

# TRINITY COURIER

*Sharing Christ's Love by Welcoming, Worshiping, Learning, and Serving*



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*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*  
*Romans 12: 9-13*

This is one of many Bible verses that capture so much of what is special about our congregation. From genuine love to the welcoming of strangers, Trinity has claimed its mission "to make Christ known."

Trinity Sunday returns in May or June of each year; this year, it will be celebrated on June 11. It's meant to be a day to celebrate the God that we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I find it easier to celebrate Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church than a hard-to-comprehend doctrine of the church.



But one thing "this" Trinity and "that" Trinity have in common are the words "love one another with mutual affection."

The giving and receiving of love are the essence of the Holy Trinity and they are the essence of life and ministry in our congregation.

We "outdo one another" in showing honor and love to anyone who enters our facility, even if this is the first time they've had the courage to cross the threshold.

The outpouring of love shown to Gale Harkonen at his funeral was such a joy to witness and proof that one human being can make a difference in the world just because of their attitude and the joy of their faith.

On June 11, we will be welcoming some new faces into the Trinity family. They have encountered God's unconditional love and welcome and they are eager to continue their journey of faith with us.

The "relaxing" summer months offer great opportunities to tell people about the things happening in this church. "Befriend" the church on Facebook and use that medium to talk about people and events. Direct people to our website to hear sermons and other excerpts from our worship. Find the courage to offer a personal invitation to a service or activity.

But, most importantly, tap into the powerful love flowing to us from the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as we seek new ways to "make Christ known through welcoming, worshiping, learning, and serving"!

Your brother in Christ,  
*Pastor Paul*



### Trinity Lutheran Church

Paul Gibson—Pastor  
 Lynne Tallon—Deacon  
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 Assistant  
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 Administrator  
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- Lynne Tallon

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pentecost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest, the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when "From heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind ... " (Acts 2:2 ff, NRSV). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power" (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (verse 12).



Because the ocean is vast, fish survive — and thrive — by living and working together. A shoal is a loose grouping of fish that forage individually but deter predators by staying close together. A school of fish is more tight-knit. Thousands of small creatures move as one great organism, shimmering through the water to confuse and fend off larger fish on the prowl.

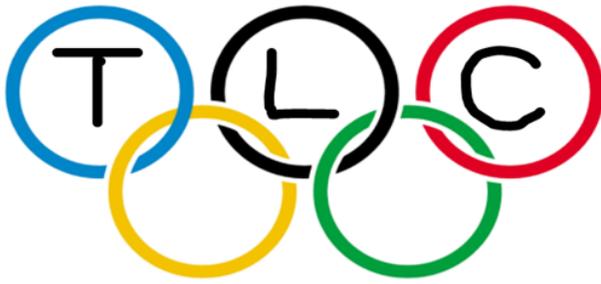


The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church. Pentecost occurs on June 4 this year.

God also sets humans in groups to help us thrive. Worldwide church denominations function somewhat like shoals, while our local congregations are like schools — to teach us, yes, but also to nourish us with both physical and spiritual food, give us a sense of belonging, and empower us to accomplish good things together that we could never do alone.

Jesus called his disciples to fish for people. The Holy Spirit, gathering us as Church, calls people to live like fish!



**Summer Games**  
**June 11, 2017**  
**11:30 am**

Is our brutal heat causing you aggravation?

Looking for way to spend a fun afternoon out of the sun but don't have a clue what to do?

Would you welcome a little friendly competition in your life?

Bingo! The answer to these not-quite-twenty questions lies in a simple operation called the TLC Summer Games. Can't swim or dive or vault - no trouble! This event will simply consist of a pizza lunch and a varied selection of activities including board games, card games, checkers, chess, backgammon, dominos and maybe more!

In addition to games and pizza, this will be a great opportunity to welcome and get to know our new members who will be recognized during that day's service. Come and take the risk - see if you can connect to 4 new people!

Please RSVP on bulletin board by June 4 or email Lisa Johnson at [lisanap07@gmail.com](mailto:lisanap07@gmail.com).

Hope to see you there - if you miss it...say it with me...you will be SORRY!!

*PS. How many other game names did you find?*

# CHURCH KEYS

The office is updating lists, including who has keys to the church. If you have any keys to the church, please contact the church office and let us know which keys you have.



Since the early 1800s various groups have observed a day to display the American flag. Presidents Woodrow Wilson (in 1916) and Calvin Coolidge (in 1927) issued proclamations marking June 14 as National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved June 14 as a day of national observance. President Harry Truman signed it into law.

The American flag has changed designs more than any other flag in the world. In fact, the United States didn't have a standardized flag until 1912! And even after standardization, the flag changed three more times with the addition of new stars representing new states.

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.



Prayer is the saucer into which parental fears are poured to cool. ... Each time a parent prays, Christ responds.

His big message to moms and dads?

Bring your children to me.

—Max Lucado,

# RAYS 2017



## Thrivent Financial

## Night With The RAYS



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START TIME: 6:10 P.M.  
GATES OPEN: 4:10 P.M.

### DON'T MISS

- Ted William's Museum
- Rays Touch Tank
- Mystery Retro Replica Jersey presented by GTE Financial for the first 15,000 fans

**Lower Box Tickets are \$28 (\$60 Value)**

Special offer for Members and Friends through Thrivent Financial!

A portion of the proceeds from each special ticket sold will benefit Eckerd Kids.



### TO PURCHASE

\$28 ticket price is valid for groups of 10 or more.

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for all interested,  
or contact the church office to be put on the list.

*Let's get a group together for a night of fun!*

LET THE  
RIGHTEOUS BE ...  
JUBILANT  
WITH JOY.



PSALM 68:3, NRSV

Not what I get, but what I give,  
this be the gauge by which I live.

Not merely joys that come my way,  
but the help I give to those astray.

Not the rewards of money and fame,  
but the loads I lift in mankind's name.

This be the pay at the end of the day,  
not what I keep, but what I give  
away.

—Author unknown

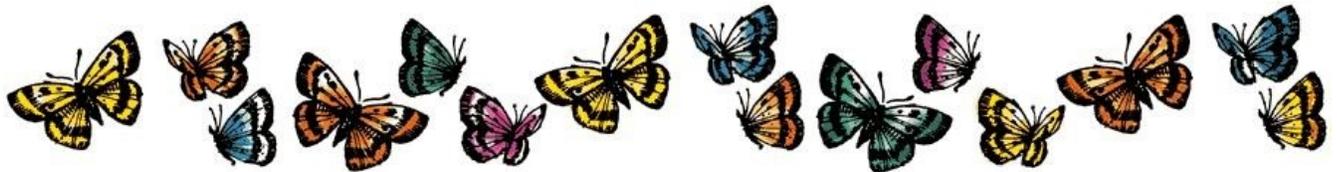
## Serving Ministry Team

The collection we gathered for Beacon House during Lent totaled over \$400. Thank you to all who helped. The monies will provide items for the men who live at Beacon House as they re-enter the work force and become able to live independently. I hope your experience of "Giving Up, To Give To" was a blessing.

Thank you to all who served in the Rachel's Day worship. God has given us so many varied gifts and it was a joy to share them with the Trinity family and visitors. We are looking forward to other opportunities to participate in worship.

The congregational picnic was a success. Those who attended enjoyed the good food - both sides, and our main dish, hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to perfection (thanks Gary). Some fancy card tricks were shown by our magician Whitney. We had a variety of bingo games played with the winners receiving their medals (thanks Lisa). We were to wear them on Sunday but yours truly was the sole participant to go that far. We also found that a Team Trinity member is quite the kite flyer (thanks Helen). We look forward to another picnic event, perhaps next time in a little cooler season.

God's blessings,  
*Lynne Tallon*, Council Liaison

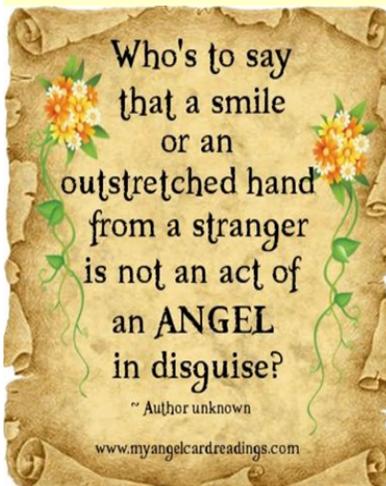


From June 11 through June 24, Brendan Hall will attend the Piano institute at the Florida State University School of Music in Tallahassee. The institute is open by audition only to students throughout the world who are of high school age. This will be the second year that Brendan has attended the institute. Each year, up to seven students are selected to be part of the "piano plus" program at the institute. This year, Brendan is one of these. Piano plus students receive four lessons each week from an internationally recognized pianist, as well as additional opportunities to perform. Florida State University School of music is recognized as one of the top five music schools in the US.



Brendan will work on a variety of piano repertoire at the institute, including etudes by Rachmaninoff and Liszt, The Impromptu in B-Flat major by Franz Schubert, the second piano concerto by Camille Saint-Saens, and the sonata No. 23 in F Minor ("Appassionata"). He will perform many of these works at venues in St. Petersburg In the 2017-2018 season.

Many thanks to the members and friends and to the congregational council of Trinity Lutheran Church, for their help in financially enabling Brendan to attend the institute. Brendan is the grateful recipient of an award from the Gilbert scholarship fund at Trinity.



## BAND OF ANGELS

Meetings are suspended for our summer break, but we are certainly not idle!

Many thanks to all who had roles in the Rachel's Day/Bold Women's Sunday service. From ribbons to readings, it was a great success! Judging by the relentless heat, it is clear that summer is upon us and that means preparation time for another school year is not far away. Stay tuned for announcements on school supply needs and "Undies Sunday" coming up soon. Also, our "Coats of Many Colors" initiative is an ongoing project. During the summer months, the emphasis is on shorts and T-shirts rather than coats. Gently used items are welcome.

Peace and blessings,  
*Lisa Johnson*



## Feed My Sheep May Update



- \* **272** people were served this past month!
- \* A special welcome to **Joan Smith** from Paradise Lutheran; she is now volunteering in our pantry! When recently thanked for her time and contributions, she responded: *I need this as much as you need me!*
- \* **Food for thought:** *If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and **one** of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the **one** that went astray? And if he finds **it**, truly I tell you, he rejoices over **it** more than the other ninety-nine that never went astray (Matthew 18: 12 - 13).* Could it be that how we treat the **one** reveals how we regard the ninety-nine? Certainly, as an educator and administrator, I have discovered that how I or any teacher treats and responds to the **one** child, to the **one** parent, who tests our patience, compassion, and understanding, speaks volumes to those who are watching. So, thank you, volunteers and members of Trinity for the support, time and treasures that you give to the **ones** in our community who need it most!

Respectfully,  
*Alan Due*



**JUNE**  
ANNIVERSARIES

6/2/1950 Norman & Doris Bertoluzzi (67)




**JUNE**  
BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Carla Gregory
- 6/11 Auria Garcia
- 6/11 Symphonie Garcia
- 6/14 Marilyn Marshick
- 6/16 Jacque Bishop
- 6/16 Margo Sardo
- 6/20 Cal Cook
- 6/22 Ann Gibson
- 6/23 Betty Napolitano
- 6/24 Azur Abdic
- 6/28 Edwin Jarvis
- 6/28 Carol Lajdziak

school's out!



**COMING SOON!**



**New Updated Directory**

Coming this summer!

We are considering a new Trinity family picture directory.

We will need volunteers to contact families for portrait appointment sign-ups, and greeting families during photography. Contact Margie in the church office if you would like to be part of this project.

# Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar

| Sunday   | Monday                    | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                  | Saturday  |
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|   |                           |  |  |          |                         |   |
| <b>4 PENTECOST</b><br>8:30 am Choir<br>9 am Bible study<br>10 am worship   | 5                         | 6<br>10 am Food Pantry                             | 7<br>8:15 am Men's Breakfast<br>9:30 am Sew n' Sews                  | 8        | 9<br>10 am Food Pantry  | 10<br>8 am Loaves & Fishes Breakfast<br>9 am Congregation Breakfast |
| <b>11 TRINITY</b><br>8:30 am Choir<br>9 am Bible study<br>10 am worship<br>New member reception<br>11:30 am Summer Games | 12                        | 13<br>10 am Food Pantry                            | <b>14 FLAG DAY</b><br>8:15 am Men's Breakfast<br>9:30 am Sew n' Sews | 15       | 16<br>10 am Food Pantry | 17<br>8 am Loaves & Fishes Breakfast                                |
| <b>18 FATHER'S DAY</b><br>8:30 am Choir<br>9 am Bible study<br>10 am worship   | 19<br>6 pm Council        | <b>20 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b><br>10 am Food Pantry | 21<br>8:15 am Men's Breakfast<br>9:30 am Sew n' Sews                 | 22       | 23<br>10 am Food Pantry | 24<br>8 am Loaves & Fishes Breakfast                                |
| 25<br>8:30 am Choir<br>9 am Bible study<br>10 am worship   | 26<br>Newsletter deadline | 27<br>10 am Food Pantry                            | 28<br>8:15 am Men's Breakfast<br>9:30 am Sew n' Sews                 | 29       | 30<br>10 am Food Pantry | Church office hours:<br>Monday—Thursday<br>9 am—3 pm                |