

The Epistle

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel

September 2021

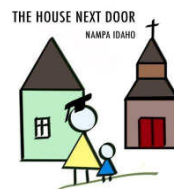


Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

I have no idea what you were expecting September 2021 to look like. I was recently asked, "What makes a good nonprofit board member?" I included attending meetings and being a cheerleader for the organization in the community. I added that a good board member could dream or envision 10 years and plan for 3-5 years. I later changed the last part of my answer to planning for 1 year. The truth is, right now I think planning for 3 months is the most reasonable. The world is changing fast, even as God's steadfast love endures forever. Here at Trinity, I am excited that we are participating in Confirmation Co-op, including in-person gatherings. The same goes for Sunday School for all ages. Gospel and Growth is planning an event for September 29: Remember and Grieve Together, a time to name our grief and connect with one another and the Holy Spirit. Church in Community is making plans for Gods Work: Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 12, a time to nurture our relationship with neighboring West Middle School. Our Stewardship Team has been collating photos the past year which will help us celebrate all that God has done through our congregation. At the end of September, congregational leaders from across the Treasure Valley ELCA Cluster will gather to ponder what new things the church is being called into today and tomorrow. Housing and feeding ministries continue year-round and invite our leaders into partnerships around the Treasure Valley. We look ahead together to fall and cooler days with clean crisp air. Ahead on the calendar are festivals like Reformation and All Saints Sunday. That is far enough for me to reflect today. As Emerson wrote, "The health of the eye seems to demand a horizon. We are never tired, so long as we can see far enough."

Peace,

Pastor Meggan



August's Noisy Offering on Sunday, August 29th will be for *The House Next Door*. The MISSION of *The House Next Door* is to accompany and assist single mothers and their children as the mothers

pursue appropriate educational degrees, in part, by providing rent-free housing. It is our goal to help young women become successful and self-sufficient, thereby improving the quality of life for themselves, their children, and the community.



September's Noisy Offering on Sunday, September 26th will be for *Trinity New Hope*. Trinity New Hope provides clean and affordable housing as well as help

and hope for those in need. Their guiding principles are to maintain clean, safe and compliant properties, to ensure financial stability, to seek and develop leadership for both staff and volunteers, to continually communicate our story and to educate and empower tenants to be more valuable community members. Their Vision is for everyone in Nampa to have a clean, safe home in which to live



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, Sept. 12 is our day for *God's Work, Our Hands*. We have had some special requests from West Middle School this fall. They

are in need of backpacks and shoes for students in grades 6-7-8. New or gently used items or cash donations will be greatly appreciated. We will start taking donations after church for the next 3 Sundays: Aug. 29, Sept. 5 and Sept. 12. We will also write Thank You Notes for teachers and staff plus collect store-bought prepackaged treats or fruit which will be delivered to West on Mon., Sept. 13. Thanks for your awesome efforts! Contact Steve or Renee VanAtter or Joyce Becht with any questions.



Monday Morning Study- 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study on- 1st and 2nd Samuel



Sunday Adult Forum

is on Summer Break and will resume September 12th with William White's book- "In Over Our Heads: Meditations on Grace".



The Women's Luncheon for **August** will be 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 31st at *Olive Garden*. Please contact Sandy Cosgrove to RSVP.

The **September** Women's Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 28th. Details will be announced.

- President**
Sarah Henthorn (21)
- Vice-President**
Jerry Armbrust (23) (21 as VP)
- Secretary**
Penelope Smith (22) (21 Sec.)
- Treasurer**
Lloyd Kellar (renewable)
- Financial Secretary**
Karissa Armbrust (renewable)
- Accounts Payable Coordinator**
Peggy Miller (renewable)
- Council Team Assignments**
Christian Education/Youth: Sandy Blom (23)
Church in Community: Mwajuma Dusabe (22)
Communication: Patrick Kelly (22)
Gospel and Growth: Penelope Smith (22)
Hospitality: Amanda Hanson (22)
Property: Tom Friddle (21)
Stewardship: Sarah Henthorn (21)
Trinity New Hope: Carl Radke (23)
Worship & Music: Caitlin McHugh (21)
- Congregational Committee Assignments**
Audit: Julie Ward (21) Tami Robinson (23), Emily Bentley (22)
Endowment: Larry Mills (21), Lisa Harker (22), Edith Hannett (23)
Memorial: Ardelle O'Bryan (21), Craig Olsen (23), Andrew Hanson (22)
Nominating: Jennifer Metz, Tim McHugh, Tom Friddle, Sarah Henthorn
Mutual Ministry: Sharon Jones, Jerry Armbrust, Tammy Torrey, Steve Ward
Synod Assembly Voting Members: Jerry & Karissa Armbrust
Luther Heights Representatives: Janet Metzger & Cathy Winwood

Trinity New Hope Wish List



- Two New (Metal/Rubber) Wrap Picnic Tables
- Two New Outdoor Barbeques
- One Large Outdoor Trash Can (Park Style)
- A Tree in front yards of units missing them.
- Perma-bark (rock) in the garden areas of the units instead of blow in wood bark that just deteriorates.
- New Sprinkler System

Confirmation Schedule

Retreat at Luther Heights September 17-19
 October 10th: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 November 14th: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 December 12th: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 January 8-9th: Retreat at Immanuel



FLOWERS! FLOWERS!

FLOWERS! Thanks to all who have contributed flowers for our YouTube and Facebook services. We are now back on a regular flower chart signup. You may either call Joyce Becht at (208) 465-1753 or sign-up on the sign-up chart located on the window in the church entry. Please remember to bring your flowers to the church office during office hours 9 a.m. to 1:00p.m. by Thursday. Thanks for all you do each week to beautify our sanctuary.



Statistical Comparison For August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
7/26/20	90	\$1,935.00
7/25/21	29	1,900.72
8/2/20	78	2,293.88
8/1/21	34 (campout)	3,362.49
8/9/20	unkn	1,950.00
8/8/21	25	1,260.42
8/16/20	unkn	2,763.86
8/15/21	37	4,355.00
8/23/20	80	1,264.00
8/22/21	38	1,347.00
8/30/20	64	2,068.88
8/29/21	(unavailable at time of printing)	
July Automatic Giving:		\$1,7999.66
August Automatic Giving (through 8/22):		unavailable

-Holiday Bazaar-



Saturday November 6. Please contact Karissa Armbrust at 208-318-3823 to reserve your table.

Recruiting Home Communion Ministers



Trinity needs to recruit a few new people who will serve our homebound members. No experience necessary! Training will include a session reviewing Holy Communion along with the practices and tools for an effective visit. My goal is to visit our members every-other month, with Home Communion Ministers visiting the opposite months. Please contact me by Sept. 19 if you are interested. - Pastor Meggan



-New Phone Number-
Julie Haugen- (208) 899-1361



Congregation Council
Meeting for August
Team Reports for 8/19/21

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pr. Meggan Manlove
Cluster: Pastor Justin Tigerman's last Sunday at Faith, Caldwell will be Aug. 29. Deacon Kat Tigerman's last day at The House Next Door will be in mid-September. Cluster leaders (rostered and lay) will meet with a consultant Sept. 25 to ask what's next for the cluster (what can we do together that we cannot do alone?) and how do we help all of our ELCA congregations thrive?

Partnerships: Trinity member Cathy Winwood did an amazing job as the head cook for most of the summer at Luther Heights Bible Camp. Thanks Cathy! Trinity campers had great experiences. Thanks to all of the Trinity members who volunteered with Learning Peace: A Camp for Kids. Mark your calendars for Canyon County CROP Walk Oct. 17 in Caldwell. Thanks to Tim and Steve for helping with the Walk. Confirmation Coop begins with a kick-off Aug. 22 and continues with a retreat at Luther Heights Sept. 17-19. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for ways we are partnering with/serving our neighbors at West Middle School this academic year.

Continuing Ed: I have been participating in an online series by the Texas and Nebraska ELCA synods on the Hybrid Church (online and in-person) and I signed up for a series by Diana Butler Bass and Brian McLaren, "Christianity 20 Years After 9/11." The synod Bishop's Fall Convocation will be at Camp Lutherhaven Oct. 25-27. I will stay for a Deans Retreat Oct. 27-29.

Vacation: I hope to take a trip to Oregon with my mom Sept. 28-Oct. 6.

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY: Mwajuma Dusabe/JB
Equal Exchange: coffee/chocolate/tea sales. Please enjoy some delicious Fellowship blend for \$7/lb. or Sister's Blend for \$8/lb. Other delicious EE products are also for sale. Call Steve or Renee VanAtter who will either deliver your order or leave it at the church. Sales are also available after church services most Sundays. Thanks for your continued support.

Noisy Offerings: 5/30 Treasure Valley Community Resource Center, Inc. \$183.56; 6/27 The Shoe That Grows \$231.44; 7/25 Duck Valley Indian Reservation \$458.60 plus boxes of school supplies! Many thanks for your generosity. 8/29 the House Next Door is a ministry program of Grace Episcopal Church. The church bought the house and it now serves as a home for single mothers working on their educational degrees. Moms and kids live at the house rent-free for as long as they need to finish their degree. 9/26 Trinity New Hope provides clean and affordable housing as well as help and hope for those in need. Their guiding principles are to maintain clean, safe, and compliant properties to ensure financial stability, to seek and develop leadership for both staff and volunteers, to continually communicate our story and to educate and empower tenants to be more valuable

community members. Their Vision is for everyone in Nampa to have a clean, safe home in which to live.

Trinity Community Gardens: The numbers for the garden have been updated. The church site has donated 290 lbs. of produce so far. Combined with the other location and gleaning, we are around 1800 pounds of food. In the fall, they may need help watering if the irrigation gets turned off early. People can contact Paulette if they are willing to help with that. Per Sarah Henthorn

GOSPEL AND GROWTH: Penelope Smith
The Church Campout welcomed 29 campers from 11 households, plus we had 4 human guests at worship on Saturday night AND a doe. Plans continue for the Advent Daily Devotional booklet, with deadline on October 15th. The September 29th event now has an official name "Remember and Grieve Together". We invite people who have experienced the death of a loved one (person or pet) during the past several years to share a photo and/or a small item that reminds them. In addition, we will name and grieve those who have moved away and other things that we have missed during the past few years. The sanctuary will be open from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, with gentle background music; there will be a brief service of readings and prayers starting at 7 pm. A video of the service and the memorials displayed in the loft will be posted to YouTube later.

STEWARDSHIP: Penelope Smith
has received 52 "Time and Talent Sheets", with information tabulated and the Excels included in this Council Packet. Council members are asked to pay particular attention to information in the "passions and gifts" spreadsheet from the various tabs that relate to the committees and areas where you serve. The team worked on the Fall Financial Campaign which kicks off in September, including brainstorming a short video about the past year at Trinity. Council members are encouraged to show leadership by turning in their families' pledge cards at the September Council meeting.



**Remember Trinity when
you're out of town this summer!**

You may be enjoying the mountains, the ocean, or a family reunion at grandma's house, but worship and the ministries of Trinity continue in your absence. Thanks in advance for your financial support.



**Sunday School
Restart!!**

Trinity Lutheran Church is thankful to begin in-person Sunday School for Pre-Kindergarten through high school students.
Sunday School Kickoff will be:
Sunday, September 12, 2021,
8:45 a.m. in the sanctuary
As part of the kickoff, all ages are invited to participate in Intergenerational Sunday School.



Remember and Grieve Together -

on September 29th. On this evening we will name, remember and grieve those

who are no longer with us. Some were church members who have died or moved away. Some were family members, neighbors, or friends. Some were beloved pets. They are gone, and we miss them so very much! How we grieve can be very individual and personal, but we also want and need to support each other as we grieve together. Here is what we have planned:

1) An open sanctuary for most of the time between 6:00 - 8:00 pm, with live music played gently in the background by Trinity musicians. This can be a very private/personal time to look at the displays and sit quietly in a pew in our candle-lit sanctuary.

2) In the loft, displays of photographs and small objects that link us to those who are no longer here. We hope to have most of these gathered prior to 9/29 and left on the "railroad table" in the Koinonia (blue) room.....but there will be room if you bring yours that day.

3) What else do I grieve? We, of course, grieve people and pets who have died or moved away, but there are also other things that we have missed during the past few years. There are activities that we always loved but have been unable to do in the same way recently. There are relationships with family or friends now strained (or broken) because differing views on politics, race, COVID19, etc., make conversations volatile. There are events that were cancelled or that had to be attended online. We invite attendees to write those on pieces of "broken heart" paper at the end of the loft nearest the chancel.

4) A brief service of readings and prayers from about 7:00 - 7:15 pm. This may put into words some thoughts we are finding hard to express.

5) A recording of the displays in the loft and of the service will be available in early October. This is especially for those who were unable to attend in person, including family members who live out of town, but attendees may want to watch this also.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP.....

A) between now and 9/28, please use the form (in this newsletter and also available with the Sunday bulletins) to let us know the names of those who have died or moved. If you have photos or small objects to share, please leave them on the railroad table in the Koinonia (blue) room. If you need help organizing this, please let us know.

B) on September 29th, please come for whatever part of the evening feels comfortable and healing to you.



Fall Financial Campaign - Each September, Trinity asks members to indicate how much they plan to give in

offerings during the upcoming year. Faithful giving is another form of discipleship, along with worship, prayer, etc. And having an estimate of income helps the Church Council prepare the budget for the upcoming year. We are preparing a short video celebrating how our ministries continue despite the pandemic. Member households will receive a letter and pledge card in September. Please prayerfully consider whether it is possible for your household to increase the percentage or amount you give to Trinity.



The Advent Daily Devotional Booklet - will be published again this year, with submissions authored by members and friends of this congregation. The deadline is mid-October (which isn't really all that far off!). If you are a veteran author, you know the drill. If you would like to be one of our first-time authors this year and want more information, please talk with Mary Braudrick, Tami Robinson or Penelope Smith.



Church Camp Out - was held at the Ward property near Donnelly July 30 - August 1st. We had 29 campers representing 11 different households plus 4 guests at Saturday night worship. This year, we videotaped the worship service; it was posted on YouTube the following week. [Church Campout Campfire Worship 2021](#) This year's excitement included some rain, but we had plenty of canopies so that didn't hinder us a bit. There are many things to love about this event. One of the best is that members of our church family ranging in age from 4 to 80 can just hang out and enjoying each other's company. We are grateful to Steve and Julie Ward for hosting the event again this year.







Trinity Servants For September 2021

δουλος [*doulos*] is the New Testament Greek word for servant.

	<u>September 5</u>	<u>September 12</u>	<u>September 19th</u>	<u>September 26</u>
Assisting Minister	David Sheriff	Kim Mills	Mary Braudrick	Steve VanAtter
Organist	Patricia Bishop	Patricia Bishop	Karissa Armbrust	Wendy Quarve
Lector	Phil Cronk	Kevin Mills	Jeff Henderson	Penelope Smith
September Lessons	<i>Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2: 1-17 Mark 7: 24-37</i>	<i>Proverbs 1: 2-33 Psalm 19 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38</i>	<i>Proverbs 31: 10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9: 30-37</i>	<i>Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22 Psalm 124 James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50</i>
Acolyte	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Crucifer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Communion Asst.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Sandy Cosgrove & David Sheriff	The Mills Family	Jeff & Nancy Henderson	Carl Radke & Penelope Smith
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Church Cleaning	TBD	N/A	TBD	N/A
Altar Guild	Kim Mills	Tammy Torrey	Peggy Miller	Judy Kellar
Fellowship Time	TBD	TBD	Sharon Jones	TBD
Offering Counters	Jerry Armbrust & Sarah Henthorn	Sandy Blom & Mwajuma Dusabe	Sandy Blom & Penelope Smith	Sandy Blom & Mwajuma Dusabe
Flowers/Greens	Steve & Renee VanAtter	TBD	Steve & Renee VanAtter	Steve & Renee VanAtter

Eternal Candle: Steve & Renee VanAtter; **Wine:** TBD; **Council Devotions:** Sandy Blom; **Communion Bread:** TBD.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	3	4 
5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	6 Office Closed  LABOR DAY 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	7 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Stewardship	9 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 1:00 p.m. Learning Peace Meeting 2:00 p.m. Gospel & Growth 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	10	11 Garage Sale @ Pr. Meggan's
12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost God's Work Our Hands Sunday School Kickoff 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	13 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 7:00 p.m. COVID Task Force	14 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	15 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	16 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. Church Council	17 -----Confirmation-----	18 -----Retreat-----
19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Fellowship -----at Luther Heights-----	20 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Epistle Articles Due 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	21 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	22 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 	23 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	24	25 9:00 a.m. – noon Cluster Leaders Gathering @ Hope
26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	27 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	28 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Women's Luncheon	29 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6-8 p.m. Remember & Grieve Together	30 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon 		

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Fr. David Korth (friend of Aulda Long- treatment for lymphoma), Helen Hatton and the family of Suzanne Iverson (Helen Hatton's daughter- recently passed away), Linda Dombeck (recently hospitalized), Rick Lingle (Dianne Siewert's cousin- health issues), Brad Young and Family (friends of Leon & Aulda Long- brain tumor), Barb Franzen (has eye problems), Sylvia Ward (rehabilitation from a broken femur), Clifton Topp (recent knee replacement surgery), Colton (Fran & Elwood Webb's grandson- brain tumor), Joe Lutz (Marilyn Kirkness' son-in-law- prostate cancer), Bob Henderson (from Terry & Sandy Blom- strokes), Di Seba (cancer treatments), Virginia Gabel (from Emily Carpenter- kidney tumor), Our government (from Sharon Jones), Vickie Caldwell (from Terry & Sandy Blom- cancer and chemotherapy), Bob Smith (Julie Ward's uncle- reoccurring cancer), Jerry Gaines (from Emily Carpenter- degenerative spinal cord disease), John & Sarah Klahn (as they try to conceive), Logan (Kelly Family nephew- pancreatitis), Jen Brossart (from Amanda Hanson- cancer), Aspen (Kelly Family niece- fighting leukemia), Kim Edwards (Perry's wife-health), Letha (Jennifer Metz' mother- tumor in knee), Mona Lisa Regier (parkinsons).

People in the Armed Services: Ben Rogers (The Vanatters' nephew), Christopher Blohowiak (George & Helen Collins' great-grandson- Army), Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins- Marines), John C. Collins II (Helen Collins' grandson- Navy SEAL), Bill MacDonald (Navy).

Those in need of continuing prayer: Doyle Budd (nephew of Trisha Bishop and Di Seba- for peace and healing and guidance for doctors and family), Lorenna Ellis - Cru Campus Ministry National/Headquarters. John Steele (friend of Karissa Armbrust- cancer).



Luther Heights Bible Camp Programs for 2021

Registration is required 30 days ahead of the first day of the camp/retreat. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due at the time of registering for youth camps to reserve your spot. Full balance due for camps and retreats 30 days before the first day of program.

Nuclear Family Cap: \$500 for family+ camps; \$1,000 for youth camps.

GETAWAY WEEKEND

All Ages Welcome

Cost: \$50/cabin + \$50/person; 5 and under free **Dates:** September 3-6 (Labor Day extra \$25/person)

WOMEN'S WELLNESS RETREAT- *Adult Women Only*

Leader: Sarah Henthorn

Cost: \$100/person **Dates:** September 10-12

YOUNG AT HEART RETREAT- *Adults Ages 55+*

Cost: \$100/person **Dates:** September 12-14

SERVICE WEEKENDS

All Ages and Skill Levels Welcome

Cost: Volunteer **Dates:** Closing: October 1-3

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REMEMBER AND GRIEVE TOGETHER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2021, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Please give us the names of those who have died or moved during the past several years.

Person who died _____

Person who died _____

Person who died _____

Pet who died _____

Person who moved away _____

YOUR NAME _____

_____ I will provide photographs and/or small objects of remembrance.

_____ I have questions. Please contact me to further discuss.

-Upcoming Events-

Sunday School Kickoff

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Sunday, September 12, 2021,

8:45 a.m. in the sanctuary

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Fall Schedule

(Sunday School will resume September 12th)

Worship will remain at 10:00 a.m. throughout the Fall

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