

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are here!! May the joy of Christ be with you all!  
Welcome!!



## 15 September 2019

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Pastor Barney Matocha      Kara Hairell Speed, Youth & Family Minister

JAMMIN' 4 JESUS

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Pre-Gathering Music: Grace Like Rain  
Diamonds Jammin' 4 Jesus  
John Sprigg

Silent Prayer Before Worship

Bells

Greeting

Gathering Music: I Dare You to Love Billy Hunt

Call to Worship

L: We are the sheep of God, though often wandering carelessly we lose our way.

**C: God, like a Shepherd, takes note of our wanderings –  
whether near or far away – and searches us out.**

L: We are the treasures of God, though often misplaced when not carefully watched.

**C: God, like a Careful Treasurer,  
does not give up the search,  
until the lost coin is found.**

L: Nothing of our lives is ever lost to God.

**C: We rejoice in praise of our all-seeing and ever-seeking God.**

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness:

**C: God of wisdom,  
we confess the foolishness of our ways,  
and our failure to follow You in Your paths of right relationships –  
with You and with others.  
We have gone astray; we feel lost.  
We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others.  
We have failed to be generous with the poor,  
and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.  
We feel the stains of our sins, God;  
have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.  
Wash the sinfulness out of us,  
and help us to live more faithfully as Your servants.  
We seek Your unfailing Lordship  
and ask for Your guiding hand on our lives.  
You are the immortal, invisible One;  
to You be honor and glory forever; amen.**

L: Our God is a Merciful and loving God,  
who never loses hope for us.  
When we are lost, He is there on the look-out for us,  
bringing us back to Him like the Good Shepherd that He is.  
God's Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us.

**C: May this joy flow into our lives each day,  
and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.  
Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd. Amen.**

Hymn: What is This Place (on screen)

Prayer of the Day

**All praise to You, Almighty God,  
who knows of our every waking moment  
and dwells with us even as we dream.  
Awaken us this day to a fresh awareness of Your presence,  
and of the love and care with which You tend to us  
and all Your often-wandering children;  
so that we may learn to worship You with lives restored  
and hearts renewed in gratitude.  
This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Reading:

I Timothy 1:12-17

I'm so grateful to Christ Jesus for making me adequate to do this work. He went out on a limb, you know, in trusting me with this ministry. The only credentials I brought to it were invective and witch hunts and arrogance. But I was treated mercifully because I didn't know what I was doing—didn't know Who I was doing it against! Grace mixed with faith and love poured over me and into me. And all because of Jesus.

Here's a word you can take to heart and depend on: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I'm proof—Public Sinner Number One—of someone who could never have made it apart from sheer mercy. And now he shows me off—evidence of his endless patience—to those who are right on the edge of trusting him forever.

Deep honor and bright glory  
to the King of All Time—  
One God, Immortal, Invisible,  
ever and always. Oh, Yes!

Gospel Verse:       Calm to the Waves       (on screen)

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-10

Tax collectors and sinners were all crowding around to listen to Jesus. So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law of Moses started grumbling, "This man is friendly with sinners. He even eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this story:

If any of you has a hundred sheep, and one of them gets lost, what will you do? Won't you leave the ninety-nine in the field and go look for the lost sheep until you find it? And when you find it, you will be so glad that you will put it on your shoulder and carry it home. Then you will call in your friends and neighbors and say, "Let's celebrate! I've found my lost sheep."

Jesus said, "In the same way there is more happiness in heaven because of one sinner who turns to God than over ninety-nine good people who don't need to."

Jesus told the people another story:

What will a woman do if she has ten silver coins and loses one of them? Won't she light a lamp, sweep the floor, and look carefully until she finds it? Then she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, "Let's celebrate! I've found the coin I lost."

Jesus said, "In the same way God's angels are happy when even one person turns to him."

Message

Hymn:               LBW 476   Have No Fear Little Flock

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: Let us pray to the Lord our God singing,  
*"Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me."*

L: We pray for leaders of the Church.

**C: May they serve as examples  
to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life.  
May the Church place its hope in You, O God,  
and not in human wisdom.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

L: We pray for the leaders of the nations.

**C: May they show mercy and advocate for the rights of the people.  
May they, like Moses, seek the greater good rather than their own interests.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

L: We thank You for all You created.

**C: We thank You that Your Son Jesus Christ rejoiced in Your creation—  
telling stories about sheep, praying in the wilderness and walking on the sea.  
May we also appreciate the works of Your hands.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

L: We pray for the people in our lives.

**C: May we learn to love the stiff-necked, the sinners  
and all those in great need of Your mercy.  
Make us instruments of Your peace.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

L: We pray for the sick, the anxious and the sorrowful.

**C: Make them hear of joy and gladness,  
that broken bodies and broken spirits may rejoice.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Offering

Offertory Music: Jesus Loves Me

John Sprigg

Offertory Response: Give Thanks

(on screen)<sub>4</sub>



## The Lost

(a poem inspired by Luke 15: 1-10)

Praise God for the Lord who loves  
Praise God for the Lord who cares  
In the midst of my weakness  
When I am lost  
Unable to find  
Even myself  
There is One who seeks  
One who finds  
Me  
The lost  
And rejoices in the correction of our folly  
Rejoices with the angels  
Rejoices with song  
Rejoices for us  
And with us  
Often before we are aware  
We were lost  
"Isn't it strange how things happen?"  
"It was just one of those days"  
"I've decided to make a change"  
These are the words we use  
Rejoice and be glad,  
For that which was lost has been found  
(Source: Pastor Dan, <http://coslcgrace.blogspot.ca/>)

# The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Based on Luke 15:1-7



D H W G W J Q U R R S Q V N C  
 F E X W X M L J E K E G T Z R  
 O A D V Y V Q L J Z G P Y T I  
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HOME	RIGHTEOUS	FIND	SHEEP	PERSON
HUNDRED	HEAVEN	FOUND	PARABLE	SINNER
ONE	LOST	REPENT	FRIENDS	REJOICE

Plants for the plant sale for Luther Fest can be brought on Saturday the 21st or the morning of the 22nd—Luther Fest. Plants can be brought to the courtyard.

Let us know if—You know the name of the plant, growing conditions (ie. grow in full sun, shade etc.), and please label it

Thanks, Cheryl Clark — Call me for any information—361-649-8906

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**Live and Silent Auction items** may be brought to church and placed in the conference room located across from the workroom.

Please fill out an index card for live auction items and a purple slip for silent auction items. They are also located in the Conference room.

Thanks for your donation to Luther Fest.

Margaret Howard —361-571-3187 and Sally Wolter—361-920-3041

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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.

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Hello everyone!!

Just a reminder:

Diana and Von Tusch will be in charge of the "Pie by the Slice" booth at Luther Fest again this year.

Get those recipes picked out to bake, bake, bake!!

So many people look forward to a great piece of pie after their barbecue meal.

Also, if we have a good supply of pies, some folks love to buy a whole pie!

Please note: No refrigerator or meringue pie can be accepted.

Thank you!!



# TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 35th Annual Luther Fest

Sunday, September 22, 2019

106 N. DeLeon Street

Downtown across from The Victoria Advocate

## Bar-B-Q Chicken with Trimmings

Outside Plates To Go: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Inside Serving Time: 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## \$10.00 Donation

### Events Throughout the Day!

Live Auction • Cake Wheel • Silent Auction

Games for Children • Homemade Pies

Your Donations will Help Out the Following

Non-Profit Organizations: VCAM • Victoria Campus Ministry  
Christ's Kitchen • Perpetual Help Home • Trinity Lutheran Church

## 9:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

**There will be only one service  
(10:00 a.m.)  
on Sunday October 6.**

## Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry

108 N. Liberty St., Victoria, Texas 77901 / P.O. Box 1786 Victoria, Texas 77902  
Phone 361-572-0048 Fax 844-361-8726  
victoria.vcam@gmail.com

### VCAM MONTHLY UPDATE

September 2019  
(August 2019 Services)



**Total Households Served – 1246**  
**Total Number in Households - 3461**  
**Food Boxes – 1098**  
**Basic Needs – 1308**  
**Clothing – 579**  
**Home Delivery – 15**  
**Financial Assistance – 27**  
**# Homeless Served – 55**  
**# Homeless Visits - 199**  
**\*First-Time VCAM Clients Served – 80**

**The next VCAM Saturday! is Saturday, September 21.**

Please check out our website at: [www.vcamvictoria.org](http://www.vcamvictoria.org) or our Facebook page for the list of VCAM services provided and additional *VCAM Saturday!* dates in the coming months (**always open the third Saturday of each month**).

# Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry Annual Fundraiser Raffle

Tickets are now available Mon-Fri 9am-12pm at 108 N. Liberty  
\$25 for 6 OR \$5 each

Grand Prize is \$750 gift card from HEB along with 31 other prizes  
with a total value over \$5,000

The drawing will be held Saturday,  
September 21, at 12:00 p.m.  
at the VCAM location 108 N. Liberty

You need not be present to win, BUT we invite you to visit our  
**OPEN HOUSE** from 9am-12noon  
for refreshments, activities & fun!

Your support is always valued and very much appreciated.

God bless... *Marc*

*"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."*



*Please Join Us in Honoring and Celebrating  
39 Years of Ministry of  
Our Beloved Pastor and His Wife*

***Pastor Barney Matocha  
and  
Leah Matocha***

*Sunday, 6 October 2019  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
106 N. DeLeon  
Victoria, Tx 77901*

*Please join us for Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Followed by a Lunch Reception in Luther Hall*

*Please RSVP by 29 September  
celebratebarney@gmail.com or  
RSVP Line 361-236-7749*

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\*\*\*If you are not able to attend, and would like to send a  
video greeting, please send to the e-mail address above.  
If you would like to send a written letter,  
please mail to the church address  
attention Kara Hatvrell Speed\*\*\**

**Last Week's Metrics**

Attendance: 9-8                      8am: 41    10:30am: 76    GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Offerings:	General Fund	Benevolence	Trinity Growth
Envelopes:	\$ 2,227	\$ 235	\$ 622
Online Giving:	\$ 1,209	\$ 35	\$ 465

**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

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

Alice Reha and family on the death of her brother, Mike Reha



**THANKFUL PRAYERS**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Rob

Charles Aguillion

Tara Belcik

Wanda Booth & family

Shannon Borowicz

Tracy Braley

Joe Coffey

Ellen Gallenstein

Tammi Hartman

Mildred Johnston

Nancy & George Migl

Kevin Mozisek

Minnie & Robert Ochoa

Cole Ohrt

Jane Phillips

Lael Cordes Pitts

Monica Powitzky & Family

Bryan Redding

Phil & Raquel Rios

Vickie Stubbs

Carol Thacker

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**TODAY: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JAMMIN' 4 JESUS**

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

**All Facilities Reserved ALL WEEK for  
Luther Fest Set-Up**

**MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 16**

6:00 Boy Scouts

**All Facilities Reserved ALL WEEK for  
Luther Fest Set-Up**

**TUESDAY: SEPTEMBER 17**

7:00 Men's Group  
8:00 Walkers, LH  
9:00 Sewing Day  
1-3 & 6-8 Compassionate Servers  
6:30 Council  
Kara Out

**All Facilities Reserved ALL WEEK for  
Luther Fest Set-Up**

**WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 18**

**NOON WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS**

6:00 7th and 8th grade Confirmation  
Kara Dentist

**All Facilities Reserved ALL WEEK for  
Luther Fest Set-Up**

**THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 19**

8:00 Walkers, LH

Kara out September 19-21—Godly Play

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Luther Fest Set-Up**

**FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 20**

Kara out September 19-21—Godly Play

**All Facilities Reserved ALL WEEK for  
Luther Fest Set-Up**

**SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 21**

Kara out September 19-21—Godly Play

**Food Prep for Luther Fest**

**SUNDAY: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 Worship, Sanctuary

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL DUTIES:**

Curtis Connally, Arlen Buchhorn

**GREETERS—USHERS**

8:00 The Tommy Beyer Family  
10:30 Rhonda Brzozowska  
Abby Brzozowska

**ACOLYTES:**

8:00 Ryan Waters  
10:30 Dalton Johnson  
Seth Schulz

**READERS:**

8:00 Genevieve Beyer  
10:30 Rhonda Brzozowska

**ALTAR GUILD:**

8:00 Gretchen Sturm  
10:30 Laura Schulz

**BULLETINS ARE IN MEMORY OF HANK WELFEL BY  
NANCY WELFEL AND KARA, WES AND COLTON  
JANAK.**

**FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR OF THE 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF HENRY AND LIL HOSEK AND  
IN HONOR OF HENRY HOSEK ON HIS 80TH  
BIRTHDAY BY CRAIG AND SABRA SAUER AND  
FAMILY.**

**LUTHER FEST**