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The Spirit's Enough



On May 28, we celebrate Pentecost, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The E-Connect process that Trinity has been working on began by exploring our own spiritual connection to God, individually and as a congregation. Pastor Nancy Nyland helped to facilitate this process, and she will be continue her work here through several Trinity visits in the next few weeks. On June 25, she will share her experience with shared ministry models; and on August 20, she will help the congregation map the assets, gifts for ministry that the Spirit has given to congregation members; and on September 9, Pastor Nancy will work with leaders at Trinity to revisit Trinity Congregation's purpose and mission.

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The Spirit works within a congregation through those conversations that folks, open to the leading of that Spirit, have with each other, seeing them as the highway for the Holy Spirit. These conversations help answer the fundamental questions "who are we?" "who is our neighbor?" and "what does God want us to be doing here and now?" The E-Connect team will be coordinating some tasks that will help to answer these basic questions, such as the activity of interviewing our neighbors about their sense of who the congregation is, and what they think the community needs are.

This week, I joined in a conversation among some pastors and professors that got me to thinking about how to answer those three basic questions for mission. The presenter, David Zahl, is the author of *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What To Do About It* by Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019. Seculosity, a "new" word that combines "secular" and "religiosity," leans upon Luther's definition of a god as "that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need."

Seculosity makes the case that being religious is alive and well in modern society. This is helpful in understanding who our "neighbor" is, and who we sometimes find ourselves trying to be as well. A review by Matthew Metevelis observes that "while American organized religion may be declining, the desire to fill the void with everyday life pursuits is another form of worship. To fill the emptiness left by religion, humans look to all sorts of activities -- food, family, relationships, social media, elections, social justice movements -- for identity, purpose, and meaning once provided by organized religion."

Our increasingly secular world is driven by what Zahl terms a quest for "enoughness" – which more traditionally religious terminology calls "righteousness" or "justification." But this quest keeps on falling short, crippling folks with anxiety (Am I enough?), shame (Do they think I'm enough?), and guilt (Have I done enough?). Zahl suggests that inside of the human spirit there are two competing "persons" – one that strives to be perfect, and one that accuses us where we fall short of that. Our neighbors – and each of us too, if we are truly honest – contend with "ferocious and demanding idol within, a worshiped image of the self we ought to be. This is where the law digs in to its deadly work of saying 'not enough." I find this useful in addressing the questions of "who are we" and "who is our neighbor" – how do we understand and articulate what is going on spiritually in our "here and now?" Surely whatever our answer to "what does God want us to be doing?" will be informed by the Word that Jesus is "God's more-than-enough for our not-enough."

Pastor Karen Husby

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



- from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Class 229. He is a patrolman for the New Albany, Indiana City Police Department.
- Mia Allison Speer, daughter of Lise Speer, has graduated on 5/6/23 from Indiana State University, Magna Cum Laude. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development & Family Science minoring in Counseling. She is currently seeking employment in the Terre Haute area.
- Amy Essig, daughter of Greg & Lori Essig, has graduated on 5/5/23 from Butler University, Magna Cum Laude. She received Dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Speech Language, Hearing Sciences, and Spanish. She will be attending graduate school in August at Texas Christian University for her Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology with an Emphasis in Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology.
- **Parker Thomas Smith**, grandson of Dianna Wright & son of Jeremy & Mary Beth Smith, is graduating on 6/5/23 from Lake Braddock High School in Burke, Virginia. He will attend Old Dominion University majoring in Maritime Management.
- **Cody Spallone**, son of Theresa and Donald Spallone, is graduating from Terre Haute South Vigo High School. They are celebrating with a party on Saturday June 3rd beginning at noon at their home at 632 S 23rd St. *All are invited*.







IN CHRIST

THANK YOU TO THE MAY WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Lay assistants: Pete Gustafson, Carol Hawn, Eli Moffett, Gordon Afdahl.

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

Eichmiller.

Altar Care: Suzi Bloomer, Sue Gosse, Jody Pomfret, Elizabeth Eichmiller,

Donna Gustafson, Denise Taylor.

Communion Bread: Kim Schoffstall, Jody Pomfret, Sandy Teeters,

Denise Taylor.

Ushers: John Neuenschwander, Aiden Pomfret, Andrew & Elizabeth

Eichmiller, Mary & Barb Mericle, John & Kim Schoffstall.



Worship & Music Meeting - Sun. 6/11 after service

Council Items Due - Thu. 6/15 @ 9:30a

Council Meeting - Mon. 6/19 @ 7p

Newsletter Items Due - Tue. 6/20 @ 9:30a

Thank you to our Trinity Family for the many thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during Raymond's recent surgery and recovery. We pray that he is on the mend and will soon, in 6-9 months be back driving that Falcon convertible.

-Raymond and Suzi Bloomer

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/I John Moon 6/13 Gayle Bland

6/3 Joe Faust 6/15 Virginia English

6/3 Lise Speer 6/24 Julia Pomfret

6/8 Bruce Martindale

6/10 Maranda Schoffstall

6/13 Jonathan Baber

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Pastor Karen Husby 7/17 Carol Hawn

7/5 Arlin Andres 7/18 Nicole Stewart

7/5 Jane Strecker 7/21 Sheri McLennan

7/9 Mark Southwick 7/26 John McIntyre

7/10 Louise Hill 7/26 Susan Outlaw-Stallings

7/11 Amelia Pomfret 7/28 Alpa Patel (Yeagley)

7/13 Anna Sumansky



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/1 John & Elisse Neuenschwander

6/21 Eli & Sage Moffett

6/22 Daniel & Michelle Goldsworthy



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 Darrel & Sue Gosse

7/7 Mark & Sherri Southwick

7/14 Ray & Suzi Bloomer

7/25 Pete & Donna Gustafson

VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE

Counters for June: Taylor (4th), McIntyre (11th), & Gustafson (18th; 25th)

Taylor (Tar), Montage (Tar), Montage (Tar)						
<u>DATE</u>	Lay Assistant	<u>Ushers</u>	Communion Assistants	VOLunteers		
6/04/23	Sue Gosse	Bob & Denise Taylor	Suzi Bloomer/Jody Pomfret (see Donna Gustafson (bread)	et-up/clean-up)		
6/11/23	Gayle Bland	Andrew Eichmiller &	Jody Pomfret/Patricia McIntyre (set-up/clean-up)			
		Maranda Schoffstall	Carol Hawn (bread)			
6/18/23	23 Patricia McIntyre Suzi Bloomer & Suzi Bloomer (set-up/clean-up))			
		Tina Teeters	Kim Schoffstall (bread)			
6/25/23	Linda Afdahl	nda Afdahl Marv & Barb Mericle Jody Pomfret (set-up/clean-up))		
			Marv & Barb Mericle (bread)			

Call Committee Event

Pastor Nancy Nyland, Director of Evangelical Mission, IK Synod, to preach and speak on "shared ministry" on Sunday, June 25th.

Your Call Committee is stil serving you. We have not received any names of pastoral candidates to consider, as of yet,. Needless to say, candidates would need to show an interest in us first before the synod would consider them and pass them on to us.

One possibility that may be feasible for us, is sharing a minister with another congregation. We have invited Pastor Nancy Nyland, Director for Evangelical Mission of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA, to join us in worship and speak to us about this increasingly popular trend in the IK Synod. She will speak on "shared ministry" following worship on Sunday, June 25th, and will address all of our questions.

Please plan to be there!! The Call Committee will be serving coffee and donuts.

This will occur in the sanctuary where it can be live-streamed.

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your
power and your glory. Because your love is better
than life, my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name
I will lift up my hands.



E-Connect Team News!

YOUR Trinity E-connect team spent another overnight of worship and education with the Synod trainers on May 12 and 13. These LINK 2 meetings were held in the beautiful setting of the St. Benedict Retreat Center, Beech Grove. We met with our "sister" congregation in the E-connect process, Faith Lutheran of Goshen, Indiana. There was evening and morning worship in the chapel. We shared scripture readings, prayers and learned new songs. Time for quiet and reflection helped us prepare to learn.

We were able to report on where we are in this *transformation* process, personally and in our congregations. We have completed some tasks, gathering information about our congregation members, and beginning to see the resources we have at Trinity.

Some topics/activities we did in LINK 2:

- ♦ Using crayons and paper—drawing a "map" of the neighborhood around our church building. It was revealing to see the similarities and differences between maps! **Special emphasis** on organizations which might be a partner for us or be a resource.
- ♦ We practiced interviewing each other with a set of questions. For homework we are to interview 7-10 local leaders or important resource organizations and/or nearby potential partners we can talk to.
- ♦ We talked about the difference between doing ministry FOR versus WITH others—ministry WITH deepens relationships.
- ♦ We learned about **ASSETS**—focusing on what we have and trusting Christ and the Holy Spirit for the rest. **ENOUGH** is **PLENTY** to do God's will.
- ♦ Managing change and dealing with resistance to progress was discussed. Change is HARD! **Leading with** love and respect THROUGH the process is essential.

LOOK AHEAD for these events:

- We will host an event for the congregation to help us further reveal the personal, structural, and financial **assets** we have. Pastor Nancy Nyland will facilitate this session.
- We will have a meeting later this year with the team and council and anyone else who wants to participate to review our statements of purpose, mission, and values. This workshop will also be led by Pastor Nancy Nyland. **STAY TUNED for further info.**
- ♦ We will be planning a **new service activity** to impact our neighborhood or community in a positive way.
- We received as a token of LINK 2 learning this small olive wood cross. See the beautiful swirls of the grain?
- ♦ Ask the E-connect team members who were able to attend any questions you might have: Adam Pomfret, Pastor Karen, Linda Afdahl, Gayle Bland, Elizabeth Eichmiller, Sue Gosse, Carol Hawn, Linda Rodenberger, Maranda Schoffstall.
- **THANK YOU for your prayers and participation in the transformation!**



The quilting group will meet Sat., June 10th at 9am in the fellowship hall. Quilts are made for

both LWR and Union Layettes. Experience required: being able to tie knots in your shoelaces.

Summer is coming! Plan tíme for camp!



Brochures available in the narthex.



Trinity Women will meet for Bible Study on Wednesday, June 14, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

Denise Taylor will be the hostess. Kenna Hittle will lead the study from Ephesians 6.



FIRST FRIDAY CARDS:

Friday, May 5, proved to be a perfect night for a delightful game of cards. First, we shared a wonderful spread of food that served most of us as "dinner" or "supper". When most were warmed and sated after feasting, the dealing began. Cards were



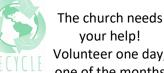
dealt; some quickly and some slowly. After all, how long can it take compared to 14 cards. Hands were sorted. to deal 1 card as Once again, some quickly and some slowly (see above comment). Now, the play is always tricky. How do you successfully take just enough tricks, but not too many or too few? We have decided that skill just doesn't factor in. You either do, or you don't. Some players were very successful and some were not. This time, the scorekeeper was not as successful as some of the other players. Since the scorekeeper was actually a computer not a player, I guess there was scorekeeper winning anyway! Regardless, it was no chance of the a fun filled evening of good food, good fellowship, good people, 2 decks of cards, and 1 computer. Join us in June, on Friday, June 2 when we will test the computer again. See you there.

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.

The old life is gone; a new life has begun!



SEEKING RECYCLE VOLUNTEERS



your help! Volunteer one day, one of the months remaining in 2023 to take

recycling materials from the church to the local recycling facility. Sign-up in the narthex.



Ruth Circle is gathering on 6/21 @ 10am in the library.

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 guestions. 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/i/9142075889?pwd=VkU5R3BvdFMzMzZOZzqvS3kvdiFzdz09

Barbara Goldsworthy, mother of Dan Goldsworthy, has passed away on Wednesday, May 10th.. The funeral was held at Trinity on Saturday, May 20th. Visitation was at 1:00p, and funeral service at 3:00p. Condolences to the Goldsworthy family.

Amber McNamara Houston P. K. Johnson Don, Keith, & Larry Johnson Cheryl Johnson James Rodenberger



Sherry Tacker Ray Bloomer Mark Fouts Jaime Felling





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

Our musicians: The Trinity Choir who provided offertory anthems on May 7, 14, and 28. and our guest flutist Amanda Fallon, who provided prelude, offertory and hymn accompaniments on May 21st. It is always delightful to have talented guests join us.

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

Our Parish Administrator Jennifer Black for providing all our printed and online worship materials, keeping us informed of our schedule of activities and performing many unseen but necessary tasks.

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 during these challenging times.

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

SUMMER MUSICIANS NEEDED

The Trinity Ringers and Trinity Choir will be taking a well-deserved summer break. Volunteers are needed to provide offertory music for our services during the summer months. If you play an instrument, sing, ring, or dance and would be willing to share your talents with your Trinity family please speak to Sara following any worship service. You may also call her at 812-360-0897 or email her at sarajjohnson72@yahoo.com . If you would be willing to sing with a group but not alone, also please let Sara know.

OUR 2023 ORGAN FUND UPDATE

The Organ Committee launched its pledge drive four years ago – Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. **We truly appreciate all gifts received to date, which has exceeded our expectations**. God has blessed Trinity Lutheran Church in this effort to enhance our worship and praise.

Financial Summary:

Total cost (\$151,436 paid to date*) \$157,999
Cash gifts received through April 30, 2023 (157,805)
Outstanding pledges (2,485)
Current overfunded amount \$ (2,291)**

* The remaining installment of \$6,563 is expected to be paid in May after the final "voicing" of the organ is completed. The contractor had substantial savings on the drayage cost by using a U-Haul truck for delivery instead of using a delivery service. This savings more than offset the higher than original estimates for mileage and per diem expenses included in the estimated total cost of \$160,000.

**Any excess funds raised will be used toward periodic maintenance charges that the new organ will require beginning in late 2024 at the earliest. If you have an outstanding pledge, you may choose to redirect your future planned gifts from the organ fund to unified giving to help address the deficit in the operating budget.

Sincerely, The Organ Committee

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)

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 to donate.

TRINITY BLESSING BOX

Many vulnerable people are served through this ministry. And several people come to the box every week. Please consider donating by adding to the baskets in the NARTHEX!

What is needed?

- <u>Hygiene items</u>: Shampoo, combs, brushes, toilet paper, feminine care products, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, razors, hand soap, dish soap, hand sanitizer, baby supplies.
- NON-perishable SAFE items (NOT expired). Best if cans have pull rings: vegetables, beans, rice, cereals, condiments, dried fruit, canned meat, pasta, peanut butter, and crackers.
- Consider the SEASON.
- Not acceptable: Produce, damaged cans or boxes, dairy.

Special thanks to the monthly coordinators who have helped to stock the box: January: Pomfret; February: Eichmiller, March: Schoffstall, April: Taylor, May: Moffett.

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP!!



Aug.-Dec. need volunteers!!

Sign-up for 2023 in the narthex.

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
June
July

August September October November December

2023 Total: 235.26



Equals 23,526 cups of milk for needy children!!

Seeking Mowing Sponsors for 2023!

Help the church pay for lawn mowing. Volunteer to sponsor mowing for one or more weeks during the 2023 season.

Sign-up in the narthex!!

Sisters of Providence: Upcoming Events

<u>Faith and the Arts</u>: Saturday, June 3, 9a-12p; Foley Room, PSCC

Thursday Guided Meditation: Thursday, June 8, 6:30p-7:30p

Taize: Tuesday, June 13, 7-8p

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!



(Luke 12:27-28)





"No, not a punishment. I was just looking for a nice, quiet place to pray."



"I know our pastor preached on family values, Johnny, but I'm sure he didn't mean raising your allowance."



"Dad, can you make dinner for me and my entire Sunday school class?"



"What did Cain and Abel give him for Father's Day if it wasn't a tie?"



"Naming me Solomon didn't work."







TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Operating Budget Summary at April 30, 2023

	2023		2022			
BUDGET Update	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	%of Budget	Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$49,633.20	34.7%	\$ 142,869.00	\$51,262.17	37.0%	\$138,622.11
Expenses for budgeted items	\$54,977.88	34.0%	\$ 161,824.00	\$45,905.67	32.6%	\$140,952.90
Revenues over/(under) expenses	(\$5,344.68)		\$ (18,955.00)	\$5,356.50		(\$2,330.79)

At April 30, 2023, unified giving and other revenues were \$1,628.97 lower than the previous year, and were \$2,010.20 higher than budget for the year. Expenses were \$1,036.55 higher than budget for the year, and year to date expenses exceed revenues by \$5,344.68. Please note that there is a budgeted deficit of \$18,955.

The Lamplighter









April's Joke!

Why is Adam considered the fastest person in the Bible?

He came first in the human race!!!!

Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all.

(Ecclesiastes 9:11)



JESUS' FAMILY TREE

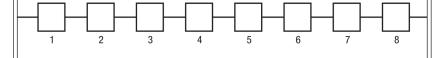
Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham. Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.

- T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?



Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers.
Use the references for help, if needed.

- 1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
 4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-2)
 6. He had 12 sons (Genesis 35:22b)
 7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
 9. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21)
 10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (Ruth 4:17)
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 2. His 3 sons helped him build
- 2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (Genesis 6:10)
- 3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)
- 5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
- 7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)
- 8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
- 11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
- 12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)
- 13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)

Answer: DOWN I. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 9. Boaz. 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul











	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Happy Fathers 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship	pops, daddy, dad, lather, pops, dadd R, POPS, DADDY, DAD, FATHER, P lather, pops, daddy, dad, lather, pops DAD, FATHER, POPS, DADDY, DAD pops, daddy, dad, lather, pops, dadd R, POPS, DADDY, DAD, FATHER, P lather, pops, daddy, dad, lather, pop DAD, FATHER, POPS, DADDY, DAD	6 11:30a Zoom Bible study	On this warm summer day, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree.	John Moon; John & Elisse Neuenschwander	2 6:00p 1st Friday cards	Joe Faust; Lise Speer 10 9:00a Quilting
1 9 S 1 A	11 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship After service - Worship & Music committee mtg.	12	13 8:30a Men's breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible study Jonathan Baber; Gayle Bland	7:00p Trinity Women	Bruce Martindale 15 Council Items Due Virginia English	16	Maranda Schoffstall 17
	9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship	19 7:00p Council meeting	20 11:30a Zoom Bible study Newsletter Items Due	21 10:00a Ruth Circle Eli & Sage Moffett	22 Daniel & Michele Goldsworthy	23	24 Julia Pomfret
	Penny Power 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship	26	27 8:30a Men's breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible study	28	29	30	Counters: Taylor, McIntyre, Gustafson. Office: 812-232-7628 trinity2620@live.com Hours: M-F 9:30a-1:30p



MISSION STATEMENT:

Believing in Christ, we GATHER, GROW and GO

with the good news of His love, compassion and forgiveness.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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TLC website: https://trinityterrehaute.org

Office Hours:

Mon-Thur: 9:00a-12:00p

Contact Hours for the church office: 10:00a-12:00p

Sunday Services

10a IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICE



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.