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# The Lamplighter

## Bearing Fruit for Jesus

Although the temperatures don't reflect it, the summer is winding down. This year our fall will include time reflecting on our stewardship theme: Bearing Fruit for Jesus!: His Grace and Power at Work within You. The focus Sundays will start on October 8, and continue for the next two Sundays. Here is some of what God's Word says about bearing fruit:

Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5). Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. It is interesting to note that, in this passage above, Jesus did not say, "You should bear fruit." He stated that when we abide in him, it follows naturally that we will bear fruit.

Paul explained to the Galatians what that fruit is: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control." "Since we live by the Spirit," Paul exhorted, "let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other" (Galatians 5:25-26). As children of God, we have this fruit because God's Spirit lives in us. We do not bear fruit as a result of our own efforts, but we do cease to bear fruit when we give in to our self-centered natures, becoming, in Paul's words, "conceited, provoking and envying each other."

Just as fruit needs light for its growth and maturation, so do Christians need to have their lives illumined by Christ. They then are able to produce spiritual fruit and shed that light on the world around them. Ephesians 5:11 cautions us to, "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness" but to "Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8-9). We discover God's will through God's Word, through prayer and through the Spirit working in our shared discernment. As Paul prayed for the Colossians, we, too, can ask God "to fill [us] with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding . . . in order that [we] may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work . . ." (Colossians 1:9-10).

God has plans for our lives and work for us do. When we abide in Christ, we will be fruitful in using our time, our talents, and our treasure. We will discover and follow God's plan, and we will use the gifts have been given us, so God's Spirit can work abundantly among us, transforming our life together for the sake of the Good News of Jesus Christ.



To God be the Glory!

In August, check that your name is correctly listed below for the creation of an organ plaque. Notify a member of the organ committee with changes.

Christ Lutheran Church & Ruth Circle  
Trinity Women & Youth Group

Contributions:

Gordon & Linda Afdahl  
Marion Arts  
Rev. Loyal Bishop  
Randy & Gayle Bland  
Ray & Suzette Bloomer  
Lynn & Angie Branz  
Evelyn M. Brown  
Ann Chirhart  
Kerry & Phyllis Coe  
Sam & Julie Crown  
Mary DaCosta  
Richard Dierdorf  
Dennis & Leota Ehm  
Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller  
Greg & Lori Essig  
Sylvia Gackle  
Doug & Lisa Gee  
Rev. Donna Glazier  
Daniel & Michele Goldsworthy  
Darrel & Suzanne Gosse  
Pete & Donna Gustafson  
James & Erika Hale  
Jim & Mary Beth Hallahan  
Larry & Carol Hawn  
Gail Hayes  
Johannah Heady  
Stephen Heady  
Kenna Hittle  
Robert & Caralee Homan  
Ruby Houck  
Sara Johnson  
Woody Johnson  
Joan Kasameyer  
Gerald Kirkham

Jolynn Kuhlman  
Kathy L. Landrigan  
Don & Martha Layton  
Janice Lemond  
Larry & Carol Lynn  
John & Patricia McIntyre  
Marvin & Barbara Mericle  
Terry & Rose Mills  
John Moon  
Jean Myers  
John & Elisse Neuenschwander  
Rev. Dana & Susie Newhouse  
Cynthia Olmi  
Jim & Denise Pendergast  
Margie Phillips  
John & Elizabeth Pidany  
Adam & Jody Pomfret  
Linda & Jim Rodenberger  
John & Kim Schoffstall  
Joyce Siefker  
Mark & Sherri Southwick  
Theresa Spallone  
Rev. Ben & Rev. Susan Outlaw Stallings  
Bill & Jane Strecker  
Brad & Polly Sumansky  
Robert & Denise Taylor  
Sandra Teeters  
Tina Teeters  
Ruth Timm  
Harriet Uhlhorn  
Susan Wilson  
Jack & Laura Winning  
Linda Woodworth  
Dianna Wright & Bill Lance  
Barbara Zajac

In Loving Memory of:

Charles Arts	Otto Mettler
Marion Arts	Terry Mills
Rev. Loyal Bishop	Charles Myers
Kerry Coe	Fred Myers
Phyllis Coe	Jean Myers
Nona Dierdorf	Pat Myers
Richard Dierdorf	Marlowe Owen
Dennis Ehm	Ronda Parks
Hilary Elf	Elizabeth Pidany
Doris Elmore	John Pidany
Rosemary Hackbarth	Penny Putnam
James Hale	James Short
Gail Hayes	Joyce Siefker
Johannah Heady	David Southwick
Paul Heady	Martha Southwick
Audie Hittle	Dr. Randall Stevens
Judy Jackson	Mary Strecker
Joan Kasameyer	Brad Sumansky
Gerald Kirkham	Ruth Timm
Mary Kuhlman	Harriet Uhlhorn
Paul Kuhlman	Lorraine Vollnogle
Janice Lemond	Michael Wilson
Greta Ley Kauf	Laura Winning
Jessica Mazur	Michael Woodworth
Erma Mettler	Barbara Zajac
Betty Neuenschwander	

Organ Committee 2015-2023

Donna Gustafson, Chair  
Gordon Afdahl, Treasurer  
Sandra Teeters, Secretary  
Sara J. Johnson, Organist  
John McIntyre, Worship & Music



**THANK YOU TO THE AUGUST WORSHIP SERVANTS:**

**Recording/sound engineers:** Adam & Jody Pomfret;  
Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller.

**Lay assistants:** Linda Rodenberger, Sue Gosse, Linda Afdahl, Patricia McIntyre

**Ushers:** Tina Teeters, Aiden Pomfret, Bob & Denise Taylor, Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller, Gordon & Linda Afdahl.

**Altar Care:** Jody Pomfret, Sue Gosse, Suzi Bloomer, Donna Gustafson, Pat McIntyre, Denise Taylor.

**Communion Bread:** Carol Hawn, Denise Taylor, Donna Gustafson, Sandy Teeters.



**Please Note:**

**Council Items Due** - Thu. 9/14 @ 9:30a

**Council Meeting** - Mon. 9/18 @ 7p ONLINE

**Newsletter Items Due** - Mon. 9/20 @ 9:30a

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

9/7 Darrel Gosse	9/23 Elisse Neuenschwander
9/7 Bill Lance	9/29 Caiden Cottrell
9/8 Darlene Kuzmission	9/29 Katy Faust
9/10 Christina Brown	9/29 Patricia McIntyre
9/19 Linda Rodenberger	

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/1 Pete Gustafson	10/22 Nicholas Stewart
10/3 Darren Lee	10/23 Denise Pendergast
10/9 Tina Teeters	10/23 Dianna Wright
10/16 Denise Taylor	10/24 Conner Faust
10/17 Gordon Afdahl	10/25 Megan Pendergast

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

9/1 Jim & Linda Rodenberger

9/3 Tom & Alpa Yeagley

9/12 Gary and Corrine Erickson

9/23 James and Eve Rodenberger

9/24 Ben and Susan Stallings

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

10/17 Robert & Denise Taylor



## VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER



**Counters for August:** Pete & Donna Gustafson

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
9/3/23	John Neuenschwander	Ray & Suzi Bloomer	Jody Pomfret/Donna Gustafson (set-up/clean-up) Sandy Teeters (bread)
9/10/23	Eli Moffett	Marvin & Barb Mericle	Suzi Bloomer/Sue Gosse (set-up/clean-up) Barb Mericle (bread)
9/17/23	Linda Afdahl	John & Kim Schoffstall	Denise Taylor (set-up/clean-up) Denise Taylor (bread)
9/24/23	Pete Gustafson	Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller	Jody Pomfret (set-up/clean-up) Jody Pomfret (bread)



**Thanks to all who brought school supplies for the 14th & Chestnut Community Center, Sara Scott Middle School, and Ben Franklin Grade School. These will be distributed and used by the schools when new supplies are needed.**

### OFFICE STAFF UPDATE

We are currently going through some changes in the Trinity office. We are blessed once again to have office volunteers: Suzi Bloomer, Sue Gosse, Donna Gustafson, and Linda Rodenberger keeping the ship afloat.

We, also appreciate the additional responsibilities that this imposes on Pastor Karen and Sara. Many heartfelt thanks, ladies! We ask for our members' patience, as the office may not be open during our usual hours.

**Phoning ahead is a good idea.**

The Mutual Ministry team has begun the process of reviewing candidates for the Parish Administrative Assistant role. We have done several interviews and have some strong candidates.

We will keep you posted!

### *Did you know?*

An "RMD" is a *Required Minimum Distribution* from your Traditional IRA. RMD is required beginning with tax year after you become 72 years old. RMDs remitted *directly* to a Qualified Charity (such as Trinity Lutheran Church), are *not included* in your taxable income. Consequently, the income taxes you pay are less.

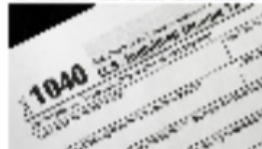
RMDs sent by the IRA administrator directly to a charity are "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCDs) and are not included in your taxable income subject to Federal or state income tax. QCDs are not deductible as an itemized deduction.

If you are required to have Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA accounts, speak to your Financial Advisor about QCDs. After consulting with your financial advisor, let your IRA custodian know you wish to make a QCD. Be sure to provide them with the information they request. Do not ask the IRA custodian to send the QCD to you. They must send the QCD directly to the charity.

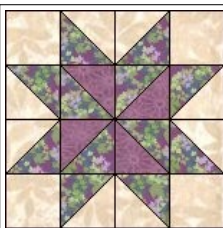
**CHARITY**



**Taxes from RMDs**





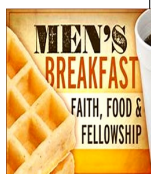


Due to the special activity with Pastor Nyland and council, the **quilting group will not meet September 9th**

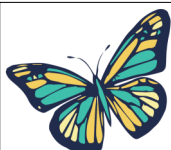
at 9am in the fellowship hall. An alternate time will be communicated to those involved.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Cackleberries on Tuesday 9/12 & 9/26 @ 8:30am.



**FIRST FRIDAY CARDS:** What a night. We had a table full of old and new friends who ate, drank, talked, ate some more, and played cards. Sometimes there was more talking than playing. Sometimes the score couldn't be recorded because there was too much talking. Is there ever too much talking among friends? All in all we had a good night of food, fellowship and cards. There was a winner and a loser in the card game, but we were all winners in the fellowship game. The food was great and there was even some to share on the way home. The cards varied with the hand, but someone always had good ones and someone always had not so good ones. We play next month on **Friday, September 1 at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.** Bring a food and drink and a story to share. . See you there.



**TRINITY WOMEN:** Trinity Women will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Gayle Bland will be the hostess and Suzi Bloomer will present the Bible Study from 1 John 4.

**TRINITY RINGERS** continue rehearsals on Wednesday at 5:15 pm. Bring your rested and relaxed hands and wrists, your sharp eyes, and be ready to laugh and play some music.

Questions, see Suzi Bloomer (812-877-4273).



**Ruth Circle is gathering on Wed, 9/20 at 10am in the library.**



### BE PRAYING FOR...

Joyce Bailey  
Ray Bloomer  
Jamie Felling



Mark Fouts  
Brenda Hamand  
P. K. Johnson  
Don Johnson



Larry Johnson  
Cheryl Johnson  
Amber McNamara  
James Rodenberger



Maranda Schoffstrall

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Pastor Nancy Nyland, Director of Evangelical Mission, IK Synod ELCA at Trinity to conduct an E-Connect and Council **Workshop** on Saturday, September 9 th from 9:00 am -3:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided by Trinity participants

### TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 11:30-12:30 COME AS YOU ARE!

Topical Bible study using the book, *102 Fascinating Bible Studies*, written by a Baptist pastor, Preston A. Taylor. The unusual thing about this study is that each of the 102 chapters stand alone. There are 102 topics arranged in alphabetical order. Each chapter contains ten Bible passages with questions related to the topic.

We read the Bible passages and discuss the questions. We usually spend two meetings on each chapter. Talk to Johnny Neuenschwander who sets up the Zoom meetings. He will send you a link and reminder. Everyone is welcome to participate.

If viewing the pdf while you are online, you can click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9142075889?pwd=VkU5R3BydFMzMzZ0ZzgyS3kvdjFzd09>





We extend our gratitude to those who have helped to provide music for our 10 am worship services in August.

Our musicians: Sue Gosse who sang for us on August 6; John Moon who shared his musical skills on viola August 13; and The Trinity Choir who provided offertory music on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our corps of cantors: Charles Parks, Patricia McIntyre, John McIntyre, Bill Streckler, Elizabeth Eichmiller, and John Neuenschwander.

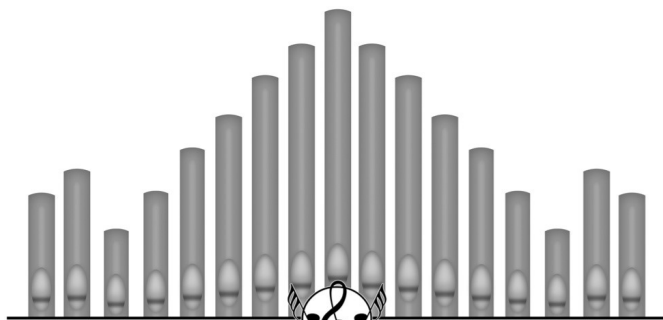
Our office volunteers Linda Rodenberger, Suzette Bloomer, Sue Gosse and Donna Gustafson for providing all our printed and online worship materials, keeping us informed of our schedule of activities and performing many unseen but necessary tasks.

We also thank Pastor Nancy Nyland for her leadership of our worship and of our E-connect activity following lunch on August 20, 2023. And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our worship on Sunday mornings, her guidance of our congregation, her meaningful messages and her pastoral care. We are blessed to have her leadership of Trinity.

Trinity is blessed to have all of you sharing your talents in service to Christ during our worship services. Thank you all!

### CALLING ALL SINGERS!!

Trinity choir rehearsals began Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. EVERYONE is welcome! No auditions required. If you like to make a "Joyful Noise" please come and join us. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with any choir member or with our director Sara Johnson. You may reach her at (812)360-0897 or by email at sarajjohnson72@yahoo.com.



# ORGAN DEDICATION

**Sunday November 5**

During Service

**SPECIAL** music and Celebration.

Mark your calendars!

### Bottle Cap Collection

We are collecting bottle caps for Reach Services in Terre Haute. Info on what is accepted is located in the narthex. We look forward to collecting caps and lids & building more benches! For more information, contact Elizabeth Eichmiller @ 812-698-3365 or [ebrochin95gmail.com](mailto:ebrochin95gmail.com)

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund** assists with individuals in need of assistance, primarily utility needs by working with the Salvation Army. Any help replenishing this fund is greatly appreciated. *Mark your offering envelope .*

Calling all adults! Come join in on  
Adult Sunday School held  
every Sunday  
before service at 9am!



### 2023 PENNY POWER OFFERING

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

January	71.68
February	36.45
March	55.93
April	71.20
May	41.23
June	89.26
July	60.30
August	66.43
September	
October	
November	
December	



**2023 Total: \$492.48**

*Equals 49,248 cups of milk for needy children!!*

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Operating Budget Summary at July 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	Actual	% of Budget		YTD Actual	% of Budget	Year End Actual
		Budget				
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$93,053.03	65.1%	\$ 142,869.00	\$88,186.93	63.6%	\$ 138,622.11
Expenses for budgeted items	\$91,341.56	56.4%	\$ 161,824.00	\$81,438.51	57.8%	\$ 140,952.90
Revenues over/(under) expenses	<u>\$1,711.47</u>		<u>\$ (18,955.00)</u>	<u>\$6,748.42</u>		<u>(\$2,330.79)</u>

At July 31, 2023, unified giving and other revenues were \$4,866.10 higher than the previous year, and were \$9,712.78 higher than budget for the year, due in part to some prepayments. Expenses were \$3,055.77 lower than budget for the year, but much higher than the previous year. Year to date revenues exceeded expenses by \$1,711.47. Please note there is a budgeted deficit of \$18,955 for the whole year.



Charles R Parks Jr.  
*and*  
Bonnie Jean Pochoa

will be honored to have you join us for our Wedding  
October 29, 2023  
1:00 pm  
at  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
2629 Ohio Blvd.  
Lima, Ohio 43004

Fellowship  
Please Bring a dish to share

PARKING is available along North side of Ohio  
on both sides of Marigold Dr  
and  
at Wal-Mart Shopping Center Parking lot across  
 Blvd.

NO GIFTS PLEASE  
(Consider a gift to your favorite charity)

CAMPUS MINISTRY BARBEQUE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tickets: adult \$12 child \$6

Available at the door



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Idalia is just the latest disaster to impact our neighbors in the United States. Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to serve here as we continue to help in Maui following devastating wildfires. Your help is needed.

Give to Lutheran Disaster Response

P O Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Give by phone: 800-638-3522

Give online: [disaster@elca.org](mailto:disaster@elca.org)



## WALK TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

1 PM @ Ozok Shelter in Deming Park

Union Hospital's Bereavement Services sponsors the 36th annual Walk to Remember to remember babies that die during pregnancy or shortly after birth. Our 1 mile walk through Deming Park will precede a memorial service and refreshments and sharing. More info is on bulletin board in Narthex



## BLESSING BOX ITEMS

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and personal care items for the blessing box. Please see the list posted in the narthex of acceptable items. No perishable food, please. Items can be left in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

## IF WE KNEW

If we knew but half the troubles  
That our neighbor has to bear.  
If we knew what caused those furrows  
On his brow and kept them there,  
We should surely try to cheer him  
In some kindly, helpful way,  
And there'd be a lot more sunshine  
In the lives of both, today.

If we realized all heartache  
That a friendly word or smile  
Would alleviate and banish,  
We should "go the second mile"  
To be of helpful service  
To our fellow men, each day,

And life's path would seem much brighter  
To the folks who pass our way.

If we knew whose feet were standing  
Close beside the narrow stream,  
If we knew whose eyes would close soon  
In the sleep that has no dream,  
Then perhaps we'd be more tender,  
Lighter judge, more kindly speak.  
Oh, why not act as though we knew it,  
For life's cords so quickly break!

--Chester E. Shuler



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					6pm 1st Friday Cards	
3 9am Adult Sun School 10am Worship	4  Labor Day	5 11:30 Zoom Bible Study	6 5:15-Handbells 6:30 Choir	7	8	9 9-3pm Council and E connect with Pastor Nancy Nyland
10 9am Adult Sun School 10am Worship Worship and Music meet after church Church Picnic: Deming	11	12 8:30 Men's Brkfst 11:30 Zoom Bible Study	13 11:30-12:30 Mutual Ministry Staff Luncheon 5:15-Handbells 6:30 Choir	14 Council Items Due	15	16
17 9am Adult Sun School 10am Worship	18 7pm Council Meeting	19 11:30 Zoom Bible Study	20 5:15-Handbells 6:30 Choir	21	22	23 9-12 Rose Hulman Day of Service
24 9am Adult Sun School 10am Worship	25	26 8:30 Men's Brkfst 11:30 Zoom Bible Study	27 5:15-Handbells 6:30 Choir	28	29	30



### MISSION STATEMENT:

Believing in Christ, we  
**GATHER, GROW and GO**  
with the good news of  
His love, compassion and forgiveness.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

Phone: 812-232-7628

Pastor Husby: 812-230-2628

TLC email: [Trinity2620@live.com](mailto:Trinity2620@live.com)

TLC website: <https://trinityterrehaute.org>

### Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 9:30a-1:30p

### Sunday Services

10a IN-PERSON &  
ONLINE SERVICE



[https://www.youtube.com/  
@trinitylutheranchurchterre4439](https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurchterre4439)

### TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming family of believers in the triune God; we believe we are called to live out our faith by serving others and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

#### Accompanying Guiding Principles

- We are committed to a triune God who governs our lives: God the Father, Jesus Christ—his Son our Lord, and the Holy Spirit.
- We acknowledge our spiritual weaknesses and accept our forgiveness as sinners redeemed by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; it is by God's grace that we are saved.
- We praise God, pray for his help in our lives and seek a strong sustaining relationship with Him.
- We pursue the expression of Jesus Christ's teaching in our lives, supporting each other, and inviting all to join with us.
- We strive to be a community of believers, helping and supporting, within the congregation and in the broader community; we believe that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

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