

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Dear Family and Friends at Trinity,

Yes. I had a wonderful, educational, fun and exhausting time on my recent trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Out of respect for you, I will not bore

you with the details, unless you ask! By the time you read this, I will be on another grand adventure, this time in Alaska. It is an 'expedition cruise". It should be interesting, I am not the kayaking, hiking, exploring type; I think I will just wave "Good-bye, have fun" to my friend as she ventures forth, and stay on board reading a good murder mystery and eating chocolate chip cookies.

I do not want to talk about vacations, even though they are on many people's minds as vacation time draws to a close for families, students and teachers alike. I would like to talk instead about "Trades". I recently traded a piece of yard care equipment I do not need for some man-work hours I do need, but that is not the kind of trade I want to talk about either. Frankly, I usually come out on the losing end of those kinds of deals.

I want to talk, instead, about trading people. If you are a sports fan, you know there are always trades being made, or being rumored. Teams are always negotiating this player for that player, as if they were simply merchandise to be put in a shopping bag and carried off. There are of course players begging, for one reason or another—usually money—to be traded. Trading is part of the business of sports; it goes with the territory, or playing field.

If you follow the news, you are well aware of the trade negotiations going on between the US and Russia for prisoners held by both. Russia is holding a US basketball player Brittney Griner and former US Marine Paul Whelen. Griner pleaded guilty to a drug charge (forced confession or not, we will probably never know), and Whelen was convicted on espionage charges which he has always denied. The US is holding Russian arms trader

Viktor Bout. The possibility of still other trades, in this situation referred to as "prisoner exchanges" are rumored to being tossed about as well, but those are still unclear.

You may not think prisoner exchanges should be made or that the exchange is not fair, a sports figure for a notorious arms dealer who has brought death to many people. You may think that exchanges like this weaken negotiating power and actually create more hostage type situations. You may think that such exchanges are wise, regardless of the situations that made people prisoners in the first place, because they save individual lives. Frankly, it matters little what you and I think about these exchanges, I seriously doubt that our government, or any government is going to ask for our opinions!

There is, or was, however one trade, one prisoner exchange for which we all need to be grateful. It was, by anyone's standards a totally unfair exchange—a world full of sinners for the life of one sinless man. We were, according to the Scriptures, prisoners, held captive to sin and death, until God exchanged His Son for our souls.

We were guilty, no jury deliberation needed for that; we were set free by the blood of Jesus. Paul, in his letter to the church in Rome (and therefore to us) makes this perfectly clear in chapter 3:23-25

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous.

He did this through Jesus Christ when He freed us from the penalty for our sin.

For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life....

Now, my friends, that is a trade that should bring us to our knees in thanksgiving and praise! It is also a trade we should broadcast to the world.

~Pastor Penny~

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: Brenda Hansen
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk
Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller
Worship: Cathy Sorenson
Youth: Teresa Zaharia
Council at Large: Josh Tonkin



**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting 7:00
 Wednesday- July 13, 2022**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Eloise Miller Dan Klassen Rhonda Bonk Cathy Sorenson
Pastor's Report: Pastor Penny sent Welcome cards, made phone calls, visited people, sent get well cards, dropped off bulletins, and planned 2 funerals.
Secretary's report- was accepted as read.
Treasures report- The church is on budget.
Stewardship- Rhonda Bonk- There is an opening on the Stewardship board that needs to be filled.
Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Eloise Miller- Sending monthly cards.
Church Properties: Looking for a church properties council member. The driveway and the lawns look great. Thank you so much to all the volunteers.
Christian Education: Dan Klassen GIFT will be in the Truman parade. The new swing set has arrived. Soon

to be installed. July 28 will be Family VBS. The congregation is invited to the meal served from 5:30 to 6:00 and then to play games with the VBS families. The first Gift program in September will be a pancake meal to raise money for the new swing set.

Youth: None
Worship- Cathy Sorenson The Outreach program is being planned and underway.
OLD BUSINESS: Looking for 2 board positions at this time. One for Stewardship committee and one for Church Properties.

NEW BUSINESS: Put up posters around Truman and Fairmont for Waffle Breakfast during Truman Days. Please note the time correction that the breakfast will be served at 7:30 not 7:00.

**Trinity Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting 7:00
 Wednesday- August 10, 2022**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Eloise Miller Dan Klasson Rhonda Bonk Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith Josh Tonkin Guest Ashley Parish

Secretary's Report: was accepted as read.

Treasures Report: was accepted as read.

Pastors Report: Penny Ritter- home visits, mailings of sympathy and glad you were here cards. Pastor made phone calls to the homebound and lunch with a member.

Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk- Looking for one more member for this committee.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism: Eloise Miller- Will need to purchase Anniversary cards. Looking into Thrivent moneys.

Church Properties: Mark Durkee has accepted the position for council meetings and coordinating church properties jobs.

Christian Education: Nikki Smith - Family GIFT was in the Truman Days parade. Family VBS is going well. First Thursday night was game night. Second night was fort night and the third will be Olympic night. The Swing set has been bought. Dan is looking into pricing from Madelia landscapers for about 20 X 20 base under swing set. Gift has bought a grill for all church activities to use Ashley Parish September 14 will be the first GIFT program for the year with a pancake meal to raise money for the swing set and base. Menu is pancakes, egg bake, fruit, juice. There will be a free will offering. Kids will have a musical skit at 5:30. Silent action will be available as well as order forms for tee shirts as fund raisers until 7 that evening. **The GIFT program will run all year long the first Wednesday of every month.**

Youth: The youth helped with Joyce Ysker 80th birthday party.

Worship: Cathy Sorenson Outreach Program handed out 72 bags to welcome new people to town and tell them about Trinity Church and programs.

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Treasurer's Summary Report As of July 31 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$49,103
Savings Account Bal.	\$55,887
JULY	
General Fund Income	\$ 3398
General Fund Expenses	\$ 5,145
Net short	\$ - 1,747
AUGUST:	
Cash Available	\$ 49,103
Bills to pay	\$ 6,011
Cash long	\$ 44,092

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
September 4-Pent 13	Deut. 30:15-20	Philemon 1:21	Luke 14:25-33
September 11-Pent 14	Exod. 32:7-14	1 Tim 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 18-Pent 15	Amos 8:4-7	1 Tim 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 25-Pent 16	Amos. 6:1a, 4-7	1 Tim 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

Trinity VBS





WELCA News

We are NOT doing school kits this year. At our last WELCA meeting it was decided to give what supplies we have on hand to the school food shelf.

Thank you to those of you that have contributed personal kits for our project this year. The deadline for getting these to the church is November 1st.

These are the items needed for the kits:

- *One light or med. Weight bath towel, about 52 by 27, preferably dark colored.
- *Two bars of bath soap (4 or 5 oz) in original wrappers
- *One adult size toothbrush in original Package
- *One STURDY comb, remove packaging
- *One metal nail clipper, remove packaging

The items are to be wrapped in the towel and then tied with yarn or ribbon. If you would rather not package them yourself just put the items in a plastic bag and leave it in the quilting room.

I really appreciated the good attendance at our meeting in August. Sandy gave a report on the salad luncheon and offered to be chairman next year again. She reported that there we about 30 people that contributed with money or food. Hopefully more people will contribute to the cookie walk! I need to thank Cathy and her faithful helpers for serving lunch at all these funeral we

have been having. It has been happening way too often.

The date of our November meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 15 at 9:30 am. Come at 8:30 for coffee and rolls.

~Barb Shoen

(Council Minutes continued from page 2)

Would like to encourage the youth to attend camps. Campership help is available so the youth can go to camp.

OLD BUSINESS: Confirmation??

Waffle feed net profit was \$1393.25.

Next year waffle will be Saturday July 22

NEW BUSINESS: Purchase casters for the piano so it can be easily moved.

Next month council meeting will have to be moved to September 7 because of the start of GIFT and pancake meal.

Rhonda motioned to adjourn at 8:15 and Nikki second.

Submitted by Secretary, Kathy Wilkening

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$;77,574.29

Hy-Vee-\$118,890.05

Keep those receipts coming!!

***Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*



**God's work.
Our hands.
this Month**

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>Worship Service at 10:30 am ~streaming live on FB~</p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>			<p>1 9 am Open Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>																																																								
<p>4 </p>	<p>5  Church office Closed</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7 pm Church Council mtg.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 COMMIT to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. </p>																																																								
<p>11 Grdparents day </p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 GIFT BEGINS 2:15-5:30 PANCAKE FEED SILENT AUCTION 5:30-7:30</p>	<p>15 Dean Gulbranson Funeral at 1 pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>																																																								
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NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our Sympathy goes out to the Dale & Cindy Wiederhoeft families at the death of their son, Shawn who passed away on July 21st. His funeral was held at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont on July 27. Also left to cherish his memory is his wife, Dawn and his children Bailey, Kori, Cooper and Amelia. Shawn was baptized & confirmed



Our sympathy to the Teresa Zaharia family at the death of her parents, LuElla & Howard Kautz. LuElla's Funeral was held at Trinity on Thursday, July 7th. And Howard's funeral was held on Tuesday, August 16th. Both funerals were held at Trinity. The Burial of Howard & LuElla was held at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Truman.



Norman & Marilyn Anderson have moved. Their new address is:

620 Summit Drive Apt. #407,
Fairmont, MN 56031.

Marilyn is recovering from a stay in the Rochester hospital in early August. Lift up your prayers for her recovery.

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Deepest sympathy to Arlene Peterson at the death of her husband, Doyle who passed away on August 13th. His funeral was held at Trinity on Saturday, August 20th. Burial was held at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Truman. Also left to cherish his memory is Doyle's daughter Jennifer, son Jeff, sister-in-law Geri Peterson and brothers-in-law Don (Sandy) Meyer and Gary (Linda) Meyer.



Needed are:
granola bars,
crackers, goldfish
crackers, cereal,
peanut butter/jelly,

popcorn, juice, juice boxes, cake mixes, frosting, baby food, easy mac, ramen, Deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, bodywash, toothbrushes, feminine products, notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, binders, glue sticks, crayons/colored pencils and markers to be collected at the church.

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A Private Family Funeral was held for Duane Heckman on May 10th. Duane passed away on May 4th in Truman. His Burial was held at Westford Cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Rosalie and Mike (Paula) Heckman and families.



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Larry Miller, Rosalie Heckman & family, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Arlene Peterson & family, Teresa Zaharia & Family, Jerry Teig, and Marilyn Anderson.



We love our church!



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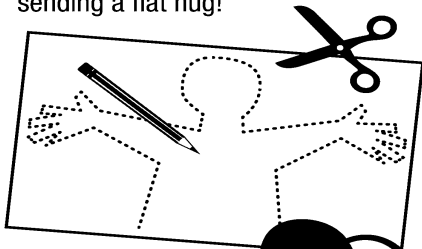
Sat

	   	1	Steve & Vanessa Graham (38 years)	2		3	Rick Davis						
4	Duke & Carolyn Drevlow (29 years)	5		6	Tammy Wokasch	7	Jackson Maloney	8		9	Marcy Pettersen	10	Copeland Erdmann
11	Kashia Moon Dan Smith	12		13		14		15	Deb Nickerson Janice Wiederhoeft Jeff & LeAnn Maloney (38 years)	16	Margaret Durkee Jim & Brenda Hansen (29 years)	17	
18	Linnea Huss 	19		20	Zachary Hansen Aubree Heenan	21	Jordan Selnes	22		23		24	Jan Warrington
25		26	Tim & Mindy Cook (24 years) Josh & Heather Tonkin (7 years)	27	JoAnn Quade	28	David & Teresa Zupfer (31 years) Mary Lehr (96 years)	29	Rhonda Bonk 	30			

FUN FOR ALL AGES

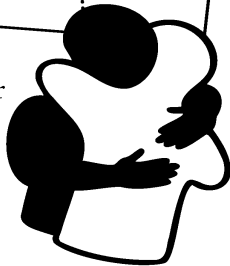
Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



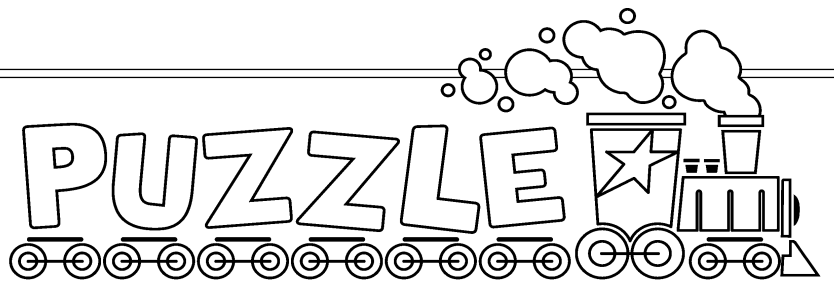
What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope

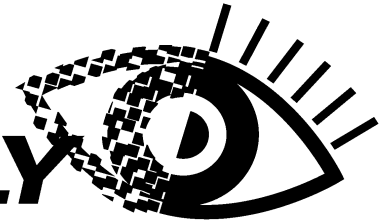


What you do:

1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.



SEEING CLEARLY



God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans

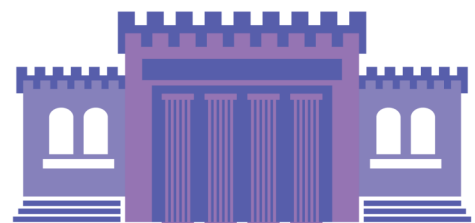


Bible Quiz



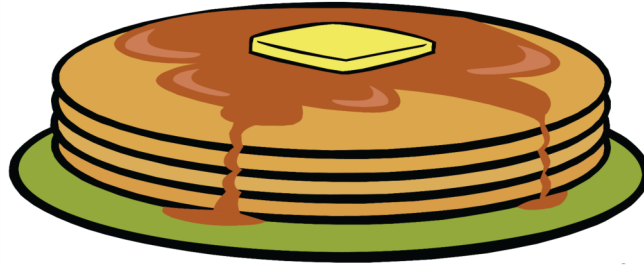
Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre



Answer: A (See Ezra 1:1-4)

Pancake



Feed

Pancake Feed and Silent Auction at
Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman, MN
(Money raised will go towards playset for the youth)

Wednesday, September 14th 5:30pm-7:30pm

*Meal includes: pancakes, sausage, egg bake, fruit
and juice.

*Free will offering.

*Items will be available to bid on starting Sunday,
September 4th. The bidding will end Wednesday
September 14th at 7pm.

All are welcome, we appreciate your support!

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September 2022

And the peace of God,
which surpasses
all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7, ESV

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