

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are here!!

May the joy of Christ be with you all!

Welcome!!



11 Aug 2019

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Pastor Barney Matocha ~ Kara Hairell-Speed, Youth & Family Minister

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m., Worship, Sanctuary

Silent Prayer Before Worship

Bells

Greeting

Gathering Music: (10:30) Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus—Lemmel/arr. Bock

Call to Worship:

L: We are people who have been called
to follow where God leads us.

**C: By faith we can obey,
even when asked to walk into
an unknown future.**

L: We are people who have been challenged
to tell God's story to others.

**C: By faith we have the ability
to share the good news.**

L: We are God's children who are invited
to feast at the Table of grace.

**C: By faith we will embrace
our sisters and brothers in Christ. Amen .**

Blessing of the Bird Feeders

C: O God, we thank You for making the animals to brighten our lives. Help us to save them from danger as Noah did. Help us to love them and care for them as St. Francis did. And when we see the animals that You have made, help us to remember that You are holy and worthy of praise. In the name of the Father, who thought up the giraffe and the zebra, and of the Son, who loved us as lambs, and the Holy Spirit, who came to us as a Dove.

L: Father we come before You today with our request of blessings upon these Bird Feeders the youth have created. May the work of their hands feed your loving, feathery creatures.

C: Thank You for the willingness of our youth to learn and to be the blessing that you so desire and to serve all of creation.

L: Bless them as they go forth into the community to distribute these Feeders to rest homes. Keep all safe in their travels and let them see the glow of God's love from those who delight in the peace of the birds feeding and singing.

C: Let us go forth and bring joy and peace to all of creation. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Holy God,

**C: You promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.**

L: You incite us to hope,
but we fall back into fear.

**C: You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.**

L: You call us to watch at all times for You,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

C: Forgive us.

**Increase our hope,
enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders You work in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray.**

L: Hear the good news!

C: By faith we have been saved our guilty hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God. Amen.

Hymn: This is the Day (on screen)

Prayer of the Day

**Real One, we come before You, heart to heart.
We long to be our true selves.
Strip away the worldliness that clings to us,
that causes us to seek wealth, notoriety, worldly success.
Remove our burdens that weigh us down.
Take away the shame and guilt that we use us to hide who we are.
There is nothing to be ashamed of before You.
Ease our fears that cause us to conceal our authenticity.
There is nothing to be afraid of before You,
for perfect love casts out fear.
Real One, help us to be real, with You and with each other.
Help us to drop the personas and the false pretenses,
and be who we are,
who You created us to be — Your beloved children.
In the name of Jesus, who was so real He lived and died as one of us,
laying down his life for us, we pray. Amen.**

Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-3:8-16 The Message (MSG)

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.

By an act of faith, Abraham said yes to God's call to travel to an unknown place that would become his home. When he left he had no idea where he was going. By an act of faith he lived in the country promised him, lived as a stranger camping in tents. Isaac and Jacob did the same, living under the same promise. Abraham did it by keeping his eye on an unseen city with real, eternal foundations—the City designed and built by God.

By faith, barren Sarah was able to become pregnant, old woman as she was at the time, because she believed the One who made a promise would do what he said. Her husband Abraham was almost dead, but he became the ancestor of many people. In fact, there are as many of them as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand along the beach.

Each one of these people of faith died not yet having in hand what was promised, but still believing. How did they do it? They saw it way off in the distance, waved their greeting, and accepted the fact that they were transients in this world. People who live this way make it plain that they are looking for their true home. If they were homesick for the old country, they could have gone back any time they wanted. But they were after a far better country than that—heaven country. You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them.

Gospel response Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil (on screen)

Luke 12:32-40 The Message (MSG)

"What I'm trying to do here is get you to relax, not be so preoccupied with getting so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep yourself in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Don't be afraid of missing out. You're my dearest friends! The Father wants to give you the very kingdom itself.

"Be generous. Give to the poor. Get yourselves a bank that can't go bankrupt, a bank in heaven far from bank robbers, safe from embezzlers, a bank you can bank on. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

"Keep your shirts on; keep the lights on! Be like house servants waiting for their master to come back from his honeymoon, awake and ready to open the door when he arrives and knocks. Lucky the servants whom the master finds on watch! He'll put on an apron, sit them at the table, and serve them a meal, sharing his wedding feast with them. It doesn't matter what time of the night he arrives; they're awake—and so blessed!

"You know that if the house owner had known what night the burglar was coming, he wouldn't have stayed out late and left the place unlocked. So don't you be slovenly and careless. Just when you don't expect him, the Son of Man will show up."

Message

Hymn: I'll Hold You in My Heart (on screen)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

L: Your mercies are new every day.

**C: When we can hardly catch our breath,
fear clenching our stomach,
and every horizon dark,
You are there for us**

L: Whether we stand on the precipice
of grief, or pain, or loneliness or despair:

C: You hear us calling.

L: Our prayers not echoing
in empty chambers,
not ricocheting into nothingness;

C: You listen to every word.

L: You come, not always with quick fixes,
not always with the solutions we have planned.

**C: You teach us that every road is walkable
with You beside us.**

Your steadying voice gentles us.

L: You are the faithful One,

**C: from generation to generation,
seeking out our sad souls,
picking up the lost and left behind,
taking care of the woeful.**

Offering

Offering Music: Have Love—Dee Wheeler, Leah Matocha-vocalists

Offertory Response:: What Have We To Offer (on screen)

Offertory Prayer:

It is by faith that You bless us, hopeful God. So, it is by faith that we offer back to You a portion of what we have and who we are, trusting that You will take these gifts and use them in the work of that kingdom of justice and hope, of grace and wonder, which is Yours. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Institution (8:00)

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion (8:00)

Post Communion Song: (8:00) Take My Life (on screen)

Post Communion Prayer (8:00) Green Hymnal p.94

Announcements

Benediction Green Hymnal p. 95

Hymn: You Are MY All in All (on screen)

Sending Music: (10:30) God of Glory—Manz

Luke 12:32-40

*Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.*

Lord,
you tell us to
wait for your return.

Help us
to wait. Help us
find you in the Eucharist,
help us find you in those we love,
in strangers we meet, in the poor and needy.
Let us find you in our sleep, in our work and in our play,
to watch for you in our laughter and our tears,
in the deep souls of everyone we meet
every day, in the dusk and
in the dark of
night.
Please
knock, or rather,
come right
in.

Luther Fest Meeting
Thursday, August 29th
6:30 p.m.
Parlor

**AUGUST 21ST—
ACCORDION
PLAYER—PAT BIET**



WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS

COME AND JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP

NOON-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 Luke 12:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).



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PURSES	DESTROYS	FATHER	POSSESSIONS	HEAVEN
PLEASED	WEAR	KINGDOM	LUKE	FLOCK
EXHAUSTED	MOTH	HEART	AFRAID	SELL
POOR	TREASURE	THIEF	LITTLE	GIVE

Compassionate Servers
Every 2nd & 3rd Tuesday
1-3 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

School Supplies Needed for Lutheran World Relief

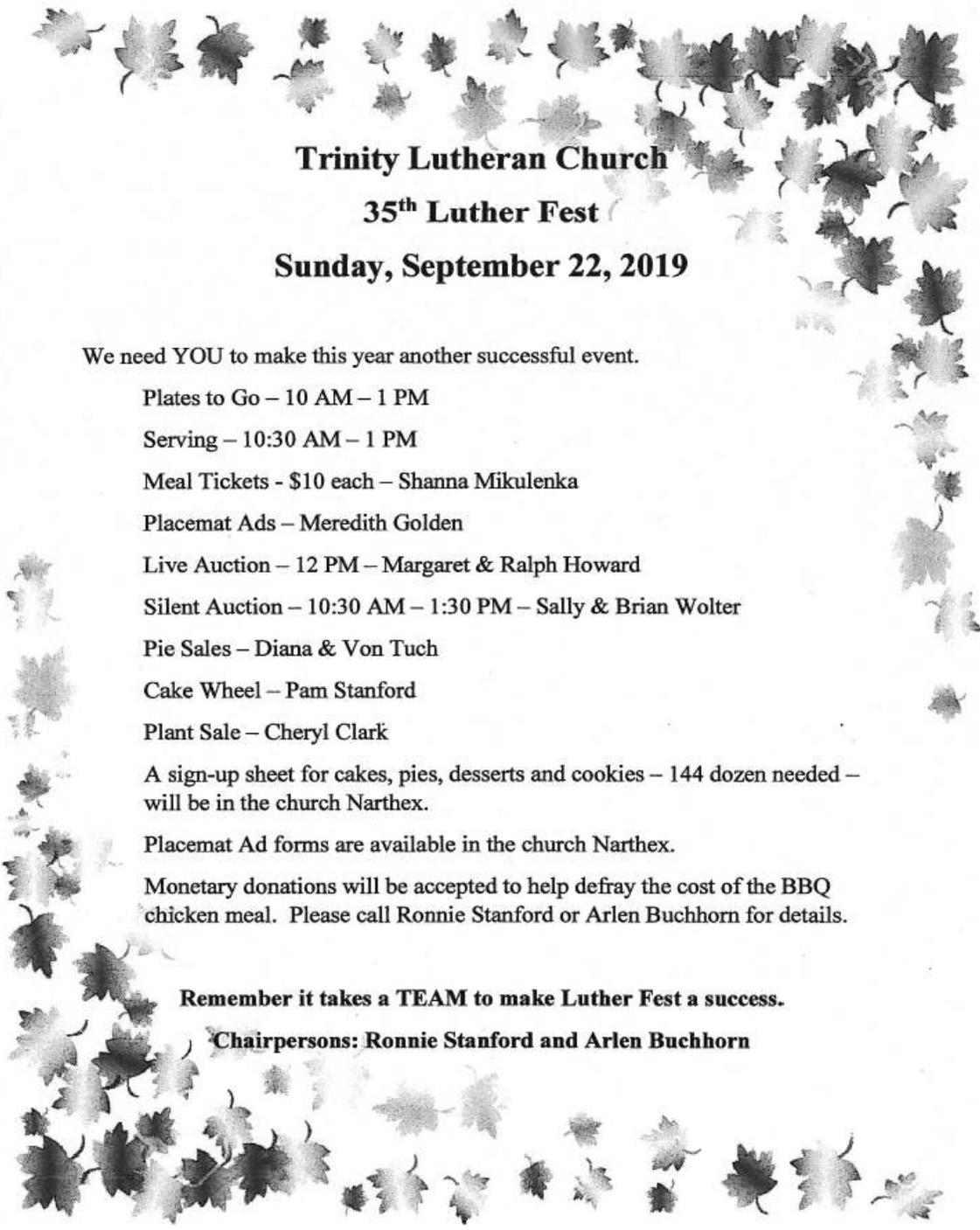
We are now collecting school supplies to send around the world to children who live with extreme illness or poverty. Our gifts allow others to learn and grow, as we demonstrate our Christian loving-kindness for our neighbors in need.

Each School Kit contains:

1. Four 70-sheet, 8" x 10.5" spiral notebooks, with wide- or college-ruled paper; (no loose-leaf paper),
2. One 12" ruler,
3. One pencil sharpener,
4. One pair blunt scissors,
5. Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band,
6. Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band,
7. One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
8. One 2.5" eraser.



Our vacation Bible school students will be collecting school supplies for their service project. We also encourage everyone to help us buy these supplies during the summer months, while sale prices are available. Please leave your gifts in the office, sewing room or on the table in the Narthex. Those wishing to give a monetary donation to sponsor a bag can leave donations with the offering or in the church office. Please make checks payable to WELCA. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Barbara Zimmerman, cell 788-3842 sbzimmerman@suddenlink.net. Thank you for continuing to support this vital ministry.



Trinity Lutheran Church
35th Luther Fest
Sunday, September 22, 2019

We need YOU to make this year another successful event.

Plates to Go – 10 AM – 1 PM

Serving – 10:30 AM – 1 PM

Meal Tickets - \$10 each – Shanna Mikulenka

Placemat Ads – Meredith Golden

Live Auction – 12 PM – Margaret & Ralph Howard

Silent Auction – 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Sally & Brian Wolter

Pie Sales – Diana & Von Tuch

Cake Wheel – Pam Stanford

Plant Sale – Cheryl Clark

A sign-up sheet for cakes, pies, desserts and cookies – 144 dozen needed – will be in the church Narthex.

Placemat Ad forms are available in the church Narthex.

Monetary donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the BBQ chicken meal. Please call Ronnie Stanford or Arlen Buchhorn for details.

Remember it takes a TEAM to make Luther Fest a success.

Chairpersons: Ronnie Stanford and Arlen Buchhorn

YOU GUYS AND GALS ROCK!!! Your **faith in giving** has shown tremendously and we have surpassed \$30,000 towards the \$50,000 goal for the summer challenge. Keep up the good work!

The Faith in Giving Summer Challenge continues through August 31st, so let's meet our goal. Better yet, let's keep on giving year-round. It's a wonderful way to allow Trinity to share God's love to our community. Blessings to you all!

Dee Wheeler

Gifts & Giving Chairman

Last Week's Metrics

Attendance 8-04 8am: 64 10:30am: 98

Offerings:	General Fund	Benevolence	Trinity Growth	Summer Challenge
Envelopes:	\$ 2,304	\$ 155	\$ 807	\$ 8,757
Online Giving:	\$ 2,334	\$ 191	\$ 685	\$ 556.88

Our Average Expenses in 2018 were \$6600/week, every week. This includes:

\$4566/week for Salaries and Benefits, \$ 700/week for Utilities, \$ 502/week for Insurance, and \$ 832/week for Supplies, Ministries, Routine Maintenance and all other items

The Trinity Growth Program is used to pay our mortgage, which is about \$1220/week.

Benevolence Offerings are sent each month to our Southwestern Texas Synod, where it is used for many church-wide ministries and to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

These averages are intended to give you an idea of what it takes to maintain our facilities and minister to the congregation and the community around us. Of course, there is much more detail, if you are interested. Our books are always open to any member of the congregation, and I would be very excited to sit down with you and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for all you do and your generous support.

Bruce Kaiser, Treasurer

Volunteers Needed

Tacking, Tying, and Stuffing Event

Saturday, Sept. 14,

9 am to 12 noon

Trinity Luther Hall

404 E. Constitution

(tacking lap covers, stuffing pillows, tying bookmarks for cancer and kidney dialysis patients)

If interested in cutting or sewing pillows or pinning hems in lap covers for the above event, talk to

Dawn Foerster, 361-575-0716

Sunday School Rally Day

Rally day is the perfect day to begin your Sunday school adventure. Sunday school is for everyone! Starting at nursery through 110 years old. Everyone is welcome!

Gather in Luther Hall at 9:15 AM on August 18th to meet your Sunday School

teacher! Then, immediately following the 10:30 service, join in Luther Hall for some Rally Day fun! Nachos, Snow cones, Egg Toss, Shaving Cream Fight, and Water Balloon War! Oh, my!

Come have a BLAST at this year's RALLY DAY! Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 18th, and come kick off the Sunday School year with some fun for everyone!

If you would like to help out with Sunday School, please let Melissa Smith know. Teachers and helpers are always welcome and help make our Sunday School a success. Contact Melissa at melissareichksmith@gmail.com or 361-648-9304.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

Kip & Mary Othold, Becky & Steve Del Rio, Clay & Robin Othold, Cheryl Clark & Colette Kaiser on the death of Roy Othold

Rhonda Brzozowske, her sisters Cheryl, Becky, Paulette & Nowell on the death of Robert Niemann

THANKFUL PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Shannon Borowicz

Mike Tater

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Safety & well-being for the 18th Field Artillery Brigade

Logan Akins

Don & Kathy Angerstein

Linda Armstrong

Lori Bordisso

Eddie Brock

Beverly Jan Burnett

Haley Chmura

Loren Cordes

Mendy Endres

Irene Gallon

Charlie Gohmert

Leon Gonzales

Mike Gyllenband

Tammi Hartman

Cindy Jennings

Mildred Johnston

Judy Jones

Jacob Jurica

Nancy Migl

Kevin Mozisek

Natalie

Alvin Noack, Jr.

Robert Ochoa

Cole Ohrt

Joseph P

Lael Cordes Pitts

Monica Powitzky

Bryan Redding

Philip Rios

Raquel Rios

Roger Sanger

Christina & Tom Shepherd

Judith Shields

Madison Svec

Mark Tamez

Carol Thacker



Thanks ahead of time for all your
CAKE—BAKING efforts.

Don't forget to **BAKE, BAKE, BAKE.**

Luther Fest needs your cakes for the
CAKE WHEEL

And

SLICES TO SELL

Bring them Saturday Morning, September 21st before
NOON or

Sunday Morning before Luther Fest Begins. Cupcakes,
Plates of Brownies, etc. will also be accepted.

Don't forget to call Pam and let her know if can work in the
CAKE WHEEL booth.

TODAY: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
6:00 Aloe 4-H, LH

MONDAY: AUGUST 12

Pam's Vacation, August 12 through 16th

TUESDAY: AUGUST 13

8:00 Walkers, LH
9:00 Sewing Day

WEDNESDAY: AUGUST 14

THURSDAY: AUGUST 15

8:00 Walkers, LH

FRIDAY: AUGUST 16

SATURDAY: AUGUST 17

LH Reserved-Tawnia Groll

SUNDAY: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY SUNDAY

BLESSING OF SCHOOL KITS

8:00 Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL DUTIES:

Dee Wheeler and Scott Johnson

GREETERS-USHERS:

8:00 Richard & Donna Appelt
Diana Tuch
10:30 The Rick McBrayer Family

ACOLYTES:

8:00 Allyson Schmidt
10:30 Kaylen Smith

READERS:

8:00 Donna Appelt
10:30 Emily Mc Brayer

ALTAR GUILD:

8:00 Janice Bittlebrun
10:30 Betty Dearman and family

**BULLETINS ARE IN MEMORY OF LANCE
BUDDENBAUM ON HIS BIRTHDAY BY HIS
COUSIN LYNDA TORREY.**

**FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR OF JUDI BUDDERBAUM
ON HER BIRTHDAY BY HER COUSIN LYNDA
TORREY.**

**BULLETINS PLACEMENTS ARE \$30.
YOU MAY PLACE THEM IN HONOR OR
MEMORY OF THE PERSON OR EVENT OF YOUR
CHOICE.**

