

### THE WITNESS Happy August! "Come Celebrate With Us"

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### SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST August – 2023

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

(From the Second Lesson appointed for Pentecost XI)

Dear friends,

I'm not sure how you feel about your feet. Do you think they are beautiful? Perhaps you think feet aren't beautiful at all. They are very necessary for being able to get around. Perhaps they cause us some pain, especially when we have been on them for too long. What a blessing it is to have feet that work reasonably well and allow us the opportunity to be able to do what needs to be done. It doesn't really matter what they look like, in God's eyes, they are beautiful! St. Paul quotes the prophet Isaiah in the scripture verse noted above. God's word declares that our feet are beautiful indeed, especially when we are about those things that bring good news to others. Whether spoken or lived out, when we are about the sharing of God's good news of love, grace, mercy and salvation our feet are beautiful indeed, even if we can't walk very well anymore.

Perhaps it is a kind word of encouragement, hope or support that we have the opportunity to share with someone who needs it. Perhaps it is actually physically walking along side someone when their steps become hard and difficult. When we show and share God's love and grace in intentional yet random acts of kindness we are blessed by the opportunity to bring good news. Sometimes this happens without our realizing just what kind of impact or difference it makes to the person involved. Often we have been on the receiving end of such acts of kindness and love. What a blessing it was to hear and receive such good news and to realize just how loved and well cared for we truly are! Beautiful feet, indeed!

Beautiful feet were very active in word and in action during the recent Vacation Church School session! A great time was had by all who participated. Many thanks to all who helped to make it happen. The good news of God's grace and love was abundantly shared by all. What a beautiful blessing it truly was to be a part of it all.

Several opportunities present themselves during August to put our beautiful feet in action. We will be gathering school supplies during the month for the Lutheran World Relief book bag effort. Also in August, we will load up the truck for LWR with those book bags and quilts donated from churches around the Gulf Coast. The details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is hard to believe that a new school year will be starting up soon. Where did the summer break go? We will have a blessing of backpacks, children and all who work to provide a good education for our community and our children on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, during the Service. Plan now to be with us.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Be careful in the heat! Hopefully cooler days are ahead. God's blessings and peace be with us all! See you in Church, with your beautiful feet!

#### Peace, Pastor Rich



Welcome to August 2023 ... Summer continues, and we get back into the school groove. Oh yeah, and college football is almost here!

I have been working since I was 10 years and started my adult career after college in 1979. I have had to reinvent myself in my career at least 7 times. Sometimes I changed because I wanted something different and sometimes change was forced upon me. When I hit my fifties, change started happening way too fast and not always in a direction I liked. I don't think a week went by without an uncomfortable change occurring. I had to find a way to deal with that change before it broke me.

As it happens, I had a conversation with a random person at an unexpected location at the perfect time who gave me the advice I needed at that moment. This type of thing happens, not infrequently, in my life at critical moments leading me to believe it is God giving me some life guidance before he hits me with his 2x4. This advice was a bit strange – treat your job as if is Improvisational Theater.

Improv has a lot of rules and the intent is to keep the dialog going. To start, accept your situation, accept your role and know who to trust. The first 3 rules are simple: 1) "yes and" (accept the situation) 2) Add new information (help make the situation better) and 3) don't block (keep things rolling). Sounds easy, right, it is not; however, with practice you can shift from fighting change to being a change agent and helping draft the final outcome. It also means not losing that which is still of value. This approach served me well for the next 15 years before I formally retired and in my current post-retirement job where I work closely with all 4 generations: Boomer, Gen X, Millennials and Gen Z.

Change in a church has the same challenges. Our church family is still young, but we have already

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experienced so much, most recently Covid. In our visit to the 2023 ELCA Southeastern Synod Assembly, we learned that many parish congregations did not survive and many are on edge. We have lost people and had financial challenges but bounced back. When Lynn and I first joined in 2021, a service with 35 people was large and it was mostly seniors. We have since seen organic growth, a mix of different ages, kids, and 5 confirmands. 50+ attendees for a service is not uncommon now and, while we are not flush, we are meeting our financial obligations. Praise the Lord, this is an amazing story in very hard times for mainline church parishes.

That said, change is inevitable as we grow. People get older or move and new people take their place. People have new ideas and congregations have new ideas. In the next few months, we will be conducting Listening sessions to find out what directions this congregation wants to go in the next few years. Join a session and let your voice be heard, and we want to hear from everyone young to old. We will be presenting some of these ideas in the 2023 Stewardship actions this Fall and we will discuss what we learned in this year's annual congregation meeting in December. You will probably like some of these ideas and maybe not others but consider the Improv rules ... jump in and help make these ideas better and a reality.

Blessings!

#### Rick Russell

PS: We still need a property council lead and a couple of more folks to help in this year's stewardship program. Please consider helping!

# Image: Second of Nurture Notes

Lots of things are happening at Holy Trinity. The Supper Club is resuming. Group leaders have been chosen and participants have been assigned. If you signed up, and haven't been notified yet, you will be soon. Thank you to Diane McShane for organizing this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

Be sure to check out "The Perfect Blend" our new coffee bar. Lynn Russell has organized, updated, and added to the coffee area in the Narthex. Coffee (regular and decaf), teas, hot cocoa and grab and go snacks are available. Have a little something before church while chatting with others. We would love to see you at our Hospitality Time after church, but if you can't stay, please take a little something with you on your way out. Coffee and friends are the perfect blend.

I am working on a schedule for the listening sessions. They will begin in August and finish in September. The church council is interested in your thoughts on the future of Holy Trinity. There will be six sessions, scheduled at different times and days, to allow everyone to participate. I will send the topics of discussion out ahead of time. Watch for more information via e-news and in church announcements.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

#### Pam Burkey

# **Help Wanted!**

Stewardship Committee Team Members: We are looking for a few more individuals to participate on our Stewardship Committee to round out the team. The commitment is only through the end of this year. We have a team leader, a plan, and meetings are only once per month. Please see Rick Russell if you are interested. <u>thumper335999@live.com</u> or (256) 417-1474





2023 VBS: Mission Space



Levin Family made it to Virginia for the Next Chapter in Their Lives. Godspeed to you all!!

# **Church Online**

The day is FINALLY here! Our new website is live! It's not completely finished due to some technical difficulties but the important information is there. Of course, any website is a work in progress and I'll be updating this site weekly. It's my intention to have the current bulletin available every Sunday so that you can use the digital version if you prefer.

As we progress, I hope to have many more photos and videos on the site, showing what a loving, caring, DOING church we are.

I know I'll be gone in November – another cruise – so I am looking for someone to back me up. You don't have to know anything. I'll teach you the simple steps and even write them down for you. It doesn't have to be an adult, kids! Please contact me if you're interested.

Not only is our new website up and running, but thanks to Judi Luken our social media is gaining traction. Judi has worked hard to create at least three posts a week for our Facebook page and our Instagram account. Thanks to both increased posting and to all of you for sharing our posts, last week our FB posts reached 2,963 people!! AND we got 4 new page likes! This is truly awe-some! Thank you and keep up the sharing!!

#### Lynn Russell



# **HTLC Marketing**

The Growth & Marketing team met in July and we have a couple of updates to share with you. First of all, you may have noticed the covering for the bar in the narthex – it's our new Welcome Center Hub. This will give us a place to direct first-time visitors to that will hold pertinent information for them. We are developing a brochure and some other items for visitors along with the gift bags that Pam has created.

Secondly, we have increased the offerings in our beverage bar! Now, you can get both decaf and regular coffee, hot chocolate and a variety of teas. Along with this increase in types of beverages we have a name for this area. It's called The Perfect Blend! As the summer goes on, we'll be doing some more organizational and decorating projects so watch for them. And remember, Coffee (or tea or cocoa) and friends make the perfect blend!

And finally, watch for our new awareness campaign! We have a fun and exciting new campaign coming up that we hope will get us noticed around the area and perhaps strike up conversations about who we are. It's the brainchild of Casey Porter, Randi's daughter, who assisted the Council by holding a marketing seminar offsite on weekend in July. That seminar allowed us to clarify our values, our future and to start creating a plan to get to the future we want to see and we are so grateful that Casey took her personal time to help us. I'll give you a hint: it contains a famous icon that we're all used to seeing.

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Thanks for everything the Council is doing to discern what God wants for our future and to everyone helping us get there. Remember, our team is always looking for more members with great ideas so if you're interested, talk to Tiffany, Judi, Lynn or Pam.

#### Lynn Russell



**2023 VBS: Mission Space** Recap

How do you measure the success of an event like VBS? Numbers are always a good way to tell how well we have done.

Four evenings. Six Youth Assistants. Seventeen children. A multitude of adult volunteers. Add those all together and what do we have? Holy Trinity's VBS 2023: Mission **Space**.

But of course, VBS was SO MUCH more than just the numbers. Mission Space VBS was fantastic, amazing, and sometimes...a little crazy! Time flew by every evening.

The theme of Mission Space was **launching kids on a mission of God's love.** Through music, Bible lessons, crafts, and games, the children were shown how much God's love helps them every day. With God's love, the children learned that God helps them to be kind, thankful, helpful and to believe in Jesus. It was a memorable event for all who participated.

It takes a TEAM to hold a successful VBS program. I would like to recognize all volunteers that contributed their time and talents to this year's VBS. Please stand and remain standing as I call your name.

Publicity: Chaired by Erika Oldham and Sarah Howell.

**Decorations**: Chaired by Erika Oldham. Her team included: Tiffany Bogle, Terry Tate, Jieying Juan, Cyndi Howell, Barbie Ramsland, Sam Oldham, AnnaYoukin, Erik Younkin, Mike Cormier, Emily Cormier, Lisa Manicke, and Nate Manicke.

Opening and Closing: Pastor Rich Mueller

Dinner and Snacks: Chaired by Tiffany Bogle and Pam Burkey. Their team included: Lorraine

Studt, Jeff Ramsland,

Special Angels: Heather Sanders and Joan and Richard Micelli

The dinners and snacks couldn't have been served without all the donations from: Erik and Anna Younkin, Judi Luken, Lynn and Rick Russell, Linda Gregg, The Howell family, Pastor and Lorriane, The Manicke family, Emily and Mike Cormier, Donna and Derek Thorsrud.

**Music:** Chaired by Steve and Debi Horlebein. Their team included: Nic Bogle, Caden Mitchell, Oskar Mitchell, Oliver Mitchell, and Barbie Ramsland.

Bible Lessons: Chaired by Linda Veren. She was assisted by Oskar Michell.

**Crafts:** Chaired by Barbie Ramsland. Her team included: Caden Mitchell, Oskar Mitchell, Oliver Mitchell, Kait Manicke, Emily Cormier

Games: The Manicke Family including Lisa, Curtis, Kait and Nate. Their team included Lorraine Studt and Pastor Rich Mueller.

Photography: Chaired by Lynn Russell. Her team also included Nate Manicke.

Security: Rick Russell, Daryl Bogle, Andy Veren and Kait Manicke.

On the Sunday following VBS, the children performed "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "This Little Light of Mine" for the congregation. Their happy faces were the real measure of success.

#### Barbie Ramsland & Pam Burkey









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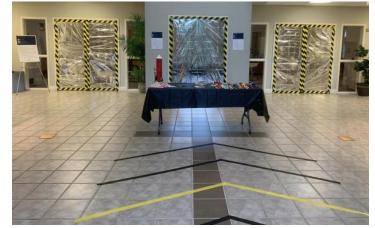














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### Announcements

### Weekday Morning Bible Study

The Weekday Morning Coffee Shop Bible Study will continue on Thursday mornings throughout August. We will start at 7:05 am and will be done about 7:55 am to meet the needs of those who work. All are invited.

This month we continue our focus on Hebrews, chapters 6 thru 9. Here is a link to the study and discussion materials: <u>https://enterthebible.org/courses/proverbs</u>

Our Bible Study group will meet at Warehouse Bakery in Fairhope.



Warehouse Bakery & Donuts (warehousebakeryanddonuts.com)

759 Nichols Ave, Fairhope, AL 36532

Any questions, contact Rick Russell thumper335999@live.com or (256) 417-1474



### Sojourner's Circle

Sojourners Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 8 at 9:30 am. Please join us as we finish quilts.

### Phoebe Circle

We are resuming our monthly meetings this month on **August 17, 2023**. Toni Fassbender has again offered to open her lovely home to us! It is in Lake Forest and not hard to find. Thank you Toni! Her address is

103 Pippin Circle, Daphne AL. 36526

If you plan to attend, please RSVP Toni: (251) 533-1922 or toni@seamautogroup.com

Katrina Schonemann

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### Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Lutheran World Relief saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world. **Education** is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. LWR School Kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. Starting in **mid-July**, Holy Trinity's WELCA Sojourner and Phoebe Circles began collecting items to **fill 100 book bags**.

The Circles have purchased book bags. In **mid-August**, the **bookbags will be filled and boxed**. In late August, there is an ingathering scheduled at HT were groups in the surrounding area **combine all the completed kits** onto a truck that delivers them to one of LWR's warehouses. Help will also be needed to load the truck.

Back-to-School Sales usually begin after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. When you are out and about, please consider buying and donating the following items:

70 Sheet Spiral Notebooks (296) Rulers (88) Pencils Sharpeners (91) Scissors (kid size) (0) Pencils (400) Pens (500) Crayons (16 or 24 Count) (71) Rectangular Erasers (0)

Note: In parentheses are the number of items we still need to reach our target.

Lutheran World Relief pickup will be at Holy Trinity on Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26. We will operate the pickup 9:00am until noon each day. We will need muscle and snacks. If you can help please contact Tommie Morgan (251-591-1019).

Thank you for your help!

Barbie Ramsland & Tommie Morgan

### Prodisee Pantry Turkey Trot 2023

Our Turkey Trot race is 96 days away and we have finalized our **2023 race shirt color and logo!** We are excited about this year's Turkey Trot were 1500 families will be blessed with food items to prepare dinner during Thanksgiving. We are thankful for your consideration of being a race sponsor. Your involvement as a sponsor is important to the success of our mission. *August 31st is the deadline* to put your name or logo on our race shirt.



Below are the **sponsorship details** and the **runner registration** form. Hope you all are able to join us again this year.

If you have any questions please contact volunteer Alan Nichols, or myself Neil Beasley at 251-626-1720.

Runner register online: https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Daphne/ProdiseePantryTurkeyTrot

Prodisee Pantry Turkey Trot 2023

5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run Saturday, October 28, 2023 8 am - 5K & 9 am - Fun Run City Hall in Daphne



# Who is a "real" American?

In her monthly column for *Living Lutheran*, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton addresses the scourge of Christian nationalism in the U.S., calling it "a perversion of the gospel and a threat to our democracy." She writes, "An element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic." The ELCA supports <u>Christians Against Christian Nationalism</u> and encourages you to participate in our civic life so that we might work together for the common good. <u>Read more from Bishop Eaton</u>.



Thank you to Dave Kummer for passing along the following article ...

# **Top 10 Scams Targeting Seniors**

Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they're now considered "the crime of the 21st century." Why? Because seniors are thought to have a significant amount of money sitting in their accounts. Financial scams also often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute, so they're considered a "low-risk" crime. However, they're devastating to many older adults and can leave them in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses. It's not just wealthy seniors who are targeted. Low-income older adults are also at risk of financial abuse. And it's not always strangers who perpetrate these crimes. Over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by an older person's own family members, most often their adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others.

Review our list below, so you can identify a potential scam for your loved ones.

#### Health Care/Medicare/Health Insurance Fraud

In these types of scams, perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative to get older people to give them their personal information, or they will provide bogus services for elderly people at makeshift mobile clinics, then use the personal information they provide to bill Medicare and pocket the money.

#### **Counterfeit Prescription Drugs**

Most commonly, counterfeit drug scams operate on the Internet, where seniors increasingly go to find better prices on specialized medications.

The danger is that besides paying money for something that will not help a person's medical condition, victims may purchase unsafe substances that can inflict even more harm. This scam can be as hard on the body as it is on the wallet.

#### Funeral & Cemetery Scams

The FBI warns about two types of funeral and cemetery fraud perpetrated on seniors.

In one approach, scammers read obituaries and call or attend the funeral service of a complete stranger to take advantage of the grieving widow or widower. Claiming the deceased had an outstanding debt with them, scammers will try to extort money from relatives to settle the fake debts.

Another tactic of disreputable funeral homes is to capitalize on family members' unfamiliarity with the considerable cost of funeral services to add unnecessary charges to the bill.

#### Fraudulent Anti-Aging Products

In a society bombarded with images of the young and beautiful, it's not surprising that some older people feel the need to conceal their age in order to participate more fully in social circles and the workplace. After all, 60 is the new 40, right?

It is in this spirit that many older Americans seek out new treatments and medications to main-

tain a youthful appearance, putting them at risk of scammers.

Whether it's fake Botox like the one in Arizona that netted its distributors (who were convicted and jailed in 2006) \$1.5 million in barely a year, or completely bogus homeopathic remedies that do absolutely nothing, there is money in the anti-aging business.

#### **Telemarketing**

Perhaps the most common scheme is when scammers use fake telemarketing calls to prey on older people, who as a group make twice as many purchases over the phone than the national average.

While the image of the lonely senior citizen with nobody to talk to may have something to do with this, it is far more likely that older people are more familiar with shopping over the phone, and therefore might not be fully aware of the risk.

With no face-to-face interaction, and no paper trail, these scams are incredibly hard to trace. Also, once a successful deal has been made, the buyer's name is then shared with similar schemers looking for easy targets, sometimes defrauding the same person repeatedly.

Examples of telemarketing fraud include:

#### "The Pigeon Drop"

The con artist tells the individual that he/she has found a large sum of money and is willing to split it if the person will make a "good faith" payment by withdrawing funds from his/her bank account. Often, a second con artist is involved, posing as a lawyer, banker, or some other trust-worthy stranger.

#### "The Fake Accident Ploy"

The con artist gets the victim to wire or send money on the pretext that the person's child or another relative is in the hospital and needs the money.

#### "Charity Scams"

Money is solicited for fake charities. This often occurs after natural disasters.

#### **Internet Fraud**

While using the Internet is a great skill at any age, the slower speed of adoption among some older people makes them easier targets for automated Internet scams that are ubiquitous on the web and email programs.

Pop-up browser windows simulating virus-scanning software will fool victims into either downloading a fake anti-virus program (at a substantial cost) or an actual virus that will open up whatever information is on the user's computer to scammers.

Their unfamiliarity with the less visible aspects of browsing the web (firewalls and built-in virus protection, for example) make seniors especially susceptible to such traps.

One example includes:

#### Email/Phishing Scams

A senior receives email messages that appear to be from a legitimate company or institution, asking them to "update" or "verify" their personal information. A senior receives emails that appear to be from the IRS about a tax refund.

#### **Investment Schemes**

Because many seniors find themselves planning for retirement and managing their savings once they finish working, a number of investment schemes have been targeted at seniors looking to safeguard their cash for their later years.

From pyramid schemes like Bernie Madoff's (which counted a number of senior citizens among its victims) to fables of a Nigerian prince looking for a partner to claim inheritance money to complex financial products that many economists don't even understand, investment schemes have long been a successful way to take advantage of older people.

#### Homeowner/Reverse Mortgage Scams

Scammers like to take advantage of the fact that many people above a certain age own their homes, a valuable asset that increases the potential dollar value of a certain scam.

A particularly elaborate property tax scam in San Diego saw fraudsters sending personalized letters to different properties apparently on behalf of the County Assessor's Office. The letter, made to look official but displaying only public information, would identify the property's assessed value and offer the homeowner, for a fee of course, to arrange for a reassessment of the property's value and therefore the tax burden associated with it.

As opposed to official refinancing schemes, however, unsecured reverse mortgages can lead property owners to lose their homes when the perpetrators offer money or a free house somewhere else in exchange for the title to the property.

#### Sweepstakes & Lottery Scams

Here, scammers inform their mark that they have won a lottery or sweepstakes of some kind and need to make some sort of payment to unlock the supposed prize. Often, seniors will be sent a check that they can deposit in their bank account, knowing that while it shows up in their account immediately, it will take a few days before the (fake) check is rejected.

During that time, the criminals will quickly collect money for supposed fees or taxes on the prize, which they pocket while the victim has the "prize money" removed from his or her account as soon as the check bounces.

#### The Grandparent Scam

The Grandparent Scam is so simple and so devious because it uses one of older adults' most reliable assets, their hearts.

Scammers will place a call to an older person and when the mark picks up, they will say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity without having done a lick of background research.

Once "in," the fake grandchild will usually ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (overdue rent, payment for car repairs, etc.), to be paid via Western Union or MoneyGram, which don't always require identification to collect.

At the same time, the scam artist will beg the grandparent "please don't tell my parents, they would kill me."

#### If you suspect you've been the victim of a scam...

Don't be afraid or embarrassed to talk about it with someone you trust. You are not alone, and there are people who can help. Doing nothing could only make it worse. Keep handy the phone numbers and resources you can turn to, including the local police, your bank (if money has been taken from your accounts), and Adult Protective Services. To obtain the contact information for Adult Protective Services in your area, call the Eldercare Locator, a government sponsored national resource line, at: 1-800-677-1116, or visit their website at: <u>www.eldercare.gov</u>.





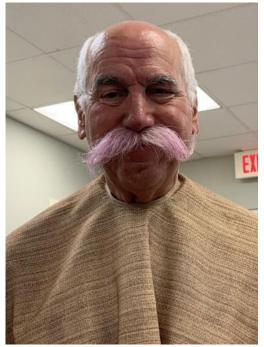
**Toni Fassbender** had a birthday in July



Flamingos delivered **Debi Horlebein's** sign this year



Kate conducting "This Little Light of Mine..."



What a good sport! Our Youth Group got to dye Pastor's mustache **pink** after they surpassed their goal of \$300 for parking lot repairs.

# Pics of the Month





Musical Beginning's Summer Camp performance of The Aristocats



Preachin' in the Pink!





### Reminders

**HOLY TRINITY GOES LIVE!** Our Sunday morning Service of Holy Communion is now being live-streamed and recorded each week at 10:00a on our <u>Holy Trinity Facebook Page</u>. If you are not able to be present in person, you are invited to join us on the internet. We also continue to provide a copy of the sermon text and the bulletin with music links via email. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to operate the camera on Sunday mornings. **Volunteers are always needed.** If interested in helping out in this way, please contact **Debi Horlebein**.

**Donating Altar Flowers**: Please keep in mind that your normal offering contributions do not pay for altar flowers. If you would like to donate a particular Sunday's flowers, the cost is \$35.00. Simply use the sign-up sheet on the corkboard located in the narthex, and as the Sunday approaches place your donation in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity, noting *"Altar Flowers"* on the check. Please note there are no flowers at the altar during Lent.

**Current vs. Building Fund Reminder:** Specify how you want your offering split between the Current Fund and the Building Fund. If you do not specify on your envelope, it will by default go to the Current Fund. Anonymous cash (without an envelope specification) will all go towards the Current Fund. Checks without an envelope or notation on the check will by default go 100% towards the Current Fund. If you wonder about the percentage split that best services both funds, try directing 65% towards the Current Fund and 35% towards the Building Fund. Ongoing mission activities and Synod/ELCA funding is sourced from the Current Fund.



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# AUGUST AT HOLY TRINITY

# Lunch Bunch

We will meet on Tuesday, August 15th @ Noon



1 Yacht Club Dr Daphne, AL 36526

Men's Breakfast 8 AM Saturday, Aug. 5th Gathering Place Fellowship Hall





We will volunteer at **Prodisee Pantry** on **Wednesday, August 16th (a) 5:30pm** followed by dinner and fellowship.



Name	Birth Date
Tiffany Bogle	08/12
Judi Luken	08/17
Dot Peterson	08/18
Steve Horlebein	08/23
Michael Shrider	08/23
Ann Young	08/27
Keegan Lavin	08/31
Greg Uskoski	08/31



Dave & Cyndi Howell 08/02/1986 37 yrs

Franklin & Elsie Lamb 08/03/1956 67 yrs

Kevin & Pam Burkey 08/08/1999 24 yrs

Emily & Mike Cormier 08/09/1980 43 yrs

George & Marie Winslow 08/25/1973 50 yrs

### **Worship Leadership Assignments for August**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Worship Leader Assignments					
	August 6, 2023	August 13, 2023	August 20, 2023	August 27, 2023	
Assisting	Dave Kummer	Linda Veren	Jeff Ramsland	Rick Russell	
Acolyte	Tommie Morgan	Dave Kummer	Nic Bogle	Toni Fassbender	
Lector	Sandy Vontroba	Ginny Peterson	Andy Veren	Joan Micelli	
Cantor	Randi Patterson	TBD	Debi Horlebein	Randi Patterson	
Children's Sermon	Cyndi Howell	Pam Burkey	Linda Veren	Pam Burkey	
Altar	Linda Gregg	Diane MacShane	Linda Gregg	Emily Cormier	
Greeter/s	Russells	Judi Luken	Davd Kummer	Lorraine Studt	
Usher	Dave Howell	Nic Bogle & Sam Thorsrud	Kevin Burkey	Fred Fassbender	
Tellers	Dave Howell & Fred Fassbender	Toni Fassbender & Diane MacShane	Kevin Burkey & Rick Russell	Diane MacShane & Jeff Ramsland	
Camera Operator	Eric Veren	Andy Veren	Diane MacShane	Lynn Russell	
Flowers	Phyllis Buchholz honor of Grandson's B-day	Kevin & Pam Burkey their 24th Anniversary	TBD	TBD	
Hospitality	TBD	TBD	Judi Luken	Gregg/Fassbender	

If you are unable to do this assigned worship leadership responsibility, please trade with a person with your same responsibility assigned to another date

Address Updates:

Greg, Rebekah, & Porter Uskoski 1008 Dunker Drive Port Angeles, WA 98363

Chris, Kara, Conner and Keegan Lavin 5128 23rd Rd N Arlington, VA 22207



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Prayers for our People

We continue to pray for the following:

#### Ministries in the Church

- Those who are serving in leadership roles at Holy Trinity, including Congregation Council
- Grace Lutheran Church Long Beach, MS and Pastor Dave Parr
- Those who are seeking Christian Community may find Holy Trinity to be a welcoming place
- Those who are new to Holy Trinity that they may find opportunities to grow in faith.

Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity

#### Those Who Serve & their Families

Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement, including Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Colter Burkey, Adam and Cathryn Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Titus Nissen, Rich Peacock and Dylan Winslow.

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#### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith that moves us beyond ourselves.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

- 1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
- 2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
- 3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
- 4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
- 5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
- 6. Boldly sharing our blessings with others.

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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion