

# Tidings

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*We care as friends, we love as family, and we serve as Christ*

September 2024

## Special Points of Interest:

- Worship volunteers needed
- Confirmation classes to be offered two days each week
- Several projects planned for GWOH Sunday
- Social Ministry will be collecting for several groups in the coming months
- Youth had great time in New Orleans



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## Message from Our Pastor

Our theme for this year - Created to Be...

Psalm 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

In September our focus is "Created to be... brave." Psalm 27

Psalm 27: 1-2 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

This month as we get back to our fall programs and schedule take some time to read and reflect on Psalm 139 and Psalm 27. When have you been brave in your life? In what ways have you been brave about your faith? Where is God calling you to be brave now? Where is God calling us as a congregation to be brave?

We are called as God's people in the world to share God's love and that is not always easy. Sometimes in sharing God's love we are going against the grain of what the world is saying and doing. Each and every person has been "fearfully and wonderfully made" in God's image. We are called to love each and every person whether face to

face or over computer screens and social media. How do we treat each person as a child of God?

Book Recommendation: How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith by Mariann Edgar Budde. Budde is the the Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D.C.

**Prayer List Update** Beginning in September we are cleaning up the prayer list and giving it a fresh start. If you would like a name left on or returned to the list please contact our Office Administrator at office@holytrinityleesburg.org or Pastor Kristin at pastorkhoyer@gmail.com

**ELCA Youth Gathering – Thank you!** Thank you, Holy

Trinity, for supporting our youth who traveled to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! Here are a few pictures and our favorite quote from the week. "You were precious before you could prove it." Dr. Michael Chan

Stay tuned for more sharing from this amazing week.

God's Peace,

*Pastor Kristin Hoyer*



## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



## ***KIDS - Expect the Unexpected*** (sponsored by WELCA)

The Women of the ELCA met on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 for a planning session for our 2024-25 meetings. It was agreed that beginning with our September meeting, we would continue supplying bag lunches to Loudoun homeless shelter each month. The book chosen for our monthly study is Drew Dyck's Just Show Up - How Small Acts of Faithfulness Change Everything. The book is available in paperback



or Kindle editions through Amazon. We will begin our study in September.

After the overwhelming support for our overseas "Ten Chicks for \$10" Easter campaign, it was decided to do a Fall community project. KIDS - Expect the Unex-

pected will begin on Sunday August 18th and culminate with God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 8th. We will coordinate this collection of clothes for Frederick Douglass Elementary with Nancy Fox and Pastor Kristin. Please watch Tidings, church bulletins, and On Your Door weekly email for details. Our new meeting date will be the FIRST Tuesday of each month, beginning on September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. We welcome any women from our Holy Trinity congregation to join us.



*Pat Bailey, President*

## ***Little Blessings Preschool***

Preschool is ready to open on September 3 with 10 returning families, 21 new families and 4 new staff members! We will spend the month getting to know each other doing what children do learn best through extended play. Pray for the beautiful children and families God has sent to Little Blessings and join me in being proud of the preschool at Holy Trinity.

*Debbie Harnerd, Directot*



### ***Holy Trinity Staff***

Kristin Hoyer,  
Pastor

Andrea Barron,  
Office Administrator

Nancy Fox,  
Director of Music  
& Family Ministries

Terry Sisk,  
Organist/Choir Director

Marcia Merry,  
Organist Emerita

Debbie Harned, Interim  
Preschool Director

Russell Seymour,  
Congregation President

**Sunday, September 8**

# God's Work, Our Hands

**Projects for ALL AGES during the SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR!**

**8:45-9:45 AM**

**8:45-9:45 am First Day of Sunday School**

**10:00 am WORSHIP**

**11:00 am Delivery lunches and Birthday Kits to Loudoun Homeless Services**

September 8th will be an exciting day at **Holy Trinity** and throughout the **ELCA**. It will be the 11th year of the ELCA service project God's Work, Our Hands, as well as, our **first day of Sunday School!** Please plan on joining us during the Sunday School hour as we create lunches, pack emergency clothing and prepare Birthday boxes for Frederick Douglass Elementary School and Loudoun Homeless Services. After a brief opening, children and youth will meet their teachers and fellow classmates and each group will have age-appropriate service projects they will work on as part of God's Work, Our Hands. Adults will also have a special service project to complete!

**God's work. Our hands.**



**September 8, 2024**

# July 31, 2024 Council Meeting Highlights

## Meeting held via Zoom

### DEVOTIONS

- Pastor Kristin commented on the message of the Youth Gathering in New Orleans and the theme of “Created to Be”, and how God created us to be who we are. Psalm 139:14 was a guiding text.

### OFFICERS’ REPORTS:

#### PASTOR’S REPORT

- Pastor Kristin reported on Vacation Bible School and the Youth Gathering.
- Blessing of the Backpacks on Aug. 18.
- We will have God’s Work Our Hands in September. We would love to have more committees submit ideas for service projects for God’s Work Our Hands.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT

- Susie Tinney reported that the Finance Committee will meet next week [week of Aug 19] and report back to council in August.

### TEAM REPORTS

- **Property Committee**
  - \* **Cleaning Contract** – The cleaning company we have been working with for many years sent us a new contract. Their prices will increase from \$857 per month to \$997 per month for two cleanings per week. They have done excellent work for us and we believe they will be the best option to continue. A motion was made to renew the contract as provided. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - \* **Gutter Repair** – Matt Shultz reported that we have sustained some damage due to water leaking from a

defective gutter at the back corner near the youth room. We received a quote from AJ Gutters to repair the gutter, which will include only the gutter work, not repainting. A



motion was made to approve \$1100 for the repair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- \* **Door Repair** – We received a quote for \$850 to repair several different issues with our interior doors and the exterior glass doors. The problems may cause the building to be not secure. A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$850 to repair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- **Stewardship Committee**

- \* We discussed our ongoing planning for our fall stewardship campaign.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Covenant – Pastor Kristin will provide next month
- Committee Liaisons list has been sent out to council members, which lists the liaisons and committee chair.
- Devotions – Every council member is invited to offer devotions at one meeting this council year.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:** August 14, 2024

**Next Council Meeting:** August 21, 2024

## Sunday Morning Ushers Needed

This position does not require previous experience. Youth and young adults through senior adults (male and female) are encouraged to step forward and volunteer. You will be assigned a team member or your family could work together. Ideally it would be nice to have a minimum of 10-12 individuals. If there is a firm schedule like the altar care team has, each team would have a particular week each month and there would be a substitute list and a team for a fifth Sunday.

One Sunday ask the usher if you could shadow them or just ask questions.

This is another way you can serve Christ and your church.





**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Psalm 139:14

Learning and growing in our FAITH is not a thing from which we “Graduate” and hang our diploma on a wall! It is a lifelong journey. The faith we had as a preschooler does not look much like the faith of a High School Student or an octogenarian. All are invited to join us Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 as we explore our faith and grow closer to our loving God who created us to be \_\_\_\_\_! (You might even come closer to filling in that blank!)

**FIRST DAY OF CLASS: Sunday, September 8**

**TIME: 8:45-9:45 am**

**WHO IS INVITED: Preschool children through Adults**

(Children under the age of 3 will continue to be served through out cradle roll program)

**REGISTRATION LINK**

<https://forms.gle/AbwBw6np3ymoLJNNA>

## *Blessing of the Backpacks*

### *August 18, 2024*



*Each participant received a Holy Trinity name tag for their backpack.*

# Confirmation Classes



As the days of summer wind down, it is time to turn attention to the many activities that fill our calendars during the school year! At Holy Trinity we are very excited for a new year of Confirmation Ministry. Confirmation is a **two-year program** that is geared to students in their Middle School years. Students are asked to participate for two consecutive years: grades 6-7, grades 7-8 or grades 8-9. During these years youth are developing in so many ways. They are learning about who they are and how they fit into the world. It is a wonderful time to explore their faith and grow spiritually, as well.

Confirmation Classes are held twice a week:

**Sundays** 8:45-9:45 am starting **Sunday, September 8**

**Wednesdays** 4:30-5:30 pm starting **Wednesday, September 18**

It is our hope that students attend class on both Sundays and Wednesdays, however, we understand that this is not always possible. The expectation is that students attend **at least one confirmation class each week.**

**For more information contact Pastor Kristin.**



*Vacation  
Bible  
School  
Pictures  
July 2024*

# Youth Singers and Youth Group

**Sunday, September 22**

**5:00-6:00 pm Youth Singers**

**6:00-6:30 Dinner**

**6:30-7:30 Youth Group**



**All MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL Youth are invited and encouraged to attend!**

**YOUTH SINGERS** is a vocal group that rehearses **once a month on Sunday evenings** before Youth group and **sings for worship approximately once a month!** We have a lot of fun and all Middle and High School students are invited to join us!! **No previous experience in necessary!**

**YOUTH GROUP** meets **once a month on Sunday evenings** and for **other scheduled activities.** All Middle and High School Youth are invited to join us for **fun, games, God talk and prayer!**



**God's work. Our hands.**



September 8, 2024

## **Holy Trinity's GWOH Projects**

**These projects will be prepared during Sunday School Hour (8:45-9:45 am) and will be delivered to Loudoun Homeless services following 10:00 am worship!**

### **KIDS– Expect the Unexpected!**

Every day an elementary school expects children will have accidents, spills, and falls! This September, Holy Trinity's Women of the ELCA together with the entire congregation on God's Work , Our Hands Sunday will join forces to provide Frederick Douglass Elementary with clothing for these unexpected times - so children can change to clean clothes and quickly get back to their classroom routines. Sign-up online through the weekly announcements on at church!

### **Birthday in a Box!**

For many children experiencing homelessness a birthday party, or even a cake is not financially possible! As part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, we will make this a reality for some children in our community. Through a creative cake recipe using only nonperishable ingredients we will be creating Birthday Cake Boxes to be distributed to children with housing insecurity! Sign-up online through the weekly announcements or at church to help!

### **It's in the Bag!**

During our summer Vacation Bible School program, we collected offerings to create 160 bagged lunches for Loudoun Homeless Services. These lunches are given to adults as they leave the shelter to go to their jobs and to school aged children as they go to school. For this project all you have to do is show up at 8:45 am and all of the materials will be there. We will be completing 60 lunches on Sunday and the rest will be completed according to the needs of the shelter.



*More VBS Pictures*



# *Even More VBS Pictures*





*Pictures from the Youth Gathering in New Orleans*



## Social Ministry Projects this Fall

The Social Ministry Committee will reconvene in mid-September to plan projects for the remainder of the year. Some of the initiatives under consideration include:

**Eyeglasses/Hearing Aid Collection:** There is a significant need for eyeglasses and hearing aids that may be gathering dust in your drawers. These items can be invaluable to those who cannot afford them. We will collect these donations and take them to recycling centers where they will be cleaned, polished, classified, sorted, and boxed. The eyeglasses will then be distributed free of charge to individuals in need in the community typically through medical mission teams with the assistance of an optometrist.



Donated hearing aids will be sent to a Hearing Aid Bank Foundation, where they will be refurbished and provided to those in need, often through collaboration with local hearing aid doctors and the County Health Department.

We believe it will be easy for the congregation to drop off old spectacles or hearing aids at the church. Even if you don't use these items, please encourage others to donate. This small gesture can make a significant difference.

**Winter Coat Drive:** In November, we are planning a winter coat drive. Winters in Loudoun County can be dangerously cold, and many in our community who are experiencing poverty or homelessness lack proper warm clothing. You can help protect our vulnerable neighbors by donating coats, hats, gloves, and scarves in all sizes.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** Also in November, we will collect food baskets for Thanksgiving dinners to distribute throughout the community. In the past, the generosity of the congregation has demonstrated the caring and community spirit at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Tree of Christmas:** In December, we will once again have the Tree of Christmas with children's gift wishes hung on it for us to fulfill. This project has been incredibly successful over the past decade, and we look forward to your continued support in making children's Christmas dreams come true.

The committee is always looking for those who are willing to support our work and participate in making these projects a success. If you would like to give us additional ideas or needs that we might want to consider taking on, please submit your ideas to me at [pmtinney@verizon.net](mailto:pmtinney@verizon.net)

Philip M Tinney

### BAPTISM

1 Harper Graham	12 Oliver Isler	17 Brady Morrell	27 Dotty Martel
8 Kimberly William	13 Kristin Shultz	19 Leigh Johanneck	30 Bryan Just
10 Erik Prinz	14 Leigh Muse	20 Debbie Wenk	Jason Waters
11 Layne Dooley	16 Britta Jones	22 Verena Albertin	
Kristin Williams	17 Jack Bollinger	26 Mason Beebe	



<i>January - June 2024</i>		
	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$247,210.00	\$224,850.00
Total Expenses	\$202,442.00	\$218,787.00
Net	\$44,768.00	\$6,063.00

Year to Date Through June 30, 2024 (Less Preschool Income and Expenses)

At the end of June 2024, our average monthly income was \$41,202, and our average monthly expenses were \$33,740. Keep in mind that the above income figures include almost \$9,000 in donations for replacement of HVAC units and for the eventual replacement of the roof. We are current on all of our bills. Our mortgage balance as of August 3 was \$941,195.

*Karla McGovern, Finance Committee Chair*

## STEWARDSHIP

Hello everyone,

Your Stewardship committee has spent this summer studying, reading, and getting ready for our annual campaign. We will have a fall campaign this year, which will end on October 13.

One goal of our Stewardship efforts will be to increase the number of households using Vanco or other automated giving. Vanco recently updated their platform, and we would like to host a brief meeting after worship one Sunday to introduce the new system. Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Trinity!

Alison Waters, Stewardship Chair



## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

7/10 Carl & Audrey Gerber  
 7/11/2009 Debbie & John Wenk  
 7/21/2012 Mark & Liz Adams  
 7/21/1999 Doug & Kori Lord  
 7/31/2004 Stacey & Daniel Byrne  
 8/02/1986 Pete & Amy Miller

8/04/1963 Clara & Clyde Brill  
 8/05/2000 Magdalene & Sandy Yancy  
 8/06/2004 Debra & Andy Hare  
 8/08/1998 Alison & Jason Waters  
 8/10/2005 Katie & Mark Kapsiak  
 8/14/1999 Eric & Kristine Jacobson  
 8/16/1969 Carol & Dennis Boehler  
 8/17/1963 John & Pat Gibbs  
 8/29/1981 Debbie & Jerry Harned

# Happy September Birthday to . . .

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|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Dotty Martel    | 9 Andrew Nau           | 20 Tim Davis            |                   |
| Adrian Mattina    | Vera Zeier             | Carter Harvey           |                   |
| Renee McGrew      | 10 Kim Mill            | 21 Pat Bailey           |                   |
| 2 Allyson Bell    | 12 Grayson Fortin      | John Sapienza           |                   |
| 4 Russ Gheen      | Leigh Johanneck        | Shadi Willeke           |                   |
| Erin McGovern     | 13 Colin Little        | 23 Barbara Roark        |                   |
| 5 Tony Gallardo   | 14 Kristina Paul       | 24 Adam Buehner         | 28 Leesa Bell     |
| Jackie Kearney    | 14 Anne Wohlford       | 25 Brian Knapp          | Paul Dudak        |
| 7 Chris Gall      | 18 Stephanie Bollinger | Caitlin Knapp           | 28 Avery Dunn     |
| 8 Jodie Allen     | Eric Grimm             | 26 Susan Davis          | 29 Elizabeth Bell |
| Dan Covell        | Katie Kapsiak          | 27 Christopher Duellman | Meredith Bland    |
| Andrew Szebalskie | 19 John Kearney        | Brandon Truitt          | Mike Phillips     |



JOYFUL NOISES  
**Joyful Noise Children's Choir**  
 (Grades K-5) and **Chimes** will  
 hold their first rehearsal,  
**Wednesday, November 13th!**  
**6:00 pm**  
 Mark you calendar now and  
 watch for details!

and Sing  
Pinnacles

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(ELCA)**

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**Sunday School: Resumes in September**

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM**

**Coffee Hour: Following worship**

**Open Office Hours:**

Tuesday , Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Thursday 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Emailing or calling ahead is recommended to  
make sure someone is available to help you.

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***Youth Gathering - Opening Night***