... God builds it as God wills in whomever God is breaking open through His Word at work in hearts receiving through faith as God is speaking unto them. In each, God is doing alone in faith what is impossible for us to do in ourselves. A child receives... we are ever learning to receive as well.



We are children all... every last one who simply nurtures and grows through God’s Providence being conveyed in His Word to us. Jesus himself places children in His midst, embracing them and confirms that to such as these God’s kingdom comes and to whom it does and will belong. Faith is that in us that hears this Word and (in a sense) stops arguing with God how it ought be otherwise, but instead hears this Word and rejoices not only that it is true, but in us it is building us to become strong in that childlike reliance upon God and God’s loving providence for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Life in this childlike place becomes a wonder and a joy come what may. It's not that challenges and distresses will never come, but as a child we come to know in whose embrace we are held and safe and sure even as the storms rage and the winds howl and the pains arrive. In the arms of our loving savior, we can know all is well and all will be well because the one who loves us does not fail and will not let us go. In childlike wonder we can share with surety that our Abba (Father... or better understood "daddy") is the one who holds us and in whose lap we have been invited to climb and whose gaze assures us that we are safe and sound as we go about exploring and engaging our world. It is His voice that we learn to speak out as He equips us with the vocabulary He speaks... it is His activity that we learn to enact using our small hands to emulate, following his lead and patterns... all as children following His lead as we receive from Him the very gift of life!

As we gather as church, dearest friends of Trinity, may we come to Jesus as but children... learning and open to His growth and prompting... receiving with joy what He lovingly provides... and sharing all that we are being gifted because the One gifting has no limits or shortages in what He provides His children. Let us receive His kingdom as children... for lest we enter as children... we enter not at all.

In Peace

Rev. Eric

P.S. – All I'm writing emerged in our Tuesday morning Bible Study... you should give it a whirl if you are free... it's a very cool gathering for exploring all the ways God speaks with us! You are not only invited, but encouraged to pop in!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

ATTENTION YARD SALERS!!!

Trinity Lutheran Church will again participate in the annual **Normal Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale**.

WHEN? August 1st 8AM until around 2PM

WHERE? Trinity Fellowship Hall and Front lawn



Here are the **guidelines** this year after a few years of experience:

GENTLY used items. Please, please, please do not donate dirty, torn, stained, broken or non-working items. Please use the rule of thumb...If you would not buy it yourself in the condition the item is in, then please do not donate. Your consideration is greatly appreciated by those of us working on Friday to prepare for the sale.

No adult clothes please. Children's clothes to around preteen age are great. Last year we were BURIED in adult clothes! We have a some *fabulous* volunteers that sort, fold, hang and arrange items and they were overworked trying to tackle all the adult clothes.

If you have items that you want to donate, and you want to bring them early, you can store them downstairs, East wing, in the storeroom near the Women's restroom. However, if you do take your items downstairs, make plans to bring them back up near sale day. Again, appreciated by those working to set up. J Otherwise, during the month of July, you can bring your items and put them in the corner of the Fellowship hall along the East wall. We will take it from there!

I am requesting that people not ask me to buy things before the sale, because it is hard for me to say no and we want all the items to be available for shoppers. So NO presale shopping! (I can write it down, but face to face, I fail.) Thank you!

We will still provide water and Iced Coffee for folks if the youth group still wants to do that. But there needs to be more than just a couple of youth doing it. Last year the crew was pretty thin. I would also like to have the youth make paper footprints that we can tape to the floor so that shoppers can find their way to the restroom and we do not have to escort and direct people.

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If you have tote bags to donate, those would be awesome for shoppers to put their purchases in. Grocery sacks are good too. We use the boxes that stuff comes in, so we **don't** need additional boxes.

Volunteers needed for:

Friday set up:

- 1) We start at least by 7AM to work when it is cooler, and it usually takes a good portion of the day to organize things. If you are good at organizing (like Carmen!) we need you!
- 2) Put up signs. I kept them from last year so they just need put up.

Day of Sale:

- 1) Assist people, answer questions.
- 2) Keep things tidy as people rifle through stuff.
- 3) I (Denise) will again work the cash register.
- 4) Depending if we have a lot of small items, for example, jewelry...it would be great if someone would sit near me with those items and let me know what they are buying (keep those little items from walking)
- 5) Youth to make and serve coffee. I will provide the flavors for the coffee, cups and lids for both water and coffee.
- 6) And the cream job? Sit in the West wing so that people don't wander around when they use the rest rooms. Yep, all you have to do is sit on the couch and let people know how to get back to the sale.

If you can and plan to volunteer, please let Denise know ahead of time, because I tend to stress out if I don't think I will have enough people to help. - In fact, I really need to know if any youth want to do the water, coffee thing, because that gets put in the advertising for the sale. If we don't have anyone to serve, I won't put it in. You all are appreciated, whether you help, donate or pray for us! Thank you for your participation in this community outreach event. We get a lot of good comments, so it puts Trinity's Name out there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Newsletter Articles Due: THURSDAY, June 18, 2026. Boards, committees, and groups are invited to submit articles for the newsletter. Please let the office know when your group has any changes for meeting times/dates. Email your articles to: tlclewis-ton@gmail.com or drop them by the church office.

NALC Newsletter: thenalc.org.

LCMC Newsletter: lcmc.net

LCMC Northwest District Newsletter: <https://lcmc-nw.com/northwest-district-newsletter>.

Portals of Prayer: Portals of prayer (through the month of June) are available in the Narthex. If you would like a copy of this devotional please call the church office (208.743.4414) and we will see that you get one.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Property Board: June 2nd 5:30 pm.

Worship & Evangelism Boards:

June 2nd at 4:30 pm.

Church Council: June 9th at 5:30 pm.

LWR Quilting Dates: June 4th, 11th and 25th at 9:30 am.

CANTOR, LECTOR, WORSHIP ASSISTANT:

Anyone who would like to serve as a lector during a future service is encouraged to contact **Kim Cushman 208-743-1994**. We also want to expand our pool of cantors and worship assistants. If you would like to Assist in leading worship, **please call the office.**

YOUTH Group Meetings

June 14th & 28th
after church services

If you have questions
please call **Rebecca
Matchey**
208.305.0215



Mark your calendar.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

June 27th
@ 9:00am
at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

Come, enjoy good food &
fellowship.

Men of every age are welcome!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH INVITATION

Bible Study with Pastor Eric

Every Tuesday | 8:00 a.m.

More sessions may be added based on interest.

AN INVITATION TO
READ AND PONDER
SCRIPTURE WITH
PASTOR ERIC

Women's - Mary, Martha and Prayer group

Is taking a summer break. See you again in September. *Our Lutheran World Relief Quilters will meet throughout the summer. Please join us every Thursday at 9:30 am.*



DOING THE
MOST GOOD™

SALVATION ARMY Community Dinner

We hope to add more volunteers from Trinity to morph our existing team of volunteers into two! The need is great, the workers are few. **UPCOMING: June 23rd at 3:00pm.**

Please contact Rebecca Matchey @ 208.305.0215 or the church office, if you can help serve in this ministry.

YOUTH Ministry & Mission

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School
the week of 6/14 - 6/18 2026 from
5:30 pm - 8 pm.

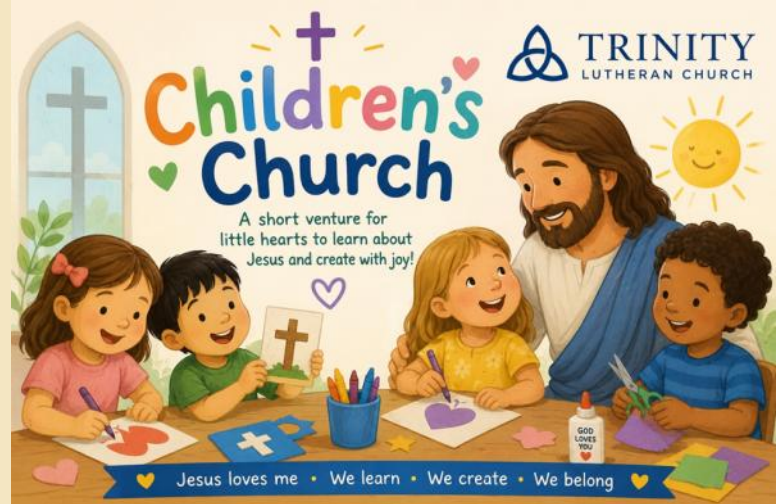
This year's theme is
Rainforest Falls
Exploring the Nature of God.

Carmen Petersen at 208-791-7795.

Please invite any children from age
4 through 6th grade to attend.
Pre registration is appreciated but
not required. Forms will be available
on our website soon.



Children's Church will
continue through the
summer on the days
that there is a volunteer
available.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

THANK YOU
Volunteers



Thank you, **Bob Grossklaus**, for the railings on the altar stairs. They are much appreciated! Also, you keep the bushes outside nicely trimmed. THANK YOU!

Ed Jasinski, not only are you a numbers wizard, but you mow our yard every week! You also help Bob and co. with the sprinklers and sprinkler system. THANK YOU!

Jim Kress, you are Mr. Green Jeans, with your lawn care routine of fertilizer and weed control. You also help Bob and Co with the sprinklers and sprinkler system. THANK YOU!

The lawn looks great and adds to our curb appeal :)

Jessie (Sr and Jr), Thank you for your loving altar care.

Glenda Kress, Thank you for leading the women's Mary, Martha bible study (and for bringing treats!) Also,, thank you to all the ladies that put the quilts together. THANK YOU!

Donna Piraino, you for keep the kitchen and Sunday Fellowship coffee hour going. THANK YOU!

FROM THE PRESIDENT – continued

Arlan and Rebecca, who record, stream and upload our worship services digitally...you are passing on the Word of God to others! **THANK YOU!**

To **all the ladies that set up and clean up Communion Service**, you are an integral part of our worship. **THANK YOU!**

To **the ushers** - you steer us in the right direction! **THANK YOU!**

Edy, you keep our prayer list and so many other things going. **THANK YOU!**

There are some I have surely left off this list, it is not intentional, but due to my human brain. But this does not mean your work is not appreciated or unseen. **Thank all of you who work to keep this church humming along and doing God's work.** You are all blessings to Trinity

Enjoy this day that God has given,
Denise

THANK YOU
Volunteers



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Thank you, for donating non-perishable foods, to benefit our food bank and people in need! Please keep contributing as there is need. Your donations may be placed in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.

Thank you,
Lee Brown



PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Family and Friends of Jeanette Totten

Family and Friends of Jodie O Brien (sister of Kim Cushman)

Family and Friends of Linda Stolte (Aunt of Carmen Petersen)

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, Janet Linscott, Jordan Bergeron, Claudette Woodland, Zeny Brown, Ollie Goldammer, LaVonne Heitmann, DeeLee Mendenhall, Connie Riddle, Donita Hansen, Samuel Poleson, Donna Piraino, Dennis Riddle, Rebecca Matchey, Carole Lemire, Steve Hanson, Anthony Nedrow, Pam Schmaling, Bob Walk.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Brian Garner: (brother of Mona Gish)

Israel Holden: (friend of Rebecca Matchey)

Ricky Shope: (requested by Carmen Petersen)

Melody and Ivan Thompson of Good Hope

Brook Henze: (daughter of Kim Cushman)

Nadia Skorobogatova: (Elena & Oksana's mom)

Eugeniy Skorobogatov: (Elena & Oksana's dad)

Chuck Riddle: (son of Dennis & Connie Riddle)

Tamra Mead: (granddaughter of Anita Schneider)

Stacey Stamper: (friend of Bob Bergeron)

Neeraj and Nijhar and family: (missionaries)

John Jasinski: (son of Ed Jasinski)

Anna Walk-Bush: (daughter of Bob Walk)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Marine Sergeant Wayne Fetterman:

(Grandson of Ed Jasinski)

Sergeant First Class Matt Spears:

(Son of Sandra Spears)

*TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST INCLUDED ON THIS PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT
EDY MATCHEY.*



June Birthdays



Carmen Petersen	6/05
David Andrews	6/10
Kevin Dammon	6/11
Glenda Kress	6/12
Barbra Lange	6/16
Paul Heitmann	6/18
Anita Schneider	6/19
Emily Kingsbury	6/22
Hayden Kingsbury	6/22



Wedding Anniversaries

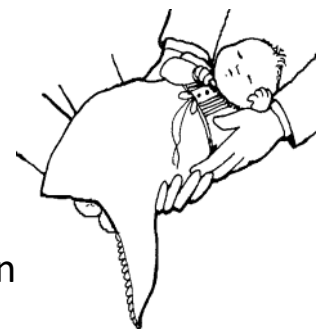
happy memories
happy times
happy anniversary.
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Jan & Pam Schmaling	6/05
Kevin & Lori Dammon	6/06
Brandon & Natasha Carcas	6/07
Darrell & Sylvia Russell	6/12
Jim & Fran Harris	6/17
Nathan & Jamie Carter	6/18



Baptism Anniversaries

Jamie Carter	6/02
Denise Walk	6/04
Barry Erickson	6/05
Kristen Hanson	6/19
Bob Walk	6/20
Carmen Petersen	6/30





SERVING US THIS MONTH

ALTAR CARE	Sheila Nedrow & Gail Scott
GREETER	Lee Brown and friends
USHERS	Elena Olson / Bill Roper / Kurt Erickson
COMMUNION SET UP	Edy Matchey
COMMUNION SERVERS	rotating - announced in weekly bulletins
PEW SUPPLIES	Rebecca Matchey & Youth Group

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

June 23rd at 3:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY DINNER: Rebecca Matchey




SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

Pastor:	Eric Griffith
Church Admin.:	Nora Fairchild
Organist:	Heidi Thornton
Lawn Care:	Property Board
Custodian:	Jake Fairchild
President:	Denise Walk
Vice President:	Arlan Matchey
Council Secretary:	Mary Neuman
Treasurer:	Ed Jasinski

BOARD CHAIRS

Education Board:	Carmen Petersen
Evangelism Board:	Elena Olson
Property Board:	Bob Walk
Finance Board:	Kurt Erickson
Stewardship Board:	Donna Piraino
Worship Board:	Sheila Nedrow
Youth Board:	Rebecca Matchey

DUE DATES

Worship Folder
Announcements Due
**Before noon on
Thursdays**

Newsletter Articles Due
**10:00 a.m., Thursday
JUNE 18TH 2026**

