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SUNDAYS:

June 12 through September 4 9:00 a.m. Worship In-Person and Online

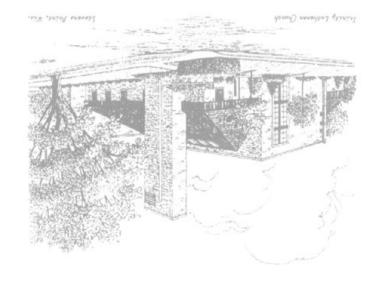
WEDNESDAYS:

5:00 p.m. Online

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Pentecost comes a bit late this year, June 5. As we start this new season, here are some things you may or

may not know about this long season in the church year.

In the time of Jesus, Pentecost was a Jewish festival that fell 50 days after Passover. The word comes from Greek for the word fifty. It was on that Jewish festival that the Holy Spirit first came with power on the gathered disciples. We think of that moment as the birth of the Christian church.

Our season of Pentecost always falls on the 50th day after Easter; which means that when Easter is late in the season, Pentecost will also be late.

In England and Ireland, the day is called Whit Sunday, apparently because of the white garments worn by those baptized on Pentecost.

The color of our liturgical vestments for the season of Pentecost is green. This reflects the idea that the season focuses on how the Holy Spirit helps the church to grow. Our Bible readings during the season have to do with the growth of faith. However, the Day of Pentecost is celebrated with the color red because of the festive nature of the worship of the day. I know that many of you like to wear red clothing for the Day of Pentecost. That is a tradition shared among many Christian communities.

The season of Pentecost is roughly five to six months long, depending on when it begins. It always ends a month before Christmas with the coming of the four weeks of Advent. This long period is also called "ordinary time," because it falls outside the two other great seasons of Christmastide and Eastertide.

As we watch the plentiful crops in our local fields grow into a bountiful harvest, may you also have a blessed Pentecost season during which the Spirit leads you to a deeper faith.

~Pastor Clav



Please remember that the church doors will remain locked to provide safety for the children and staff at Trinity. Please ring the doorbell and we will unlock the door from our desks. (**Note** you will want to have your hand close to the door handle when you ring the doorbell. Once we open the door you will hear a click and there is only a few seconds before the door will lock again.)



LUNCH BUNCH

The next Trinity Lunch Bunch is at noon Tuesday, June 21st at the home of Jane Goudreau, 157 W Clark St, Stevens Point. Bring a lawn chair, sack lunch, drink and good weather.

Jane Flanagan flanagan55@charter.net or 715-341-4989

Jane Goudreau

GivePlus Mobile App UPDATE:

- GivePlus Mobile is no longer available in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- Vanco Mobile is the NEW app in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.
- Members who have the app on their phones will receive the following message when you open the GivePlus app, "Unable to load church details. Please try again."
- Trinity is set up within the new Vanco Mobile app so please download the new Vanco Mobile app.
- This is a great way to get your donations to Trinity if you do not want to mess around writing checks every week.

A video on how to setup the Vanco Mobile App is available on the Trinity webpage. Click the Give button to find the video.

LOOSE CHANGE SPARE-A-DIME





Spare a Dime for our Missionary in South Africa

The good news came in March: after two years of pandemic travel restrictions, our missionary, Pastor Philip

Knutson, is ready to visit us on Home Assignment. Put Sunday, July 31st, on your calendar. We asked him to preach and to present an update on his work as ELCA Regional Representative for Southern Africa—a vast region stretching almost 1,000 miles north of Pastor Knutson's home in Johannesburg.

During Pastor Knutson's stay with us, Trinity will provide his meals, travel expenses, and, if needed, lodging. Travel costs are estimated to average \$150-200.

With this in mind, we are dedicating our loose change offerings in June to cover our missionary's expenses. Any surplus funds will be given to Pastor Knutson for a special need related to his ministry.

What has our missionary been doing lately? In December of last year, he reported attending the consecration service for the new Bishop of our companion synod. (The former Bishop, Ubane, sadly passed away from covid about three and a half years after greeting Pastor Clay, Bill Taugner, and David Blado when they visited South Africa in 2018.)

Then there are important initiatives our missionary visited this March and April. One, sponsored by the Lutheran Church in Zambia, "aims for an HIV&AIDS free generation and is designed to teach young people computer skills and life skills." Another, in Johannesburg, featured a conference on Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment. Pastor Knutson observes, "Several of the pastors present were recognized and congratulated for

their courage and faith being the very first women to be ordained in their respective churches."

Let's provide Pastor Knutson the help he needs for his second visit and give him a warm Trinity welcome on July 31st!





Operation Bootstrap

Operation Bootstrap will be the recipient of our grocery collection for the month of June. With the weather getting warmer, Operation Bootstrap is getting requests for sneakers. They can use all sizes, children's or adult's; even slightly used sneakers if they are in good condition.

Along with sneakers they could use personal care items including: deodorant, razors, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, and toothbrushes. Cash donations are always appreciated too. That allows them to purchase the items they need as they need them. Thanks for your generosity.

Altar Guild and Bread Baker Volunteers

As we transition to more traditional forms of communion over the summer, we will need Bread Baker volunteers and Altar Guild volunteers.

Bread Baker volunteers bake the communion bread in their own homes and bring it to church t be used during communion. We have recipes for bread that does not crumble as well as recipes for gluten-free bread. For the gluten-free bread, we have a supply of the gluten-free flour, so you don't need to go out looking for recipes or gluten-free flour.

Altar Guild volunteers will need to be at church about 45 minutes before the start of church to set up the communion on the altar and to pour wine (and grape juice) into the little wine cups and set them into the wine trays. We will be using every-other slot in the wine trays, to make it easy to pick up a cup with out touching the others. Altar Guild volunteers will then help with the cleanup after communion.

For more information:

Contact Diane Witte – 715-295-0121 bwitte0121@charter.net

To volunteer:

- Sign up on the display by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Sign up by using the Ministry-Pro connection on the internet
- Contact Diane Witte 715-295-0121 bwitte0121@charter.net



Quoting from the Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Guide:

When winter comes in Zambia many families are left in the cold, leaving elderly and small children in the greatest risk. We provided our partner "World Help" with a container of Mission Quilts and Baby Care Kits to provide warmth and encouragement to the communities struggling economically because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the distribution of Mission Quilts and Baby Care

Kits in the rural village of Mazambani, village leaders said most of their community had never heard or seen such a thing-referring to the generous distribution-in their lifetimes.

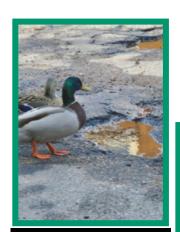
Americans are known to be very generous. We can be generous with our time and materials to make quilts and kits that will benefit those who really need our help.

Our quilting days in June are: Tuesday, June 14th and Thursday, June 23rd from 9-3 p.m. Coffee and treats at 10:30 and bag lunch at 12:30. Join us in the chapel area as we work together making quilts that bring comfort to those in need around the world. Please join us.

~Lois Hagen

TRINITY PRESCHOOL DUCK DIARIES





Puddles and Waddles







Hatched 5/18/2022





Despite the 90-degree (and humid) days in early May, progress towards warmer weather has seemed awfully slow this year. I don't know about you, but I'm more than ready to spend time outdoors. Here are several titles from the Trinity Library to help enrich our early summer days.

PRIMARY

Little Elephants (Pri Bas)- a farm fantasy picture book.

<u>Northwoods Girl</u> (Pri Bis)- grandma's north woods home provides many interesting hikes with her granddaughter.

<u>Our Great Big Backyard</u> (Pri Bus)- on their summer trip a family visits national parks across the U.S.

<u>The Camping Trip</u> (Pri Man)- the challenges and joys of sleeping under the stars are discovered by a first-time camper.

<u>Summer</u> (Pri Sch)- an illustrated alphabet of acrostic poems about summer.

INTERMEDIATE

<u>Dairy Queen Days</u> (Int Inm)- during the summer of 1979 in Georgia a teenage boy struggles to forge his own identity.

<u>Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer</u> (Int Jon)- a novel about chickens with superpowers. Who knew??

The Blue and Green Ark (Int Pat)- an illustrated alphabet poem to the planet Earth.

<u>The Aurora County All-Stars</u> (Int Wil)- after recovery from a broken elbow, a 12-year-old star pitcher is ready to play baseball.

NON-FICTION

One Summer: America, 1927 (973.91 Bry)- Americans accomplished outsized things during this year.

A Fly Rod of Your Own (799 Gie)- a seasoned fly fisherman relays his observations of fishing life and life in general.

<u>The Weekend Homesteader</u> (640 Hes)- 48 weekend projects to take us through the year towards self-sufficiency.

<u>Let Them Be Eaten by Bears</u> (790.08 Hof)- a "fearless" guide to helping kids appreciate the great outdoors.

<u>Farm Kid</u> (813.54 Ish)- tales of growing up on a farm in Portage County, Wis.

<u>Portage</u>: a family, a canoe, and the search for a good life (979.1 Lea)- the story of a family's 35 year venture into waterways of the U.S. and Canada.

<u>A Sand County Almanac</u> (500.9 Leo)- thoughtful, classic essays on conservation by Wisconsin's Aldo Leopold.

<u>Camp Granny</u> (745.5 Lor)- timeless advice and 130 "green" projects for adults to share with children; from leaf rubbings to Moon Pizza.

Noah's Garden: restoring the ecology of our own backyards (574.5 Ste)- loaded with information while relating the journey of a conventional gardener turned field ecologist.

<u>Do Unto Animals</u> (590 Ste)- a nicely illustrated, good humored guide to how animals live and how we can make their lives better; from household pets to wildlife.

These books will be on display in the library area during June, to be checked out. If it's fiction you're looking for, please browse the Fiction section of Trinity's library.



~Sybil Strupp, for the library committee



B&G Spring or UnSpring Update

Saturday, May 14th was a beautiful blue sky, sunny, warm day for our work day and a lot of work was a accomplished!

The Rogers Street playground was cleaned up. We raked and picked up debris from our Clark Street parkways. We also cut lawn and pulled some weeds. Both of these of course will be on-going!

Along with these tasks mulch was spread around the building and grounds. There are a few areas left to mulch, as well as Ellis and Pine Streets. It freshened things up! Another task was the removal of the ash and elm trees along Pine Street, as they were diseased. This diagnosis was given to us by Todd Ernster, the Stevens Point City forester. We still have the big elm tree behind the dumpster to take care of. Then all of the stumps along there will be ground.

Thank you to the following for hauling branches prior to the work day, picking up mulch and all work day workers:

Glen Bauer, Joe Byczynski, Kristi & Greg Bean, Steve Chizzo, Pam & Steve Jensen, Todd and Alden Lewis, Russ Prusak, Gary Pucci, Jerry Trachte and Nate Wetzel.

God's work our hands!

~Gratefully, Building & Grounds Committee

The sunrise service welcomed everyone to a beautiful decorated alter. Thanks to Kathy Martinson for bringing to my home a beautiful lily and the nice visit.

~Doris Charlesworth

To Trinity Lutheran Church -

Thank you very much for the lovely Easter lily. It was much appreciated. ~ Jean Kewer

Trinity Lutheran Church -

We would like to thank Shari from Trinity who brought the beautiful Easter lily for Kent to have. Sue took it to his place at Riverview Lodge and he has enjoyed it. Thanks to those who gave these flowers to bless Easter. ~Sue & Kent Hall

Thank you for the lovely Easter lily and the very nice visit with Christina Rohm, who delivered it. It made my day!

~Ellie Bjorge



FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

| | 12-MONTH BUDGET | ACTUAL |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Envelope Offering | 506,117.80 | 193,946.29 |
| Loose Offering | 2,500.00 | 1,369.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,500.00 | 15.00 |
| World Hunger | 0.00 | 667.50 |
| Seasonal Offering | 7,750.00 | 3,489.25 |
| Receipts (YTD) | 521,367.80 | 199,281.54 |
| Disbursements | 549,472.00 | 168,608.14 |
| Net (+/-) | (28,104.20) | 30,673.40 |
| Receipts (Month) | | 40,650.87 |
| Disbursements | | 41,944.93 |
| Net (+/-) | | (1,294.06) |

| | 12/31/20 | 12/31/21 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Baptized Membership | 1064 | 1020 |
| Confirmed Membership | 783 | 745 |

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TOWER DEADLINE: June 21, 2022



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| July 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | | | 1 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 7:15 pm Trinity Choir 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 | 2 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Riverview Lodge Service 11:00 am Northcrest Service 1:00 pm Dimensions Living Service 1:00 pm Wellington Place Service | 3 | 9:00 am Al-Anon Meeting |
| | 6 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm Charity Circle | 7 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 2:30 pm Worship Committee 5:00 pm Personnel Committee Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm All Committee Night 7:00 pm GLO Committee | 8 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 | 9 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 am Northcrest Service 1:00 pm Wellington Service | 10 | 11 9:00 am Al-Anon Meeting |
| 12 The Holy Trinity 9:00 am Worship in-person and online | 13 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 | 14 9:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm B & G Committee | 15 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 | Study | 17 4:00 pm Rehearsal for the Wedding- Taylor & Jill | 18 Wedding-Taylor & Jill 9:00 am Al-Anon Meeting |
| 9:00 am Worship in-person and online | 20 1:00 pm Joy Circle 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm Executive Committee | 21 TOWER DEADLINE 9:45 am Stevens Point Health Services 10:45 am Portage County Healthcare Center Services 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at the home of Jane Goudreau 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 1:30 pm Library Committee | 22 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 | 23 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Quilters | 24 | 25 9:00 am Al-Anon Meeting |
| 9:00 am Baptism-Anastasia | 6:30 pm Church | 28 9:45 am Stevens Point Health Services 10:45 am Portage County Healthcare Center Services 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 | 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 | 30 8:00 am Men's Bible Study | | |

Altar Flowers—

There is still time to sign up for 2022 Altar Flowers on the chart in the narthex. The following dates are still open. . .



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September 4 and 11

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