

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

201 S. Washington St. Unity, WI 54488



2025

July 6th

Worship 8:00 a.m. (Noisy Offering)

July 8th - Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

July 9th - WELCA Road Trip

July 13th

Worship 8:00 a.m.

July 20th

Worship 8:00 a.m.

July 24th - God Moment on the Trail; 7:00 p.m. Cherokee Park

July 27th

Worship 8:00 a.m.

Summer Fellowship @ Barb's - Noon

God Moment on the Trail 7:00 p.m. Erbach Park

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FROM THE Pastor's Desk

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge. ~ Psalm
19:1-2 NIV

Summer months in the church calendar fall on what we refer to as Ordinary Time. The liturgical color for this season is green, reminding us that even a season without special days like Easter and Christmas it can be a season of growth.

For us who live in the northern climate we know how much growth occurs outside during THE GROWING SEASON, a season where we can almost literally watch things grow in our gardens and fields, and sometimes ask ourselves, how'd all those weeds get there, 'Oy!!! Some of my favorites things in my flower beds are; Cala Lilies, Johnny Jump Ups, and Miniature Holly Hocks (they were one of my mom's favorites).

My prayer for you all is to have a peaceful, restful summer, and that you will feel God's presence in this amazing world God created!

Let Me Live Grace-fully

(by Ted Loader in his book of prayers; Guerillas of Grace)

Thank you Lord, for this season
of sun and slow motion, of games and porch sitting,
of picnics and light green fireflies on heavy purple evenings;
and praise for slight breezes.
It's good, God, as the first long day of your creation.

Let this season be for me a time of gathering together the pieces
into which my busyness has broken me.

O God, enable me now to grow wise through reflection,
Peaceful through the song of the cricket,
recreated through the laughter of play.

Most of all, Lord, let me live easily and grace-fully for a spell,



Worship Assistants

July Duties:

	Lay reader	Ushers	Comm. Asst.
July 6th	Randy Klimmer	Doug & Terra Newman	Doug N.
July 13th	Jared Klimmer	Cindy Hardrath	Cindy Hardrath
July 20th	Barb Soback	David H. & Betty M.	David Heron
July 27th	Linda Fischer	Naomi Carey	Jared Klimmer

Money Counters

July 6th	Pat Klimmer & Susan Karsten
July 13th	Patsy Schuh & Terra Newman
July 20th	Al Raatz & Jared Klimmer
July 27th	Doug Newman & Cindy Hardrath



In August....those in charge.....

Altar Guild - Pat Suckow & Terra Newman

Lay Readers - Barb Soback

Ushers & Comm. Assistant - Bob Strunk



July 16th through the 18th in the church basement.

Bring your "unwanted treasures" anytime
and put them in the basement.

Set up will take place after worship on July 13th.

Workers will be needed; look for the signup sheet in the
narthex. The sale will run from 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.



June Council Meeting Summary

The council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 10th, with 6 people attending. Some of the things discussed were as follows:

- Pastor will be gone June 22nd; her

replacement will be Lyle Roe from Withee; he is a SAM (synodically authorized minister).

- Al Raatz has contacted 2 people regarding shortening pews; he is waiting for a response.
- Pastor shared "God Moments on the Trail" which invites anyone to experience God in a natural setting. There are 2 days in June, 2 in July and 2 in August at different parks.
- There will be a few changes in the worship service for the summer.
- A handout from Pastor Teri was given to each council member with questions about Trinity's ministry. Look for the questions in her article.
- Lyle Roe will be our SAM pastor on June 22nd; he can give communion.
- The anniversary worship service has been changed to 1:00 p.m.; Pastor Tim & Leslie Duesenberg will be attending.
- A new policy from Church Mutual Insurance was received.
- Some policies have changed for our food pantry because of the high attendance and decreased resources; the pantry will open 2 Wednesdays each month and some identification with an address is required.
- Cindy will set up a time for Auburndale Fire & Safety to check our equipment.

The next meeting is July 8th at 6:30.

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Florence Edblom is turning 90 on July 26th. Let's all send birthday cards to make it a special day! Her address is 510 W. Wausau St. Colby 54421.

so that I may see other souls deeply,  
share in a silence unhurried, listen to the sound of sunlight and shadows,  
explore barefoot the land of forgotten dreams and shy hopes,  
and find the right words to tell another who I am.

May Your Summer Days Be Blessed,

~ Pastor Teri

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As we think about our local church and its ministry in our community over the past 125 years, we are also reminded that over the centuries, the church - the body of Christ - has changed and adapted to its point in time. Many churches that have been organized in the NW Synod were organized in a world that no longer exists.

As members at TLC, we are tasked with not only the day-to-day operational "stuff" but also to listen to the where and how the spirit is guiding us in our ministry and its impact among us, our community and surrounding areas.

As we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in 2025, I am curious as to how you would answer the following questions. These will be popping up in my messages throughout the summer and I invite you to think about them along with me.

1. What are three words that describe the primary passions / values of our congregation?
2. How would our neighbors describe our church?
3. How would you define the primary neighborhoods that we are called to minister to?  
(i.e. our county, the village of Unity, our school district, etc)

4. What do our neighbors hope and long for most?
5. To whom is God calling us to focus our outreach ministry?  
(i.e. our immediate neighbors, single moms / dads, children, veterans, seniors, etc)
6. What does our church uniquely have to offer our community?

**Let's share some yummy recipes!**

### *What's Cooking?*

## Blueberry Delight

- 2 c. graham crackers, crushed
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 10 T. butter, melter
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 16 oz. Cool Whip
- 2 cans blueberry pie filling



Mix graham cracker crumbs, sugar & melted butter; press evenly into a 9 X 13 pan. Chill for 30 minutes.

Beat the cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla and 8 oz. of the Cool Whip until well combined. Spread evenly over the crust.

Spread the pie filling over the cream cheese layer. Top with the remaining Cool Whip. Refrigerate for at least 2 hrs. or overnight.

Use more graham cracker crumbs or fresh blueberries as a garnish.



## God Moments on the Trail

Jesus' ministry with his disciples was full of travel. It seems that they spent their time traveling together, walking along, talking, and stopping to pray, to eat, and to rest. Think about the scriptures that told us

Jesus was going to a quiet place to pray.

We too can hear from God in quiet places as well as in church. Some of the more revealing events of Jesus' life and ministry happened in while they were traveling; The Sermon on the Mount, The Road to Emmaus, The Transfiguration, and Jesus calling the first disciples on the beach.

I invite you to join me for God Moments on the Trail and a time of connection and renewal; in our relationship with God, the church, one another, and the earth.

Holy hiking gets us out of our everyday "stuff".

We will enjoy a leisurely walk. Hear a scripture or two, pray and have communion.

Join me at one of the following places:

Cherokee Park July 24 @ 7:00-7:30pm

Erbach Park (Athens) July 27 @ 7:00-7:30pm

Brighton Park (Unity) August 21 @ 7:00-7:30pm

Athens Park August 24 @ 7:00-7:30pm

*"In God's wildness lies the hope of the world*

*- the great fresh unblighted, unredeemed wilderness" ~ John Muir*

[Taken from "John of the Mountains: The Unpublished Journals of John Muir" (1938), page 317"]

~ Pastor Teri



## WELCA News

A meeting was held on June 11th following a lunch served by Karen Winkler. Six women attended the meeting.

Some of the business discussed follows:

- The tour date has been set for July 23rd (but then changed to July 9th); anyone interested can meet at church at 9:45; the first stop will be at Shirley's House of Hope for a tour and a question & answer session; lunch will follow at Nutz Deep in Spencer; after lunch the group will visit Nadine's place to learn about wool making and weaving (and meet her "boys"); the last stop will be ice cream at a place yet to be determined. Please join us if possible for a fun outing. This will take the place of the July meeting.
- In place of a meeting, the group will visit Florence on July 25th after meeting at the Coffee Coop; Florence is turning 90 on July 26th. Please consider sending her a birthday card on this momentous day (510 W. Wausau St. Colby).
- It was agreed that WELCA will take care of planning and serving the meal for our anniversary celebration. B & S Catering, Smith Bros. & County Market will be contacted for prices of main dishes and a cake will be ordered from Kristy's Kustom Kakes in Spencer.
- At the August meeting, plans for cleaning will be made.



### What a great day!

Our involvement in the Spencerama parade was an awesome experience. It was fun representing Trinity and celebrating 125 years of our congregation's existence. We handed out glow sticks and pens labeled with our church's name and address which were well received. We also gave out candy. We'll repeat this again in the Colby Cheese Days parade on July 20th. We are looking for more people to participate! For more information contact Pat Klimmer. Thanks to David and Betty for sharing their e-bike and making the posters.

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### Summer Fellowship Potluck

Let's celebrate summer and our faith community at TLC!! Our first get together was at Jerry & Pat Suckow's (thank you to them for hosting!) and our next one will be at Barb Soback's on July 27th.

It starts at noon - bring a dish to pass.



## July Birthdays

8 - Beth Krebsbach  
9 - Eric Elmhurst  
10 - Jena Elmhurst  
17 - Terra Newman; Ron Miller  
19 - Danica Hederer  
25 - Al Raatz  
26 - Florence Edblom



## Anniversaries

11 - Ron & Susan Karsten  
21 - Lester & Patti Bainer  
23 - Dylan & Emily Loertscher



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### Seamstresses needed!

Dresses can be included in the shoeboxes for Shoebox Christmas which help keep little girls safe from human trafficking. Bonnie Schmitt has a simple pattern if

interested and she will answer any questions. Please help if you can.

## Anniversary Plans Update

- Our participation in the Spencerama parade was great! The weather cooperated so we did not get wet or hot.
- The next event is the Colby Cheese Days parade on July 20th; please consider helping out; it will be fun!
- The celebratory worship service has been changed to 1:00 p.m. on September 14th to accommodate Pastor Tim & Leslie who will be attending.

A list of former members is being made and it is hopeful invitation letters will be sent soon - to current and former members. Please share the information with family members as we have to limit mailings somewhat. Anyone is welcome to attend. We are just hoping for a response as to how many so the right amount of food is ordered and made (by Sept. 1st).

PICTURES - We need some current pictures for our anniversary pamphlet. We will attempt to take a membership picture before worship on July 27th and maybe another Sunday. If you have any pictures of events in the past year, please share them with Pat Klimmer. Group pictures also need to be taken.

