

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Dear Family and Friends at Trinity,

Sterling. That was the name of the church, the Sterling United Methodist Church. Sterling was, and is, an appropriate name for that little one room rural church, seven miles north of Brookings,

SD. Established in 1895, it is still a viable congregation and witness to the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ. At the time I served the church almost everyone was related to everyone else; I do not know if that is still true; I simply know it is still an active congregation. In the years I was there, membership never exceeded 30-that didn't stop them.

The congregation was one of the most loving, sweet, everyone-pitch-in-and-work congregations I have ever served. Once, I convinced them I had NOT been sent there by the bishop to close them down-a false idea they had gotten from somewhere-but then churches are often getting strange and unreal ideas-we had a great time. It also had some of the most interesting things happen to it, and in it. Here are a few.

*They were originally a German speaking church; during the WWI someone painted yellow stripes on the church; they knew who it was because the painting was done after a rain storm so there were buggy tracks; they decided the Christian thing to do was leave well enough alone. *They built new outhouses; someone stole them; again they knew who it was, but let it be. *Early in their history they had wallpapered the sanctuary with a paper that had a "swirly" design; the swirly design was made with a metallic paint; the church building was struck by lightning; it followed all of the swirls and curls in the wallpaper, cutting it and making a "jig-saw" puzzle of sorts out of it. The lightning actually burned a path across the aisle on its way from one side of the church to the other. Next time they just painted the walls.

* Once, because she was not going to be in church the following morning, the communion steward set the communion elements on the communion table the night before. When I uncovered the bread during communion the following morning, I discovered the mice had eaten it!

*There were no little boys in the congregation, just little girls. This meant there was always a Mary for the

Christmas pageant; these were farm girls so they understood that girls could care for livestock so there was no problem with them being shepherds. They thought it was kind of "cool" being the wise-women but no one would play Joseph; each Christmas we had to 'rent' a neighbor boy to be Joseph. *Since there were no boys, Baby Jesus was always a little girl-the youngest of the grand children that year. One year, "Baby Jesus" made a run from the manger, dressed in her red velveteen dress, her black patent leather shoes, and lacey sox. * For the Christmas pageants, they had a live baby goat and a live baby lamb, making the nativity scene quite realistic with their soft bleating, first of the goat, then the lamb, then the cooing of the Baby Jesus, It was sweet.

*I wasn't there the time the raccoons who lived under the roof fell through the ceiling during the church service.

*The pianist often had epileptic seizures while playing the piano. She would just stop and sit there. The congregation knew what was happening and so one of them would just go sit by her to make sure she didn't fall off of the piano bench; after a couple of minutes she would come to, and begin playing right where she had left off.

*Knowing that I was not a good singer, one Sunday they wired my hymnbook shut and tied it to the pulpit.

*My most faithful worship attendee was a dog; he belonged to a farm family near the church and came when he heard the church bell, would sit quietly at the door, and leave during the last hymn. He was never a problem.

*They did not have a drive way; you simply charted your course and dived down into the road ditch and up into the church yard!

I could go on and on about the trials and tribulations of this little church-the yearly costly flooding of the basement because years earlier they voted not to spend the \$25 necessary to move the church back away from the county road as it was being built up; a pastor that broke up a marriage, including his own, the young woman who donned a fake beard one morning in church, sat in the front row and flicked her fake beard at me trying to make me laugh, or the time I was in such a hurry to get there, I forgot my skirt....but...what I really want you to know about this congregation, is that in spite of all of these set-backs, some of them funny, some costly,

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COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun
Vice President: Dan Klassen
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Treasurer: Brenda Hansen
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith
Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner
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- June 8, 2022**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Eloise Miller Dan Klassen Teresa Zaharia Rhonda Bonk Cathy Sorenson Nikki Smith & Ashley Parish for a short time

Secretary's report: Kathy Wilkening None May meeting canceled due to last month's storm.

Treasures report: - Curtis Jones Trucking delivered the crushed granite for \$1000.98. Budget is on track.

Pastors Report: Phone call and home visits. Emailed and sent cards to members. Met with Worship Committee for summer theme ideas.

Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk - There is an open spot on the stewardship committee. Looking for a new member.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism: Eloise Miller - Senior Recognition Sunday went very well. The breakfast before church served donuts and coffee. All 3 seniors were honored. A few donuts were left over so they were donated to STEP and Tuesday Morning coffee. Bought more sympathy cards from Good New Book Store.

Church Properties: Rocks were hauled in on south driveway

Christian Education: Nikki Smith - Nikki, Ashley and Dan asked the council if they could look into getting playground equipment for GIFT. Cathy motioned to look into purchasing playground equipment for the church's property and Dan second. Fund raising will happen later with possible pancake breakfast. Food Shelf at the school is getting low. A table will be set up for donations with a list of what is needed.

Youth: Teresa Zaharia - Youth met at Penny Ritters house and cleaned the yard. Possible of future trip to Valley Fair and work at Food Shelf.

Worship: Cathy Sorenson - Possibility of changing the summer hours for Sunday morning

service. Streaming church service might be delayed and not live. Outdoor service is being explored with pot luck. Theme for summer service is bible stories about Rocks and Stones. Pastor Rebecca will preach in Penny's absence.

NEW BUSINESS: Motioned was accepted for a facility use agreement for Joyce Ysker's 80th Birthday Party. Call committee has a meeting with Madelia and Hanska next week. Gift Baskets from Trinity for new families moving into the area was suggested and will be explored.

Submitted by Secretary
 Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of May 31, 2022

Checking Account Bal.	\$52,375
Savings Account Bal.	\$55,693
MAY:	
General Fund Income	\$11,088
General Fund Expenses	\$ 5,125
Net long	\$ 5,963
JUNE:	
Cash Available	\$ 52,375
Bills to pay	\$ 5,966
Cash long	\$ 46,409

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

HE WILL, HE WILL ROCK YOU!

Before country singer Vern Gosdin vocalized about “your stone cold heart” Scripture had issued a warning about this serious cardiac condition.

Before there were scientific geological studies, building codes, and mandatory inspections at construction sites, Scripture was writing a manual about solid ground, firm foundations and cornerstones.

Before persons complained that hotel pillows were as hard as stone, there was indeed a pillow made of stone.

All of these stories and more will be part of our summer series, “He Will Rock You”. For the worship service purists and traditionalists among you, relax, there will be only minor changes in the worship service format; for those of you who would



like something new and difference, there will be some changes in the worship format! Hymns like “My Hope is Built On Nothing Less”, “Rock of Ages”, and “The Church’s One Foundation” will be keystone hymns but we may (try to) learn some new ones too. During the children’s moments we will learn about many different kinds of rocks.



Bring a Rock to Church

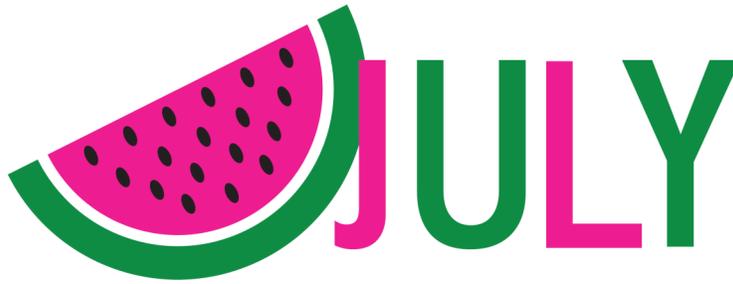
Remember to bring a rock with your family’s name (individuals and/or surname only) on it July 10th as we follow a tradition established by Joshua! The rock should not be so big as to require a skid loader or so small you could lose it in your pocket. It should just be a rock you can lift, and that others can see your name on it!

I look forward to this summer series. I hope you are also looking forward to something a little different!

“He Will Rock You” began on June 19th and will continue until August...and maybe beyond. In the meantime, just for fun, why don’t you see how any proverbs, instructions, or sayings you can think of that involve rocks or stones? For example, “sticks and stones may break my bones.....” or “those who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones”. Maybe there will even be a prize for the one with the longest list...or maybe even for everyone who even tries to make a list (that promise is not carved in stone.)



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**



August 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship Service at 10:30 am	<u>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS</u> Tue-7:00-11:00 Wed-7:00-11:00 Fri-7:00-11:00	LAWN CARE TEAM FOR JULY July 3-9—Monty Selnes July 10-16—Vern Quade July 17-23—Chris Mosloski July 24-30—Tom Kneeland 			1	2 Open House 90th B-day Party for Barb Shoen 9-12 at the Truman Com Building
3 <u>Communion</u>	4 GOD BLESS AMERICA	5	6	7 	8	9 <u>90th BIRTHDAY</u> 
10	11	12	13 7 pm Church Council mtg.	14	15	16
17 <u>Communion</u>	18	19	20	21	22 <u>Truman</u>	23 <u>Days</u> 7-10:30 Trinity hosts Waffle Breakfast
24	25 	26	27	28 	29	30 80th Birthday Party for Joyce Ysker In our fellowship Hall 2-4 pm
31			<u>Lay Readers</u> 7/3-Jan R. 7/10--LeAnn M 7/17-Donna K 7/24-Ann E.	Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. <small>Psalm 66:1, KJV</small>		 80th B-day

LAWN CARE TEAM FOR AUGUST

Aug 1-6—Chris Mosloski
 Aug 7-13—Mark Durkee
 Aug 14-20—Dan Klassen
 Aug 21-27—Grant Hartman
 Aug 28-Sept 3—Mike W.



AUGUST 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Tue-7:00-11:00 Wed-7:00-11:00 Fri-7:00-11:00	Remember your OFFERINGS 	Vacation Bible School (ck social media 4 updated info)			
7 Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13
			7 pm Church Council Meeting		BY faith	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	1:30 WELCA Meeting at the church				Newsletter DEADLINE!	
21 Communion	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Pastor Penny gone Aug 27 thru Sept 10
28	29	30	31	Lay Readers 8/7-Judy D. 8/14-Laurie W 8/21-Sandy M 8/28-Dave S.		September 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



WELCA News

Following is a list of items to be purchased for the personal care kits we are making this year (instead of school kits). **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF WELCA TO MAKE THESE PURCHASES.**

- One light or medium weight bath towel, about 52 by 27, preferably light 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

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the salad luncheon a success. Special thanks to Sandy, Arlene, and Robin who served as chairmen.

Our next WELCA meeting will be August 15. If anyone would like to serve coffee and dessert for our meeting, please let me know by calling 236 8311.

~Barb Shoen



Thank You!

Dear Trinity Church Family,
Thank you! WELCA ladies for the quilt you made for my graduation. You couldn't have been more spot on in making this for me. Your time and attention to detail is a blessing.

Luke Hinton

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some worrisome, in and through it all, they maintained a joyful spirit. They paid their apportionments (denominational "dues"), they supported missionaries and missions, they sent representatives to denominational events, and most important of all, they remained true and faithful to the gospel. They produced generation after generation of faithful disciples of Christ. They were friendly and fearless. They were the church at work in Brookings County, and in the world. They understood the church was not about the building, but about the worship and work that happened in and out of the building; they realized they were the church with or without a pastor. When they could not see the future, they trusted God because they believed He held their future. Aren't you curious what I will write about Trinity years from now? Actually that text is in your hands. Write it!!

Pastor Penny

GREETINGS....just a note to let you know that I (Pastor Penny) will not be with you during much of August and September; I will be doing what I had planned to do during this retirement-travel. I do not know what is happening in your search for a pastor-perhaps I will be with you again, perhaps not. Please pray for my safe travels as I will pray for you.



PS- Thanks to the youth group who worked so hard doing spring clean up on my yard, It was, at least for me, a very worthwhile fund raising project. Thanks. PJR

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$69,510.96

Hy-Vee-\$107,813.90

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



The family of Barb Shoen is having **Open House 90th Birthday Party for Barb** at the Truman Community Building on Saturday, July 2nd from 9-12. No gifts please.

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Lyle Rich, former pastor at Trinity, will be turning 90 yrs old on July 9th. He served at Trinity in the 1960's – 70's along with his wife, Joan and family. (Joan passed away in March 2021). Lyle would welcome cards at:

New Address

Pastor Lyle Rich
2211 White Pine Lane
Rm #06
Menomonie, WI 54751

(If you mailed to his old address, it will still reach him)



An Open House Celebration to honor **Joyce (Williamson) Ysker's 80th B-day**

Will be held at **Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman**. If you are unable to attend, cards will reach her at:

202 W. 2nd St. S.
Truman, MN 56088



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Arlene Wegner family at the death of her husband Dallas, who passed away on June 19. The funeral will be held on July 1, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Visitation will be held on June 30th from 5-7 pm. and 1 hour prior to the services at the church.



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.



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JULY 22 & 23
2022

THE 38TH ANNUAL

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LIVE, SILENT & ONLINE AUCTIONS

BEACHFRONT CONCERT

BOUNCE HOUSE

HOTDISH SUPPER & PULLED PORK LUNCH

MORE INFO
GLLM.ORG



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, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Doyle Peterson and family, Jerry Teig, and Arlene Wegner and Family.



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Brenda's 20th Anniversary At the CHURCH					1 Dave & Pat Baarson (50 years) 	2 Barb Shoen (90 years)
3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5	6	7	8 Mike Heckman	9
10 Dale Wiederhoeft	11	12	13 Steve Graham	14	15	16
17 Alaina Klassen	18	19 Jaiden Cook	20 Logan & Melissa Werner (9 years)	21 Vicky Schwanz Melissa Werner	22 Ron Kelley Jared Zupfer	23 Terresa Davis
24 Thomas Kotewa Pam Rode	25 Jeff Maloney	26	27 Doyle Peterson (87 years)	28 Larry Miller	29 David Michalke Vern & JoAnn Quade (45 Years)	30 Karsan Davis Tammy Selnes
31						

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
80th B-day	1 Joyce Ysker (80 years)	2 Dave & Cathy Sorenson (52 years)	3 Monty Selnes	4 Derek Mohwinkel	5 Rick & Terresa Davis (24 yrs) Mike & Rhonda Bonk (33 yrs)	6 Britta Hartman Mel & Marlene Breitbarth (40 years)
7 Mike Taylor Brenda Hansen Allison Klassen Dan & Allison Klassen (18 yrs)	8	9	10 Peter Shoen Margaret & Mark Durkee (37 years)	11 Amy Pettersen	12	13
14	15	16	17 Connie Selnes (83 years)	18 Chad Hastad Nikki Smith	19	20 Karen & Tom Kneeland (39 years)
21 Diana Hovdet	22	23	24 Luke Hinton	25	26	27 LuElla Kautz Howard Kautz Grant & Britta Hartman (28 years)
28	29	30	31 Ann Erdmann	He restores my soul. Psalm 23:3		



SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

PUZZLE

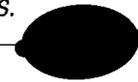
Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

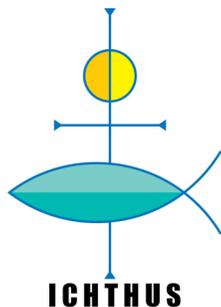


	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo__e, j__ __, pea__e,
 pa__ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,
 fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control



FISH—The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith

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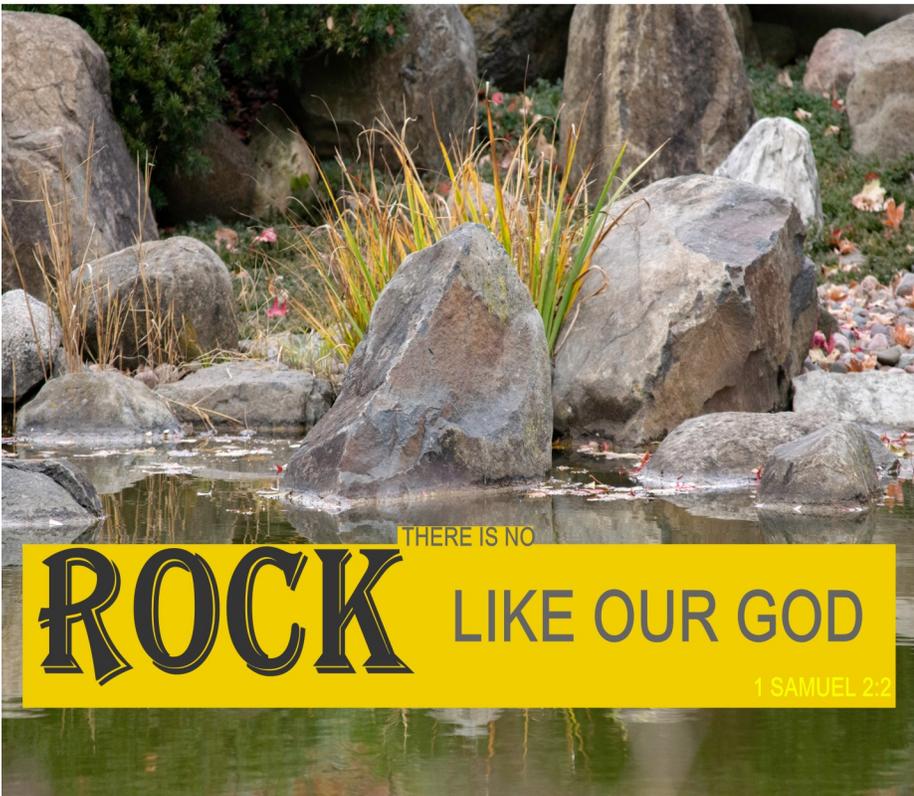
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***Be sure to include your PO Box number (if you have one) on your mailing address. Starting in August-2022, the post office will not deliver mail without a PO box number. Please let the church office know if you need to include it or you will not receive your newsletter by mail. Thank you!

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July/August 2022



THERE IS NO
ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

1 SAMUEL 2:2

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