

# Trinity Tidings

July 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

One day recently, when I was pouring through a devotional book of mine, *More Light on the Path*, I ran across the above passage from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel. The devotion was entitled, "Sacrificial Joy". It stated this, "It is not so much the "what" as it is the "why" and the "how" that matter in sacrificial living. For the heart that is deeply in love, all sacrifice for the beloved in sheer joy".

Boy O Boy did that hit home with me. In this "what have you done for me lately" world, the Christian must seriously consider this statement. We consistently desire things to go our way, to work out for the "best". But, whose best are we striving for? "fear the Lord and serve him faithfully", first Samuel tells us. We pray "thy will be done", not mine. We must consider what great things God has done for us. That is, above all else, above job, spouse, children, home, fun, money, clothes, car we are to serve the Lord faithfully. As St. Paul puts it in Romans 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship".

How then are we to offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God? Prayerfully consider all the opportunities God has given you to do so. Godly parenting (grand parenting, uncle-ing, aunt-ing, etc), a faithful devotional life, loving your spouse and family above your job, increased worship attendance, faithful giving, sharing time (teaching children?) and talents (special music anyone?), service to church and community, mission, outreach, servant events...and the list could go on and on. All of these things are done out of sheer joy and thanksgiving for the wonderful blessing God gives to us each and everyday. That is, faith! Faith to believe in Christ Jesus our Savior, God's Son who gave His life that we might have life eternal. And you don't even have to do them alone. Remember, I said to prayerfully consider. Ask God for help and guidance and He will grant it to you according to His will. He sacrificed His one and only Son for you, He will certainly therefore help you in your sacrifice in return. He has granted you His Holy Spirit for guidance and strength and promised to be with you always.

God's Blessings be with each and every one of you.  
In The Name of Our Risen Lord,  
Pastor Todd

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**Principal**  
Emily White

July is Trinity's month to run the Madison Food Pantry every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Any volunteers are welcome!!

**Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid**  
**June 19, 2024**

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met May 19, 2024, at 9:30 am with 8 members answering roll call.

Bev Wolverton opened with prayer and a devotion.

The May minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,117.80.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Napkins, cotton balls, front covers of greeting cards, trimmed stamps, and reams of paper are being collected for the June 27th Norfolk Convention. Brenda and Margo are our delegates.

Drew Oswald's ordination was attended by 196 people and 22 pastors. We fed 123 people in the church basement following the service. We received a check from Brian and Brenda Oswald as a donation for serving the lunch. Thank you Brenda and Brian!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Our Ladies Aid group will be making the sandwiches for the July 11, 2024 Blood Drive held at the Charity Hall here in Madison. Workers will meet at the Hall at 10:30 am to prepare the sandwiches. Annie will pick up the ham and deliver it to Betty to trim the ham. Brenda will order the bread, butter and cheese from the grocery store. Margo will provide the sandwich bags and mayonnaise and will pick up the paper products from the banks here in town.

**MISSION PROJECT:**

A motion was made and seconded to send three \$50 checks to the Convention for the In-Gathering for a total of \$150 for our Mission project this month. \$50 will go to mites, \$50 to the Lutheran Schools in the Norfolk zone and \$50 for scholarships for church workers.

It was also decided to donate some church cookbooks to the Rescue Mission for their book sale. Lisa Wolken will deliver the cookbooks to the Rescue Mission.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. We welcome visitors.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Jurgens, Secretary

**We are blessed with a wonderful family of brothers and sisters in Christ here at Trinity. It has been a blessing to serve with all of you for the past 15 years. We are praying that God will soon bless you with a new teacher and principal. Justus has agreed to take over the technology committee, and we are confident that he will do a great job.**

**When we moved to Madison 3 years ago, we never imagined that we would be moving to Missouri already. God has shown us that His plans are often not our plans. We are so very grateful that God placed us to be members here for 15 years. We will miss everyone from church and school and are so appreciative of your love and support for these past years. We are excited to see what Jesus will do through us in Branson, and what He will continue to do here in Madison through all of you!**

**In God's love and grace,**

**Verlyn and Emily White**

**Trinity Lutheran School  
School Board Minutes  
Monday, May 6, 2024**

**I. Present:** Mrs. White, Jean Blank, Diane Cattau, Kristen Orlowski, Rebecca Utecht

**II. Absent:** Kristen Wolken

**III. Guests:** Pastor Kollbaum

**IV. Minutes:** Reviewed and Approved.

**V. Financial Report:** Reviewed and Approved.

**VI. Parish Ed Report:** Vacation Bible School is May 20-23. Youth trip to Camp Okoboji is June 9-12 and open to all in grades 7-12.

**VII. Old Business:**

- a. Spring Picnic and Awards – Fairgrounds 6:00 pm
- b. Graduation Sunday/Kindergarten Promotion – May 12

**VIII. New Business:**

- a. MAPS test results - Reviewed
- b. Safety Committee – Will be meeting
- c. Review substitute teacher pay (\$110/day) – Motion made and seconded to raise to \$125/day.
- d. Review teacher's aide pay – Tabled for Personnel Committee.
- e. Pool party – July 30th Diane will take care of.
- f. Pay track coach – Motion made and seconded to pay the track coach.
- g. School lunches – Motion made and seconded to approve the school lunch policy.

**IX. Principal's Report – May 2024 Calendar:**

May 7 – K-2 field trip

May 9 – Early Dismissal (last day of school)

May 12 – Graduation Sunday

May 15 – End of the year staff meeting (tentative)

1. Grades 3-7 visited the Orphan Grain Train warehouse on April 26. We were able to unpack some boxes of baby supplies and repack them in boxes that took up much less room. The students were hard workers and made me very proud.

2. Grades 3-7 visited Omaha on May 1st for their field trip. They toured Boys Town, the Mormon Trail Museum and Schwab Field.

3. Carpet cleaning is scheduled for July 23rd (church) and 24th (school).

4. Next year's school registration will be July 30th.

5. I have "graduated" from TEC21, and I have finished class 4 out of 12 in my master's program.

**X. Other:** Discussed ways to draw new families to our school.

**XI. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

**XII. Lord's Prayer:** Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Cattau

## ***The Rewards of Godliness***

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

### **What does God say about all these commandments?**

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5–6)

### **What does this mean?**

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1–3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28–29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

"The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God." Romans 14:18

# LHNE NEWS

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## BEEF BLAST 2024

We hope to see you on Sunday, August 25th at LHNE for the annual Beef Blast fundraising event. If you would like to donate or if you have any questions, please contact Fred Aufdembrink at [faufdembrink@lhne.org](mailto:faufdembrink@lhne.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15 - Blood Drive

July 15 - Booster Club Mtg

## LHNE SUMMER WEIGHTS

The summer weightlifting program at LHNE started on May 28th. This year we will have four sessions: HS Girls 6:00-7:15 AM, HS Boys 6:30-7:45AM, 7th/8th Boys 8:30-9:15AM, and 7th/8th Girls 9:15-10:00AM. If you have any questions, please contact our Activities Director, Preston Sunderman ([psunderman@lhne.org](mailto:psunderman@lhne.org)).

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The LHNE office summer hours will be Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Stop in and visit or give us a call!

## IMPORTANT DATES

The summer is going by quickly! Be sure to have these dates marked on your calendars.

August 1 - Registration Day

August 8 - New Student Orientation

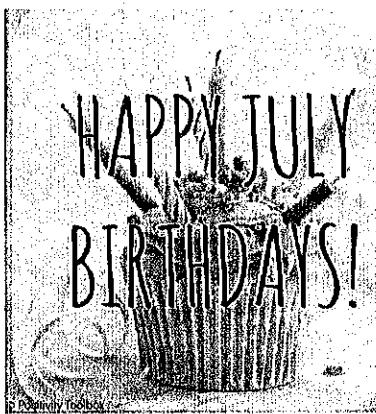
August 8 - All Parent Meeting at 6:30 PM

August 9 - First Day of School!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the golf outing! It was a success because of all of the sponsors, workers, and players. A special thank you to our title sponsor, Elkhorn Valley Bank. We appreciate your support!



## July Baptism Anniversaries

July 2	Damon Ambrose, Julie Sjuts, Louise Sjuts, Clint Sprague
July 3	Brian Zessin
July 4	David Koenig
July 5	Kyndall Holdorf
July 6	Brynn Doupnik
July 8	Natalie Schmidt
July 14	Suzy Jurgens
July 15	Al Demmel
July 16	Jayden Frauendorfer, Elijah Hintz, Anthony Kittle
July 18	Gary Uttecht
July 20	Daila Eurek, Joan Gall, Callum Hartner
July 23	Brandon Demmel
July 24	Scarlet Blank
July 25	Vicky Demmel
July 28	Jedidiah Uttecht
July 29	Harrison Holdorf, Sheila Koss, Jim Kruger
July 30	Lyle Jurgens, Seth Knapp
July 31	Bobbi Koss

July 2	Janice Wedekind
July 3	Marion Freudenburg
July 4	Erin Romero
July 6	Kristin Wolken
July 7	Doug Rumsey
July 8	Andrew Koss
July 11	Megan Hedrick, Ric Reikofski, Lyndee Wolken, William Wolken
July 13	Jennifer Morrison, Allen Wedekind
July 14	Navie Rutten
July 17	Melinda Spray
July 18	Brian Zessin
July 20	Rebecca Uttecht
July 21	Julie Sjuts, Louise Sjuts
July 25	Shakiera Gronenthal
July 26	Angela Kollbaum
July 28	Harlow Schroeder
July 30	Blake Freudenburg, Emily Woodall

## July Wedding Anniversaries

Michael and Tammy Jo Hoffart	July 1, 1994
Rickard and Stephanie Scott	July 13, 2002
Werner and Scarlet Blank	July 15, 1995
Joe and Marilyn Ray	July 19, 1975
Clint and Cassie Sprague	July 20, 2019
Michael and Tammy Holdorf	July 23, 1999
Bill and Sarah Masters	July 28, 1979

## July Volunteers

### ***Elders on Duty***

Brian Oswald

Bill Masters

### **Scripture Readers**

7	Karen Freudenburg
14	Regan Kucera
21	Brenda Oswald
28	Brian Oswald
Aug. 4	Annie Rumsey

### **Screen Team**

6	Lareesa Greunke
7	Vicky Demmel
13	Sheila Koss
14	Pam Busteed
20	Sharon Wright
21	Lareesa Greunke
27	Vicky Demmel
28	Sheila Koss
Aug. 3	Pam Busteed
Aug. 4	Sharon Wright

### **Greeters**

July	Bobbi Koss Sheila Koss & Family
August	Arland Claus Margo Dawson

### **Countryside Home Volunteers**

7	Al & Mary Sorensen
14	Don & Donna Knapp
21	Lyle & Sue Jurgens
28	Margo Dawson
Aug. 4	Merlin & Ruth Oswald

### **Altar Guild Servants**

July	Sarah Masters/Donna Knapp
August	Ruth Oswald/Sharon Deets

### **Church Lawn Mowing Schedule**

July 3-9	Brandon Demmel
July 10-16	Marion Freudenburg
July 17-23	Merlin Oswald
July 24-30	Brandon Demmel
July 31-6	Larry Sjuts

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 8:15am Fellowship 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship	<b>1</b> 4pm Ministerial Association Mtg.	<b>2</b> 12pm Pastor at Senior Center 2pm Pastor at CSH	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Worship with Communion
<b>7</b> 8:15am Fellowship 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship with Communion	<b>8</b> Fair	<b>9</b> Fair	<b>10</b> Fair	<b>11</b> Fair	<b>12</b> Fair	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Fair 8:15am Fellowship 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30am Ladies Aid 6pm Voters Mtg.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30pm Worship with Communion
<b>21</b> LCMS Youth Workers Conf. to Youthlead 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship with Communion	<b>22</b> LCMS Youth Workers Conf. to Youthlead	<b>23</b> LCMS Youth Workers Conf. to Youthlead 12pm Pastor at Senior Center	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Worship
<b>28</b> 8:15am Fellowship 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Newsletter	<b>31</b> 7pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Worship with Communion