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Coming Soon ... Bearing Fruit for Jesus



The Lamplighter

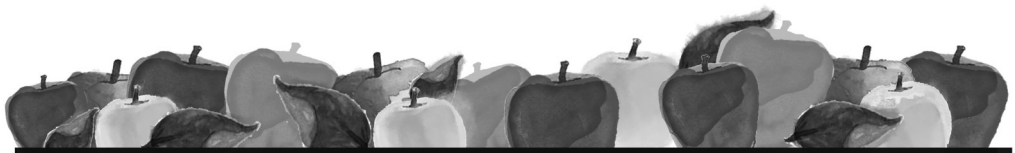
In the next couple of weeks, we will all hear a lot about bearing fruit because our stewardship theme for this year is **Bearing Fruit for Jesus!: His Grace and Power at Work within You.**

Fruit trees are one of the many wonders of God’s creation. To see the beauty of the tree and its fruit, to enjoy its taste-- and then to realize that it all came from a tiny seed is almost beyond our comprehension. An apple seed is planted in the ground, and, with water and sun as nourishment, miraculously a seedling surfaces that develops into a fruit tree. After a period of time, the apple tree fulfills its mission by bearing apples.

We, as Christians, are like that apple tree. We, too, have been fed and nourished by God so we can bear fruit. *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last”* (John 15:16). Jesus tells us *“I am the Vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit; because apart from me you can do nothing”* (John 15:5). The life and power of any plant comes through its vine. The vine uses the branches to produce its fruit. The branch simply grows from the vine, produced by it in order to bear fruit. The branch exists and produces fruit only because the vine makes it possible.

When we stay faithfully connected to Jesus, we are told that we *“will bear much fruit.”* As Christians, we are called on to use the fruit that will grow in our lives. As Christian stewards we are given the task of ministering to the needs of others and spreading the Good News of God’s love that we encounter in Christ. As we stay connected to him through his Word and Sacraments, we discover God’s perfect plan for us, and we are empowered to bear God-pleasing fruit (Colossians 1:9-10). God has created us to bear good fruit (Ephesians 2:10), but only through Christ is it possible for us to do so.

“Since we live by the Spirit,” Paul encourages us to *“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 is alive within us, not as a result of our own efforts. A branch cut off from the vine will bear no fruit. Apart from Christ, we become, in Paul’s words, *“Conceited, provoking and envying each other.”* We are to *“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness”* (Ephesians 5:11a), but are 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 5:8b-10). This fruit of God’s Spirit nourishes us and heals the hurts of a needy world. As we *“Grow in Grace,”* our fruits will *“Share Christ’s Love.”* So, let’s help each other learn and grow – and go and bear much fruit!



100TH ANNIVERSARY LAMPLIGHTER UPDATE

Hello TLC members and visitors alike! I hope this recent blast of heat has provided a great last hoorah for the ending of summer! I wanted to share on the recent formation of the 100th Anniversary Committee to celebrate Trinity Lutheran Church's birthday. That's right! TLC will be turning 100 years old in July 2024, and we sure have done a lot over these last 10 decades. What do you remember from Trinity? Maybe it's the forming of a group or service project. Or maybe it was a wedding, baptism, or a new membership drive. Or maybe it was a major event such as new technology for live-streaming, the addition of the daycare, or the installation of the stained glass. Whatever you remember, share it!

The 100th Anniversary Committee has multiple events coming up over the next year to celebrate this momentous occasion. These include our historical timeline (currently in process in the fellowship hall in connection with E-Connect) which will be turned into a beautiful permanent art piece, the organ dedication (in connection with the organ and worship and music committees) in November 2023, a fun art piece that will be displayed during the Easter season, our "throwback" service in June 2024, and finally our "Trinity Homecoming" in September 2024. Stay tuned for future updates from the committee as we celebrate "A Century of Amazing Grace" and see how God has blessed our congregation with "Gratitude", "Growth", and "New Life".

God's peace,
Elizabeth Eichmiller
100th Anniversary Committee Chair

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY is Sunday, November 5th. On that day we will remember those of the Trinity family who have died since last All Saints' Day. If you wish to have someone remembered on that day, please let the church office know by 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 31st. Those names submitted will be included in the bulletin on November 5th.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: The church picnic was held on Sunday, September 10, following the service at the Duke Shelter in Deming Park. The Good Lord sent beautiful weather and bountiful food. Hot dogs, cooked to perfection, were served with a multitude of condiments. Side dishes and dessert filled out the menu. 42 folks attended. They played yard games, filled their plates and helped clean up. If you missed it, watch for next year. We will pray for the same beautiful weather.

ROSE HULMAN TRINITY DAY OF SERVICE: 12 young men and 8 Trinity members joined together on Saturday, September 23 for a work day at Trinity. We pruned shrubs, cleaned part of the library, and tied many quilts. The group included mostly Midwesterners, but also students from India and Vietnam. All 20 folks worked hard to complete their assigned tasks - a job well done!

(see photos on page 9)



REMINDER! Please check the church calendar in the office before scheduling an activity at the church. Thanks for your help!

THANK YOU TO THE SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS:

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

Lay assistants: John Neuenschwander, Eli Moffett, Linda Afdahl, Pete Gustafson

Ushers: Ray & Suzi Bloomer, Marvin & Barb Mericle, John & Kim Schoffstall, Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller

Altar Care: Jody Pomfret, Donna Gustafson, Suzi Bloomer, Sue Gosse, Denise Taylor

Communion Bread: Sandy Teeters, Barb Mericle, Denise Taylor, Jody Pomfret



Please Note:

Council Items Due - Thu. 10/12 @ 9:30a

Council Meeting - Mon. 10/16 @ 7p

Newsletter Items Due - Fri. 10/20 @ 9:30a

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11/3 Isadora Rodenberger | 11/26 Michele Goldsworthy |
| 11/5 Donna Glazier | 11/27 Susie Newhouse |
| 11/13 Mia Speer | 11/29 Joe Kuzmission |
| 11/15 Greg Essig | |
| 11/16 Polly Sumansky | |
| 11/22 Linda Afdahl | |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/17 Robert & Denise Taylor

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 11/6 John & Pat McIntyre | 11/20 Joe & Beth Faust |
| 11/14 Bill & Jane Strecker | |



VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER



Counters for October: Pete & Donna Gustafson

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
10/1/23	Sue Gosse	Tina Teeters & Aiden Pomfret	Suzi Bloomer (set-up/clean-up) Jody Pomfret (bread)
10/8/23	Gordon Afdahl	Pete & Donna Gustafson	Suzi Bloomer (set-up/clean-up) Judy Pomfret (bread)
10/15/23	Carol Hawn	Gordon & Linda Afdahl	Denise Taylor (set-up/clean-up) Carol Hawn (bread)
10/22/23	Tom Weir	Maranda Schoffstall & Tina Teeters	Jody Pomfret/Donna Gustafson (set-up/clean-up) Sandy Teeters (bread)
10/29/23	Gayle Bland	Marvin & Barb Mericle	Suzi Bloomer (set-up/clean-up) Denise Taylor (bread)

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Earthquakes in Turkey and Morocco have caused widespread devastation. Lutheran World Relief 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

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.

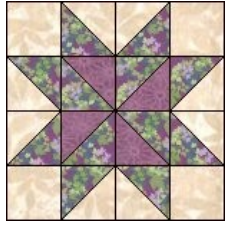
CHARITY



Taxes from RMDs



QUILTING



Quilters will NOT meet this month. We will resume Sat., Nov. 11. Bring a pair of scissors and be ready to tie knots!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Cackleberries on Tuesday 10/10 & 10/24 @ 8:30am.



FIRST FRIDAY CARDS: It was hot and dry on the first Friday in September. We gathered for a lucky game of cards. Some were luckier than others and one was awarded the crown of the day. Tomorrow is another day and it will belong to someone else. The scorekeeper, this week, was not as lucky as others or his scorekeeping was in error. But, the game was fun and the fellowship was good. The highlight of the evening was the food. I think that is the way it is supposed to be. Everyone won when it came to food. There were oven treats, and crock-pot treats, and bagged treats, and healthy treats. We are sorry to announce that there was no chocolate. We look forward to first Friday cards in October. That will be on **Friday, October 6, at 6 PM.** If we are lucky, there will be chocolate! See you there.



TRINITY WOMEN: Trinity Women will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Carol Hawn will be the hostess and Kenna Hittle will present the Bible Study from Matthew 13.

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).



BE PRAYING FOR...

Joyce Bailey
Jamie Felling
Mark Fouts
Brenda Hamand
P. K. Johnson



Don Johnson
Larry Johnson
Cheryl Johnson
Amber McNamara
Sherry Tacker

CHANGE THE DATE

5th Sunday Fellowship

The 5th Sunday Fellowship will change for the month of October to the 4th Sunday Fellowship. **Our carry-in lunch will be on Sunday, October 22.** Bring your favorite fall dish and an appetite and join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Ruth Circle is gathering on Wed, 10/18 at 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 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=VkU5R3BydFMzMzZ0ZzgyS3kvdjFzdz09>





We were blessed by the beautiful playing of cellist Lori Honer on September 3, 2023. As a birthday surprise for her father Bill Lance, Lori collaborated with our organist Sara Johnson and played two movements of a lovely sonata by Marcello for prelude and offertory. The Trinity Ringers were back from their summer break and provided our prelude and offertory music on September 10th and the Trinity Choir provided offertory music on September 17th and 24th. Many thanks are offered to all our volunteer musicians.

We also thank our corps of cantors: Charles Parks, Patricia McIntyre, John McIntyre, Bill Strecker, Elizabeth Eichmiller, and John Neuenschwander for their faithful service throughout the year.

We were thrilled to welcome Jenna McFarland as our Parish Administrator. She hit the ground running. We thank Jenna and our office volunteers Suzette Bloomer, Sue Gosse, Donna Gustafson and Linda Rodenberger for providing all our printed and online worship materials, keeping us informed of our schedule of activities and performing many unseen but necessary tasks.

Many thanks to Pastor Joe Faust for his leadership of our worship on September 24th while Pastor Karen had a mini vacation. And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our worship on most 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!

Make a Joyful Noise in the Choir!

The choir is back into the swing of things but would love to have some new members. **Everyone is welcome** to join us. New voices are always needed and appreciated. We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm**. If you have any questions please speak with our music director Sara Johnson or any choir member. You can speak with Sara following worship on Sunday mornings, reach her by phone at (812)360-0897 or email at sarajohnson72@yahoo.com. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



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

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!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Operating Budget Summary at August 31, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Operating Budget Summary at August 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	% of Budget	Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$101,204.22	70.8%	\$142,869.00	\$97,244.74	70.2%	\$138,622.11
Expenses for budgeted items	\$102,988.97	63.6%	\$161,824.00	\$93,694.39	66.5%	\$140,952.90
Revenues over/(under) expenses	(\$1,784.75)		\$(18,955.00)	\$3,550.35		(\$2,330.79)

At August 31, 2023, unified giving and other revenues were \$3,959.48 higher than the previous year, and were \$5,958.22 higher than budget for the year, due in part to some prepayments. Expenses were \$4,893.70 lower than budget for the year, but much higher than the previous year. Year to date expenses exceeded revenues by \$1,784.75. Please note there is a budgeted deficit of \$18,955 for the whole year.



Charles R Parks Jr.
and
Bonnie Jean Pochon

Would be honored to have you join us for our Wedding
October, 28, 2023
4:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
2620 Ohio Blvd.
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Carry-in Fellowship to follow in
Fellowship Hall
Please bring a dish to share.

Parking is available along the North
side of Ohio Blvd., on both sides of
Marigold Dr., and in the Meadows
Shopping Center parking lot across
Ohio Blvd.

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

Power

I watched the incoming tide on day
As it rolled in over the sand,
It seemed to me it was struggling
To leave the sea for the land.

I watched the breakers rise and fall
And was thrilled at so much power
Shown in the plunging of each wave
Growing stronger every hour.

I pondered as I watched the waves
And remembered Galilee
And how the Christ walked brave and bold
Fearlessly on the sea.

I turned from the sea and left for home,
And as on my way I trod
I was fully convinced that the power there
Came from the Hand of God.

-M.M. Simpson

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	30.04
October	
November	
<u>December</u>	



2023 Total: \$522.52

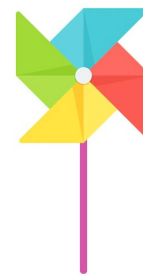
Equals 52,252 cups of milk for needy children!!

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.



Students from RHIT displaying the quilts they worked on.

Kim Schoffstall working hard!



New Purpose and Guiding Principles for TRINITY!

Most of our elected and appointed church leaders of Trinity gathered at the church on Saturday, **September 9th**. Our goal was to revise our Trinity purpose and guiding principles. Our Trinity Lutheran Church Council and E-connect Team were guided by Pastor Nancy Nyland, Indiana Kentucky ELCA Synod Director for Evangelical Mission. All decisions were made by the group.

Beginning with Bible study and prayer, we worked in small groups first, then through several versions in group discussion and consensus. We discussed the many church family assets recently compiled. Also, we used the interviews with our “neighbors”, the in progress “map” of our **neighborhood**, and our history as a church to aid the process.

It is with gratitude for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we present the **new Trinity Lutheran Church Purpose** statement:

Growing in grace, sharing God's love

Our **Guiding Principles** are:

Rooted in the Grace of Christ

Listen, trust, and move with the Holy Spirit

Generously share God's gifts

Love our neighbors

Accept and welcome all

Please prayerfully consider what **your part** will be to implement this framework for our ministries locally and globally! More communication to all will be forthcoming.



Bible Quiz



Which of the following is not called a “fruit of the Spirit” — but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness



Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

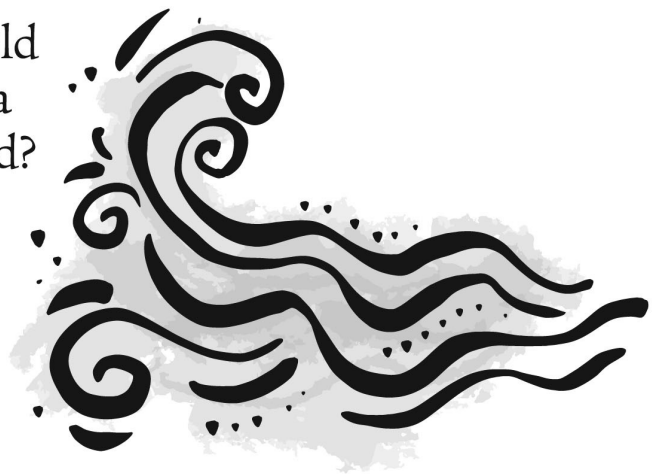


Bible Quiz



How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



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

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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