

Trinity Highlights

June 2023 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	April	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 22,566	\$86,913	\$86,164
Expenses	<u>21,445</u>	<u>91,630</u>	93,326
(Deficit)/Surplus	1,121	(4,717)	

Giving in April was in line with what was projected while expenses were a bit lower than budgeted. The General Fund balance at the end of March was \$178,027.

Thrivent Challenge Grant: In April, Trinity was notified that Washington Intermediate School had started a “Mons Who Care” program. A \$250.00 grant will be sent to the school from the Thrivent Challenge Grant Fund. This matches the grants sent to Edison Junior High, Broadmoor Junior High, and Wilson Intermediate schools in March.

Estates and Bequests: \$14,993.00 was received from the Mildred Cordes Estate and placed into the Estates and Bequests Fund. Keeping in line with the previous actions, the Church Council voted to send \$1,500.00 (10%) to Good Shepherd Lutheran School to apply to their building debt.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His continued blessings and pray that we may continue to be faithful stewards until the day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rob Fornoff
Chairman - Board of Finance

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 25

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ice cream will be provided.
Please bring your favorite topping to share.
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

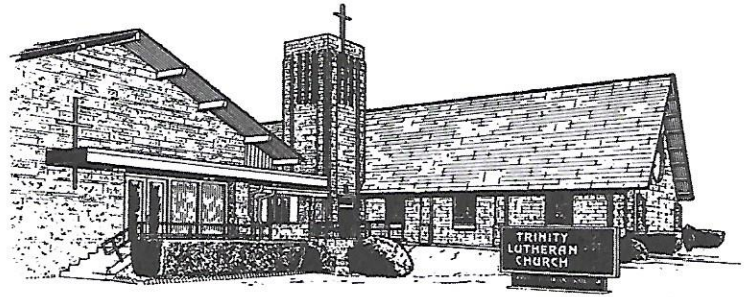




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May 23, 2023

Tuesday—The 7th Week of Easter

Beloved in the Lord,

This month I am continuing the newsletter series: **Frequently Asked Questions about “Closed Communion.”** Closed communion is the practice of inviting some to the Table of our Lord while keeping back others (or welcoming them only for a blessing). Last month I showed from Scripture one of the primary reasons that we observe this practice: in responsible love for our neighbors. As we saw from 1 Corinthians 11:29, though anyone who receives at our altar will receive the Body and Blood of Christ, not everyone will necessarily receive the Lord’s Supper to his benefit. If we do not know whether someone believes that the true Body and Blood (not only bread and wine) are distributed at our altar, then we are obligated out of love for them to keep them from receiving.

However, another question frequently arises when it comes to Closed Communion: *What if someone says he believes that the true Body and Blood of Christ are present and received in the Lord’s Supper but he is of a different confession (church/denomination)? Shouldn’t he still receive at our altar, since he says that he discerns the Body and Blood of Christ there?*

To answer this question, first, let’s go back to 1 Corinthians 11, this time to look at verse 26: *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

In this verse, St. Paul teaches us that when we receive Jesus’ Body and Blood, we are also “proclaiming” His death. That is, when we take the Lord’s Supper together, we are also *confessing* the Gospel together. So, the Lord’s Supper is also a confession of our faith in Christ and His Gospel.

St. Paul gives a similar principle in 1 Corinthians 10:18. He writes, *“Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?”* He is saying that, in the Old Testament when Israelites received the sacrificial food from the altar, they were also “participating” in that altar. In other words, they were taking part in what was happening there, what was being confessed there, what was believed there. The principle expressed is this: by sharing at any given altar, you share in whatever they do and believe at that altar. Paul goes on to say, therefore, that you should not and must not, participate at God’s altar and at another altar.

Paul is applying this principle to the Lord’s Table. He is saying that you must not share in the Lord’s Supper while also sharing in another altar that opposes the Word of God. This also applies in our day when it comes to other Christian denominations. Someone must not take at an altar that confesses *against* the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood and then come and take communion at our altar. This is true *even if he says* that he believes what we teach. To confess one thing about the Lord but then to contradict it by one’s actions is neither good nor safe. By closing the table to such a Christian, we again do a service of love. We are calling him to repentance for living contrary to God’s Word. We are teaching him that what Christ says about His Body and Blood in the Supper is not an indifferent matter or a mere opinion. We are encouraging him to a more faithful witness that confesses in a straightforward and clear manner the truth of God’s Word.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Raddatz

Trinity's Service Volunteers - June 2023

ACOLYTES

06/04 8:15 a.m. Emily Anton
06/11 8:15 a.m. Ella Spaeth
06/18 8:15 a.m. Will Brown
06/25 8:15 a.m. Leah Brown

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

06/04 Eric Spaeth
06/11 Owen & Jane Miller
06/18 Beth Abbott
06/25 Rob Fornoff

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

06/04 Kathy Seidell
06/11 *Open*
06/18 Julie O'Conner
06/25 *Open*

We are always in need of volunteers to serve our Lord. If you would like to serve as an usher, or Bible Breakfast helper, please contact the church office.

USHERS

06/04 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell A. Juergens
06/11 8:15 a.m. C. Whitley
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell
06/18 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, A. Juergens
06/25 8:15 a.m. C. Whitley, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, B. Juergens

ALTAR FLOWERS

06/04 *Open*
06/11 Mike & Kathy Seidell, *praise be to God for their 52nd anniversary on June 12.*
06/18 Bill & Sonia Heren, *in loving memory of our son, Stephen Heren, whose birthday was June 8.*
06/25 *Open*

**April Sunday School
Perfect Attendance
Elias & Violet Raddatz**



2023 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 4 - Thursday, June 8
At Good Shepherd Lutheran School

At Rainforest Explorers, children learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and throughout our lives. We might feel lost, but He'll show us the way.

Volunteers are needed on the actual nights of VBS for kitchen help, activities outside, music, crafts, or leading groups of children around to each station. Contact Kelly Link if you would like to help.

Registration forms are located *in the magazine holder* on the table below the screen in Room 10. One form needs to be filled out for each child attending. Registration forms can be given to Kelly Link or left at the church office.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

June 1

Kinley Deverman
Joyce Thompson

June 2

David Spaeth

June 3

Kelly Link
Casey Whitley

June 7

Craig Cooney

June 9

Rozella Abbott
Katrina Addison

June 10

Will Brown
Christi Juergens

June 11

Janet Zevnik

June 13

Jessica Schuette
Braden Schultz

June 14

Ashley Erickson
Joan McDonough
Michael Timian

June 15

Violet Raddatz

June 16

Linda Hollenback

June 17

George McAvin
Beth Utke

June 19

Conner Cordts

June 20

Brent Look

June 21

Tyler Kuhn

June 22

Mark Ingrassia

June 23

Sarah Hillig

June 24

Diane Baccheschi
Don Nash

June 25

Emily Harms

June 26

Kim Cordts

June 28

Haven Harms
Jace Link

June 30

Bill Bond



Anniversaries

June 9

Chad & Kara Cutting

June 12

Scott & Pam Beccue
Mike & Kathy Seidell

June 14

Dave & Carol Spaeth

June 15

Kevin & Jeri Dobbelaire
Dick & Darlene Ringwald

June 17

Dustin & Lindsey Watters

June 19

Andy & Brandi Seidell

June 26

Nocona & Katie Daniels

June 28

Dennis & Lannette Speck

If your birthday or anniversary was omitted or a date is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	2	3
4 <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 8:15 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9:30 AM S.S. & B. C. 10:45 AM WORSHIP	5 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	6 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	7 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	8 <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	9	10 WHITLEY FELLOWSHIP HALL
11 8:15 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION	12	13	14	15 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES	16	17
18 8:15 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9:30 AM S.S. & B. C. 10:45 AM WORSHIP	19	20 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD	21	22	23	24
25 8:15 AM CONFIRMATION SERVICE 9:30 AM S.S. & B. C. 10:45 AM WORSHIP / COMMUNION 6 PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL	26	27	28	29 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS	30	



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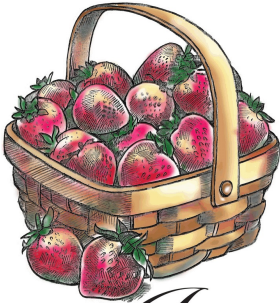
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