



“Rest in the Lord... it’s a survival skill”

As we move into the “hump” of the year, I’m hoping you all are creating some time to rest and renew. It’s not ‘optional’ as our work addicted culture would tell us. We see this modeled in Jesus’ own conduct of ministry as he would repeatedly take time out of ministering to “go off to deserted places’ to pray and even in how he spent so much time simply sharing meals and celebrations with people that he began to be slandered as a glutton and drunkard as a friend of “sinners.” But even should we choose to overlook Jesus’ example I think most of us know the story our bodies tell us as we grow distracted, weary, sore and cranky as fatigue becomes normalized as simply “what is” in a culture that demands much of our time, energy, attentions and efforts. God made us with a biological imperative that requires states of restfulness... he sanctified this rhythm with his call to Sabbath keep for our sake and blessing to be renewed and blessed... He even designed his nature itself to have seasons of restfulness and renewal and so I’d submit friends that we ignore this imperative to rest at our peril.

So rest... renew... disconnect for times... do some “nothing.” The world can wait for a bit. Busy-ness and business as usual can take a back burner for a bit. Call a friend... grill something low and slow... float a river... read a book... take a nap... pray... dare to disconnect for a time so that you too can be renewed.

If someone asks what you are up to... tell them your pastor “told you” to do some “Holy Nothing” for a while so you can be more rested and renewed and better equipped to love God and love your neighbors with renewed energy and passion.

Take July and see if you can write some new habits into your life that include better states of restfulness... our culture will think we are fools... but then Jesus told us that when following Him, that is precisely what they will think!

Get some rest my friends and I’ll see you as you include worship in your rhythms of restfulness! God Bless you all with peace and a good nap in there somewhere!

Rev. Eric

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!

God Bless **Denise Walk**

FROM TLC COUNCIL

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MANNERS FOR TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We have been getting feedback about the condition of the church from several sources. Members need to take care of our beautiful church and create a clean and welcoming environment, especially for the new faces we are seeing! Parents of young people, please pass this on to them and help them understand that this is God's house for us to keep up. So here goes...as my grandmother always told me... many hands make short work. ☺

1. Please pick up after yourself. Put items away when finished with them, in the same place/condition you found them. Whether it be your drink, food, plate, or anything else that you are using i.e. toys, books, hoses, etc. If you are done with your plates, cups, napkins, etc. please take them to the trash rather than leave them on the tables. Put all items you use away neatly, don't just carelessly place them. i.e. hymn books.

NOTE: We have placed a recycle bin in the Fellowship hall for bulletins and other paper. Please help out by putting them directly in the bin.

Picking up goes for EVERY SPACE IN THE CHURCH-Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, both downstairs, upstairs, closets.....EVERYWHERE. Messes are found everywhere.

Please, please, please help keep the church clean and inviting...we are getting more visitors, let's look at our church with visitor eyes and if you see something out of place, take care of it or ask for help if you are unable to do so yourself.

2. Empty fluids from cups before throwing cups away. Bags leak. Be considerate of those cleaning up!

3. Turn off all lights when leaving a room if you are the last person leaving. Help us save both money and time for those that change the light bulbs.

4. Make sure ALL doors are locked if you are the last person to leave, not just the door you exit from. I have found the side door unlocked when I left through the alley door. Don't assume someone else locked it.

NOTE: Releasing the crash bar does not mean it is locked!!! Twist the handle to be sure. It must be locked with a key. If you don't have a key, several members do... Bob or Denise Walk, Pastor Eric, Arlan and Becca Matchey, Edy Matchey to name a few.

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5. If you notice something that needs Janitorial attention, call Denise and she will contact Jake to discuss it. He cleans on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings. If there is an event on Saturday, please clean up after yourself and empty the garbage for Sunday.

There may be more specifics, but you get my point. We are ALL stewards of this church. Please treat it and the many volunteers that do so much at Trinity, with loving care. God Bless!

Thank you for your attention to this,
TLC Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Newsletter Articles Due: FRIDAY, July 17, 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 September) 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

Church Council: July 14th at 5:30 pm.

LWR Quilting Dates: July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th 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.**

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

NOT on July 7th & 14th!

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: July 28th. Be there around 4pm.** Please contact Rebecca Matchey @ 208.305.0215 or the church office, if you can help serve in this ministry.

UPCOMING



Wednesday, July 8th - BoardGame Night with Eric & Jana

Pr. Eric LOVES to play games with people (Jana does too PROVIDED its the “right” game!) We are hosting a BoardGame Night get together on **Wednesday July 8th beginning at 5:30pm**. We are thinking to BBQ some hotdogs and have a bit of “picnic fare” and then LET THE GAMES BEGIN! Thinking to host it at our place next to Trinity, if the group becomes a bigger one, we will move it to the church social hall as we learn who is “IN.” This effort is the beginning of an attempt to connect with our Middle School, High School and Young Adult crowd and their families, but as there is ALWAYS room for the young at heart, if you like to play games with others, you are most welcome to come.

Speaking of which, for planning we need to get a ballpark of how many may want to dive down the rabbit hole for the night... can you either reach out to Pr. Eric, Jana or even the church office and let us know you would like to play too? Other things that might be cool, if you are coming and you have a favorite game you want to bring OR a favorite picnic dish you might want to share, these are both most welcome!

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UPCOMING

As for games, we will have a pretty eclectic set of offerings for the first time out... mostly focusing on group “social” games (Taboo, Outburst, Wits N Wagers, and the like) but also depending on interests, Pr. Eric would love to introduce smaller table groups to the “beginnings of the rabbit hole” that goes DEEP with games like Ticket to Ride, Splendor, or Carcassonne and others should time and interest allow.

Most of these games are likely best suited for age 10+ but as many are group oriented, we leave it to parents to think of whether their kiddo would have a good time with this. (Can always bring that game of Chutes and Ladders or Sorry too, we just don’t own much in that age range any longer)

Ultimately its about finding ways to enjoy the community of Christ with lots of laughter and (mostly) friendly competition. Come play with us and discover just how cool Boardgaming has become!!!

RSVP Contacts:

Trinity Office

Pr. Eric – RevEricG@hotmail.com

Jana – ClanGriffith@hotmail.com

or call or text the phone #s you have in the NEWLY PUBLISHED CHURCH DIRECTORY!!!



UPCOMING

Installation

Welcome Celebration for Pastor Eric

Please join us on
August 16th

for a special welcome celebration
honoring Pastor Eric as our
full-time pastor.

A **potluck luncheon** will be held
during Coffee Hour following
worship.

We are truly blessed to have Pastor
Eric and his wife, Jana, serving our
congregation. Please come and join
us as we welcome them and cele-
brate this exciting chapter in the
life of our church.

97th Birthday Party

Come and join
LaVonne Heitmann
at her birthday party!

on July 19th, 2026
During coffee hour.



Hello Summer

TIME TO CELEBRATE....



Mark your calendar.

**MEN's
BREAKFAST**

July 25th
@ 9:00am

at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

Come, enjoy good food &
fellowship.

Men of every age are welcome!

YOUTH
Group
Meetings

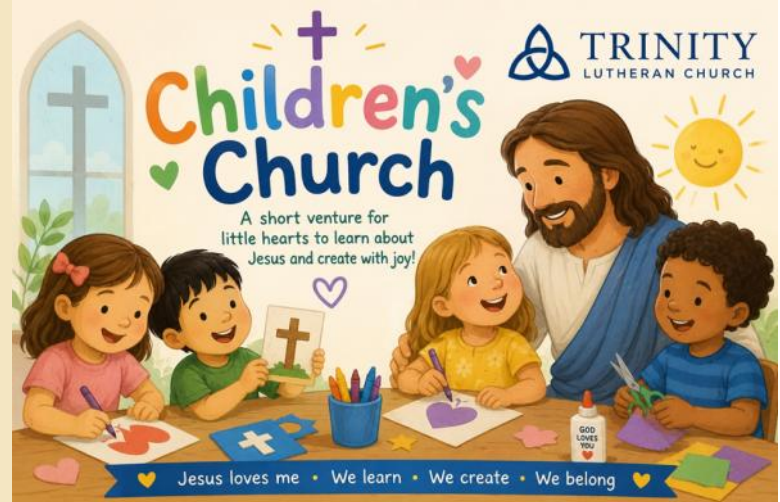
July 12th & 26th
after church services

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

**Make
church
part of your. . .**
SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

YOUTH Ministry & Mission

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



THIS AND THAT

THANK YOU

Hunter Grossklaus & Martha Hendry for offering your help organizing and resupplying our pews. :)



FAMILY PROMISE

It is our turn to host
FAMILY PROMISE from
8/23/2026 to 8/30 /2026.
We are in need of volunteers.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Janet Linscott - entered eternal rest

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*



THANK YOU'S

Thank You SO much



JUST A NOTE

Dear Pastor, Jenna, Carmen
and VBS Volunteer staff,

It was such a delight to work with Carmen
in creating Trinity's VBS ads at the Tribune!
You are officially the first church to advertise
VBS on one of the Tribune's billboards!

I also want to thank you for such a warm
welcome for my grandkids, Hunter and Shiloh,
to VBS. They loved it, it was an unforgettable
experience for them or 1st time ever for them
to attend VBS.

Your ministry is valued and appreciated.

Kind Regards,
Mary Taylor

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”

St. Francis of Assisi

**“I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I
always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I
thought a flower would grow.”** *Abraham Lincoln*

“Rest in God alone, O my soul...” *Psalms 62:6*

*Slow down by making space to sit with Scripture—even just one
verse.*

“Peace is the simplicity of heart, the serenity of mind...”

Fr. Jacques Philippe, Searching for and Maintaining Peace

*True peace isn't found by escaping noise—it's found by letting God
reign in the middle of it.*

“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you...”

St. Teresa of Ávila

“All things are passing; God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.

He who has God lacks nothing.

God alone suffices.”

*This is the quote to tape to your fridge or beach bag. Let it set the tone for your whole
summer.*

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)

Family and Friends of Janet Linscott

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, 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, Mick Woodland.

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)

Marilyn Cochran: (cousin of Kathy Johnson)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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.*

July Birthdays

Summit Swanson	07/08
Alice Damman	07/12
Brittany Nickerson	07/14
Amya Glaspie	07/14
Connie Riddle	07/16
Joan Watkins	07/16
Angela Richards	07/17
LaVonne Heitmann	07/19
Molly Petersen	07/19
Eli Lindauer	07/20
Matthew Schilling	07/23
David Petersen	07/25
Kourtney Nedrow	07/26
Mervin Schneider	07/30
Judith Davison	07/31

Wedding Anniversaries

happy memories
happy times
happy anniversary.
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Angela & Cole Richards	07/01
Ed & Diana McCormick	07/04
Steve & Kristen Hanson	07/08
Christopher & Shari Johnson	07/14
Cindy & Lonny Skow	07/25
Mervin & Anita Schneider	07/30

***Baptism Anniversaries***

Brittany Swanson	07/??
Keasha Stenger	07/07
Natasha Carcas	07/07
Glenda Kress	07/16
Bonnie Dingman	07/23
Kristina Matchey	07/25
Marlys Keifer	07/26



SERVING US THIS MONTH

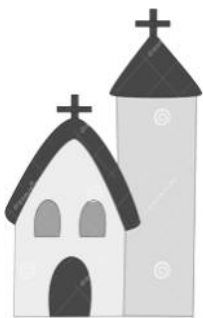
ALTAR CARE	Sheila Nedrow & Gail Scott
GREETER	Lee Brown and friends
USHERS	Barry Erickson / Jim Kress / Mike Lindauer
COMMUNION SET UP	Kim Cushman
COMMUNION SERVERS	rotating - announced in weekly bulletins
PEW SUPPLIES	Hunter Grossklaus & Martha Hendry

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

July 28th at 4:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY DINNER: Rebecca Matchey

2026



SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class *(paused during the summer)*

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
 JULY 17TH 2026**

