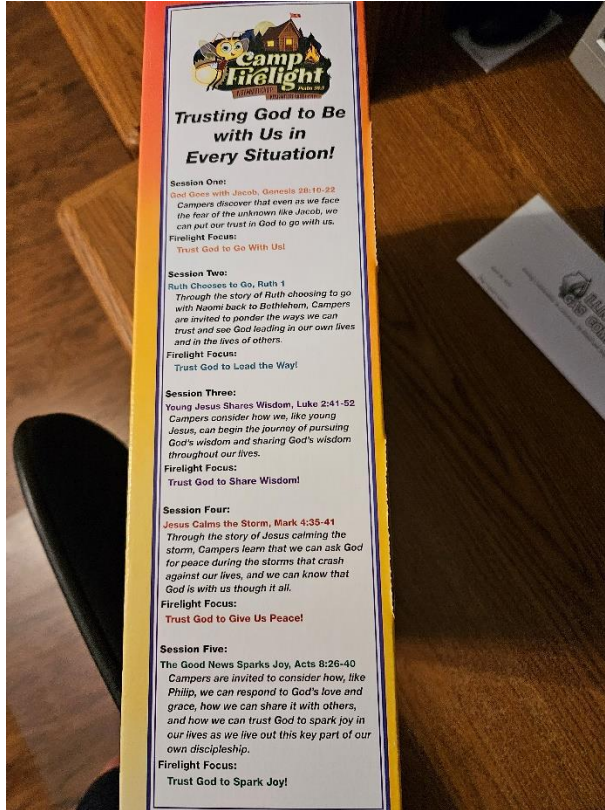


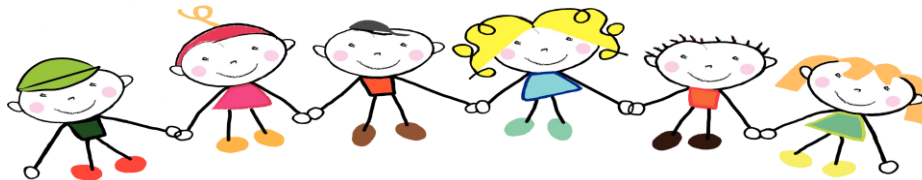
# THE TRINITY LUTHERAN

## July, 2024



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held at Trinity with the Presbyterian and Saron churches on July 15-18 from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm. On Friday, July 19 we will have a family swim time from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Musgrove Aquatic Center. Please see Jane Guinn to sign up to help with VBS. Please call the church or see Sue Crum for sign up sheets. Sign up your kids, grands, neighbors etc. We still need a few more helpers. Please message Jane Guinn at 217-663-490 if you would like to help. **Helpers please be at the church at 5:30 the first night for a short meeting.**

**WE NEED HELPERS!** Also, Thursday, July 18 is Trinity's night to provide snacks. Let me know if you would like to donate for the snack. We will be furnishing ice cream bars, popsicles and small bottles of water.



**Register Now!**

**Mom's Morning Out & Trinity Preschool**

**for 2024-2025 school year**

**Mom's Morning Out provides fun & creative activities every Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 am on school attendance days**

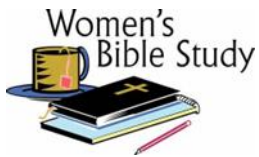
**Curriculum that meets IL Early Learning Standards**

**Classroom setting and many other unique learning experiences.**

**Register at 618 392-4181**

**5330 E. Frontage Rd. Olney, IL.**

**Or contact us on Facebook**



## OUR BIBLE/BOOK

**STUDY** - Looking forward to People of Faith.....Is there any part of our day that doesn't connect us to God? Even if we suspect the answer to that question should be no, it isn't always easy to find what's sacred in the every day. That's why we'll be reading and sharing Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life by Tish Harrison Warren. It's available from Amazon. We will meet July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. You don't have to have been involved in the group before this. You don't have to read ahead unless you want to. You don't even have to have the book. The important thing is you being there to listen and share ideas.

## LECTORS, ACOLYTES, & SUNDAY SCHOOL

**TEACHERS:** Please head to Sign-Up Central to get your names on the lists! Thank you for serving & caring.

**A BRAND-NEW ADVENTURE FOR US IS** an outreach to meet our neighbors and discover more about them. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month we are hosting "Brown Bag Supper in the Library!" Each month we will have a guest speak from 5:30-6pm who will talk about their profession, or passion, or even their hobby, as we eat the supper each of us has brought. Then we will have a 15-minute question and answer session. We clean up and will be out of the library by 6:30 when they close. Please join us June 27 to hear our first speaker, Dr. Jill Scherer, who will speak about the importance of our physical health!



**PLEASE LET THE OFFICE** know if we need to add or update any personal information such as mailing or email address. Let the office know if you would like your birthdate or anniversary date included in the monthly newsletter. You can email the office at [trinityolney@gmail.com](mailto:trinityolney@gmail.com) or call 392-4181. Thank you.

## ON JULY 16 EIGHT MEMBERS OF OUR

**CONGREGATION** will fly to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering: Savannah Ryden, Justin Ryden, Kylie Holdren, Autumn Ryden, Peggy Brookheart, Drew and Lisa Holdren, and Pastor Kathi. They will be learning about the culture in that part of the world with 14,000 other Youth, doing hands-on projects with folks with true needs. They will also spend time with other participants from our very own Synod. Then on July 20 they will fly back to St. Louis and then drive home during the night. You have all been so faithful in giving to this trip, which is soon becoming a reality for all these excited souls! Now you are asked to pray - for safe passage in driving and flying and in making connections (both in airports and in person with God-ordained new friendships). Thank you, Trinity Lutheran Church, for making this once-in-a-lifetime trip come true. May God be glorified in this adventure

**OUR YOUNG PEOPLE** (those already Confirmed and those who are still in Confirmation) will be leading a short service at the Stone Bridge facility on the first Sunday of every month at 11:00 am. Join us on June 2nd for the service. Anyone who wishes to come is welcome; please feel free to spread the love of Jesus with the residents with us!

**PLEASE CONTINUE** to pray for our Sister Congregation, Salem Lutheran Church in Peoria.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dr. Jill Scherer who has completed her studies to be a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) for the ELCA! We are so proud of all you have done to reach this wondrous accomplishment. We look forward to the service which Bishop Greg Busboom has dispensed grace to us for her to preach *and preside* - on July 21. Please join us after the service on July 7<sup>th</sup> for a reception in her honor. Way to go, Dr. Jill!

**AS A REMINDER, ANYONE WISHING** to spend funds from the Fellowship Committee, please go through Autumn Ryden for approval (before the purchase). She will then let Rhoda know how much is to be spent. Thank you so much for your cooperation

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Nancy McClenathan  
Becky Holstrum  
Babbs Pitts, President  
Beth Saler, Council Secretary  
Matt Powell  
John Scherer, Vice President  
Kevin Scherer  
Brooklyn Diel  
Angela Slagley  
Autumn Ryden ~ Youth Representative  
Mike Kurtz ~ Church Treasurer

**STAFF:**

Pastor ~ Rev. Kathi Boland  
Pianist ~ Keegan Tucker  
Choir Director ~ Andrew Flynn  
Sunday School Coordinator ~  
Altar Guild ~ Steve Berry  
Church Secretary ~ Rhoda Slichenmyer  
Financial Secretaries ~  
Custodians ~ Paul's Janitorial Service

**WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

**Board Members**

Bob Crum, Treasurer  
Sandy Britton, Secretary  
Mike Kurtz, President  
Doug Slagley  
Jeff Pipher

**TRINITY PRESCHOOL**

Director ~ Brooke Wheeler  
Teacher ~ Peggy Brookheart  
MMO ~ Brooke Wheeler  
Peggy Brookheart  
Brookelyn Mitchell

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

Prayer Chain~ John Scherer  
Convalescing Meals ~ Becky Holsturm  
Funeral Luncheons ~ Carol Diel, Sharon Kurtz  
Fellowship ~ Autumn Ryden  
Learning ~ Nancy McClenathan  
Memorials & Special Gifts ~ Sarah Kincaid  
Property ~ Kevin Scherer  
Service ~ Angela Slagley, Beth Saler  
Stewardship ~ Brooklyn Diel (liaison)  
Witness ~ Becky Holstrum  
Worship ~ Beth Saler  
Finance ~ Mike Kurtz  
Youth~ Matt Powell  
**GROUPS:** Remember When ~ Rosemary West



- 5 Gary Ryden
- 8 Emily Stuck
- 10 Chuck Diel
- 11 Sarah Stevens
- 12 Carolyn Powell
- 12 Delaney Bree Anderson
- 14 Jessica Anderson
- 15 Brandon Doan
- 16 Matthew Dehlinger
- 16 Ryan Neil
- 17 Katherine Elizabeth Archbold
- 18 Evah Ryden
- 20 Barb Roberts
- 20 Madison Dellakaye Russell
- 21 Brenda Dehlinger
- 23 Roberta Holstrum
- 25 Brenda Miller
- 26 Jerry Miller
- 26 Dianna Shull
- 28 Cindy Vaughn
- 28 Loren Zerkel
- 28 Lynn Zerkel
- 30 Connie Doan



- 4 Larry & Beth Saler
- 5 Michael & Lynsie Weiler
- 8 Pete & Martha Johnso

**SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS (as of 6/01/2024)**

Patricia Roberts	Stonebridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney
Mary Lou Sager	c/o Colonial Assisted Living Community, 1622 S Hart St. Room 133, Vincennes, IN 47591
Don Fritschle	Stonebridge, 1304 N East St., Olney, IL 62450

**AT HOME MEMBERS:**

Audrey Scherer	600 S Christy Ave. Sumner, IL 62466 618 936-2169
Gary Cowan	1525 Cypress Rd. Olney, IL 62450 618 838-2300
Floyd Meentemeyer	Helia Healthcare of Olney

**DO YOU EVER GET A SENSE THAT GOD MIGHT** be tapping you on the shoulder? Are you wondering what God is calling you to do with your life? Considering learning more about church leadership and pondering whether it might be for you? Have you ever thought about enrolling in seminary or even wondered what seminary study is like today?

Starting July 1, you can join an online group with others across the ELCA who share your curiosity. Sign up by visiting [elcaseminaries.org](http://elcaseminaries.org) and filling out the contact form, or by emailing [recruitment@elca.org](mailto:recruitment@elca.org).

Are you a rostered minister interested in leading such a group? Email [Rick.Summy@elca.org](mailto:Rick.Summy@elca.org) to learn more.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL** who baked cookies for Pride Festival. John's calling out of "Homemade Cookies!" to passersby made a huge difference, and we had multiple return visitors, because your cookies are always delicious! Thank you for the love, time, and baking of sweetness to the Lord. Great is your reward!

**REMEMBER WHEN:** We will meet at Smokerise Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> for lunch. After lunch, we will cross the street to the Heritage House for a self-guided tour. At 1:30 p.m. there will be free ice cream and music in the backyard for all. Come to part or all of this. Hope to see you there!

**ANYONE WHO WILL BE IN THE 6TH GRADE** or older this fall is welcome to join our Confirmation class. Please let Pastor Kathi know as soon as possible so that books may be purchased for you. Thank You

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** If you haven't done anything with your Choice Dollars recently, please check your Thrivent account and allocate your dollars. They do expire after a time if they are not used. If you have any questions about how to do this you can call Thrivent at 800.847.4836.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to Gordon Schnepfer for supplying the Synod Assembly Festival Worship with wine from his vinyard.

**JOIN US AFTER CHURCH ON JUNE 30TH**, after you've had a cup of coffee and a donut, for [Safety Training](#) for our congregation. We all want church to be a safe experience for everyone, so come and hear how to respond if we should encounter a crisis within these walls. This training will last 30 minutes maximum.



## July 2024 Newsletter

*"I am the Way and the Truth and the Light."* - John 14:6

July is a light-filled season of the year. We have long days, with the sun rising so early in the mornings, and setting late at night. I wonder why we are given these long days and shorter nights. Are we supposed to be working harder and longer days? Are we to have less sleep? These certainly are possibilities! There is much to be done when harvesting vegetables from our gardens. That is hot, sweaty work and it takes diligence to keep going, day after day to water, weed, pick, wash, and prepare for eating. We need so many hours to keep up with it all, and God provides. And, I believe, we are also given this much light in our world to remind us to step back, sit down, and give thanks for the light in our lives. Jesus, being the Light of the world, asks us to respond with thanksgiving for this Gift of light. Without the Light of the world, we would be spiritually blind, unable to recognize that God's kingdom has come near us. Sitting in the light and taking in all that God has given to us, fills us with gratitude and thanksgiving. We offer up words of love, hands stretched out, palms upraised, willing to take in all that God gives us. Hearts, minds, eyes, and ears are rejuvenated! We come away from that time of simply sitting with renewed energy, and our purposes have come into alignment with the Light of God. May we all take this opportunity to bring our minds and wills and bodies to become aligned with Jesus – Who is the Way we walk, the Truth we live, and the Light we need.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the volunteers in this congregation who give so freely of their time and God-given talents. I see many of you here doing what God has whispered in your heart to do. Other times no one sees what you have done, but the evidence of the beauty you have left behind is real. We walk through the halls of this church, in the pews, in every space, smelling the sweetness of your love for Jesus everywhere. I pray for your reward in this life and the life to come to be great, and may that reward overflow with joy unspeakable and full of glory!

Please continue to pray for our Youth Gathering contingency heading to New Orleans July 16-20. We would love for you to watch the Mass Gatherings via livestream each evening (July 16 – 19) from 7 to 9:15pm, featured on [ELCA.org/Gathering](http://ELCA.org/Gathering) so you can see for yourselves what our group will be experiencing! On July 20 only, the day we leave New Orleans, that livestream will take place from 9:30 – 11am. Thank you, Trinity Lutheran Church for financially making this trip possible for us, as well as your prayers now, and while we are traveling and attending this life-changing, life-affirming, and life-giving experience.

Blessings, Trinity, to each one of you this month,

*Pastor Kathi Boland*

## THE PARK

**"PLAY IN THE PARK"** Join us on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for Play in the Park! Please make plans to attend and if you are able, bring food to share.



### NEW BOOK AVAILABLE TO CHECK OUT FROM CHURCH LIBRARY

This month the church library is featuring a book entitled, *The Faith of Dolly Parton* by Dudley Deiff. Deff spotlights ten faith lessons as evidenced in Dolly's life, using various means for the reader to learn about her Christian faith.

This book will be displayed in the narthex during June and is available for check out.



Fall Kids Mall (FKM) of Richland County is a ministry providing new clothing, tennis shoes, socks, underwear, toiletry items and love to the children and youth (ages preschool to entering 8th grade) of Richland County.

The annual Shopping Day will be on August 2<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CHURCHES ARE BEING ASKED IN JUNE & JULY FOR DONATIONS OF NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR.** In addition, you can provide financial support to FKM, be a volunteer on Shopping Day, and pray for the FKM program. There will be a collection basket in the Narthex.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need, and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ---1 John 3:16-18

For more information follow the Fall Kids Mall Facebook Page  
Email [fallkidsmall@hotmail.com](mailto:fallkidsmall@hotmail.com)

### **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 11, 2024**

Present: Mike Kurtz, John Scherer, Angela Slagley, Autumn Ryden, Pastor Kathi Boland, Nancy McClenathan, Becky Holstrum, Beth Saler

The meeting opened with devotions taken from Matthew. Vice president John Scherer conducted the meeting in the absence of the president.

Reports and Other Business:

Financial and PreSchool – Mike Kurtz

Costs for the eclipse weekend came to around \$1,000 and included the porta potty, bounce house, and housing for the bishop.

The Tithe.ly account is up and running. John Scherer has set up a link to Tithe.ly on the Trinity website. Facebook will do only PayPal.

The decision was that Trinity does not need a new credit card to help manage summer expenses.

PreSchool – the Mom's Morning Out summer program is going successfully with 14 students enrolled. As of now 9 students are signed up for the fall for the PreSchool, so it will be happening. One family may be offered a partial scholarship by board discretion.

The board will have a booth at the September Fall Festival selling ice cream, snow cones, and pretzels.

Pastor Kathi pointed out that the SNAP program will be at Trinity July 8-12 holding a cooking class for 14 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Kelsey Hunt, the contact person, has toured the kitchen and is requesting refrigerator space. Mike is sure the Mom's Morning Out program and the SNAP program will be able to run concurrently.

Becky Holstrum moved to accept the financial report; Angela Slagley seconded: passed.

Minutes of the May meeting were distributed via internet. There being no concerns raised, Nancy McClenathan moved they be accepted; Becky Holstrum seconded: passed.

Pastor's Report:

- Dr. Jillian will be conducting the worship service July 21. She has completed her SAM training and has been approved by the bishop to celebrate Holy Communion at Trinity.
- Pastor emphasized the importance of doors being locked after someone has come in to the church. Also the locks have been changed on the doors leading to Pastor's office.
- After discussion it was agreed that No Guns Allowed sign should be posted at Trinity.
- There will be safety training session for Trinity after worship Sunday, June 30.
- Details are in place for Trinity's booth at the June 16 Pride Festival.
- After short discussion the present council reaffirmed an earlier council decision to allow Pastor Kathi to conduct same-sex weddings at Trinity.
- Ramps are needed at the side door leading out of the sanctuary and eventually in front of the downstairs entrance. John will check about prices for metal ramps.
- The synod did not renew the prayer partner relationships.

Nancy McClenathan moved to accept the Pastor's report; Angela Slagley seconded: passed.

Service Committee: Angela Slagley – Angela is making a list of who is doing what at Trinity in terms of service activities.

Fellowship: Autumn Ryden – Autumn thanked committee members who have done recent special coffee hours for Mother's Day and for Father's Day. Pastor reminded committee members that they should go to Autumn for information about available funds for Fellowship before money is spent.

New business:

After discussion it was agreed that due to safety concerns, the Pavilion should be closed from dusk to dawn. Signs will be posted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Saler, secretary

### *Adult Faith Formation*

The fall Adult Faith Formation class will be "Exploring the Lutheran Confessions," led by the Rev. Chris Repp (Grace, Champaign). Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom on September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, and November 16 and 30.

We will make the additional details and registration as soon as they become available.



Check out Trinity's website @ [www.trinityolney.org](http://www.trinityolney.org)