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AND GOD SAID, WOW!!

God's work our hands was in great form during the preparation and serving of the Meatball Dinner held at Trinity Church on May 20. Youth and their parents worked as a unified group to serve 520 meatball dinners. We were honored to have the Syttende Mai royalty with us. There were other "more experienced" members that made the rømmegrøt which was delicious as



always! Since all the dinners were carry-outs, there was very little wait time. One couple shared with us that they were driving through Spring Grove toward La Crosse for lunch, but when they saw our sign they stopped in and were grateful for the tasty meal. The profits from this fundraiser will be utilized by our youth toward their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this month. Co-chairs Bekah Leafblad and Jacque Wennes would like to thank the everyone for their support and help with the Meatball Dinner. **Thank you!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINITY'S GRADUATING SENIORS!

Your family at Trinity will keep you all in our prayers. We pray that God will give you direction, purpose, and perseverance as you enter the next phase of your lives. We pray that God will help you walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love. Our blessings to you all!



Pictured (back row): Adin Solum, Lance Hegge, Amy Gross, Lauryn Bohr, Vendela Parker, Austin Heim, and Austin Patterson. Front row: Makena Speltz and Zach Folstad.



Nicole Hagen (left)
Claire Bratland (right)



Dear friends in Christ,
Nearly every day, someone asks me a question: "Are you settled in?"

Well, I've preached several sermons and experienced my first Syttende Mai celebration. Greta and I have some favorite morning walks. And I have unpacked all the boxes. But there are still some items that aren't in what I'd call their permanent location. I know some people by name, but nowhere near all of you. And truth to tell, I'm still a little nervous leading worship. So there is definitely some settling in to do.

But I also wonder: Is it really a good thing to be "settled"?

We are transitioning from the Easter season past Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday and into the season we simply call "the time after Pentecost" in the church year. This season takes us through summer and nearly to winter – the end of November. During this season, our readings focus mostly on Mark's gospel, which is both the shortest of the four (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), and the first to have been written.

And Mark's gospel moves fast. I always theorize that because he was the first writer to put the amazing story of the good news of Jesus Christ down on paper, he felt the need to hurry it before someone else beat him to it. Or maybe he had a publishing deadline. I don't know.

I only know that Mark describes Jesus getting baptized, being tempted, choosing his disciples, teaching, casting out demons, healing Peter's mother, cleansing a leper, performing a few more miracles, and gathering crowds everywhere he went – all in the first chapter!

Mark definitely did not "settle in" to his story. And I'm pretty sure the people who heard it or read it for the first time were unsettled by it as well.

It's easy to forget, sometimes, how revolutionary Jesus' message is for the world. How transformational becoming a Christian can be.

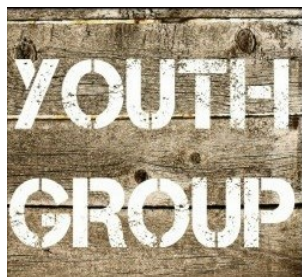
During this season of "the time after Pentecost," let's make a point to read Mark's gospel like we were reading it for the first time. Let's make a point to experience Jesus' preaching and miracles and healing as if we're hearing it for the first time. Let's get unsettled.

God's blessings to you all,
~ Pastor Elizabeth

College English wasn't my best class. I do remember one exercise assignment that was very interesting. The professor gave a five or six word sentence. We were to write an essay on each word as if that was the emphasized word or most important word in the sentence. I was amazed at how the meaning of the sentence changed as each word was emphasized.

This works well in faith meditation and Bible study as well. Use the Lord's Prayer, just the first phrase, right now. We all know the words by rote and often may say them without thinking too deeply so it is ideal. How does the meaning change with emphasizing the "Our"? How does it change for you if the "Father" is emphasized? Or be radical, say "Mother!" What happens when "heaven" gets the spotlight? Do you notice the various places the Spirit leads you? This is one way to exercise and stretch our faith. It can also infuse joy into an otherwise rote activity.

In Christ,
~ Pastor Lane



NEW TIME FOR 3:16s YOUTH GROUP! Starting **June 3**, 3:16s will meet most Sundays at 8:30 p.m. at Bekah's house (231 1st Ave. SW). Check out the dates below.

3:16s is Trinity's new high school youth group for youth just completing grades 9-12. We will have bonfires, s'mores, faith-based discussions and we'll play games (like ping pong and air hockey and more!) Bring a friend (Trinity member or not)— all are invited! See you there! Bekah will post on the Trinity Youth Instagram account a reminder. Make sure to follow Trinity Youth — trinityyouth203.

3:16s dates: June 3, 17; July 8, 15, 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26.



IT'S TIME FOR BONFIRES! Youth just completing grades 6-8 are invited to Bonfires at Bekah's **beginning Thursday, June 7 at 8:30 p.m.** We will have bonfires most Thursday nights through the summer (check dates below) at Bekah's NEW house (231 1st Ave. SW). Come for the s'mores, stay for the fun fellowship with friends! Bring your friends — you don't have to be a Trinity member to attend. Bekah will post on the Trinity Youth Instagram account a reminder. Make sure to follow Trinity Youth — trinityyouth203.

Bonfire dates: June 7, 21; July 5, 12, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

DID YOU MISS THE REGISTRATION FOR DAY CAMP AND VBS ? You're in luck!

The deadline has been **extended until June 8**. Please have all forms and fees in by this date so that we can reserve a spot for your child(ren)! It's going to be fun, don't miss out!



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING MEETING Sunday, June 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is our last meeting before we leave for Houston! Participants and parents please plan on attending this meeting. Gathering participants will receive their t-shirts, food cards, and important last minute details. You don't want to miss out on the info!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

June 10– 15 — Confirmation Camp for 7th grade youth at Good Earth Village

June 18–21 — VBS and Day Camp at Trinity

June 24–July 2 — ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX



QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING YOUTH RELATED?

Bekah would be happy to answer your questions!

She can be reached in the office, 498-5291 or

via email: bekah@trinitysg.org



▲ These wonderful, joyful ladies gather each month to help prepare the newsletter for mailing. Thank you!



▲ We had a great Sunday School year! Thanks to all the teachers and shepherds!



▲ Big sister tickles during Fellowship are the best!



Learning about baptism during Children's Time.

It takes many hands to make a Meatball Dinner a success! Thank you to all who helped! ▼



PHOTOS

TRINITY HANDBELL CHOIR FUNDRAISER

The Handbell Choir is raising funds for our own set of Schulmerich Handbells. The handbells we currently use have been loaned to us free of charge from Immanuel Lutheran in Caledonia and must be returned in mid-June. We are asking people to prayerfully consider contributing to our goal of \$20,000. Funds have already been raised in the amount of \$14,000. Join us in reaching our goal! We would like to participate in a First Fruits giving initiative with the money raised for new handbells. A **"First Fruits" initiative** offers a tithe of funds to be given away. In this spirit, the Bell Choir would like to donate 10% of our fundraiser to missions. If you would like to contribute or have already contributed to the handbells and would rather not have your donation included in the First Fruits initiative, please simply email Willy Leafblad, at willy.leafblad@springgrove.k12.mn.us. All information will remain anonymous. Our hope would be that First

Fruits would not hinder your desire to support the music ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. To be a part of this fundraiser, pick up a form in the office or online, or simply enclose a note with your donation noting what it is for.

Thank you for your support!



SURVEY COMING TO HELP ELECT A NEW BISHOP

Next year, Bishop Steve Delzer will retire from our ELCA Southeast Minnesota synod. The coming year will be a time of prayer, reflection, and discernment as we begin to call a new bishop. We'll also engage in self-study using an assessment tool called Landscape.

The Landscape assessment is a survey that can be taken online or printed out in PDF format. It will be open from July 9-August 24 and can be submitted anonymously. Landscape will help us determine the needs of our wider community and synod so we can have informed conversations about the gifts we seek in our next bishop. The following groups of people will be invited to participate:

- Active rostered ministers
- Retired rostered ministers
- Synod Council members
- Office of the Bishop staff
- Communicators, office managers and secretaries
- Lay congregational members with active involvement in the synod
- Church council members, recent call committee
- Faith Formation leaders and volunteers

As you can see from the above list, a number of Trinity members and groups will have an opportunity to take the survey and give feedback. Your participation in Landscape will be very beneficial, as will your prayers. Watch for details in early July

TRINITY PRAYS

Please join us in praying for our youth and adults going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, this month. We invite you to be a part of this ministry!

We will match you with one of the people going on the trip. You will get a general schedule of what they are doing while they are gone and a prayer booklet. The prayer booklet will be a way to get started, some ideas for prayers and resources. BUT you don't have to use it; we pray from the heart. There are 26 youth and 6 adults going on the trip. Wouldn't it be great if everyone going had more than one person praying for them? Call the church office or Mary Zaffke, 498-5823, and let us know you want to sign up for Trinity Prays!





WE ARE LOOKING FOR USHERS FOR THE SUMMER Would your family be interested in greeting people as they come to worship? It's an easy job and a fun way to see our Trinity family! Four people are needed each week. We appreciate your willingness to help!

Dates needing to be filled yet are: **June 10, 24. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. August 12, 19, 26.**

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin boards across from the elevator doors by the sanctuary entrance or call the office. No worries on what to do, you'll be given a check-list to follow along. Thank you! Any questions, contact Mark Udstuen, 498-5536.

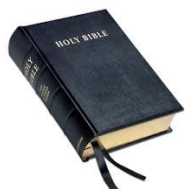


ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL: FREE SEEDS began in 2015 and is part of the overall Enough Food For All (EFFA) initiative that began in 2013 by our synod. The initiative began as the Synod Council and Bishop Steve Delzer called for the end of food insecurity in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod by the year 2020. Free seeds are available to anyone in the synod. The only requirement is that most of the produce grown from the seeds be donated to programs that support those in need of food. Free seeds can be requested online, www.semnsynod.org/effa. Scroll down the page to see the link, "Seed application" for a pdf to fill out.

ANYONE CAN SPONSOR THE LIGHTING OF THE MISSIONARY FOR A DAY CANDLE!

It can be in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of, a loved one or a special event. A sponsorship is \$40 per Sunday. The funds collected support Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson who serve the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania. Contact the church office to reserve a date.

FUNDRAISERS AT TRINITY We have a new fundraising form for any teams / groups at Trinity who would like to host a fundraiser. Forms are available in the office or on Trinity's website. Please note the biggest update is that fundraising forms need to be turned in to the office two months prior to the event. Thank you for your cooperation!



LARGE-PRINT BIBLES Trinity's Education Team is inquiring if there are any members that would benefit from having a large-print Bible. If you or someone you know would benefit from this resource, please contact the office. We will work with Pastor Elizabeth to order large-print Bibles if there is interest. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE A favorite summer event — the WELCA Luncheon and Auction — is Saturday, July 14. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Items are welcomed for the auction. More details to come!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN GIVE TO TRINITY ELECTRONICALLY?



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Through Trinity's website, you can set up a Direct Debit Giving account to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account, or credit card, to go directly to Trinity's bank account. You set the schedule as it best fits for you! It's convenient and easy especially during the summer months when many people are traveling more for vacations. Consider setting up your electronic giving account. Visit, www.trinitysg.org. On the right-hand side of the home page, click on the link "Contribute" then click on the bar "Contribute Online" and it will bring you to the site to set up your online giving account. Questions? Just let us know! Thank you!

HYMN SINGS BEGIN JUNE 10 at 9:00 a.m. Come request a favorite hymn! On Sunday, June 24 during the hymn sing we will meet outside for a special blessing of the youth and adult leaders as they load the bus for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX!

TIDBITS



▲ Blessing of our high school graduates. ▼



▲ Confirmation youth helped assemble school kits and layettes. A fun evening for all! ▼



▲ Community Baccalaureate Service with two songs by the Spring Grove High School Senior Choir.



▲ Baptism of Luka Rose Scheetz

PHOTOS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9am-2pm private graduation party, TC 5:00pm Worship/ Communion (Pr. Lane)
3 9:15am Worship/Communion 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Property, pr's offc 8:30pm 3:16s, Bekah's house (completed grades 9-12),	4 7:00pm Mission in World, GR	5 6:00pm Stewardship, GR	6 5:30pm Education, MR 5:30pm Cub Scouts, TC (picnic rain location) 6:30pm Staffing, GR 7:00pm Boy Scouts, TC	7 5:45pm Worship, MR 7:00pm Finance, GR 8:30pm Bonfire (completed grades 6-8), Bekah's house	8	9
10 9:00am Hymn Sing 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 11:30am Tweenen Care Ctr. Service 11:30am Gathering Meeting (parents and kids) No 3:16s	11 10:30am-noon Norwegian Language Camp working in cemetery	12 7:00pm Support, GR	13 7:00pm Boy Scouts, TC 8:00pm Council	14 No Bonfire	15	16 5:00pm Worship/ Communion (Pr. Elizabeth)
17 HAPPY FATHERS DAY 9:00am Hymn Sing 9:15am Worship/Communion Day Camp counselors at worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Outreach, pr's offc 8:30pm 3:16s, Bekah's house	18 9-11:30am VBS 9am-3pm Day Camp	19 9-11:30am VBS 9am-3pm Day Camp	20 9-11:30am VBS 9am-3pm Day Camp	21 9-11:30am VBS 9am-3pm Day Camp 9:30am Communion/ Manor 2:00pm Newsletter mailed 7:00pm VBS/Day Camp program, park 8:30pm Bonfire	22	23 11:30am burial of Mae Ellestad
24 9:00am Gathering Send-off 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship No 3:16s	25 Gathering trip to	26 Houston, TX	27 7:00pm Boy Scouts, TC	28 9:30am Communion/ Tweenen Apts. 10:30am Communion/ Assisted Living No Bonfire	29 9:00am Love Day	30
----- ELCA Youth						

VOLUNTEERS

	JUNE 3	JUNE 10	JUNE 17	JUNE 24
LECTOR	Teresa Holland	Julianna Lile	Jean Ellingson	Nolie Kapplinger
ACOLYTE(S)	Maggie Lile, Olivia Mendez	Jakob Myrah	Brielle Neeley, Ava Olerud	Madilyn Ostern
COMMUNION SERVERS	Darla & Jim Hunzeker, Judy Bratland	n/a	Lori Wilhelmson, Carolyn Olson, Bill Fried	n/a
COMMUNION BREAD MAKERS	Teresa Holland	n/a	Kari Alstad	n/a
ALTAR GUILD	Danielle Myhre (chair), Paul Karlsbroten, Judy Roble, Linda Pierce, Rose Stadtler, Lorilyn Dehning			
USHERS	Scott & Jen Solberg family	<i>Volunteers needed!</i>	Mark & Rachel Udstuen family	<i>Volunteers needed!</i>
COFFEE HOSTS	Karen & Jim Gray, Lara Wold-Mendez	Outreach Team	Steve & Joyce Bergrud, Dana & Elaine Kjome	<i>Volunteers needed!</i>
498-AMEN	May 27-June 9: Nolie Kapplinger	June 10-16: Saundy Solum	June 17-23: Alisha Solum	June 24-July 7: Janna Myrah

HAVE YOU....moved? ...changed phone numbers? ...changed email addresses? Let the office know! Thanks!

LET US KNOW.....If you have a loved one ill or hospitalized, have a new baby, would like a pastoral visit, or if any pastoral need arises.

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