



# TRINITY TIDINGS

July, 2019

*Believing in Christ, we are called to grow and are sent to serve.*

## Thinking Out Loud With Pastor Josh

This past month (June), I had the privilege of attending our annual Synod Assembly. Knowing full well that I, as a Pastor, am required to go, I know that can ring hollow. It might also lead to a little eye rolling because here I am, the ELCA Pastor, selling a very churchy thing to do.

Except, I am not the only one who goes. And enjoys themselves. Yes, there are churchy things like worship. Even though it's large congregation worship with lots of voices and prayers. Its an assembly so of course there's church work stuff like "We have a motion to..." and "All those in favor, vote now..." I will grant that.

And there's so much more than that. Actually, the business of the church usually takes the least amount of time. So why bother meeting every year if there isn't much business to manage?

Because synod assembly is about the work of the church and as we know here at the local level, our work in God's name is far beyond a line item or a committee meeting. For instance, at assembly this year we voted on the budget. Just like we do. Our synod budget raised some powerful questions that sound familiar to us here.

An organization can say all the best words, but the budget is where we put our treasure. At the synod level, we discussed for a little while whether the budget fully represents how we want our synod living the gospel in our part of the world. That's a fascinating question to ask any organization, let alone one that manages a multi-million dollar budget. And that question came from the floor from an otherwise random person. You can do that at assembly. Bring questions to the floor for Bishop and everyone else there to hear.

We heard from Dr Anna Madsen, a theologian who specializes in grief and bringing God's light into tragic situations. She used quantum physics, process theology, and cultural references to help all of us think about sin, forgiveness, and hope. She ended with a message of hope that moved everyone in the room. How often do we get to simply sit and take in information meant for our encouragement, strength, and inspiration?

Plus all the down time to chat with strangers and pollinate ideas with each other. To learn what this church is doing or that church is accomplishing. We heard from Pr Kevin Strickland on all that our national church is up to and how we are integral to this work. Disaster response, eradicating hunger, creating new worship homes, educating pastors and leaders, advocating for justice. Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt Morris is part of all this work as much as we're an extension of it right here in town.

We are the ELCA. We are the Northern IL Synod. We are a church called to walk with our community here in Mt Morris. We are all of these at the same time and synod assembly is where all of us come together to celebrate, sing, do a little business, and remember how much we can accomplish when we live in partnership for the glory of God and the sake of our neighbors here and across the globe.

Trust in God's Grace. Pr Josh Ehrler

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Trinity at the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly held at Augustana College June 14 and 15. Besides the usual business of accepting reports and approving a new budget, there were several highlights:

The Northern Illinois Synod (NIS), composed of 144 congregations, gives 55% of its funds to the ELCA for mission support, a generosity gratefully acknowledged by the ELCA representative.

Our member, Rev. Ron Larson, was recognized for 40 years of pastoral service.

We were introduced to our synod's new mission statement, "Walking together: Loving Christ, loving all – for the sake of the world."

The NIS youth announced plans for a summer 2020 "mini Houston" event.

Bishop Jeffrey Clements issued a challenge to raise \$10,000 for the Synod Assembly offering and it was achieved! An in-kind offering sponsored by the NIS Social Ministry Committee was a collection of letters from members addressed to federal legislators concerning an end to hunger.

Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen spoke passionately and sometimes humorously about the intersection of process theology and quantum physics. Simply put, every moment gives us options, not just good or bad ones. Every moment is redeemable – every moment is redeemed.

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Two resolutions were passed:

*Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women* will be received and celebrated at the national conference and asks all congregations to celebrate this year. It acknowledged the Synod's complicity in creating barriers, discriminating against and sexually harassing women preparing for and becoming ordained. Among many tasks it called for establishing goals and strategies for congregations to achieve for ordained women including comparable compensation packages by 2025 and access to ministry roles where women are underrepresented, with an emphasis on women of color.

*Concerning Gender Equality for Rostered Leadership Positions in the Northern Illinois Synod* calls for congregational training materials about equitable compensation packages and benefits. And, among other tasks, to develop anti-sexual harassment policies with recognition for congregations which complete training.

View both resolutions in their entirety at

[www.assembly.nisynod.org](http://www.assembly.nisynod.org).

I strongly encourage any (and all!) Trinity members to attend the NIS Assembly. Worshipping with and meeting fellow Lutherans from our area, discussing all kinds of good works and challenges was enlightening and rewarding. It helped me think outside our church walls.

Sandra Stengel

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

A summary of the June 10, 2019 meeting:

- Devotions were from Living Lutheran, Chapter 5, Read Acts 9:1-19. Wrote 3 thoughts on Trinity's Next five years on sticky notes.
- Motion passed to adopt agenda.
- Motion passed to approve May Council meeting Minutes.
- Approved a building use form for a potential Free Will concert for \$135 fee.

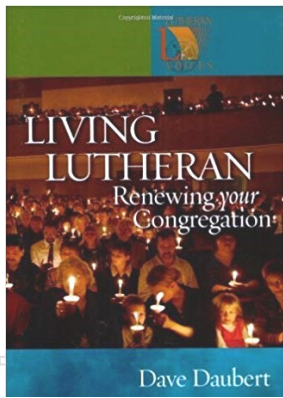
## FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 2019

Total Monthly Budget Income	\$ 16,851.30
Total Monthly Budget Expense	\$ 18,813.14
Year-to-date Budget Income	\$ 91,900.35
Year-to-date Budget Expense	\$ 97,089.65
Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (5,189.30)

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Many of us have found it much easier to make online transactions than cash or checks.

Trinity offers that option for regular giving as well. The church office has the form needed to get started.



## COUNCIL BOOK STUDY

**Living Lutheran:  
Renewing Your  
Congregation**  
**Rev. Dr. Dave Daubert**

Council held an invigorating conversation around chapter 5, "Looking for a Vision." We

tried to imagine where our church would be in 5 years, especially if God were fully in charge. Naturally this is a difficult vision for us to identify yet we talked about Trinity without limits. Timely because this year we will be learning about and voting on our updated constitution, as well as discussing our annual budget. Up next: chapter 6. If you would like to study along with Council, talk to Pr Josh.

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY

### Summer Worship Series

"Flip the Script," or "How Jesus Takes what We Expect and Turns it Upside Down"

June 22/23 - Fragile God, Luke 2.1-20

June 29/30 - Wait No More. Luke 7.1-17

July 6/7 - Open After Hours, Luke 9.10-17

July 13/14 - Neighborhood Rehab, Luke 10.25-37

"How to be a Troublemaker," or "Jesus Hangs Out with the Most Interesting People"

July 27/28 – Don't Ask Permission, Luke 7.36-8.3

Aug 3/4 – Climb Above, Luke 19.1-17

Aug 10/11 – Show Up for Dinner, Luke 5.27-32



## DEEP DIGS ADULT LEARNING

## NO BROWN BAG BANTERING FOR SUMMER

**We will resume in September.**

Please watch Tidings & Refrigerator Reminders For the exact date.



## PRAYER WALKS

**June 16, July 14,  
Aug 11**

Want to take a stroll through parts of Mt Morris? Join Pr Josh and a few others as we leave the main doors of Trinity and travel by foot up and down our area streets. The intent is to meet our neighbors, see our community from a different angle and pace, and pray. We may, if able, ask Three Questions of our neighbors, though this is not the most important task. No hard evangelism, no nosy intruding, no door knocking, simply a walk around town with a hope to see to Christ around us.

## THREE QUESTIONS

**What do you like about your community?**

**What is something you would like to see changed about this community?**

**If we could work on this change together, how would you be willing to help?**



These are the THREE QUESTIONS we are invited to ask our neighbors. Half sheets are available in the office and around the building if you would like a semi-formal way of taking notes. Ask folks while you're standing in line at the grocery store, grabbing coffee or in your backyard. THREE QUESTIONS is meant to be a safe, easy way for any of us to engage our community and gain some ideas on what people are thinking about in Mt Morris and beyond. Feel free to drop off your notes with the office and Council will compile all the information. We can't wait to hear from our neighbors.

## TWELCA NEWS

T.W.E.L.C.A. = Trinity Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



TWELCA's Mission statement: **to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**

**Dorcas group** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. at the church, except for Aug & Dec when they have joint events with the Naomi Group.

**Naomi group** meets the 4th Monday at 1:00 pm April through November at the church except for Aug and Dec, when they have joint events with Dorcas group.

Both groups invite all women to join them!

## VBS ROAR!

Monday, July 15

Through

Friday, July 19

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**REGISTER NOW!**



**Register online at:**

**vbspro.events/p/mtmorrisvbs**

or at Church of the Brethren,  
Disciples United Methodist or  
Trinity Lutheran, all in Mt. Morris!



This epic African Adventure engages  
the whole herd! Kids explore God's goodness &  
celebrates a ferocious faith that powers them through!

### ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS

**Calling Adults!** We have our Leaders for each of the  
stations the children visit each day.

We have plenty of student assistants.

**We still need adults!**

Questions? Contact Melissa Nicholson  
815-440-0279 or melissa8305@gmail.com

**Please see More VBS on page 9 of this newsletter**

### NOISY OFFERING FOR JULY

#### Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

The purpose of our Noisy Offering is to teach the joy of giving to God. As we move through our own summer plans and vacations, LOMC is vibrantly active connecting faith and the outdoors. Campers are experiencing myriad activities, songs, foods, and people of God while hearing how God's love for all is for each of them. Our financial gifts support the Campership fund that LOMC uses for campers who may not be able to afford and yet want to go. Your coins and financial gifts go directly toward a young person who is waiting for the opportunity to swim, play, and hang out around campfires meeting others and hearing the Word the God.

**Results of the Collection for Rescue Release  
Restore = \$140.05 (through 6/23/19)**

Thank you for your generosity.



Do any online shopping with Amazon? Now you can get your goods AND support Trinity Lutheran Church. The site functions the same as you are used to with a minor change. You need to enter Amazon through their Smile pathway. You will know you're going the right way because Amazon will note below the search bar the organization you are supporting.

Type: Amazon.com/Smile Search for: "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church" in Mt Morris, IL

### PRAIRIE FARMS "OUR CAPS FOR YOUR CAUSE"



"DRINK PRAIRIE FARM MILK &  
GIVE TO WHAT MOOVES YOU."

What if you could affect real change, just by saving your milk caps? We make it easy for you to give back to your favorite cause, in your community, how you choose.

1. Begin by purchasing Prairie Farms milk in gallon or half gallon sizes.
2. Peel off the Prairie Farms cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code.
3. Go to [www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause/](http://www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause/)
4. Click on Redeem Codes Now.  
Choose a Category. Choose Faith Based & Religious  
Choose Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Mount Morris
5. Enter cap codes.
6. Click the donate button.

### LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY

serves Mt. Morris & Leaf River. It is located on the lower level of The Church of the Brethren: 409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris.

Hours: 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month: 4:30 – 7pm  
**(open July 3 since Thursday is Holiday)**

2nd & 4th Mon of each month: 2:00 – 4:30 pm

For May, 99 households were served, for a total of 247 individuals.

#### Officers of the Loaves and Fish Board are:

President: Pastor Bruce McKanna  
Vice President: Melissa Nicholson  
Secretary: Ferol Labash  
Treasurer: Nelson Miller

## 2017 HITEMAN AWARD RECIPIENTS – UPDATE

The following five students were the first recipients of the Hiteman Scholarship. Ole and Jane Hiteman established the scholarship fund to help students who need financial assistance in order to pursue additional course work or vocational training. The award is given on a yearly basis, but a recipient may apply for a second year of support. Ole & Jane grew up in Forreston and moved to Mount Morris to begin their careers. Both Ole & Jane have passed away, and Trinity appreciates their generosity and foresight.

Recipients may be from Forreston or Oregon schools or an employee in Mt. Morris seeking advanced training for professional growth and better job opportunities. Recipients do not need to be a member of Trinity.

Committee members are: Dennis Hoffmeister, Arlene Sangmeister, Rob Urish and Vern Welp.

**Jacob Cox** - Completed Sophomore year at Valparaiso University;

Psychology and Social Work classes;

Also taking a class called "The Christian Tradition" - it is so very interesting;

Still a member of the Crusader Pep Band and the VU Jazz Ensemble;

Thank you so very much for being able to renew the Hiteman Scholarship.

**Hailey Long** - Graduating from University of Iowa in December 2019; Human Physiology degree; Planning to pursue a graduate degree as a Physician Assistant;

Continues to participate in Club Volleyball; traveled to Colorado for tournament;

Thankful for support and generosity from Hiteman Scholarship.

**Haley Repass** - Currently enrolled in first semester of nursing school at Kishwaukee Community College;

I just completed week 9 of nursing school; got checked off to give injections at clinicals!

I think I want to work in a clinic setting;

I enjoy the one on one and personal level the patients have with the medical staff;

I wish to thank you for the scholarship and the support you have given me.

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**Karalee Rinehart** - Currently in my second semester at University of Wisconsin Whitewater.

In an apartment with two other girls and am enjoying it. Recently changed my major from general management to occupational safety;

Start classes for this major in the fall 2019 semester.

I would like to thank you again for this scholarship; it has allowed me to only work on weekends.

**Cody Stewart** - Receiving this scholarship for about 2 years; every cent has helped tremendously;

Enrolled at Heartland Community College for nursing; then my bachelors as a RN;

My classes are getting harder as time goes but that is expected; I really enjoy science and psychology;

Nobody can prepare you for the expenses that college throws at you;

With the assistance for Trinity it has been so much less stressful; I am very thankful for everyone at Trinity and all the help that has been given with the Hiteman award.

## TWELCA WOMEN SPONSORING LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Back to school sales will be starting soon! Please help the children by donating from the list below.

**Monetary donations are also welcome!** Please put monetary offerings in the offering plate or leave in the office with note "for TWELCA school kits."

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT:

\***Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approx. 8" X 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper**

\***One 30 centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**

\***One pencil sharpener**

\***One 2 1/2" eraser**

\***One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**

\***Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**

\***Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**

\***One box of 16 or 24 crayons**

**A Drawstring backpack is provided by Trinity.**

**Please do NOT donate the following items:** any with religious symbols or messages, or decorated with a U.S. Flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to armed forces, including camouflage. (Tiny American flags showing where the items are made are okay.)



**STRONG GIRLS TO WOMAN CAMP  
2019-RECAP**

We had an incredible week filled with games, crafts, guest speakers and lots of fun with friends. Our daily themes this year were:

**MONDAY-** Discussing our reflection. When we look in the mirror, our reflection isn't just how we look on the outside, it is also the person we see on the inside. We have many wonderful qualities that make us who we are.

**TUESDAY-** Discussion of making mistakes and our failures. This was really a two part message for our girls. Being able to say "I'm sorry" when we have done something wrong. For ex. Telling a fib or picking on someone. We don't want to make others feel bad, and it makes us feel bad when we know we have done something wrong.

We also discussed failing, and that we don't have to be perfect! We aren't going to always win the race or the 1st place ribbon at the art contest. And that's OK! Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and hold your head high. In this demanding world we want our girls to know: "DO the best you can. You don't have to be "perfect". Be the best YOU that you can be. Because you are awesome!!!"

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**WEDNESDAY-** Discussion of respect. Respect for yourself and respect for those around us. There are lots of people in this world. We are all unique, having different likes and dislikes. We need to be aware of that fact. We need to act respectfully by being courteous, kind, & accepting.

**THURSDAY-** YOU ARE SHINING STARS IN A UNIVERSE OF AWESOME! Discussed with the girls that they are all amazing. They each have so much to offer in this great big world we live in. There are so many possibilities and their capabilities are endless!

The week has come and gone so quickly. Words cannot begin to express the magic that has happened during this week at camp. It has been unbelievable! Such a special time in a young girls life, and we get to be a part of that! Making memories, and giving them something that will hopefully stay with them for a lifetime!

A special shout out to my leaders HOLLY, OLIVIA, ELSIE, KENDRA, AVERY, WHITNEY, JULIE, NATALIE, CORRINE, AND DANICA!!! Thank you so much for all of your help, you were rock stars!

Also a thank you to our Trinity Lutheran family and friends for supporting SG2W! We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Adrienne Stafford

(See more pictures Facebook, Instagram and bltn board in belltower hallway)



**FREE ANNUAL IL JUNIOR CHEF PROGRAM Registration is Open!**

**Pre-Registration is Required! It's Easy! Just Call 815-732-2191 to Register!**

**DATES: July 22—July 26 from 9:30 - 11:30 am,**

here, at Trinity, for children ages 8 to 13.

(If there is enough on the waiting list, a second session will be offered July 29 - August 2)



**FREE CATCH Club** (No Registration Req.) will be at Trinity: **Wednesdays, July 3, 10 and 17** Natalie Coy will be here during Summer Lunch Program to do fun games and activities!

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday, June 2, during the 9:30 am worship service, the following three young women affirmed their baptism and became full members of Trinity. Below, is a little information on each, along with the Bible verse they chose for their affirmation service:

**Alexys Lynn Davis**, is the daughter of Dawn Lenoir-Davis. She was born March 9, 2005 and baptized May 8, 2005 here at Trinity. Her baptismal sponsors are Darci Karper and Terry Davis.

Psalm 120.1 "I cried out to the LORD when I was in trouble and God answered me."

**Kendra Elise Ehrler**, is the daughter of Pastor Josh & Amy Ehrler. She was born June 20, 2005 and baptized on November 6, 2005. Her baptismal sponsors are Adam Betz and Jennifer Heim.

Joshua 1.9 "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

**Laura Marie Wright**, is the daughter of Ammie Wright & Paul Wright. She was born November 4, 2004, and baptized on February 20, 2005, here at Trinity. Her baptismal sponsors are Phillip and Melissa Kish.

Psalm 62.2 "God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken."



Kendra, Laura, & Alexys were honored at a reception following the worship service.



## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

EVERY Tues., Wed. & Thurs  
thru Aug 1, 2019

**Serving from: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm for  
all children 1 year - 18 years of age**

Thinking of Volunteering? You don't have to volunteer every day. **Choose Your Days!**

A minimum of four teens/adults each day assures a good experience for each of the children.

Questions? Call the office at 815-734-6354 or email us at [trinitymmooffice@gmail.com](mailto:trinitymmooffice@gmail.com)



Feeding our Hungry Neighbors  
in Northern Illinois.



**FLAT JESUS SIGHTING AT SUMMER LUNCH  
PROGRAM! Where Else Has He Been?**

**Send us a picture & let us know!**

**[telcmtmorris@gmail.com](mailto:telcmtmorris@gmail.com),**

you can post pictures on our Facebook page, tag People!

## LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY NEWS

LIFELINE is located in Conover Square (old piano factory) at 203 N 3rd St, Suite 6, Oregon, IL

Hours: **Tues** 1:30 - 4:00 PM (food & clothing)

**Thurs** 1:00 - 4:00 pm (clothing only)

**Fri** 1:30—4:30 pm (food & clothing)

**Sat** 10:30—1:30 pm. (clothing only)

We would like to THANK the following for their participation in the Postal Food Drive: The Boy Scouts, their leaders, the Community, post office workers and drivers who went around and picked up the food. Pizza was supplied by Casey's. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

For the month of May, we served 249 clients. Our needs at this time are: bar soap, pork-'n beans, jelly and jam, pancake mix and syrup. **Questions?** Call 815-564-8234 and ask for Sharon.

## RESPONDING TO GOD: SHARING OUR GIFTS · REFLECT – PRAY – GIVE

*“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9.7*



Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt Morris is proud to be an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregation, partnered with over 9,000 churches in the US and 146 in our Northern IL Synod. Below are the Mission, Vision and Values that we share in ministry through the ELCA.

### **Our mission of the ELCA**

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

### **Our vision as the ELCA**

A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation.

**Our values** - Our values are grounded in faith, in our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources and our love of God and neighbor. They speak to the way this church lives and practices our faith, and they will guide how we journey forward in Christ as church together.

**Forgiveness and reconciliation** – We are reconciled to God by God's forgiving mercy. Forgiveness and reconciliation flow from what God has made us to be in Jesus Christ and what God is doing with us in the world. As a people of God, we embody forgiveness in speech, action & relationships, and our ministry in reconciliation is foundational.

**Dignity, compassion and justice** – Each person is created in God's image. We respect this God-given right to dignity and, inspired by the life of Jesus, show love and compassion for all people. Through proclamation of the gospel, through worship and as servants of God working for healing and justice in the world, we uphold and seek to protect the dignity and human rights of all people.

**Inclusion and diversity** – As Christ's church, we value the richness of God's creation and offer a radical welcome to all people, appreciating our common humanity and our differences. We are a church that does not view diversity as a barrier to unity. We recognize and will challenge dynamics of power and privilege that create barriers to participation and equity in this church and society – for women, people of color, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, people who are marginalized or living in poverty, and the LGBTQ community.

**Courage and openness to change** – Because we trust in God's promise and understand faith to be a living, daring confidence in God's grace, we are emboldened to embrace learning and change in our spiritual and institutional journey as church. This means we are open to new ways and willing to take risks to discover God's plan for this church.

**Faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts** – As church together, faithful stewardship is about holding to God's purpose and ensuring the responsibilities and resources that God has entrusted to us are used with great care and with accountability to God, to each other and those served by this church.



**Please note:** ALL of the information on this entire page was added after the hard copy July Tidings was mailed. Please share this information with anyone you know who doesn't receive emails. Thank you!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 4th of JULY FOOD STAND**

Thursday, July 4, Trinity will host a Food Stand during the 4th of July Parade, to raise funds for the Youth Gathering in 2021.

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

To Volunteer, simply do one of the following:  
talk to Mary Jo Dilbeck or  
Email her at danandjo1@yahoo.com or  
Contact the church office 815-734-6354  
or sign up on bulletin board outside office!

### **POTLUCK and WORSHIP with FREEDOM & ST. JAMES**

**Sunday, June 30,  
11:00 am at L.O. M. C.**



Trinity has been invited to hang out with our friends from St James and Freedom Lutheran churches at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center! Its going to be a lot of fun with food to share, songs to sing and the wide open outdoors to play in.

If YOU want to party at LOMC, bring a dish to pass (or not, no one is keeping track) A grill will be going for anyone who wants to grill their food on site.

**Details:** The worship and picnic is being held down in the tent/camping area near Paul's Pond. In case you don't know where this is, at the stop sign overlooking the main property grounds, go right and drive down past where the zipline stand is located.

### **DO YOU HAVE LARGE STUFFED ANIMALS THAT WOULD LIVE IN THE AFRICAN SAVANNA?**

#### **MAY VBS BORROW THEM?**



Our VBS theme for 2019 is ROAR!

We are looking for lions, rhinos, giraffes, elephants, birds. The **bigger** the better!

**We will need to have them at  
Trinity Before  
July 4th!**

You may pick them up after  
July 19th.

Questions?  
Text or Call Kelly Handschuh  
815-494-6403



### **LET'S CELEBRATE RUTH MYER'S 94th BIRTHDAY!**

**Saturday, June 30,** following  
5:30 pm Worship Service

Please join Ruth for a birthday  
treat after worship in the chapel  
(gathering space)



# TRINITY'S SERVANTS FOR JULY 2019

## Altar Guild

7 Linda Borneman  
14 Nancy Nelson  
21 Joan Sundvall  
28 Carrie Lay

## Acolytes

8 Noah Johnson  
14 Caleb Ehrler  
21 Cooper Johnson  
28 Cooper Johnson

## Ushers/ Greeters

All month: Sat: Kevin Nelson  
7 Please contact office—2 needed  
14 Please contact office—2 needed  
21 Please contact office—2 needed  
28 Please contact office—2 needed

## Song Leaders & Cantors

7 Mary Jo Dilbeck  
14 Linda Borneman  
21 Olivia Stafford or Steve Pearson  
28 Lily Welp

## Assisting Ministers:

6 Arika Black 7 Avery Sellers  
13 Arika Black 14 Ashton Persinger  
20 Arika Black 21 Ashton Persinger  
27 Arika Black 28 Carolyn Dilbeck

## Blood Pressure Checks

28 Robin Keene & Crete LeFevre

## Lector Schedule\*

All Month: Amanda Cowen

## \*Scripture Readings

6/7 Psalm 66.1-9  
Luke 9.10-17  
13/14 Psalm 25.1-10  
Luke 10.25-37  
20/21 Psalm 15  
Luke 10-.38-42  
27/28 Psalm 138  
Luke 7.36-8.3

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Sign up sheet is posted on bulletin Board outside office. Or, call or email office. See far left column for phone & email information

7 Larry & Doris Bolhous  
14  
21  
28

## Altar Flowers

Calendar & Information for providing flowers is on bulletin board in Narthex (back of worship space). Questions? Ask Karen Larson, any Altar Guild member or contact office.

7/8 The Dilbeck Family  
13/14  
20/21  
27/28

## Home Communion

(Normally 1st Sunday of Month)

Dave & Cindy Link  
Sandra Stengel

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon. — Thurs.**  
**8:30 am — 12:00 pm\***  
**1:00 pm — 4:00 pm\***

**Friday:**  
**8:00 am — 12:00 pm**

\*Planning to Stop in the Office? You are always welcome.

During **June & July, Tues - Thurs, 11 am -2 pm**, please **call or email before you come**. Due to Summer Lunch Program, the hours are a little different. Thank you!



## **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

308 East Brayton Road  
Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
**815-734-6354**

**Email: trinitymmoffice@gmail.com**

Website: [www.trinitymmil.net](http://www.trinitymmil.net)

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**Believing in Christ,  
we are called to grow,  
and are sent to serve.**

Ministers: All Members of Trinity

Pastor: Josh Ehrler  
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Email: [prjoshehrler@gmail.com](mailto:prjoshehrler@gmail.com)

Christian Education Director  
Melissa Nicholson  
815-440-0279  
Email: [melissa8305@gmail.com](mailto:melissa8305@gmail.com)

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**JULY 2019**

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (\*DETAILS INSIDE)

SATURDAY evening worship service at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship Service  
Fellowship Time following Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL: **Resumes September 8th**

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: Tues. June 4th  
and every Tues, Wed. & Thurs. thru Aug 1st  
11:30 am - 12:30 am (no lunch July 4th)

We also have a Youth Group (6th grade through high school) that meets on a monthly basis. Watch weekly reminders & Facebook for dates!

**WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS** - Resume on  
**Wednesday, September 11.**

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE (\* DETAILS INSIDE)

- All month - Collecting items for LWR School Kits\*
- Every Tues, Wed. & Thurs 11:30 - 12:30 pm  
Summer Lunch Program continues thru Aug 1st.  
(No meals served Thurs. July 4th)\*
- Wed. Jul 3, 10, 17 Univ of IL CATCH Club\*  
Same time as Summer Lunch Program
- Sun Jul 14, Prayer Walk with Pastor Josh\* following  
9:30 am Worship Service
- Mon July 15 - Fri July 19, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm VBS\*  
**Be sure to Register Online prior to July 15! Or,  
pick up a registration form at Trinity.**
- Mon July 22 - Fri July 26, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Univ.  
of Illinois Junior Chef Program\* (Pre-Registration  
is Required!)