

THE WITNESS Happy July! "Come Celebrate With Us"

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SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST July – 2023

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works!" Psalm 145:13

(From the Psalm appointed for Pentecost XI)

Dear friends,

"YA MON!" How blessed and privileged Ms. Lorraine and I were to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of our Marriage in Jamaica last week! The accommodations, the food and drink, the hospitality shown were all over the top as we were royally spoiled in our time there. The most amazing part was the genuine spirit and gracious love and joy shared with us by the people who cared for us in such fine form and fashion. What a blessing, Indeed! We discovered that the word "no" does not exist in Jamaica, at least in terms of anything we asked to be done for us or enjoyed by us whether it was food, drink or activity. The response was always "Ya Mon!" followed by "When and where would you like that?!"

We did ask just what "Ya Mon!" translates to in English and were lovingly told that it is English! No translation necessary! In reality the demonstration of "Ya Mon!" is that all is good and that by God's grace we live, move and have our being. As quoted above from Psalm 145, the Lord is faithful in all God's words and loving in all God's gracious deeds! You can translate this phrase anyway you want as long as it is positive, uplifting, gracious, loving and communicates a generous and hopeful spirit, a true desire to be faithful to God in all that we say and do. Perhaps it is a word we need to add to our regular vocabulary as we strive to live out the reality of all God's grace and all God's blessing so generously showered upon us every day! **"YA MON!"**

Musical Beginnings is finishing up their month long Summer Camp this week. On Friday evening, June 30th, at 6:00p, they will present the musical "Aristocats". You won't want to miss this exciting show. Our own **Nic Bo-gle** and his cousin **Brynlee Marchese** are a part of the production. Come and cheer them on, along with the other young ones and leaders involved.

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July will be a busy month as well. Vacation Church School is just around the corner and the dying (desecration) of the mustache will take place soon! All the details are spelled out else where in this newsletter. The youth group more than met the challenge to raise \$300.00 for the Parking Lot Fund. In fact they doubled that amount raising more than \$600.00. The best part was they did not do this for their own needs, but for Holy Trinity! We are forever grateful! We are so wonderfully blessed!

Many thanks to all who shared greetings and prayers for our Tenth Anniversary celebration. All of you have been a very big part of our life together and a true blessing to Ms. Lorraine and me! We are grateful for the ministry we are privileged to share and pray for y'all every day! May God continue to bless and be with us all! Please be careful of the extreme heat we are "enjoying.!"

See you in church! YA MON! Peace, Pastor Rich

From Your Congregation President

Welcome to July 2023 ... Independence Day and the heart of Summer!

We loved having the youth group over for a swim party at our house in June and we will be looking to have an adult swim party sometime this month. Look for the invite!

On Saturday, 6/11/2023, Randi Patterson's daughter, Casey Porter, conducted a professional offsite marketing branding workshop for the council. This was a really interesting session that asked questions on who are and how we want to be perceived. I was surprised at how we were all thinking along the same lines. We will be using this experience to form our "brand" and messaging. Will be using this as a stating point, along with some questions, in small group listening sessions to hear your thoughts on this vision as well as your thoughts on how we should grow in the next few years. Look for the invites to the listening sessions soon – we want to hear from all of you!

The Marketing Growth Tiger Team this year has been meeting since April and have generated a lot of enthusiasm and ideas. One of the visible ideas from this team that you have seen is the flags at our entrance on Sunday morning. This has been shown to draw attention to a building you may have passed 100 times and not noticed. We are also planning to replace our street sign as well this year. They are looking for a couple of additional team members to help collect and implement ideas to help get our name out there in the community.

We are planning alternate, non-Sunday morning services throughout the year. We have discussed a casual monthly coffee house style service and a quarterly healing service as examples and these are currently in the planning process. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved, let us know.

Finally, we lost Greg Uskoski, our Facilities Council Lead to a Coast Guard transfer. He was an amazing resource for this church and we will miss him. We do, however, need someone to step up to replace him. Can you help?

Continue enjoying the summer!

Rick Russell



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Supper Club Update

Groups for the Super Club are being created. If you signed up for this activity, you will be contacted in the near future with information on your group. If you missed the sign-up opportunity, but would like to participate, contact Pam Burkey or Diane McShane by July 15.

Listening Sessions

We will be scheduling the Listening Sessions starting in August. There will be multiple times, dates, and locations to assure everyone has an opportunity to participate. Look for sign up information in July.

Pam Burkey

Board of Worship & Music

The Worship Committee last met on Thursday, June 8.

Attendees: Pastor Rich, Steve H, Dave K., Lynn R, Phyllis B, Judi L, and Debi H.

Pastor led us in devotions concerning authority and acceptance and how the "Commission" comes to us first through Baptism.

We have a New Lectionary book which has all of the lector and gospel lessons in large print for Year One of the church calendar. (There are three volumes.) This is intended to make it easier for our readers as they no longer need to fumble through, flipping pages of the large Bible on the pulpit, and it will streamline our weekly service preparations. With using the New Lectionary book, our large Bible is now on the Credence table; open. We have not heard any concerns about this.

We spoke of many changes that will be happening with Music within our church. We currently are struggling, want to go in a different direction, and this commission is beginning to pursue other options. Musicianship, musical styles, and a broader range of instruments are to name a few focus areas. As an example, we discussed that we want to focus on both hymns that are familiar to many and introduce new hymns by having a "Hymn of the month" to learn and sing.

We are going to expand our forms of worship services too. We would like to begin having a *Heal-ing Service* once a quarter and have a *"Coffee House"* service once a month. Both of these will begin in September after summer vacation[s]. The coffee house service will not focus on the liturgy as

regular Sunday services, but rather, the Word and songs; probably led with guitars. During listening sessions, we will gauge the interest for these services. Wednesday, October 18 will be the first Healing service because it coincides with the *Day of St. Luke, the Physician*. The ELW has a formal service for the healing service. Council has already agreed to giving these services a chance.

We ask God to Bless our Music Ministry.

In Christ, blessings to all,

Debi Horlebein



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





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

What? Neurodivergent? What's That?

When I attended the Southeast Synod Assembly in June, there was a LOT of talk about neurodivergence. I was familiar with this term through Rick, who learned it at Microsoft. This chatter caught my attention and when I looked at the schedule, there were two events featuring this topic. So I went.

What an eye-opener!! As someone who processes things in a pretty mainstream manner, I really had no idea what it was like to process them differently. I just thought it was more like a glitch in the machine. My eyes were opened by this article, which explained quite clearly what it was like to be neurodivergent and take communion.

Communion is a pretty simple thing, or so I thought. But all of the roadblocks and problems this child went through as they were taking communion blew my mind. And my heart went out to everyone that has to endure navigating through our world like this without much help or support. How alone must this make you feel, when you are having so many problems doing something everyone else thinks is simple.

So I thought about this quite a bit as I attended Assembly. And I prayed about it even more when I wasn't attending. And on the drive home, I talked to Rick about it – probably so much more than he wanted me to. And I realized that God was opening my eyes to a situation I could impact. I already belong to the friendliest, most welcoming, most non-judgmental church family I've ever known. How wonderful would it be to introduce children and adults who haven't been supported much and have had their DIS-abilities focused on for their whole lives to my church family!

And so this idea was born. I talked to people about the idea of Holy Trinity becoming a safe space for neurodivergent individuals. And they listened and had ideas! So I brought this to the other members of the Growth/Marketing Team and we decided we want to create a safe place for individuals who might need to take a break from the noise, sound, lights and confusion that is our Sunday service. We invited others who might have knowledge of what would be needed and we are going forward. Please join us!

https://blog.wearesparkhouse.org/challenges-communion-neurodivergent

Lynn Russell



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Church Online

The Holy Trinity digital world continues to expand. We have been posting on Facebook three times a week minimum thanks to the beautiful and thought-provoking posts that Judi Luken has been creating. Because of that increased frequency and because several of you are sharing these posts on your timelines, we have gained **9** new followers this month and our post reach has increased by **184%**!!

Watch our Facebook page for some interesting questions that will be posted in July. And speaking of July, if you take some great photos of our Jell-O Jubilee (or anything else we are doing) please send me a copy so I can make a post! The more different types of posts we have, the better. Let's shoot for a 200% increase this month!

The new website is coming along. I have finally gotten Stripe to work consistently and the site is published privately so we can test links, etc., to make sure they work before going live. So keep checking the Facebook page and Church Chat for information about that. It has been a MUCH longer process than I expected (coding? I have to do coding?) with more to learn than I anticipated. I'm still learning as I go. The one thing we need for the new site is **PHOTOS**!! Lots and lots of photos and videos! So if you are in the habit of taking photos on Sunday or at any of the other events we host, send me your best shots please!

Lastly, you may have noticed another "camera" during the worship service. Thanks to Nate Manicke who is partnering with me, we're making a video of the sermon only for the website. So rather than just reading the sermon, folks will hear it live and in person. This will give us another avenue for people to hear God's word.

Lynn Russell



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HTLC Marketing

The Free Lemonade Stand including an invitation to join us for Worship that we added to our list of events during April's meeting came to fruition on Saturday, June 24th.

To increase the visibility of Visitor Parking we ordered cones. They have arrived and will be placed in the parking lot very soon.

The Feather Flags have been out on Whispering Pines every Sunday for about a month. We began posting Bible Quotes superimposed on nature photos to our congregation's Facebook page several times a week.

Saturday Evening "Coffee House" Music Service featuring Steve & Rick will begin in September. Any other musicians are welcome to contribute musically as well. d

A Quarterly Healing Service will debut on October 18th to coincide with the feast of St Luke, gospel writer and physician.

We are planning three events for later this year and seeking members to help with the planning and execution.

In mid August/early September an event for Newcomers to the community.
Invite a friend month in November with a different thankfulness theme for each Sunday.

• Invite the community to visit HTLC display of members' Nativity Scenes with a Christmas Cookie and Tea reception.

Judi Luken



Free Lemonade Stand on a scorching, hot Saturday in June



Weekday Morning Bible Study

The Weekday Morning Coffee Shop Bible Study will continue on Thursday mornings throughout July. 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.

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



Phoebe Circle

We are taking a summer break during June and July and will resume meeting 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

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 will be 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 surround-ing area **combine all the completed kits** onto a truck that delivers them to one of LWR's

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warehouses. Help will also be needed to load the truck.

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

70 Sheet Spiral Notebooks Rulers Pencils Sharpeners Scissors (kid size) Pencils Pens Crayons (16 or 24 Count) Rectangular Erasers

Thank you for your help!

Barbie Ramsland

June/July Outreach

We will be collecting items from now until July 15th for a nonprofit called Baldwin County Angels.

Fill Hungry Tummies This Summer!

Baldwin County Angels, a local 501(c)(3) non-profit at the Robertsdale Laundry Blessing Barn, is providing food for 100 children for 11 weeks this summer. Each child will receive breakfast, lunch, snacks, drinks, fresh fruit and vegetables for 7 days each week. If you prefer to donate food, we need items such as individual oatmeal and grits packs, individual cereal boxes, Little Debbie snack cakes, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts. We also need drinks, bottles water, drink pouches, water flavor packets.

Donated items can be dropped off at Church and **left in the front counting room** so they do not get mixed up with others items being donated.

I will drop off to BCA once the collection time is over.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Tiffany Bogle







VBS 2023: MISSION SPACE LAUNCHING KIDS ON A MISSION OF GOD'S LOVE

Holy Trinity will be holding its VBS, Mission Space, on the evenings of July 10 th thru July 13 th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. All children from age 4 to rising 6 th graders are invited to attend and feel free to invited neighbors and friends. Fun evenings have been planned starting with dinner, then lots of great activities. These activities include: Bible lessons, crafts, music, and games. Children need to be pre-registered and registration forms can be found on the VBS table in the Narthex, HT's Facebook page or the plastic container outside front door. Forms can be returned to the Office in person or by email or left in the plastic container. If you have any questions, please contact Barbie Ramsland at 251-625-2421 or at ramsland@mindspring.com.

Hope to see you at MISSON SPACE!

Barbie Ramsland



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photography workshop

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July 17-Aug 2, 2023 M/W 3:30-4:30pm Gallery Exhibit on Aug 7

Build friendships, learn something new, and have fun!

Designed for **Beginner** Photographer Kids! Small classes span 3 weeks followed by a Gallery Exhibit Learn lighting, composition, posing, and more! Kids bring own cameras - doesn't have to be fancy! \$180 per student, 50% retainer to reserve your spot!

Registration and Information:

https://www.jamieandclintphotography.com/kidsworkshop

Holy Trinity's Youth get a 10% discount

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Pics of the Month

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So long, farewell and Godspeed to the Uskoski and the Lavin Families.



The young and the seasoned.



Lorraine & Pastor in Jamaica.



Kate, the church's hairdresser.





Youth Group Pool Party at the Russell's home.

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Confirmation 2023



Sam Thorsrud, Emma Thorsrud, Oskar Mitchell, Caitlyn Manicke, and Nic Bogle



Blessing of Oskar Mitchell



Blessing of Emma Thorsrud



Blessing of Nic Bogle



Blessing of Caitlyn Manicke



Blessing of Sam Thorsrud

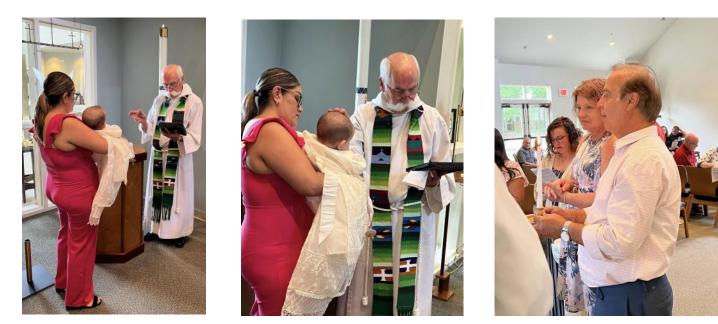
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Baptism of Alexia Nicole Beach









Alexia Nicole Beach's Baptism on June 11th included lots of family and the entire congregation with a reception afterwards.



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🎉 Pastor & Lorraine's 10th Anniversary 🎉

















A delightful celebration and renewal of **Pastor Rich and Ms. Lorraine's** wedding vows in Jamaica.

Council Branding Workshop

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Our thanks to Randi Patterson's daughter, Casey Porter. She facilitated a Saturday workshop to help our church council develop a branding strategy that we can pursue over the next couple years. It really helped our team articulate how we want to be perceived outside (and inside) the walls of our building, grow our congregation, and expand our place in the community. It was remarkable and thrilling to discover just how much agreement already existed among our congregation leadership. The Lord was clearly amongst us as evidenced by how quickly we were able to establish a shared vision. We ARE moving forward and growing in the name of God!















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.

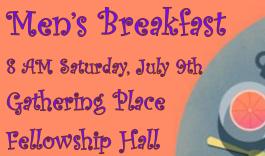
Current vs. Building Fund Reminder: Specify how you want your offering split between the Current Fund and the Building Fund. If you do not specify on your envelope, it will by default go to the Current Fund. Anonymous cash (without an envelope specification) will all go towards the Current Fund. Checks 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.



July AT HOLY TRINITY



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We will volunteer at **Prodisee Pantry on Wednesday, July 19th @ 5:30pm** followed by dinner and fellowship.



Name	Birth Date
Toni Fassbender	07/07
Denise Clark	07/14
Tommy Foxworth	07/16
Debi Horlebein	07/17
George Eckenstaler	07/18
Randi Patterson	07/24
Sandy Vontroba	07/27
Audri Richards	07/29



Diane & Chris MacShane 07/03/2010 13 yrs

Eric & Audrey Veren 07/07/2007 16 yrs

Fred & Toni Fassbender 07/12/1982 41 yrs

Tiffany & Daryl Bogle 07/13/2008 15 yrs

Jeff & Barbie Ramsland 07/16/1983 40 yrs

Tom & Ann Young 07/17/1965 58 yrs

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Worship Leadership Assignments for July

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Worship Leader Assignments						
	July 2, 2023	July 9, 2023	July 16, 2023	Jully 23, 2023	July 30,2023	
Assisting	Jeff Ramsland	Toni Fassbender	Dave Kummer	Rick Russell	Tommie Morgan	
Acolyte	Cait Manicke	TBD	Nic Bogle	Lynn Russell	Dave Kummer	
Lector	Pam Burkey	Kevin Burkey	Ginny Peterson	Toni Fassbender	Joan Micelli	
Cantor	Randi Patterson	Debi Horlebein	Randi Patterson	Phyllis Buchholz	Debi Horlebein	
Children's Sermon	Sarah Howell	Cyndi Howell	Pam Burkey	Sarah Howell	Linda Veren	
Altar	Joan Micelli	Emily Cormier	Tommie Morgan	Joan Micelli	Diane MacShane	
Greeters	Lynn Russell	Rick & Lynn Russell	Lorraine Studt	Dave Kummer	Phyllis Buchholz	
Usher	Curtis Manicke	Fred Fassbender	Sam Oldham	Kevin Burkey	Dave Howell	
Tellers	Diane MacShane & Lisa Manicke	Fred Fassbender & Dave Howell	Dave Howell & Phylis Buchholz	Fred Fassbender & Diane MacShane	Jeff Ramsland & Lisa Manicke	
Camera Operator	Nate Manicke	Nate Manicke	Nate Manicke	Andy Veren	Eric Veren	
Flowers	TBD	Bogles 15th Anniversary	TBD	TBD	Tommie Morgan In Memory of Zeb	
Hospitality	Jell-0 Day	Ramslands	Lorraine & Tiffany	TBD	TBD	

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





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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.

Those Who Are III/Injured/Hurting/Hospitalized, Recuperating: Tammy Cain, Milissa Collins, David Durant, Jay Fassbender, Franklin and Elsie Lamb, Dot Peterson, Sheila Ross, David Scott and Charles Sharp.

ELCA LEADERS: SE Synod Bishop Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

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

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is Monday, July 24th	1
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

ChildCare provided