

Shining God's Light

Christ & Trinity Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter

July 2016

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am No Sunday School during the summer months.

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Intentional Interim: Pastor Carl Gauck

Council Officers:

Greg Wehrman, President Paul Stevens, Vice President Staci Harrison, Secretary Tricia Wehrman, Treasurer

> Church Secretary: Kay Strouse

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10:00a-2:00p Office closed on Fridays during the summer months.

From the Intentional Interim

Love is Action

I ran across this illustration on Proclamation's web site and in reading it I thought very much of the members of Christ & Trinity Lutheran Church. See if you agree.

There is a great scene from the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, by Joseph Stein. Tevya and his wife Golda, partners in an arranged marriage, did not meet each other until their wedding day. Now they have watched as two of their daughters have married for love. This leads Tevya to ask his wife the question, "Do you love me?" She attempts to deflect the question as nonsense, but he insists, and finally she categorizes all the things she has done for him over the years, all the hard work that goes hand in hand with daily living, and concludes, "If that's not love, what is?" Her point is clear — love is action, and actions speak louder than words.

Since I began serving as your pastor, I have been impressed by the many acts of ministry and service you perform for the Sedalia community. It is in those mission moments that you speak so eloquently of your love for Christ and His call to serve those who are in need. Your lives speak so well of what it means to be those who are living the "Privilege of Participation." Those who attend my class have learned that the "Privilege of Participation" is a choice of expressing spiritual maturity as an ember of this congregation and the ELCA. It also means that we use our gifts being in harmony with others' gifts in which our love of Christ is so wonderfully expressed.

So I give thanks for you and your ministry that we perform together in Christ's name.



New Summer Office Hours

During the summer months, the church office will be closed on Fridays. Monday-Thursday hours will remain the same, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

When school begins in the fall, regular Friday office hours will be observed.



It's almost time for Vacation Bible School! We will meet July 18-22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Each evening we will be following Jesus, the Light of the world on a Cave Quest. We will have Bible study, crafts, snacks music, and fun for all ages!

A registration form is attached to this newsletter. More forms are available in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends!

Donations Accepted for VBS

Anyone wanting to make a monetary contribution for VBS snacks, please see Linda Boe. Linda is serving as the snack coordinator this year.

Meals On Wheels

Thanks to those who will be delivering Meals on Wheels on July 5-8. Christ & Trinity is also scheduled to deliver the week of August 1-5. We always need drivers. Runners are needed to take the meal to the client.

The work time is from 10 a.m. to approximately 12 noon. Contact Wanda Meyer (827-2357) if you are available. Thanks!

Mid-Mo Bible Camp July 24-29 Lake of the Ozarks State Park

This is a fantastic opportunity for youth who have finished 4th grade through 9th grade to deepen their faith. The camp is sponsored by the Mid-Missouri ELCA churches.

The cost of camp is \$90. Registration packets are available in the fellowship hall. These packets and a \$10 deposit are due to the camp by **July 8**th.

LYO Has T-Shirts and Hoodies For Sale!

T-shirt and hoodie orders are being taken in the fellowship hall through July 24. You can also contact Andrea with orders or questions.

There are two designs to choose from. The first is a design that we have used before, which has the seal of Luther and the name of the church on the left chest, and the verse "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me" with a cross printed on the back. Color options for the Christ & Trinity shirt are dark heather gray, dark navy blue, azalea pink, or heather cardinal red. T-shirts cost \$15 and hoodies are \$30.





The second option is a dark charcoal gray hoodie or t-shirt that has a light blue cross on the chest and says "Christ & Trinity Lutheran Youth Organization". The back says "Your future is as bright as your faith." The prices are the same, and while this option has the LYO name on the front instead of just the church name, anyone may choose to order this option.



Checks may be made out to "LYO". The LYO appreciates your support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed Monday, July 4th.

Pr. Gauck will not have office hours on Thursday, July 14.

August newsletter articles are due to the secretary no later than Monday, July 18th.

Join Pr. Gauck on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. as he leads a study on Spiritual Maturity. This class meets in the fellowship hall.

God is So Good!

What a wonderful Outdoor Worship Service we experienced on June 26th at Bothwell Lodge State Park! The birds were singing and nature was reminding us God is truly our Almighty Creator.

The youth presented the service under the direction of Andrea Eppenauer. It was absolutely awesome!! Emily Greble had just returned from her mission trip to Papua New Guinea and took questions from the group about her trip. She did a wonderful job sharing her beautiful experiences. Thanks to the youth and Andrea for the wonderful service.

The potluck lunch was quite delicious and the fellowship was awesome. Thanks to all who attended!

Women's Prison Kits

Church Women United in Sedalia is collecting Women's Prison Kits again this year; however it's for a special project that the Festival of Sharing is doing. **Please note the changes.** Below is the explanation. We will have a box in the Narthex to collect the items along with a list you can take home with you. Note: You are welcome to give a donation, instead of shopping, if that is easier for you. Deadline is Sunday, October 9th.

The Festival of Sharing will be hosting a Christmas event on December 17th at the Women's Correctional Facility in Vandalia, MO. We will have an opportunity to personally deliver the donated prison packs to the women and offer a worship service of hope. Please pray for these efforts and help us give all the women (1,800) a gift this Christmas.

<u>Items Needed per kit:</u> (Please note the changes.)

- 1 Shampoo, 12-16 oz. (alcohol free and transparent)
- 1 Petroleum jelly or Lotion, 4 oz. (alcohol free and tube, not tub) -The prison soap is so harsh, the Chaplain requested a new item to help with dry skin in the winter.
- 1 Toothpaste tube, 6-6.4 oz (alcohol free)
- 1 Deodorant 2-3 oz. (alcohol free, NO roll-on, NO men's brands, NO aerosol)

1 Emery Board

Place items in a 1 gallon bag with a hole punched in the upper right corner.

Please note, if shopping is not possible, Festival of Sharing is thrilled to receive donations of \$12 per pack to host packing events here at our new warehouse space. Also, if certain items are hard to locate, please just include a donation in the pack for the purchase of bulk items. Thank you so much for supporting this important effort!



Prayer Requests:

Vera Hibbard, Carl Willadsen, Oliver Hughes, Floyd Hatfield, Julia Williams, Trevor Rialti, Dorrie Bice, Mayme, Becky Randall, Kelly Craig,

Rodger Eckhoff, Beverly, Gwen, Gwen McDonald, Gladys Hammersland.

Continue to pray for our home-bound members: Karin Hoon, Iva Wadleigh, Velma Schumm, Marcella Wilde, Harold Woodall, Irene Ehlers, Sandra Graf, and Wilma Anderson.

Let us also remember Zakia Chebeti of Kenya, Getayawckal Ariaya from Ethiopia; and those who serve our country and their families.

July Birthdays



- 2 Kailah Volk
- 12 Don Hartley
- 14 Evan Haley
- 15 Milena Stevens
- 20 Sharae Newell
- 22 Karissa Logan
- 24 Robert Cooper
- 25 Jason Ohare
- 25 Hannah Satnan
- 26 Zakia
- 28 David Gail
- 31 Nadine Fingland
- 31 Miley Hayes

July Anniversaries

- 4 Eric & LuAnn Hammersland
- 9 Brandon & Staci Harrison
- 27 Robert & Alicia Hartley

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the church office.

New Address

Betty and Larry Barnes 20231 Hwy B Sedalia, MO 65301

Please update your address and phone directory.



We wish to extend our sympathy to Doris Hartley for the loss of her cousin, Frances Elliott; and to Marian Ehlers for the loss of her sister, Dorine Balke.



This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Christ & Trinity relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. See Greg Wehrman to sign up.

Celebration for Pr. Melvin Peterson

Christ and Trinity received an invitation to a celebration for Melvin's 90^{th} birthday and for the Peterson's 60^{th} wedding anniversary. There is a flyer in the fellowship hall with all the information.

Melvin served as an interim pastor here from November 2003 – May 2004.

If you wish to send a card, their address is 804 Sherrill Ave, Liberty, MO 64068-9130.

Windows of Opportunity to Serve

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Every Wednesday

We meet each week from 4:00-5:00 at the church to pray for the requests on the Prayer Wall in the narthex. You may submit a prayer request by filling out a blue request slip, found in the pew racks, and placing it on the Prayer Wall.

Open Door Food Pantry: July 20

Volunteers are needed for the third Wednesday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Open Door Food Pantry in Sedalia. You may sign up to help in the fellowship hall.

Open Door Thrift Shop: July 30

C/T is responsible for helping at the Thrift Shop whenever there is a fifth Saturday in a month. You may sign up to work from 9-11:30 or from 11:30-2:00.

Feed the Hungry Sunday: July 31

Please bring canned or non-perishable goods and place in the shopping cart in the narthex. This month we are collecting pasta and pasta sauce.

Noisy Offering: July 31

As always, the fifth Sunday of the month is our Noisy Offering Sunday! This offering is sent to World Hunger Appeal, which is an integral part of the Lutheran World Relief Agency. Please bring your coins and make some noise!

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help mow the church grounds.

There is a mowing schedule on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. All of the equipment is here at the church — we just need your time and willingness. If you have questions, see Jim Meyer. Please sign up if you can help.

Budget Summary for May

May Income	\$7,506.82
May Expenses	\$6,267.92
Bank Balance May 31, 2016	\$6,544.09
Last month income (April)	\$6,055.00
Last month expenses	\$5,083.00
May 2015 income	\$9,233.00
May 2015 expenses	\$9,488.00
Year-to-date income	\$36,348.00
Year-to-date expenses	\$26,125.00
Memorial Acct. Balance	\$3,213.40
Emergency Acct. Balance	\$37,514.87

Worship Attendance and Offerings

May 29	31	\$561.00
Noisy Offering		\$138.38
June 5	24	\$2,107.00
June 12	40	\$2,088.00
June 19	35	\$1,500.00
June 26	34	\$505.75

A Single Thought: Know Christ; know peace. No Christ, no peace.

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Coming Next Month

Meals on Wheels: August 1-5

Missouri State Fair: August 11-21