



HOLY TRINITY

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“FAITH @ FIFTEEN” IS OUR AUGUST FOCUS



During the month of August, Holy Trinity will be celebrating our 15th year since being officially organized and recognized as a congregation of the ELCA. While our seeds were planted in 2007, 2010 was our year to become “official!” We will be highlighting our history throughout the

month, reaching a peak on Sunday, August 24th, when we’ll share a catered brunch and special program after worship. Plan to join us!



“RECONCILING IN CHRIST” TEAM INVITES YOUR PERSPECTIVE!



Our Reconciling in Christ team, currently consisting of **Kris Frisbie, Cheryl Mohr, Fred Carbaugh, Kristen Stoll, Lyn Peterson, Jon Brandt, and Fred Carbaugh** have been diligently meeting to organize our work of

discernment relative to how welcoming, affirming, and encouraging we are ready to be. The team is currently engaged in a series of opportunities to learn and listen to your own perspectives! Stay tuned, and plan to be a vital part of this key effort!

SUMMER SIDING PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED

We've been blessed with an incredibly efficient and relatively inexpensive facility in which to gather for worship and do ministry! As our building has aged, however, a few minor projects have called for our attention. One of those is the siding and underlayment on the southwest side, which has borne the cost of sun fade, plowing damage, and sidewalks settling, resulting in water absorption and other risks.

Thankfully, we have some generous in-house talent willing to tackle the new installation on a voluntary basis later this month, in the form of Stu Berns and Brian Bowman, who, along with a handful of other volunteers, hope to resolve this over the coming weekend. Thanks in advance!

MANY, MANY THANKS!

- ... to **Pastors Kathy Roys and Sarah Goettsch** for serving as our guest preachers last month!
- ... **All** who helped staff Vacation Bible School and Day Camp during July 14-18.
- ... **Brian and Nicholas Bowman, Stu Berns, Jeff Decker, Fred Carbaugh, Harold Kolze, Jim Warkentin, and Amani Byamungu** for their help on our siding project!

PARENTS ORIENTATION NIGHT FOR “WYN” SET FOR

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27TH



WEDNESDAY YOUTH NIGHT

We celebrate the fact that we have over 50 families with children eligible for this year’s exciting Wednesday night

“WYN” ministry, sharing learning, fellowship, games, highs and lows, worship, and lots, lots more!

We hope to start in mid-September – but we need YOU to be a part! Every other activity in which your child invests requires the same – and we’re not asking for anything different! We have all kinds of roles you can play – some each week, and some occasional, but each of which is necessary in order to do what we do! So if you have a child in going into grades 5-12 this year, we need at least ONE parent from each family to be present for a special orientation session, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27th. Bring your calendar, and together, we’ll review our goals, plans, and needs – along with the essential parent support to make it all happen! Join us from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary



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ZION'S ADULT VACATION BIBLE STUDY

Zion Lutheran cordially invites adults to their Vacation Bible Study on Tuesday, August 5, to Thursday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Dr. Esther Menn of Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will lead a study on "Women in the Bible: What Do They Mean for Faith Today." Registration is available at zionlutheran-ic.org. There is no fee for attending.

BABY SHOWER



Join us following worship on August 3rd as we have a baby shower for Tim and Emma Stammeyer as

they prepare for the October advent of their baby. They are registered at Target. Gifts of diapers can be given to the Noarth Liberty Community Pantry in their honor.

MEMORY LANE



PRAYER PAGE UPDATE

- Pray for the people of **Ukraine and Russia, Gaza, Israel, Iran, Yemen, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda** as they struggle to live amid ongoing conflicts there.
- Pray for the people of the **Texas** after their recent deadly flooding there.
- Pray for all those are currently expecting, including **Taylor and Gabi Ingles, Matt and Kelsi Pelzer, and Tim and Emma Stammeyer.**
- Pray for the family of **Gerry Kuhl**, a charter member of Holy Trinity, who passed away at home on July 20th.
- Pray for **Tim Stammeyer**, recovering from a persistent sinus issue that has resulted in chronic dizziness and fatigue.
- Pray for **Matt Baumann** (son of Sue Baumann), still receiving cancer care.
- Pray for **Elym Choun**, a past participant in our Day Camp, being treated for severe aplastic anemia.
- Pray for **Susan Palmer**, friend of Nancy Grove, being treated for cancer.
- Pray for **Melissa DuRoe** (friend of Mike & Sonda Uitermarkt), now in hospice care.
- Pray for **Laurel Hibbard**, still being treated for metastatic breast cancer.
- Pray for **Emy Charlebois**, sister of Clay Peterson, living with metastatic breast cancer.
- Pray for **Don Hellem**, father of Dan Hellem, homebound at present with several chronic health issues at present.
- Pray for **Harold Meyer** (husband of Twilla Meyer), in care at Crestview in West Branch.
- Pray for **Wonkyung Kim's mother, Soon-hee Choi**, as she undergoes medical procedures in light of her recent illness and diagnosis.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

... the ELCA will be electing a new presiding bishop at its triennial churchwide assembly in Phoenix July 28 - August 2?

... while a bishop in Peru, Pope Leo was said to often be on the lookout for used cars that he could buy cheap and fix up himself for use in parishes around his diocese? (*Business Standard, June 7*)

... since 2020, 79 nonprofit colleges and universities have closed or merged, or announced that they will? More than half were religiously-affiliated, including Mount Mercy University, which recently merged with St. Ambrose University. More than 30 religious schools that are still in business are considered “not financially responsible.” Small religious schools in rural states, in particular, are shutting down at an accelerating rate. Their troubles threaten to diminish access to higher education for rural students. (*NPR, May 18*)

... every year, a few dozen people gather at the Clarence Darrow Memorial Bridge in Chicago’s Jackson Park to celebrate the attorney and activist best known for his part in the Scopes Monkey Trial, a landmark case in US history? This year’s event honored the 100th anniversary of the trial, during which Darrow defended Scopes, who was accused of breaking a Tennessee law banning the theory of evolution from being taught in schools. Standing near the bridge, participants read excerpts of Darrow’s defense, including “Here, we find today as brazen and bold an attempt to destroy learning as was ever made in the Middle Ages.” The ceremony was followed by a symposium on book- and idea-banning still happening in schools across the country (*Block Club Chicago, March 14*)

... Despite the Trump administration’s efforts to slow down the use of clean energy, the industry has built enough momentum that he can’t stop it. In some U.S. markets, installing new renewable energy is cheaper than running existing coal plants. Last year was the first in which the U.S. produced more electricity from wind and solar power than from coal. (*Vox, April 21*)

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