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Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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9:15 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Fellowship - *select weeks*
10:30 a.m. Sunday School - *beginning September 19*

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1st and 3rd Saturdays each month

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Rick Sundet, Technology Lead

Sunday, July 18: Thank you, Jean Ellingson, for your musicality! Jean is moving to Florida. She has been an organist, pianist, and handbell choir member at Trinity for many years. Join us during fellowship to wish her well.

Sunday, August 1: Farewell to Bekah Leafblad, our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, and Willy Leafblad, our Handbell Director. Join us during fellowship to wish the Leafblad family a fond farewell as they begin a new adventure in Lake City, MN.

Sunday, August 15: All Team Retreat for all team members at Trinity. Are you a member of one of the 10 ministry teams at Trinity? Please plan to attend this retreat that will begin at 10:30 a.m. following worship and wrap up about 12:30 p.m. More information will be coming soon.

Sunday, August 29: Servant Sunday...In a month with five Sundays, we have reserved the fifth Sunday as Servant Sunday. These special Sundays could include working together as a congregation on volunteer projects or other activities. It's a time to give thanks and remember that all we have comes from God.....when we give, we are giving back to the One who provides everything we have. This Servant Sunday is still in the planning stages by the Stewardship Team.

Saturday & Sunday, September 18 & 19: Celebration & Renewal weekend filled with music, food, and fun! The theme for the weekend is "See, I Am Making Everything New." More details are on the next page in Pastor Elizabeth's article.

Sunday, September 19: Rally Sunday. It's the kick-off to our Sunday School year! Sunday School families are encouraged to attend worship and the Rally Sunday festivities following worship. A great year of Sunday School is ahead!

**Mark your calendars for all of these events coming up
in the next months at Trinity so that you don't miss out!
Can't wait to see you all here!**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making everything new! ... To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ...

On no day will gates [of the city] ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

Revelation 21:3-5a,6b,25

Dear people of God,

I have always loved these words from the Book of Revelation. The Book gets a bad rap as being full of scary monsters and doomsday messages. But it's actually a letter written by John (or one of his disciples) to seven real churches in Asia. John had been exiled to the island of Patmos, likely for his persistence in preaching and teaching about Jesus. The Book is full of worship and praise and hope and invitation, and more hymns have been written based on passages from the Book than any other Book of the Bible save the Psalms. Hymns such as "When the Saints Go Marching In," and "Holy, Holy, Holy," and many others.

John writes to the young churches, under foreign rule by Rome, because they were struggling in various ways to uphold their faith in Jesus. Some faced persecution and some hardship. But others were either overly passionate in their faith and so succumbing to harsh judgment of each other – they didn't love enough – while others were "lukewarm" in their faith. John implores each of them to listen to the Spirit and to persevere and so receive the crown of life.

The Congregation Council is currently reading and studying the Book. It's an ideal Book to read as we continue to come out of the COVID pandemic because it cautions us not to be complacent while also offering us consolation and hope for the future. If anyone else would like to read and study the Book together, I'd be overjoyed to lead a Bible Study with you.

In the passage quoted above, John sees a vision of Jesus seated on the throne saying "See, I am making everything new." This is a powerful promise for us! First, because it's written in the present tense – the "new" making is an ongoing process that Jesus is engaged in all the time! There are always more opportunities for us to be made new.

And second, because it reminds us of our baptism, and the daily "newness of life" promised in those forgiving waters.

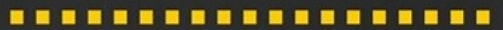
Mark your calendars now: On Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, Trinity will host a special weekend of Celebration and Renewal. It will begin with Saturday communion worship at 5 p.m. here at the church and continue with a special concert with music from the Trinity choir, small groups, and soloists, plus other community members, all based on the Revelation theme "See, I Am Making Everything New." The concert will be at the Fest Building, as will Sunday worship at 9:15 a.m., followed by fellowship and Rally Sunday for the Sunday School kids.

As we look back on more than a year of sacrifice, loss, and hardship because of the COVID pandemic, we are called to remind ourselves that God is with us, and God promises for all of us to be made new.

God bless you.

~ Pr. Elizabeth

See, I am making



all things

NEW.

Revelation 21:5

INVISIBLE!

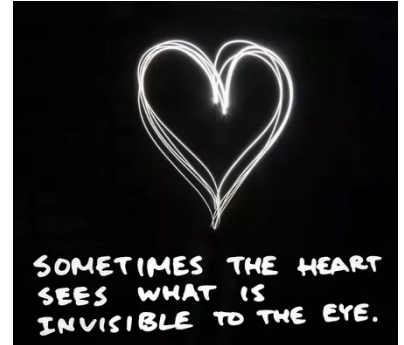
Ever wonder what it would be like to be invisible? Besides the practical jokes like saying something and everyone looking around saying “Who said that?” But they don’t know, because you are invisible. Or when someone slips into line ahead of you. No, I am talking about if no one sees you, at all. It happens. Mary and I happened to watch a little TV. We don’t have regular TV at home so it was a unique experience. There was a commercial about invisible people. In the commercial it showed people who were being left out. People who were left out of celebrations, dinners, coffee, any kind of gathering. They were standing off to the side and not included. As the maker of the commercial wanted, it was very sad. No reason they should be left out, but they were.

There are lots of reasons in our world why people can be left out. Sometimes we choose to be left out, other times it is chosen for us. It is not just because of perhaps skin color or sex although they are reasons people are left out. It could also be because of age, religion, depression, physical appearance, and the list goes on. Groucho Marx once said ‘I don’t want to be part of a group that would want me as a member.’ He could be caustic and he was Jewish so he knew what it was like to be shunned. There is always a sad truth to humor.

I took a group of youth on a canoe trip years ago. As part of our learning, the other pastor and I thought it would be good to pick a person that should be shunned by the group. We picked the most outgoing personable girl in the group. It really bothered her and she became so frustrated at being treated invisible she began to be a monster. Instead of an hour we cut it off at 20 minutes. It was a pretty effective learning time though for all of us.

Jesus was always mindful of the invisible people in the Gospels. He saw the lepers, the women, the depressed and insane, the physically challenged, even the crooks. Jesus noticed them and saw them as children of God. While people all around shunned them or didn’t see them or notice them, Jesus talked to them, honored them, valued them, healed them, forgave them. Jesus even noticed the rich man wanting to get into heaven. We need to be mindful of others as Jesus was and is. We now are Jesus’ hands and love in ministry. Look for the invisible people around you. They are there, you just haven’t seen them yet!

~ Pastor Lane



HOUSEBOAT TRIP JULY 19-22 Trinity youth will be spending a few days on the Mississippi in July! We are renting a houseboat through S&S Boat Rentals in Lansing, IA. Daily activities will include: Bible studies on Jesus and water, enjoying wildlife and nature, kayaking, bonfire worship, making meals, playing games, and lots of fun! Participants on the trip are: Ella Wennes, Maggie Lile, Haley Ellingson, Ellie Halverson, Ben Udstuen, Ezra Griffin, Eli Solum, Jaxon Strinmoen, Josh Newgaard, Jacob Olerud, Bekah Leafblad, and Scott Bingham. Please keep the youth and adults going on this trip in your prayers.

BONFIRES AT BEKAH’S There will only be a few more bonfires at Bekah’s this summer, so 7th-9th graders, make sure you attend! Bonfires are from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings (June 30, July 7, July 14, and July 28). Watch for details as to where Bonfires will be in August.

NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY Bekah’s final day in this position at Trinity is Sunday, August 1. We are currently advertising and working on hiring someone for this position. **YOUTH** — keep an eye out for details on where youth events will happen in August.

STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE'S PATH

By Robert C. Blezard Study guide

How well do you care for and use everything that God has given you—not just possessions and wealth, but relationships, creativity, special talents, intelligence, time, vocation: everything? Using all our gifts wisely and for godly purposes is what being a steward is all about. And it's the key to being a disciple.

Interested in reading more? Check it out here...<https://livinglutheran.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/0621stewardship.pdf>.

WELCA EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO JOIN A CIRCLE

The women at Trinity continue to meet monthly in different circles for Bible study and fellowship. We have a contact person for each circle and all are invited to become a member of this time of renewal and friendship. Please do not hesitate to call the contact person of the circle you wish to join. Below will find listed these contact members and the date, time and place they meet.

ADAH CIRCLE: 2nd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., at Tweeten Apartments
contact: Bonnie Solberg 498-5622

ANNA CIRCLE: 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., various locations
contact: Ruth Johnsrud, (507) 577-1768 or 498-5560

DEBORAH CIRCLE: 2nd Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., various locations
contact: Judy Bratland, (507) 429-8604 or 498-5147

EVE CIRCLE: 3rd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., Spring Grove Manor
contact: Barb Morken, (507) 459-6087 or 498-3383

HANNAH CIRCLE: 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Gathering Room at Trinity
contact: Mary Deters, (507) 458-4012 or 498-3993

PHOEBE CIRCLE: 3rd Monday, 2:30 p.m., Gathering Room at Trinity
contact: Jan Kraabel, (507) 459-2059 or 498-5687



WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO TRINITY

- **498-HOPE (4673)**
-short daily messages and updates
- **498-AMEN (2636)**
-daily devotions
- **www.trinitysg.org**
-news, updates, info
- **Facebook:** *Trinity Lutheran Church Spring Grove*
-updates, music, worship, info
- **YouTube:**
Trinity Lutheran: Spring Grove
-video recordings of worship, and more!
- **Instagram**
-photos, updates
- **KVIK 104.7FM**
- Sunday worship service,
- www.kvikradio.com

SGHS BAND SURVEY REQUEST FROM WILLY LEAFBLAD

As you well know, Spring Grove is a very special small town. The community takes pride in the school, the arts, and it's heritage. That is why, for a Master's Project as partial fulfillment of the degree Master of Music Education from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, IL, I am seeking to record the history of the Spring Grove Band Program through oral histories and visual memories (photos) from inception (or as far back as we can get!) to the present day. The results of this study will connect past and future generations of Spring Grove, MN, by archiving and preserving the rich and cherished cultural and musical heritage that this community has come to be known for.

But we need your help! From the concert bands of Don Gjerdrum to the marching band of Gary and Penny Reedy, playing in band has held a special place in the hearts of Spring Grove students. If you, your child, aunt, uncle, grandparent, long lost cousin, anyone(!) you know played in band during their time at Spring Grove Public School, I hope you will share this questionnaire with them.

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SGHS CHOIR SURVEY REQUEST FROM BETHANY ENGEN

Did you have ALMORE MATHSEN for school choir or church choir? If so, your input is needed!

Hello! My name is Bethany (Tisthammer) Engen and I am the choir director at Spring Grove High School. I am currently conducting a research project about building community in music ensembles. Part of my research is centered around the leadership of Almore Mathsen. If you are an SG Choir alum who had Mr. Mathsen for choir (school and/or church), would you take a few minutes to complete my survey? (By July 5!) Please share this survey with others who were Matt's students as well! Thank you for being part of this research. Your input is highly valued!

The survey can be found on the Spring Grove Music Facebook page, or contact Bethany directly for in-person or phone interviews. cell (507)459-8691 bethanyengen@gmail.com

TRINITY WELCOMES ALL AS MEMBERS

The Outreach Team is working on gathering names of persons who might be interested in joining our family at Trinity. If you or someone you know are thinking about membership or if you have questions about it, please call the church office and let us know. We would love to talk to you about the joys of being a member at Trinity Lutheran and are excited to welcome you as a sibling in Christ.

LOOKING FOR A DELICIOUS HEALTHY MEAL? CHECK OUT SENIOR DINING!

In-house dining begins July 1! More diners are needed to keep the program viable. Call Annette at the Legion, 498-3385, from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. to sign-up for a meal; please give 24 hours notice. A donation between \$3.75-\$7.00 is requested, whatever you can pay. Delicious meals include such things as chili con carne, enchilada casserole, baked turkey, ham and bean soup, beef and rice with cabbage hotdish, and more sides and dessert. Yum! You can also contact the Rushford SEMCAC office to sign up for meals, (507) 864-2786.

MAPLE SYRUP

Delicious home-grown syrup from the Zaffke maple woods is available for purchase in the office for \$10. Syrup is not only scrumptious on pancakes and waffles, but also a great sweetener in coffee, oatmeal, and in recipes. Proceeds from the sale of the syrup go to youth programming here at Trinity.

MAY 12, 2021 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTSUpdates:

- Pastor Len and I were able to meet with K-4th graders from school for Release Time education in the months of April and May. We'll finish up on May 26.
- Trinity will host Baccalaureate for graduating seniors on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- Care Team placed a big order from Channel One to help with packing meals for the school back packs and have Red's grocery cards available in the Good Samaritan Fund.
- Facility Planning Team met with architect a couple of weeks ago and met last week. A couple of tweaks need to be made to the blueprints.
- Security update: started locking the church doors on May 3, 2021.
- Synod Assembly met May 8 via Zoom and it went well. The Synod Assembly attendees from Trinity were Pr. Elizabeth, Michelle Jahnke, Rachel Udstuen, and Willy Leafblad. Trinity sent in \$1000 for our Synod Offering, which was budgeted. Two people are serving at the Synod - Jonah Udstuen is representative on the Synod Youth Jackie Wennes is representative to Consultation Committee.

JUNE 9, 2021 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTSUpdates:

- 8 families signed up for Wednesday night VBS in June
- resignations: Bekah Leafblad, Director of Children, Youth, and Family position due to moving from Spring Grove; Lorilyn Dehning, bookkeeper; Willy Leafblad, handbell choir director.
- Mission Team reported on disbursements from donations to the Missionary for a Day candle: \$1,040 to Jacobson Missions, \$500 to Lutheran Campus Ministry in Winona, \$500 to Good Earth Village.
- Waiting on a bid for cement work to be done at the parsonage
- preliminary blueprints for church addition presented to council from the Visioning and Planning Team. This team will talk to the architect/contractor for a quoted price and will then bring it to the congregation.

Motions passed:

- to increase insurance coverage to \$4.5 million. This is an extra \$1,500/year premium for all properties — Trinity Center, parsonage, church. (The Worship Team will determine a value of the organ, at which time another change to the policy may be necessary.)
- to renew Pastor Lane Zaffke's one-quarter time contract at the salary proposed in the 2021 budget.
- to have the Landsom Brothers remove 12 trees (8 ash, 4 pine) at the parsonage.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Complete minutes are on Trinity's website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TRINITY AND ITS MINISTRIES!

Thank you so much for your continued support of Trinity and our ministries.

We have several options to receive your offering:

► **ELECTRONICALLY:** via our website, www.trinitysg.org. Click on the "Contribute" link on the right-side of the page.

► **BY MAIL:** Trinity Lutheran Church, 203 E. Main St., Spring Grove, MN 55974.

Remember — **sponsorships for the Media Ministry Fund** (\$100) or **Missionary for a Day candle** (\$40) can also be done. Do you have a certain date in mind? Give us a call, 498-5291, or send us an email, trinity@springgrove.coop.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
...
GENEROUSLY

CHEER PACKAGES IN OCTOBER

Trinity's Outreach Team is excited for an upcoming project — sending cheer packages to college and military students! Watch for details in the next newsletter about a supply drive. To make this most successful, we need updated fall addresses for college and military students. Please let us know in the office what your student's address will be this fall. Thanks for helping us reach as many of our college/military students as possible!

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY NETWORK (LuMin) is a network of inclusive faith communities celebrating God's love and grace on or near the campuses of over 230 colleges and universities across the United States. As a collective center for ministry information, student referrals, and campus ministry resources, LuMin seeks to welcome, affirm and accept all students in Christ's name.

About LuMin:

BUILD COMMUNITY — Life-giving relationships are at the heart of everything we do as we welcome, affirm, and accept all students in Christ's name. We appreciate, respect, and honor the gifts inherent in each student as we work to create opportunities for connection and belonging.



Deepen Faith — As students encounter new ideas and doubts during the college years, we accompany students as their faith evolves. Through our dozens of ministries around the country, we provide safe places for students to grow and become rooted in the rich Christian faith tradition.

Expand Minds — We help students grow in their understanding of God as they engage with each other with intention and honesty. Together, we intersect our faith with our lives and academia to cover issues not only from a historical, critical, and economic lens, but also a faith lens.

Inspire Service — Our faith calls us to lives of diakonia -to go to the broken places in the world. There we find God and are invited to serve others as Christ served. We do this all as we strive to cultivate in one another the desire to share blessings with others through our service.

➔ **Connect with LuMin** — If you are a young adult, or if you know of a young adult who is looking for a community of friends and a way to express faith, consider campus ministry. Young adults experience unique spiritual, intellectual and emotional challenges. Campus Ministry seeks to strengthen and support them as they learn and grow. Follow this link to get connected with a Lutheran Campus Ministry NATIONWIDE!

<https://www.luminelca.org/refer-a-student/>

MUSIC MINISTRY TASKFORCE

The Music Ministry Taskforce was formed to review Trinity's music ministry; it's rich past, current offerings and possibilities for the future. The Taskforce completed their work in May and shared findings at the June Council meeting. The Council heard specific details and ideas to consider as well as progress on the recommendations for the Worship and Staffing Teams.

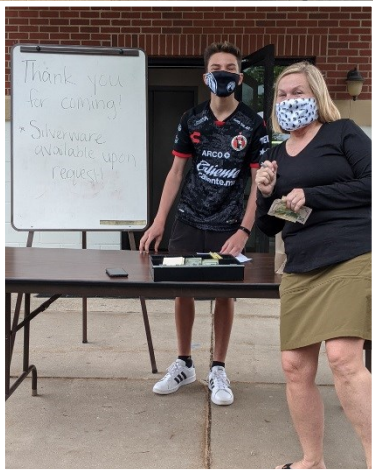
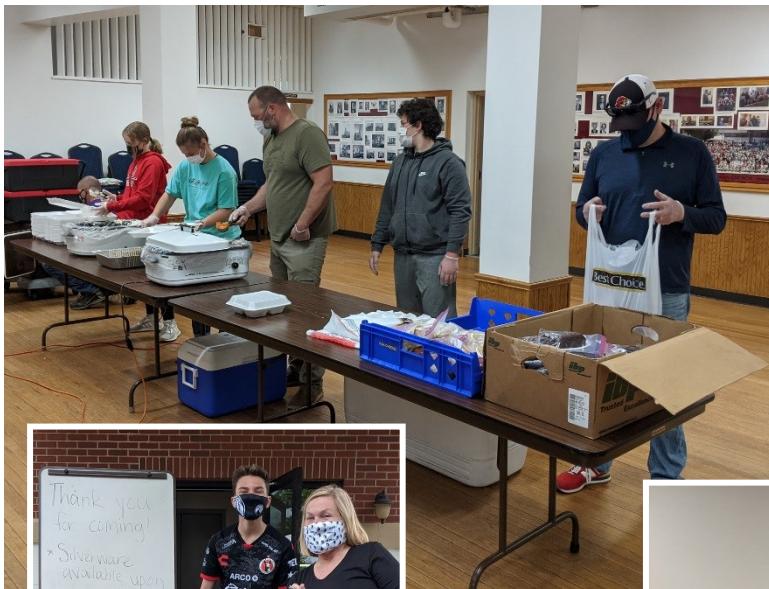
The Music Taskforce (MTF) proposed four areas for further consideration by the pastor, Worship Team, and others involved in Music Ministry. Areas included: 1) highlighting current Music Ministry, 2) integrating musical talent throughout the service, 3) enhancing contemporary worship service and, 4) increasing participation in Music Ministry.

The MTF also made two recommendations for the pastor, Finance, Staffing and Worship Teams: 1) a review of our Music Ministry budget including current staffing and projected needs and, 2) an evaluation of the planning and scheduling process for Music Ministry.

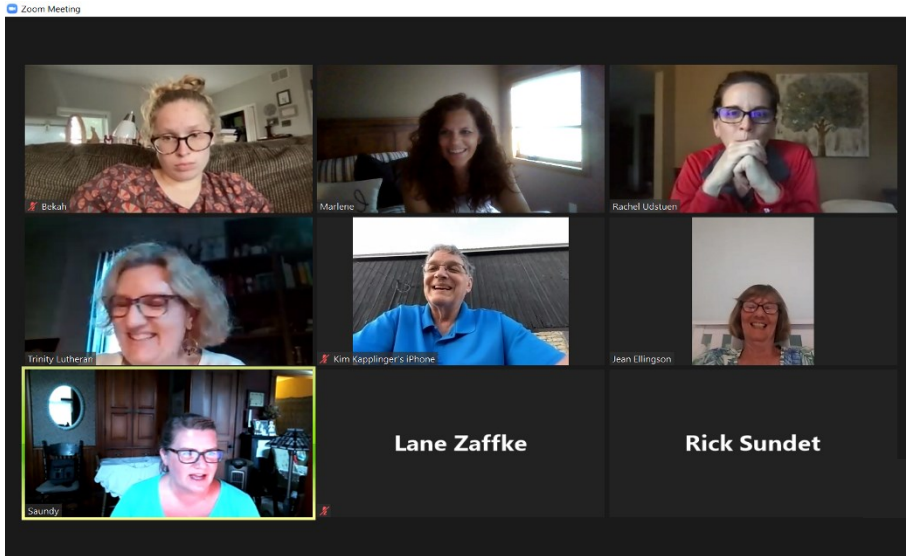
Challenges identified by MTF members and a survey of music leaders and members participating in music ministry included: a) recruitment of individuals for all aspect of Music Ministry, b) commitment required for participation in all aspects of Music Ministry and, c) competing obligations for all age groups and families who participate or consider participating in Music Ministry.

The MTF acknowledged the many contributions of those with musical gifts at Trinity and the considerable talents of our music leaders. The MTF concluded that music has been and will continue to be central to worship at Trinity.

Members of the Taskforce included: J Kraabel (chair), B. Fried, K. Kapplinger, W. Leafblad, M. Schroeder, R. Storlie and J. Tollefsrud.



- ▲ Drive-thru Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner hosted by our youth. Very happy to be able to have the meal again!
- ◀ Confirmation youth release balloons on Ascension Day.
- ▼ The COVID Response Team's final Zoom meeting. Happy to know conditions are improving and the team is no longer needed.





◀ Community Baccalaureate Service was held June 2. Senior members of the SGHS Senior Choir shared a song.

▼ Camp Sunday! Outdoor worship was the kick-off to Confirmation Camp at Trinity.

▼ Fellowship is beginning again on select Sundays. This was Father's Day Sunday .



Plants are one of God's most important creations, providing both beauty and food for God's children. Remember the importance of plants and how God created plants in Genesis 1 for us, His most beloved creation.

Hidden Pictures: God Made the Plants

Find these objects hidden in the picture below:
apple, balloon, bird, fish, football, glass, kite, moon, needle and thread, star, tennis ball



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God Made the Plants Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

EARTH	SEAS	VEGETATION
FLOWERS	SEED	WATER
FRUIT	SKY	
PLANTS	TREES	

N	I	A	T	B	E	A	R	T	H	M	O	D
S	E	E	D	D	E	U	G	I	S	E	A	S
I	Q	U	A	K	N	O	P	S	Q	C	T	E
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Mon. August 16	Doris & Kim Sherburne
Tue. August 17	Doris & Kim Sherburne
Wed. August 18	Barb & Steve Morken
Thu. August 19	Barb & Steve Morken
Fri. August 20	Jan & Carlyn Kraabel
Mon. August 23	Jan & Carlyn Kraabel
Tue. August 24	Cindie & Galen Gunderson
Wed. August 25	Cindie & Galen Gunderson
Thu. August 26	Judy & Alan Roble
Fri. August 27	Judy & Alan Roble



June 20-July 3	Bev Nelson
July 4-10	Ruth Johnsrud
July 11-24	Missy Wold
July 25-August 7	Bethany Bergsgaard
August 8-21	Mary Newgaard
August 22-September 4	Greg Wennes

Usher Schedule



July / August ushers

**Could your family's name be here?
We need you!**

Contact Kim Kapplinger,
498-5825 or
let us know in the office.
Thank you!



July 4	2 needed
July 11	Joelle Halverson
July 18	Addison Turner, Isaac Vick
July 25	Brandon Jahnke
August 1	Ruby Engeldinger, Emmet Engeldinger
August 8	Caleb Eiken
August 15	Christian Bjerke, Ben Udstuen
August 22	Ezra Griffin
August 29	Olivia Wennes

PRAYER CHAIN We as a congregation have a wonderful opportunity to pray for each other in times of need. We currently have two phone prayer chains (see below). We also have an email prayer group. For the email prayer group, you receive an email from with the prayer request information. You simply pray for the request, you don't need to pass on any info.... it's the simple and amazing power of prayer! Would you like to be added to the email prayer group list or phone prayer chain? Please contact the office, 498-5291 or trinity@springgrove.coop.

How to start a prayer request: Prayer requests can be made on behalf of someone; however that **person must first give their permission**. When a prayer request is made, **please include:** 1) how much information should be shared with the Prayer Chain members/what wording should be used, 2) if the request should also be in the bulletin prayer box and if so for how long, 3) if you are calling for someone, please tell us your relationship to them and confirm you have their permission.

Phone Prayer Chain 1	Phone Prayer Chain 2
Joyce Landsom	Karen Gray
Nolie Kapplinger	Bev Nelson
Terry Holland	Janet Wold
Bonnie Solberg	Jan Lochner
Dawn Hewitt	Ruth Johnsrud
Lynn Rostad Anderson	Judy Bratland
Milly Halverson	

JULY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30pm Education Team Pr. Lane vacation	2	3 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship, Communion
<p>FH = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) MR = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) GR = Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom) TC = Trinity Center</p>						
4 Independence Day 9:15am Worship, Communion Pr. Lane vacation	5 Office closed Pr. Elizabeth vacation	6 5:00pm AA 7:00pm Staffing Team, MR	7 8:30 pm Bonfire at Bekah's	8 7:00pm Diversity Team, FH	9	10 10:30am AA
11 9:15am Worship 11:15am Nursing Home worship Pr. Elizabeth vacation	12	13 5:00pm AA	14 7:30pm Council, FH 8:30 pm Bonfire	15 9:30am Worship at Manor	16	17 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship, Communion with Holy Baptism
18 9:15am Worship, Communion 10:30am Fellowship Farewell to Jean Ellingson	19 Houseboat Trip	20 5:00pm AA	21 <i>No Bonfire</i>	22 9:30am Worship at Tweeten Apts	23	24 10:30am AA
25 9:15am Worship	26	27 10:00am Worship at Assisted Living 5:00pm AA	28 8:30 pm Bonfire (last one with Bekah!)	29	30 9:00am Love Day	31 10:30am AA

AUGUST HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am Worship, Communion 10:30am Fellowship Farewell to Leafblads	2	3 5:00pm AA	4	5 5:30pm Education Team	6	7 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship, Communion
8 9:15am Worship, Praise Band 11:15am Nursing Home worship Sherburne Family Reunion	9	10 5:00pm AA	11 5:30pm Stewardship Team 7:30pm Council	12	13	14 10:30am AA
15 9:15am Worship, Communion 10:30am All Team Retreat	16	17 5:00pm AA	18	19 9:30am Worship at Manor	20 Sept/Oct Newsletter info due	21 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship, communion
22 9:15am Worship	23	24 10:00am Worship at Assisted Living 5:00pm AA	25	26 9:30am Worship at Tweeten Apts 2:00pm Sept/Oct newsletter assembly	27 9:00am Love Day	28 10:30am AA
29 9:15am Worship Servant Sunday	30	31 5:00pm AA	FH = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) MR = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) GR = Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom) TC = Trinity Center			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Dear Lord

Thank you for the time we have today.

We pray we would take advantage of today to spend time together and share how much we love and appreciate each other.

Please help us to put our phones away more often. Being on a device, plugged into the world with such ease, becomes a distraction in our daily lives. We catch ourselves looking at our phones and holding our phones more than we are making eye contact.

Please help us to have and to honor healthy boundaries with our technology.

Please help us to use those in between moments to check on each other before we check on the news or social media.

We pray we would be more mindful of this and that we would be quick to put our phones away so that our hearts and attention can focus wholly on each other.

In Jesus' name, *Amen.*