

The  
**NEWSLETTER**  
Of  
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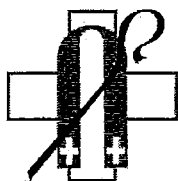
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**FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S  
DESK**

**CALLS AND MEETINGS IN JULY**



Home	11
Hospital	3
Shut-Ins	4
Meetings and Classes	12
Hours Counseling	9

It has been an unusual month at Trinity in that we had no baptisms, confirmations, marriages or funerals. August will be different. Already we have marriages and baptisms scheduled.

**CALL**

On Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we voted to extend a Call to Reverend Michael Meyer of St. Louis to become Associate Pastor here at Trinity. He and his wife and family came to visit Trinity, July 7-8. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, we received a letter from him declining our call. Please continue to pray that the Lord will lead us to that man who will accept our Call.

**THANK YOU**

On July 18-19, Roger Reynolds cut back two pews on the north side of the sanctuary to accommodate a chair or wheelchair. Pat Hetz re-did the pew cushions so that they fit the shortened pews. And, Terry Mills trimmed the carpet and put down a metal strip. All looks really nice. A BIG THANK YOU to Roger, Pat and Terry.

**ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS**

It is getting closer, our next Adult Inquirer's Class. We will begin on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. If you have not been through this class, let me encourage you to come this fall. I'm sure it will be a blessing to you. Also, please be praying and preparing to invite and bring someone to the class - a neighbor, co-worker, friend,

spouse, brother, sister, in-law, other relative. For youth to come to the class, they must be 15 years old or have completed the first semester of their high school freshman year. Also, youth must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Please note that the Annual Church picnic will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The Fellowship Committee will provide pulled pork, hot dogs and baked beans. You are asked to bring other side dishes, salad, dessert, etc. The "bounce things" will be there plus a praise band. Invite your friends and relatives. We are praying for a crowd of 350.

**ACOLYTES**

We have had difficulty with some of our youth being here when they have been assigned to acolyte. Please, parents, remind your youth, have them here 10 or 15 minutes before the service begins, sit in the front pew with them. And, please no flip-flops, shorts or ragged jeans and hair combed. Remember, the acolyte serves before the Altar of the Lord.

**MEMBERSHIP**

In the near future, we will be sending a letter to members who have moved from Atchison, have been gone for more than a year, and have not transferred their memberships. If we receive no response we will release them from membership here with a letter encouraging them to become a worshipping member of a LCMS church where they are living.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Our Building Committee (Bryan Becker, Jim Duitsman, Bart Lennington, Terry Mills, Rachel Goodpasture, Ron Graham) met on July 10<sup>th</sup>. More discussion was given to vision, needs and wants. A meeting is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> at which an architect and finance representative from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will be present.

**“\$118 in ‘018”**

July 29<sup>th</sup> was the date of our annual building offering, this year \$118 in ‘018. Gifts received will go to Dream Fund III for the new facilities now being envisioned and planned. By now you should have received a letter about this and a pink envelope. We are praying that every member will use the pink envelope.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**

In last month’s Newsletter, we listed all the folks who have not picked up their Pictorial Directory. We still have many in the church office. If you have not picked up your Directory, please come and do so.

**ADDRESSES**

Also, we listed several names whose address we do not have. We need your help.

**SCHOOL SPONSORS**

We are now gathering School Sponsors for the 2018-19 school year. A School Sponsor gives a gift of \$200.00 to help a child attend Trinity School. We are looking for 40 sponsors. Will you be a School Sponsor? You can make the gift in a lump sum or in several smaller amounts in the coming months.

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL**

Please remember that Wednesday School begins again on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wednesday School is for youth in grades 5,6,7,8, who do not attend Trinity School. In grades 5-6 the youth study the basic Bible stories of the Old and New Testaments and begin doing their confirmation memory work. In grades 7-8, we study Martin Luther’s Small Catechism memorize the six chief parts and several Bible verses. Mrs. Heather Hoffman teaches grades 5-6. I teach grades 7-8. Wednesday school this year will meet from August 29<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY**

We continue to pray for those who have not been to Holy Communion this year. If you are among those, we hope to see you in August.

**A HEALTHY CONGREGATION**

The following is a lengthy quote, but, please read it carefully and reflect upon it. It comes from a book I read in July: “Built on the Rock, the Healthy Congregation”, by Ted Kober. The quote: “Why should people make time for Bible study a priority? Luther explains the commandment ‘Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy,’ by saying, ‘We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.’ Prioritizing many other activities, especially leisure, over the study of God’s Word is sin. I became aware of how much our Western society values leisure over

God’s Word when I first visited India. Christians in India often sacrifice basic needs to make time for God. Many take an entire Sunday just to attend worship. Most walk to church because they don’t own cars. It may take one, two, or three hours to walk one way. The average worship service lasts several hours. I was told that if a sermon lasted fewer than forty-five minutes, people were offended...I felt ashamed for my culture. Americans are among the wealthiest people in the world. Yet, we find it difficult to spend much more than one hour a week in worship...Many believe that attending worship two times a month is regular worship.” As I said at the beginning of this paragraph, much to reflect upon.

**ON A PERSONAL NOTE**

My daughter Anne and granddaughter Elsa arrived here on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Elsa, a junior at the University of South Carolina, made a presentation in my Adult Bible Class about her recent trip to Africa with a medical team. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we made a fast trip to Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota to visit family and loved ones. The Compton’s returned to South Carolina on Thursday. Another family member is heading South. Grandson Tyler Arends will be inducted as Vicar at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Alabama.

When you get up on Sunday morning, please remember your Lord Jesus...how He lived for you, died for you, arose for you. Then say “yes” to Him through your worship, hearing His Word, fellowshiping with fellow believers. Darkness says “no” to Him. The world says “no” to Him. The devil says “no” to Him. In love, devotion and obedience we say “yes”. See you Sunday.

**PEACE!**

*Pastor Robert Ziegler*

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**THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Home	Needed in 2018	\$ 533,343.61
	Given in 2018	527,826.73
Missions	Needed in 2018	24,605.83
	Given in 2018	22,375.78
Building	Needed in 2018	19,038.30
	Given in 2018	19,197.45

Our financial picture report looks good but we did lose ground in all three areas in July. At the end of July’s five Sundays we are BEHIND \$5,516.88 in the HOME budget, BEHIND \$2,230.05 in the MISSION budget, and AHEAD \$159.15 in the BUILDING budget. Six-month stewardship reports are in the narthex. Thank you to all who bring by or send their offerings when they cannot be in worship. It would be great if all did this.



**Special gifts during July were:**

Lutheran World Relief	182.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	20.00
Bethesda Home	55.00
Lutheran Witness	182.00
Bus/Van Fund	51.74
Emergency Fund	27.00
Organ Fund	180.00
Garage/Maintenance Building	940.00
Sound System	100.00
Loaves and Fishes	66.00
Flower Fund	7.00
Technology (current) Fund	78.00
Trinity Place Endowment Fund	42.00

**With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looks:**

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	604.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	497.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	811.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	1,850.00

Envelopes for these are in the front of your packets. We are praying that all will use them and help us make the above goals. The needs are real. Bethesda Home for those with learning disabilities. Lutheran Heritage Foundation prints and distributes literature for our missions. Lutheran Hour broadcasts the Gospel around the world. Lutheran World Relief takes food and resources to disaster areas around the world.



In July we received \$940.00 for the Garage/Maintenance Building. We now have \$16,557.00 in this fund. Please continue to give to it. We still have a long way to go to pay for this building. Simply mark your gift "Garage".

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, forty-seven members of Trinity brought \$5,776.18 for our "\$118 In '018" offering. These gifts will go into Dream Fund III and will be used for new facilities. If you have not yet brought your gift, please do so soon. We are praying that many, many more will.

With the beginning of a new school year we are again looking for 40 School Sponsors. As of this writing we have six (6). Remember, a School Sponsor gives a gift of \$200 (all at once or over a period of months) to help a child attend Trinity School.

**A Stewardship Prayer:** O God, our Creator and bountiful Provider, give us eyes to see the wonders of your creation and hearts that are ever grateful for the gifts you continue to pour out upon us. Give us the desire to use your gifts for the extension of Your Kingdom and the benefit of Your people. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

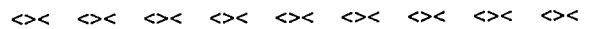
**BEQUEST**

Ed Sowers went Home to be with his Lord in June. He was a life-long member of Trinity, faithful in worship and Bible Class attendance and service to his Lord and Trinity Lutheran in many, many ways. He also remembered his Lord and Trinity in his will by making Trinity the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Last week Trinity received \$9,278.75 from this gift.

Whenever a bequest is simply directed to Trinity Lutheran Church, it is divided equally between our nine endowment funds. Ed's gift will be divided as follows:

School Endowment Fund	\$1,030.97
School Grant Fund	\$1,030.97
Technology Endowment Fund	\$1,030.97
Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$1,030.97
Mission Endowment Fund	\$1,030.97
H.E.L.P. Ministries Foundation	\$1,030.97
Building & Grounds Foundation	\$1,030.97
Church Endowment Fund	\$1,030.97
Trinity High School Endowment Fund	\$1,030.97

So, Ed continues to serve the Lord and bring blessings to Trinity. We thank our Lord for this gift and for the servant Ed was and still is.



**SCHOLARSHIPS**

On August 12<sup>th</sup> we will present scholarships to Monica Lennington, Jayme Lowe and Mikayla Lowe. All are studying at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska to be Lutheran School teachers. We pray God's blessings on them.

**COLLEGE BOUND**

Do you have someone in your family who's at college or going off to college? Please call Debbie, 367-2837, and give her the name of your student, their address, cell-phone number and college. We will put them on the Newsletter list and send their name to a LCMS church near their college.

**SCHOOL GRANT FUND**

When we started this fund in May 1995, this is what we wrote:

"It is our DREAM that every family that wants to send its children to Trinity Lutheran School will be able to do so, that no child will ever be turned away for financial reasons. If help is needed for registration fees, book fees, uniform costs, whatever, it will be available.

Since the beginning of this year, the School Grant Fund has received \$5,515.87 in gifts. This brings the given-assets of this fund to \$366,609.44. In 2017 the fund received \$16,891.48 in dividends and interest from this invested amount. This was given in grants to children attending Trinity School.

Memorials received this year have been: Albert Witte - \$835.00; Bob Shaver - \$415.00; Gary Reno - \$630.00; Rosella Overton - \$100.00. The fund since the first of the year has received \$1,227.60 from Thrivent Choice Dollars and \$7.80 from the Scrip Program, \$63.00 from the school graduation. And in July the fund received a bequest of \$1,030.97 from the estate of Ed Sowers who was a graduate of Trinity School.

In order to meet today's needs plus future needs. This fund still needs considerable growth. Please remember it through the envelope that is in our packets, your memorial gifts and a bequest.

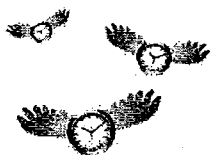
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**LOOKING BACK**

**Ten Years - August 2008**

.....Alcon, Inc. began construction of Trinity Place on July 21. Marlatt Construction was doing all the dirt work. Cost of the 36 apartments was \$3,800,000.

.....Terry Mills, Bob Weatherford and Travis Peuker painted and refurbished the restrooms in the yellow building.



.....Steve Lackey and helper were doing some tuck-pointing on the new building.

.....Pastor Fitzpatrick, Pastor Mike VanVelzer (Nortonville) and Pastor Mike Dunaway (Hiawatha) attended the E.E. Clinic at Bellevue Baptist in Memphis.

.....Theodora Circle had a "Baby Shower" for Lutheran World Relief.

.....The School Endowment Fund received a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of Amelia Ostergard.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO - August 1998**

.....The remodeling of the church kitchen was completed. Mark Vowels Construction did the work. The Planning Committee, plus Bernice Welsh, Mildred Kruger, Marie Kiehl, Ruby Handke and Ruth Kimmi were the "planners".

.....In Esther's Nest, Esther Ziegler thanked the many women who had helped her at home while she was receiving radiation treatments.

.....DCE Roger Rench took 27 youth to Oceans of Fun on July 9.

.....Laura Portenier and Kristie Martin were going to be aides at Trinity School.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO - 1988**

.....Dedication Day for the new building was July 31. Rev. Arlen Bruns was the preacher for the special service, and Wilber Claude read the Rite of Dedication.

.....These young people from Trinity received scholarships to attend Lutheran Colleges: Katherine Bisping, Jennifer Gerardy, Victoria Shirley, Billy Higley, Misty Meek, Mark Weinmeister and Scot Kirkendoll.

.....Mission of Love ladies, Lucille Zabel, Wilma Masters, Kathryn Flachsbarth, Betty Garrison, Wanda Kuhnert, Mildred Kruger, Agnus Faurot and Marie Kiehl made 108 pounds of lye soap.

**FORTY YEARS AGO - 1978**

.....The following men attended a Don Abdon seminar in Salina: Don Kempin, Rob Kincaid, Gerald Bonnell, John Kiehl, John Schmelzle, Jon Shultz, Rod Weinmeister and Ernie Schmidt.

.....New Trainees for Kennedy Evangelism were: Lila Bruna, John and Roschelle Bisping, Jim and Betty Cline, Jeanne Harris, Gilbert Hawk, Judy Joice, Norma Kuhnert, Dorothy Ostertag, Ruth Reno and Marie Sullivan.

**A WORD FROM THE PAST**

Friedrich Pfothenauer was president of the LCMS from 1911 to 1935. In 1897, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Synod, he was president of the Minnesota and Dakota District. He said the following to the gathered district presidents and laypeople:

"Finally, we have cause to celebrate our synodical jubilee with fear and trembling when we glance at the present condition of our Synod. It is true, we still have the very precious treasure, the pure Word of God. As a rule, it still governs our congregations, but it cannot be denied that we are no longer what our fathers were. Indeed, the symptoms of the decline are evident and increasing among us. I will only point out a few. The holy zeal to study and grow in God's Word has declined markedly among both preachers and hearers.

The boundary between us and the world is no longer drawn so sharply. Our manner of life is not always prudent. Terrible scandals, also on the part of our pastors, are on the increase. While we are richer in earthly things than our fathers, we are weaker in faith and Christian love."

Wow! If Pfothenauer felt that way about his generation, I dare say his words are an indictment exponentially greater upon ours.

(Pres. Harrison in the Lutheran Witness)



## FROM THE LOFT

### Handbell Choir

We wanted to take a few minutes to introduce you to our awesome Handbell choir and share a little more information about it! We have members who are just learning to read music and others who are seasoned musicians.

Below is a list of our current members:

Bev Cain  
Jeanne Koenen  
Liz Hofacker  
Luke Hofacker  
Rhonda Gierstorf

Vonda Ostertag  
John Hornbostel  
Lottie Lee  
Jeremy Lee

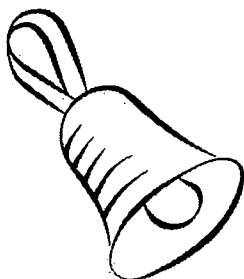


We meet on Thursday evenings in the yellow school building (second floor) from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The choir plays in church approximately once a month. When we are scheduled to play, we ring at both morning services during the offering. Much like our vocal choir, we also have small groups perform on an occasional basis. Children must be out of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in the Handbell choir.

People have mentioned to us that they wouldn't be able to read the music. Our director, Rhonda Gierstorf, does an excellent job developing new bell choir members at whatever level you are at!

On July 22, we were blessed to hear a guest family Handbell group in church. This is the third time they've played bells for our congregation. Those who participated were: Vonda Ostertag, Ellen Ellis, Ashley Ellis, Cassidy Ellis, Lottie Lee, and Jeremy Lee. In the past, other family members also played with the group. These are all family members of the late Marie Peters.

If you have a love of music and have wanted to contribute to your church in that way, the Handbell choir is an excellent way to serve God and our congregation! Questions? Contact Rhonda Gierstorf or any other bell choir member.

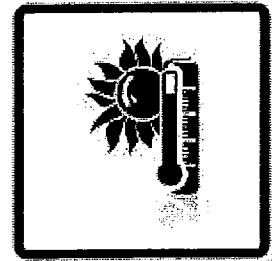


"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs."

Psalm 100:1-2

## HEALTH TOPIC FOR AUGUST 2018

Reprinted from Lutheran Parish Nurse International ([www.lpni.org](http://www.lpni.org))



### Too Hot? Find Some Shade!

Many of the faith lessons in the Bible take place in the Middle East desert. God let His people into areas where they had to trust Him to provide for all their needs. How often does God do the same for us? He allows the challenges of illness or injury to enter our lives. He leads us into “desert places” where we become exhausted, hot and just tired of the struggle. But God also provides “shade” for us – places for us to “cool off”. As we in the northern hemisphere enter the summer months, this imagery reminded me of the serious condition of heat exhaustion.

Heat exhaustion and heat-related illnesses occur when the body can't keep itself cool. As the temperature rises, the body cools itself through sweat evaporation. On hot, humid days the evaporation of sweat is slowed by the increased moisture in the air. When sweating isn't enough to cool the body, high body temperature can cause serious changes to occur, followed by dehydration and illness.

Heat exhaustion is when the body becomes too hot. The signs and symptoms are heavy sweating, feeling weak or confused, dizziness, nausea, headache, fast heartbeat, and dark-colored urine which indicates dehydration.

If one thinks he or she is experiencing heat exhaustion, getting out of the heat as quickly as possible is very important. Finding a cool, shady place is necessary if unable to get into a building that has air conditioning. Drinking plenty of water or other fluids is essential. Don't drink alcohol or caffeinated carbonated drinks such as sodas! These beverages can worsen the heat exhaustion. Removing any tight fitting or unnecessary clothing will be helpful. Taking a cool shower or bath or applying cool water to skin will be helpful, as well as applying cool cloths to the head and neck to help decrease body temperature. If a decrease in body temperature has not occurred within 30 minutes, it is very important to seek medical attention. Heat exhaustion can progress to heatstroke.

Some medications can increase the sensitivity to heat-related conditions. Groups of medications that affect how the body reacts to heat include antihistamines, beta-blockers and vasoconstrictors, diet pills, antidepressants and antipsychotics, anticonvulsants, diuretics, as well as many illegal drugs.

When one needs to be outside on a hot day, taking measures of protection such as the following are important.

Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Cover the head with a hat or umbrella.

Drink plenty of fluids. Some sports drinks replenish salt lost through sweating.

Avoid being out during the hottest time of the day – between 10 am and 6 pm.

Take frequent breaks and drink, even if not thirsty.

If one has medical conditions, talking with a healthcare provider about specific medications can be very helpful.

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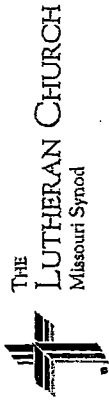
One other reminder you should **NEVER** leave children or pets unattended in a hot car. Be safe!

**Marcene Selberg**  
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August 2018					Sep 2018 ▶		
◀ Jul 2018	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7:00 pm NA 8:00 pm Finance Committee	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>3</b> 8:00 am Holy Grounds 6:30 pm 55+ Potluck 7:00 pm NA	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm Kuhnert/Holle Wedding 7:00 pm NA
	<b>5</b> Worship 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 7:00 pm NA	<b>6</b> 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA	<b>7</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 6:25 pm Elders Calling 7:00 pm NA	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm NA 7:30 pm Board of Directors	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>10</b> 4:00 pm MacKan/Reiss Wedding 7:00 pm NA	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm NA
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