

The Epistle

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-Our Mission Statement-

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

July 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

I love the gems found in the Revised Common Lectionary (our three-year cycle of scripture readings) this summer! Before you read this column, I will have begun a three-week series on Galatians, on which I have also been leading a Monday Zoom Bible Study. The Apostle Paul is fired up, to put it mildly, in this letter and for good reason. I've often thought that no one should form a theology based solely on this letter, in large part because of Paul's anger, and yet it contains a few of my favorite passages in all the letters and one of my favorite scripture passages of all time. I will try to faithfully open this letter and show it is relevant to our lives of discipleship today. Then we will flip back the pages in our Bibles and have a summer of the prophets, not profits. We began hearing stories about Elijah and Elisha (recorded in 1st and 2nd Kings) in June. On July 17 we will turn to passages from the Minor Prophets (so named because their books are shorter, not because their words are not mighty) including Amos and Hosea. In August we will move to words from Isaiah and finally Jeremiah. The prophets we will hear from this summer lived and worked during the times of the monarchies or kingdoms. Who were these individuals and what was their task? Jewish scholar Abraham Heschel wrote this in his classic *The Prophets*, "The prophet was an individual who said No to his society, condemning its habits and assumptions, its complacency, waywardness, and syncretism. He was often compelled to proclaim the very opposite of what his heard expected. His fundamental objective was to reconcile man and God. Why do the two need reconciliation? Perhaps it is due to man's false sense of sovereignty, to his abuse of freedom, to his aggressive, sprawling pride, resenting God's involvement in history." I cannot predict exactly how these ancient words will resonate with our community of faith today, but I trust the Holy Spirit to show up in our gatherings, these ancient texts, the current context, adapted rituals, and our open hearts and minds. Peace,

Pastor Meggan



June's Noisy Offering on Sunday, June 26th is going to treat *First Responders* with coffee from Equal Exchange and donuts for all the help they provide to us, the citizens of Nampa. We will be taking coffee and donuts to a local Fire Department to show a thank you for working an extremely dangerous and serving job. We want to thank these people for their service and show we care about them- Church and Community



The Noisy offering for **July**, on Sunday, July 31st will be for **The Duck Valley Indian Reservation**. The Reservation was established on April 16, 1877, for the Western Shoshone and Northern Paiute people. It is approximately 2 hours from Mountain Home and 2 hours from Elko. Duck Valley has one town which is Owyhee, located across the border in Nevada, the reservation population is approximately 1265 people. The Duck Valley Reservation is 20 miles long and 17 miles wide, and all land is tribal owned. The majority of the land is used for grazing cattle and horses. The primary jobs are created by ranching, fishing/hunting, agriculture, Tribal Government and the Indian Health Services. The school district is the Owyhee School District and it is made up of one elementary school and one junior high/senior high school. Duck Valley has one convenience/grocery store but it is not really a grocery store but there is a gas station that is attached, so the residents of Duck Valley need to travel 2 hours to a real grocery store or a department store.



Monday Morning Study- 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study on Luke's Gospel.



Sunday Adult Forum
On Summer Break

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE LIAISONS- 2022



President

Jerry Armbrust (22)

Vice-President

Carl Radke (23) (22 as VP)

Secretary

Penelope Smith (22)

Treasurer and Accounts Payable Coordinator

Karissa Armbrust (renewable)

Financial Secretary

Kristina Radke (renewable)

Council Team Assignments

Christian Education/Youth: Amanda Hanson (22)

Church in Community: Mwajuma Dusabe (22)

Communication: Dean Metzger (24)

Gospel and Growth: Penelope Smith (22),

Edith Hannett (24)

Hospitality: Sandy Blom (23)

Property: Jerry Armbrust (23)

Stewardship: David Sheriff (24)

Trinity New Hope: Carl Radke (23)

Worship & Music: David Sheriff (24)

Congregational Committee Assignments

Audit: Tammy Torrey (24) Tami Robinson (23),
Emily Bentley (22)

Endowment: Larry Mills (24), Lisa Harker (22),
Edith Hannett (23)

Memorial: Craig Olsen (23), Andrew Hanson (22),
Lloyd Kellar (24)

Nominating: Mary Braudrick, Amanda Hanson,
Penelope Smith, Sarah Henthorn

Mutual Ministry: Carl Radke, Sharon Jones,
Tammy Torrey, Steve Ward

Synod Assembly Voting Members: N/A

Luther Heights Representatives: Janet Metzger &
Cathy Winwood



Women's Luncheon

The **June** Women's Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 28th at *Fiesta Guadalajara* in Nampa. Contact Mary Braudrick to RSVP.

The **July** Women's Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 26th. Contact Donna Benoit for more information.



CHURCH CAMPOUT

- June 24 - 26th - is THIS weekend!! It appears that over 50 people will participate

in this annual event near Donnelly. Some will be in tents or RVs; some staying with friends or in motels; some will drive up for the day. All will get the chance for some extraordinary food, conversation and worship.

Youth Trip to Minnesota



Join us for worship July 17 as we bless our youth before they depart for a long awaited trip to the Twin Cities of Minnesota. Join us again Sunday, July 31 when we share our initial reflections on our time away. This trip has already gone through many iterations that were out of these youth's control, but they have remained committed to one another, to a new adventure, and to whatever the Spirit might be up to. Please bless them on their way, ask to hear stories upon their return, and pray for them on the journey.

Youth Calendar

Various Sessions at Luther Heights

June 24-26 Church Campout

July 17 Send off to MN

July 31 Share about MN

Aug. 14 Blessing of Backpacks

Sept. 11 Sunday School Kick-off

Sept. 23-24 Confirmation Retreat at Luther Heights



Statistical Comparison For June

Date	Attendance	Offering
5/30/21	27	\$1,999.00
5/29/22	40	2,101.68
6/6/21	23	1,949.02
6/5/22	48	3,635.00
6/13/21	33	4,230.50
6/12/22	32	2,128.01
6/20/21	unkn	2,385.92
6/19/22	41	1,325.30
6/27/21	29	5,581.50
6/26/22	(not available at time of printing)	
May Automatic Giving:		\$1,925.31



The **Flower sign-up chart** for 2022 is now on the bulletin board in the long hallway. Sign-up before it's too late.

First Aid Kit

Trinity has a First Aid Kit and an EPI pen located in the kitchen in the marked cabinet next to the refrigerator.





Congregation Council
Meeting for **June**
Team Reports for 6/21/22



The **sign-up sheets** for Church Cleaning (east end of the Fellowship Hall) and Fellowship Time (in the narthex) for 2022 are posted. The flower chart for 2022 is also on the bulletin board on the long hallway.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pr. Meggan Manlove
Community Partnerships: Being in Ordinary Time means I have more time to nurture church and community partnerships, including with College of Western Idaho, First United Presbyterian Church in Nampa, West Middle School.

Relationship Building: I have also been spending time visiting members at home and in the community. Our Food Trucks and Lawn Games night was wonderful and I am looking forward to the annual church campout.

CHRISTIAN ED. AND YOUTH: Pr. Meggan Manlove
Ten people (only four members) are participating in my four-week Monday Zoom Bible Study. This continues to be a great format to nurture members and serve the larger community. Learning Peace: A Camp for Kids is coming together. The Hispanic Cultural Center is more active and could change the dynamic just a bit. Three of our nights in Minnesota, our older youth will join the Northeast Iowa Synod event at the University of St. Thomas campus. We now have nine youth who will be attending Luther Heights Bible Camp and there are an additional seven youth attending who are somehow affiliated with Trinity. Plans are underway for Intergenerational Sunday School next fall, watch for your August letter from Trinity to learn more.

GOSPEL AND GROWTH: Penelope Smith
is focusing its energies on the church CampOut, with an anticipated 50-60 people attending. In addition to publicity and logistics, the team is involved in planning activities and the worship service. In addition, we are looking ahead to the Advent Daily Devotional Booklet, and are encouraging all potential authors to start writing.

STEWARDSHIP: Penelope Smith
celebrates our many opportunities to re-energize relationships and build new ones. These include the very successful Food Trucks and Lawn Games on June 1st, holding "coffee hour" each Sunday in June, and the church CampOut. Year-Round Stewardship in July focuses on stewarding our stories. Some of our members will share on Sundays how Trinity has made a difference in their lives. On other Sundays, we will hear our children and youth stories about the trip to Minnesota and going to Luther Heights. We also plan to video members sharing their stories; these will be available online. And, during coffee hour each week, we are all encouraged to share stories. Trinity has embarked on the two-year Stewardship for All Seasons project with 4 other Northwest Intermountain Synod congregations; we held our first group Zoom meeting in May, and have our individual meeting June 21st, with stewardship team and church council members participating. Watch for more communications this summer.

Want to volunteer in the garden?



Contact Paulette Blaseg
blasegs@gmail.com or talk with board member, Mary Helen Leininger or volunteers, Emily Bently and Cedar & Pearl Hilger.



New Member Class/Learn About Trinity

Pastor Meggan would like to lead the next New Member Class/Learn About Trinity three-week series sometime in August. It could be after worship on Sundays at Trinity, at Trinity on a week night, or on Zoom on a week night. Active membership at Trinity, according to our constitution, simply means communing once a year and making one monetary donation a year. We hope members also find ways their gifts and passions can help move the mission of the congregation forward. Please let Pastor Meggan know if you want to participate in this series in August.



Blessing of Backpacks - Aug. 14

During worship we will give every child and teen a tag for their backpack or bookbag and offer a blessing as the school year begins. Join us as we celebrate the unique gifts God has bestowed on each youth who is part of Trinity Lutheran and bless these students as they embark on another school year. *Romans 12:4-8* *4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.*



It's Not Your Grandmother's Canning Anymore!

Whaaat? It's so true! A few years ago, Trinity Lutheran

Church decided to offer a class on food preservation to help the people who were learning about gardening from the Trinity Community Garden. We wanted them to know what to do with the abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables available each summer from the farmer's markets, food banks, or their own home gardens. Not only do we teach them how to do it, but we teach them how to do it safely, in accordance with the latest research. We have three certified Master Food Safety Advisors in our congregation. We are sponsored, trained, and certified by University of Idaho Extension Office Educators. We are currently under the Owyhee County Extension Office. We have high hopes to present a workshop on September 10, 2022, here at Trinity. We missed two years due to Covid and feel very optimistic about this year. We will have flyers available soon for anyone interested in taking the classes. It's a one-day workshop from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will be canning with the boiling water method and the pressure canning method. We also need a few people to help us out with setting up for the workshop and helping to prepare, serve, and clean up the lunch we will be offering. If you are interested in in any of these things or just have some questions you can contact Tami Robinson, Judy Kellar, or Lloyd Kellar. Tami's number is 208-681-1480.

Email and Text Scams



Someone has been sending out phishing texts and emails to the Trinity family under my name. Please know that I will never contact you via email or text asking for financial help

to cover an emergent need. If you receive any emails or texts from me asking for money, be very suspicious. Your best course of action is simply to delete the text or email. Do not engage with the sender and absolutely do not send money in any form, cash, checks, gift cards, bank info, etc. -Pastor Meggan

Adding Fruit to Our Tree



Mid-June through mid-July you will be invited to add fruit to the tree in the sanctuary, answering the prompt, "What are you hoping for?" You might be inspired by Galatians 5:22-23, "22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit."



Stewardship of Relationships

- One of the drawbacks of COVID19 was that we spent several years physically backing away from each other; while this promoted our physical health, we realize that vital personal relationships may have suffered. And we know how important "relationship" is. As Christians, we model our lives after our God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in constant close relationship. And we know that church at its essence is a community. So, we spent the month of June encouraging you to re-energize existing relationships and build new ones. From our very successful Food Trucks and Lawn Games on June 1st, continuing during "coffee hour" each Sunday, and winding down at the church CampOut and Learning Peace - A Camp For Kids.....there have been many opportunities to step forward into the meaningful connections that are life-giving to a faith community. Let's build on that momentum in July and August!



Advent Daily Devotional Booklet - has been a highlight in December for many years. But it doesn't just drop fully formed from the sky!! It is the product of the efforts of many people taking the time to write short devotions, create art work, and help with compilation, printing, folding, stapling and distribution. Here is our first call for authors. Whether it's short or longer, personal or theological, serious or humorous - step #1 is to start writing. We encourage our veteran authors - and any of you who have not yet been an author - to begin soon.



Stewardship of Our Stories- is the Year-Round Stewardship focus for July. Telling our stories is our 21st Century response to Jesus' call to "go ye therefore and make disciples". Our stories tell others the "whys" of Christianity.....why is Jesus important to you?.....why should a person get up on Sunday morning and go to church?.....why donate money to a brick-and-mortar institution?.....why is God relevant today?.....why love my enemy?.....why forgive others? Be watching in July for many encounters with our stories. Some of these will come during the worship service; others will happen before and after church as we talk with each other; some will be filmed and posted online. So, be thinking - what's YOUR story? How has Trinity Lutheran made a difference in YOUR life? How has it equipped and encouraged you to make a difference in the lives of others?

Trinity Servants For July 2022

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

	<u>July 3</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>July 24</u>	<u>July 31</u>
Assisting Minister	Steve VanAtter	Steve VanAtter	Mary Braudrick	Mary Braudrick & Kim Mills	David Sheriff
Organist	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lector	Giada Armbrust	Amanda Hanson	Penelope Smith	Jeff Henderson	Sierra Armbrust
July Lessons	<i>2 Kings 5: 1-14</i> <i>Psalms 30</i> <i>Galatians 6: 1-16</i> <i>Luke 10: 1-11,16-20</i>	<i>Amos 7: 7-17</i> <i>Psalms 82</i> <i>Galatians 5:1, 13-25</i> <i>Luke 10: 25-37</i>	<i>Amos 8: 1-12</i> <i>Psalms 52</i> <i>Colossians 1: 15-28</i> <i>Luke 10: 38-42</i>	<i>Hosea 1: 2-10</i> <i>Psalms 85</i> <i>Colossians 2: 6-19</i> <i>Luke 11: 1-13</i>	<i>Hosea 11: 1-11</i> <i>Psalms 107: 1-9, 43</i> <i>Colossians 3: 1-11</i> <i>Luke 12: 13-21</i>
Acolyte	Pearl Hilger	Aldwin Kellar	Alexa Ward	Cedar Hilger	Alexa Ward
Crucifer	Giada Armbrust	Jason Mills	Diane Irankunda	Steve VanAtter	Mwajuma Dusabe
Communion Asst.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Lloyd Kellar & Carl Radke	Kim Mills & Penelope Smith	Jeff & Nancy Henderson	Steve & Renee VanAtter
Greeters	Joyce Becht & Edith Hannett	The Hanson Family	Ardelle O'Bryan & Sharon Jones	The Ziemer Family	Helen Collins & Steven Ward
Streaming/Sound	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Church Cleaning	-	Randy & Martha Miller *	-	TBD	-
Altar Guild	Judy Kellar	Judy Kellar and Pat & Donna Benoit	Peggy Miller	Kim Mills	Judy Kellar and Kristina & Abigail Radke
Fellowship Time	Janet Metzger	TBD	Judy Kellar & Ardelle O'Bryan	Janet Metzger	Edith Hannett
Offering Counters	Dean Metzger & TBD	Jerry Armbrust & Edith Hannett	Sandy Blom & Penelope Smith	Dean Metzger & TBD	Sandy Blom & TBD
Flowers/Greens	Mary Helen Leininger	Mary Helen Leininger	Mary Helen Leininger	Mary Helen Leininger	Mary Helen Leininger

Eternal Candle: Julie Haugen; **Wine:** Julie Haugen; **Council Devotions:** Sandy Blom.
Communion Bread: Sarah Henthorn.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR MONTH OF JULY 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Office Closed	
3 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	4 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Independence Day (Office Closed) No Monday Morning Study	5 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 	6 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	7 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	8 Office Closed	9
10 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	11 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study 6:30 p.m. Stewardship for All Seasons Zoom [-----Pastor-----]	12 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	13 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	14 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon -----Heights-----	15 Office Closed 5:30 p.m. Peace Camp Review -----Bible Camp-----]	16 
17 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Send off for Minneapolis	18 Office 9: a.m-1 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study	19 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Church Council	20 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Stewardship	21 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	22 Office Closed	23 [-----Youth-----]
24 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion -----Trip-----	25 Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Epistle Articles Due 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Study -----to Minnesota-----	26 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Women's Luncheon 	27 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	28 Office 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon -----to Minnesota-----]	29 Office Closed	30 
31 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Noisy Offering for <i>Duck Valley Indian Reservation</i>						

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Jony (Linda Dombeck's son- health), Kim Edwards (from Sharon Jones), Elizabeth Schnabel (life changes), Michael & Cortnie McHugh, Melanie & Dan Forrey, Caitlin McHugh (From Tami McHugh-for graduations and new career opportunities), Steve (Fran Webb's brother-on-law- cancer), Judy Jewel (Friend of Heinz Seba- possible brain injury), Maren Greytak (Carl Radke's aunt- battling dementia), Edith Hannett (recovering from surgery), Lily Dombeck (Linda Dombeck's daughter-in-law- severe health issues), Margretta Spady (illness), Julie Sheriff (being treated for a bone infection), Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett- in need of a kidney), Kathy Stats (Friend of Sarah Henthorn- brain tumor), Bud Burnett (family member of Edith Hannett- on hospice), Dave Mangum (Mary Braudrick's brother- prostate cancer), Linda Dombeck (healing for her knee following a fall), Cindy Payne in Texas (From Mary Leininger- brain tumor, undergoing chemotherapy), Sylvia Ward (rehabilitation from a broken femur), Colton (Fran & Elwood Webb's grandson- brain tumor), Di Seba (cancer treatments), Our government (from Sharon Jones), Vickie Caldwell (from Terry & Sandy Blom- cancer and chemotherapy), John & Sarah Klahn (as they try to conceive), Jen Brossart (from Amanda Hanson- cancer), Kim Edwards (Perry's wife-health), 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: Lorena Ellis - Cru Campus Ministry National/Headquarters. John Steele (friend of Karissa Armbrust- cancer).



Youth and Family Camps

Jun 26-Jul1 *Youth Camp* (1-8th grade)

Jul 1-4 *Family+ Camp*

Jul 3-15 *Leader-in-Training Program* (9-12th grade)

Jul 7-10 *Grand Camp*

Jul 10-15 *Youth Camp* (4-12th grade)

Jul 17-22 *Youth Camp* (1-8th grade)

Sep 23-25 *Confirmation Camp*

*Camp for grades 1-3 ends on Wednesdays

Retreats

Jul 1-4 *Getaway Weekend* (Rent a Cabin!)

Jul 8-10 *Fly-Fishing Retreat* (ages 10+)

Jul 15-17 *Women's Retreat*

Jul 15-17 *Hike + Pray Women's Retreat*

Aug 19-21 *Name Your Adventure Retreat*

(Fly-Fishing, Hiking, Rafting, Horseback Riding and more!)

Sep 9-11 *Grief + Reflection Retreat*

Sep 16-18 *Mindfulness in the Mountains Retreat*

Sep 16-18 *Men's Retreat*

Sep 25-27 *Faith Leaders Retreat*

70th Anniversary Events

May 1 West Side: Immanuel, Boise

Aug 5-7 Celebration Retreat at Camp

Aug 6 At Camp: Day Celebration

Oct 9 East Side: Good Shepherd, Pocatello

Service Weekends

May 27-30 *Opening Service Weekend*

Sept 23-25 *Serve + Play Weekend*

Sep 30-Oct 2 *Closing Service Weekend*

