

# Trinity Tidings

## August 2023

*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” Ephesians 3:20 NIV.*



Sarah Young in her devotional “Jesus Calling,” writes, “I tend to feel stuck in situations I’d like to change because I can see only the present moment. But You [God] look at the big picture—all the moments of my life—and You are doing far more than I can comprehend.”

We are indeed limited in our thinking and in our doing. Our mission work depends on clear creative minds, in addition to a trusting heart. There is a danger of being too focused on the present, whether good or bad, and when times are tough it is even easier to discount the possibilities of tomorrow. The weight alone can hold us back or push us causing us to sink further into our own little bubble. Fear, sorrow, pain, and other emotions cloud our judgment and prevent us from seeing beyond that which has become all-consuming.

How do we look past the hurdles, the setbacks, the unanswered prayers, and trust that God’s got this? How do we give everything that weighs heavy on our hearts over to God? One of the reasons I love the above verse from Ephesians is Paul’s use of the word immeasurably. Immeasurable means, incalculable, vast, and endless – only God can do infinite. How would we even look that far since we are finite on this earth?

Perhaps that is why God’s promise found throughout the Bible is fundamental to our faith. I like the New Living Translation of Hebrews 12:5, *“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”* (There are at least 63 other verses like it.) Our trust is based on God’s infinite Truth that God is right smack dab in the middle of our struggles right along with us. We have an amazing God on our side and will never be alone in our battles. Not only does God promise to walk with us every step of our life’s journey but because of God’s faithfulness and perseverance, we cannot and will not fail. God always has our back. Through no power of our own we can look beyond today and so far into the future, immeasurably becomes a reality.

When we plant a seed, a flower, or a tree we know God will water, feed, and strengthen it, and hold it closely so that nothing can wear or tear it down. In turbulence, pounding storms, dry spurts, and dangerous times God’s got it all covered. God’s got you covered! You are more worthy than a plant or bird or anything that lives. Like a rose, you are beautiful, resilient, and growing into perfection just as God desires. God wants to give you so much more, in fact, it is beyond anything you could possibly ask for or imagine. Only in God’s fullness and infinite wisdom can you reach your potential.



*“I pray that out of His glorious riches, He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God” Ephesians 3:16-19.*

Blessings, Pastor Cheri


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## Pentecost Sunday - May 21



Praise Ensemble with Nick Sieber playing the accordion



L to R: Tina Royer, Shirley Keener, Betty Lighty, Bob Hammer, Diane Carroll, Dan Royer



L to R: Craig Korte, Cloyd Martin



L to R: Marie Martin, Debbie Olweck, Bill Calhoon



## Return of **FREE** Dinner and a Movie Night!!

Friday, September 8th  
6:00 pm

Pizza ■ Refreshments ■ Fresh Popcorn

Door Prizes including the DVD



# WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Balmer; Ruth Beane; Carrol Brown; Evonne Buckner; Mary Carroll; Rod Carroll; Ben Chicoria; Ariella Coyin; Charlotte Funk; Brian & Peggy Geblunes; Michael Hill; Carol & Rick Keener; Ronald Lance; Lois Lum; Wilder Emmanuel McCullough; Steve Miller; Karlyn Morgan; Ed Oleskowitz; David Peaslee; Renie Sanders; Gerrie Scheidler; Liam Sonan; Mary Stager; Bill & Alma Stober; Kataie Vaughen; Gary & Jen; Caleb



Assisted & Skilled Care – Ed Schaeffer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation; the people of Ukraine; earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Drue Gerasimoff; David Martin; Gavin Overholser; William Rimmler III; Adam Thieroff; Luke Waltz; Andrew Yeingst

To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:

1. **Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.**
2. **If Pastor Cheri is not available**, call Sandy Walborn at 717.838.1681
3. **If Sandy Walborn is not available**, call Carrol Brown at 717.367.4053
4. **If Carrol Brown is not available**, call any other person listed below



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## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Michael Chapman (Aug 1); Mariah Carroll (Aug 11); Sharon Albertson & Amelia Granthon (Aug 12); Bradley Yeingst (Aug 14); Darrell Tschudy (Aug 15); Grayson Leedy (Aug 17); Tom Haney (Aug 19); Melody Kulp (Aug 26); Katelyn Monette (Aug 27)

Bill & Alma Stober (Aug 21)



## FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.

(Shared by Shirley Keener)

## PRAYER - Author Unknown



May I become at all times, both now and forever:  
A protector for those without protection  
A ship for those with oceans to cross  
A bridge for those with rivers to cross  
A sanctuary for those in danger  
A lamp for those without light  
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter  
And a servant to all in need.





## WELCOME FRIEND IN CHRIST

Tammy Sieber affirmed her faith in baptism and joined Trinity congregation on Sunday, July 9. The church service was followed by a celebration reception with a blueberry cake specially made by Mel and Shaina Kulp.



**"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." ~Romans 15:7**

## WHOA ... HAVE YOU SEEN THOSE BIRDHOUSES?!



Thank you, Craig Korte, for making birdhouses that not only add beauty to Trinity's grounds but for making some very lucky birds happy. *The Tidings* asked Craig for more information about what inspired and interested him to do this project. His response follows.

Working with wood has always been a challenging and fascinating hobby for me. Rarely do I build or create a finished product which hasn't been preceded by partial attempts. Building our church Bird Houses was no exception. In conversations with Greg Kulp over the course of years, he mentioned that he had a supply of TMI Redwood stacked in the rafters of his garage. He gave me some to work with a few years ago. I built a massive birdhouse for a very special young lady, Cheri and I have grown very fond of. This was the prototype. It's rather time-consuming but extremely enjoyable to see progress. When the bevel degree is set on the table saw, and the width is in agreement; making shingles moves fairly rapidly. While the positive characteristics of Redwood are many, the downside is the fine dust created by cutting, or the instances of slivers due to its dryness and porosity. The log cabin appearance was just something I wanted to try. I guess Lincoln log projects as a youth had some influence.

My goal with this project was to add something to the picnic area which would add a little color and hopefully attract some songbirds. It's unlikely to happen this year, but I imagine they'll be a few new residents next Spring. This fall I'd like to build a few bird feeders in hopes of attracting Cardinals and possibly move to butterfly houses next year. My only regret is that I should have made a few more Bird houses. Maybe next year!



## Remembering Those Church Bulletin Bloopers

- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

## Who is a “real” American?

by Elizabeth A. Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop



My husband and I live in Skokie, Ill., a diverse community. Our neighbors to the west are an octogenarian Taiwanese Evangelical couple who regularly order meals from Kosher to Go. Our neighbors to the east are a Ukrainian and Russian multigenerational family. Our grocery stores have both kosher and halal departments. As I drive past the elementary school on my way to work, I see moms and dads in jeans along with women in saris or hijabs and men in thobes or yarmulkes. More than 90 languages are spoken in the homes of our school district. We pay our taxes, mow our (tiny) lawns, worship, raise our children and pretty much get along in our little village of Skokie.

Late one afternoon a few years ago I was finishing up yard work. I had been weeding and trimming all day. I was tired and grass-stained. Just one more pile of leaves needed to be swept up. I noticed a woman walking toward me so I hurried to get the sidewalk cleared. She stopped and told me that she had seen me working all day and thought I might be too tired to prepare supper. She had made a meal for me and my husband. It was during Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from food and water during the day and engage in prayer and acts of charity. This was her act of charity and generosity. She smiled and walked away. I was stunned.

There has been an alarming rise in hate speech and violence against religious and ethnic minorities in this country. At the same time, we’ve seen an increased polarization among us, even in our dear church. There is a movement to define what it means to be a “real American.” Some would define this as white, Christian and native born. When Lutheran immigrants first came to this country in the 18th and 19th centuries, they weren’t considered real Americans. They didn’t speak English or fit in with the Deist, Calvinist religious majority. They were “other” and therefore suspect. German Lutheran immigrants weren’t considered white when they settled here. Neither were Irish, Italians or Poles. Catholics and Jews were considered an alien threat.

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It’s ironic that the Puritans fled religious persecution and that the First Amendment states “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof,” yet an element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic. There is no doubt that the Founders were Christian and that a majority of Americans identify as Christian. That is different from declaring Christianity as the established religion of the United States. And, dear church, let’s be clear, a Christian Nationalist does not define Lutherans as “Christian.”

God knows I love my country. This beautiful, fragile, yet surprisingly resilient experiment in democracy and nationhood that’s not predicated on shared ethnicity is unique among nations. My grandfather, father and uncles all served during World War I and World War II. I had the honor of placing a wreath on behalf of the ELCA at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. I won’t have my patriotism questioned. Christian Nationalism is a perversion of the gospel and a threat to our democracy. It’s precisely because I love my country that I warn against it.

Who is a “real American”? I say that my Muslim neighbor walking freely down the street in a hijab to offer a meal to her Christian neighbor during Ramadan is a real American. Motivated by her Muslim faith she acted as neighbor to me. She is not less American because she is Muslim. Because she is an American, she can be her authentic self and participate in building our community and country. What binds us together is not ethnicity but shared participation in our civic life springing out of our cultural heritages and working for the common good



## SCHOOL KITS PROJECT

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

**Collection Begins – Sunday, July 9**  
**Kits Assembled – Sunday, September 10**

**Collection Ends – Sunday, August 27**  
**Kits Blessed – Sunday, September 17**

### Items Needed For Each Kit

4 – 70 sheet notebooks (wide & college ruled)  
1 – box of 24 crayons (24 count)  
1 – 2 ½ inch eraser  
1 – pencil sharpener

1 – ruler with centimeters and inches  
1 – ages 6+ scissors (with imbedded steel blades)  
5 – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel)  
~~5 – unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers~~ NOT NEEDED

\$1.40 shipping per kit

## LCCM (EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER) NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKET PROJECT



This is the time of year we collect these kits and knot/tie them. Since the local Joann stores have few in stock, we need to order them on line.

We will be collecting \$20.00 for the large throws and \$15.00 for a child's throw (50% off). Please give Marie Martin the funds if we should purchase a kit for you. Wendy Hammer will order the kits.

On October 22, we will have our annual knot/tie Sunday event.

## MONTHLY FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS

***AUGUST FOOD GIVING (throughout August) is for Caring Cupboard***

**UPDATED FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:** Baked Beans, Cooking Oil, Sugar, Jelly (squeeze bottles), Pancake Mix, Canned Chicken, Tuna (Can or Pouch), Spam, Canned Veggies, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Canned Beans (navy, pinto, chili, kidney), Diapers (size 3,4,5), Baby Wipes



## ZION FREE LUNCH IN AUGUST

First off, we want to thank all who are helping with the free lunch in July...pot pie makers, cookie bakers, and July 26th helpers.

Now we are looking for chili cookers and a group to help serve on the day, **Wednesday, August 23rd.**

A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for donations of cookies, bar cookies or whoopie pies, whatever you would like to make. Please let Wendy know if you would like to help with the chili making or helping at Zion on the 23rd.

Thank you ALL for helping to make this outreach possible!





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# WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?



COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	MASKS
ANGOLA	Maryland	18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230	
ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,230	
BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
DIJIBOUTI	Minnesota	10,080		15,360				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,360				
GEORGIA	Maryland	36,960						
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200		
HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800			
JORDAN	Maryland	7,260		5,500				
LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,230	
MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,000	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
NIGER	Minnesota	11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000			
POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,908			
TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,080		
UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220,317</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>90,860</b>	<b>94,060</b>	<b>46,560</b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>31,950</b>

**462,262**  
QUILTS & KITS  
IN 19 COUNTRIES

- 220,317** QUILTS
- 1,650** BLANKETS
- 94,060** PERSONAL CARE KITS
- 90,860** SCHOOL KITS
- 46,560** BABY CARE KITS
- 8,815** FABRIC KITS
- 31,950** FACE MASKS

*This shipping information is from LWR's 2022 fiscal year (Oct 2021 - Sept 2022).*



# What Should You Do During Extreme Heat?

## Stay Hydrated

- Drink plenty of fluids. Encourage others to drink plenty of fluids, too.
- Replace salt and minerals with snacks or a sports drink.

## Stay Cool

- Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible.
- If your home does not have air conditioning, go to your predesignated cool location.
- Wear lightweight, loose clothing and take cool showers or baths.
- Limit your outdoor activity. If you must work outdoors, schedule tasks earlier or later in the day.



## 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barb Buchmoyer, Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Bob Hammer, Dan Hardy (Secretary), Greg Kulp (President), Sally McGeehan, Steve Miller (Vice President) and Rich Scanlon

### Finance Committee:

Diane Carroll, Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener (Chair), Craig Korte (Treasurer), Audra Spang (Financial Secretary) and Brad Yeingst

### Cemetery Association:

Rod Carroll, Bob Hammer, Greg Kulp (Treasurer), Shaina Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst and Tim Yeingst



## Treasurer Report

7/3/2023	Banking Summary - Last month 6/1/2023 through 6/30/2023					OVERALL TOTAL	Page 1
	Category	6/1/2023- 6/3/2023	6/4/2023- 6/10/2023	6/11/2023- 6/17/2023	6/18/2023- 6/24/2023		
<b>INCOME</b>							
Uncategorized	107.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	107.00	
ELECTRONIC PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,972.00	2,972.00	
SUNDAY OFFERING	0.00	4,087.00	3,494.40	1,445.00	1,669.00	10,695.40	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>107.00</b>	<b>4,087.00</b>	<b>3,494.40</b>	<b>1,445.00</b>	<b>4,641.00</b>	<b>13,774.40</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
ADMINISTRATION	3,402.00	357.73	0.00	2,157.18	2,312.00	8,228.91	
ADMINISTRATION UTILITY	0.00	120.26	0.00	95.00	498.42	713.68	
BENEVOLENCE	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	154.40	0.00	4,654.40	
IN-OUT	0.00	208.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.77	
PORTICO	0.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	
PROPERTY	10,000.00	205.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,205.36	
SERVICE CHARGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.82	40.82	
SOCIAL OUTREACH	0.00	289.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	289.98	
WORSHIP AND MUSIC	0.00	284.52	0.00	56.54	0.00	341.06	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,902.00</b>	<b>1,570.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,463.12</b>	<b>2,851.24</b>	<b>24,786.98</b>	
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-17,795.00</b>	<b>2,516.38</b>	<b>3,494.40</b>	<b>-1,018.12</b>	<b>1,789.76</b>	<b>-11,012.58</b>	

## TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES



**September 2023 Tidings Deadline**  
Sunday, August 20

Items can be emailed to [grannycalhoon@gmail.com](mailto:grannycalhoon@gmail.com) or put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox