

The Trinity Tidings

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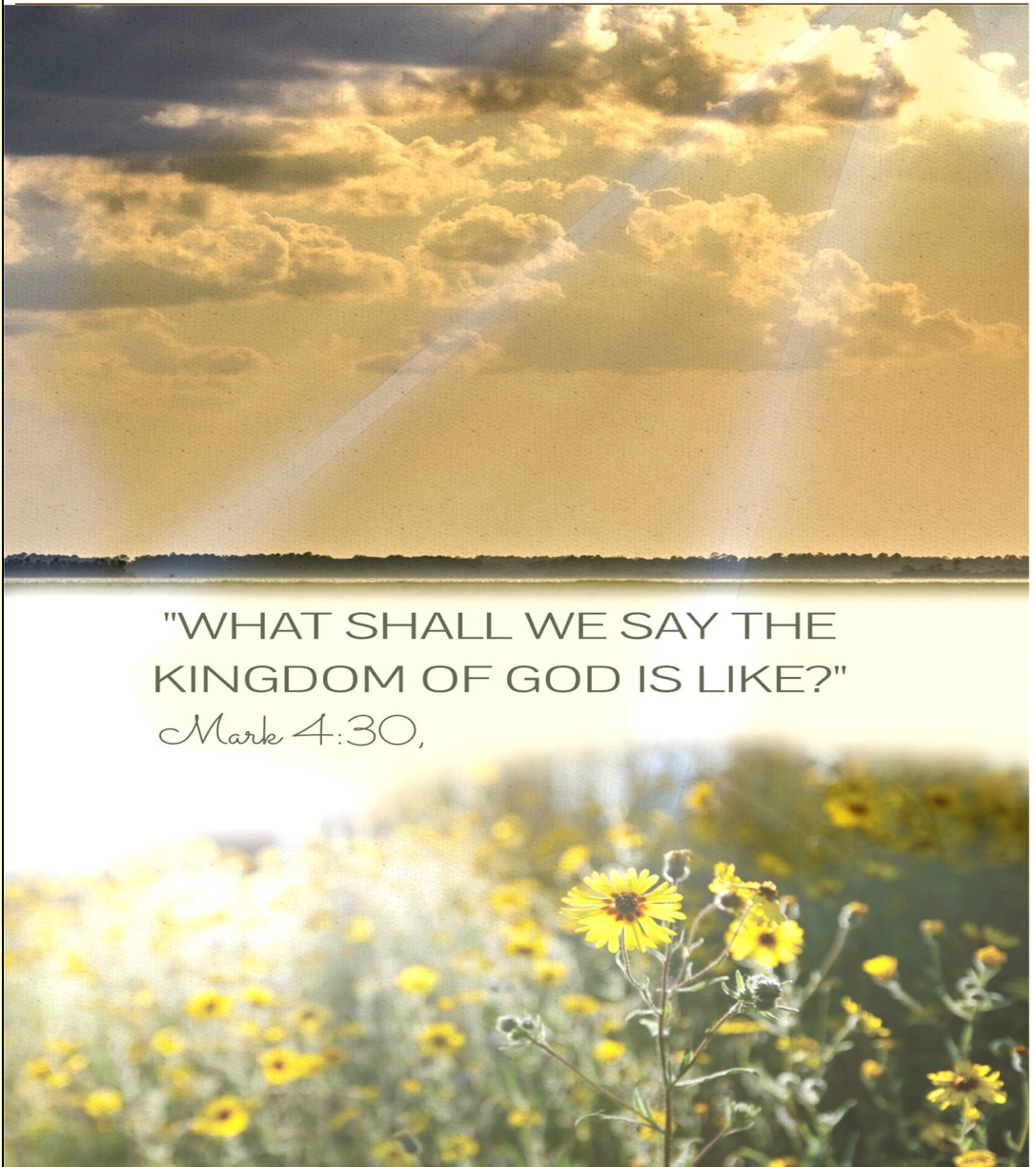
Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Fellowship Hour 10:15 am
Trinity Church School 6:30 pm Wednesdays



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.



"WHAT SHALL WE SAY THE
KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE?"

Mark 4:30,



From Interim Pastor Grant...

Have you ever contemplated your relationship with God? I don't mean in the theoretical sense. In many ways that is merely a speculative undertaking, rather what I'm asking is, "How does one live out their relationship with God in real and physical ways?" In other words do people just talk the talk about having a living relationship with God rather than walking the walk.

Jesus was asked one day which of the commandments was the greatest. He responds with this from Matthew 23, "³⁷ **He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."** ³⁸ **This is the greatest and first commandment.** ³⁹ **And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** ⁴⁰ **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."** The good Lutheran question is, "What does this mean?"

It is a question that has haunted me for over 30 years. In my first call on the last day of Sunday school, students were encouraged to attend worship during the summer. One of the students with a quizzical look asked, "*Is there church during the summer?*" The reality is that the student was too young to drive so they were reliant on an adult to get them there, which evidently hadn't been happening for some time. So what does this say about our relationship with God and what we are teaching the next generation of believers? That our relationship with God is one of convenience, one that we are able to take or leave depending on our personal needs or schedules.

I had a member in one congregation who was very sports minded, especially during the hunting season. He was a high school teacher and mindful of what his actions taught not just his words. So when he was absent from worship, I'd inquire about where he was. He would say, "*Oh, I was out hunting geese this morning. But I was good with God, I said the Lord's Prayer before I left the house.*"

After the resurrection Jesus did breakfast with the disciples who had been out fishing all night. John 21: ¹⁵ **When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'** Jesus said to him, **'Feed my lambs.'** ¹⁶ **A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'** Jesus said to him, **'Tend my sheep.'** ¹⁷ **He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.'** Jesus said to him, **'Feed my sheep.'**

Peter felt that his relationship with Jesus had been damaged when Peter denied Jesus three times at Jesus' arrest and trial. Now Jesus asks Peter three times if he still loves Jesus. The reality and weight of the questions aren't lost on Peter, yet in reality Peter is still loved and useful to Jesus and is called to serve as a witness of his love for Jesus..

Our calling as followers of Jesus isn't different. We fail and deny our relationship with God by placing other things ahead of tending our relationship with God and one another. Yes we are forgiven and loved by God, but what lessons do we teach when others only see our actions and our absence from God's house on God's day?

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' (Matthew 19:14)



Everyone is invited to Trinity Lutheran's

*Lakeside
Worship*

August 4th at 9:00 am
Sportsman's Park



Children, Youth *and* Family



Wednesday Trinity School is scheduled to begin again this fall. Please continue to watch for notices regarding our students.

Trinity Wednesday Church School

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sleepy Eye, MN
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Job Description

Trinity Lutheran Church is a welcoming church focused on evangelism and mission in the community of Sleepy Eye and beyond. As a welcoming and nurturing church, we are shaped by prayer, worship, scripture and the Holy Spirit, where everyone's gifts are valued, where people's spiritual needs are met, and God's love with the world is shared.

Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part-time)

Summary of Position: Faith Formation Youth Ministry Coordinator oversees and directs Christian Education for the youth and children's ministries, and manages the development and growth of the Christian Education and Youth programs while building relationships with families and their children.

Supervision: Christian Education Board and Board of Young People's Work

Supported by: Senior Pastor, Personnel Committee other church staff and members of Trinity Lutheran Church

15 hours per week which are flexible to meet the needs of the church based on planned activities and evenings and weekends required as needed. Compensation: \$20/hr

Further information and Application are on our website www.trinitysleepyeye.org under About Us/ Employment or in the Church office.

Green Lake Bible Camp!





Good morning from the Evangelism Board!

“Who is Jesus?” There was a time that this would have been an unheard-of question, but today it is normal for many. Think about this: What would your life be like today if no one had introduced you to Jesus? What would be missing? Comfort? Fulfillment? Wholeness? Blessings? Assurance? Peace? Hope? Love?

For many of us, that introduction to Jesus came from our parents or other family members. We in turn have passed that faith along to our children and grandchildren. But what of those who don't have that family-inspired faith connection? Who will tell them?

Evangelism is not optional for the church. It is our core calling – “Go, and tell what you have seen and heard.” More than ever, our communities need to encounter the crucified and risen Christ. Pray that God would bring into our lives those who need to meet Jesus, and pray that we would have the courage to share that Good News.

Join us at the Sleepy Eye Summerfest Parade this year on August 17th at 6pm. Trinity will have an entry in the parade again, “Spreading the News”!



**ST. JOHN'S
CIRCLE OF CARE**
A TRADITION ... FOR ALL AGES

201 S. County Road 5
Springfield, MN 56087

Please **JOIN US**

St. John's Circle of Care is inviting you to a

Family & Friends Support Group
for Dementia & Alzheimer's

the last Tuesday of each month

Location: St. John Lutheran Nursing Home
at 4:00 p.m. for 1 hour

SHARE - SUPPORT - LEARN

- Support groups provide families & friends with the emotional support and education to better understand neurogenetic disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia or memory care needs in a judgement free atmosphere.
- Be a part of a community of people who share similar experiences. Understand you are not alone in the journey.
- Discover new ideas and positive approach skills which provide a better quality of life for you and your loved one. New topics monthly!

For more information Please contact the front desk or Chandra, Memory Care Coordinator, C.D.P. at (507) 723-3200 or by e-mail chandraj@silhome.com with questions/concerns. That time doesn't work with your schedule? Please contact Chandra and additional opportunities will be arranged!

Date/Time is subject to change due to accommodation, weather and unforeseen circumstances, view our page on Facebook page for updates

FREE
EVENT

St. John's Lutheran Home
Grandkids and V.I.K Club

CARNIVAL OPEN HOUSE

August 6, 2024, 4:00-6:00pm
201 South County Road 5, Springfield, MN

BOUNCE
HOUSE

BALLOON
ARTIST

TATOO
STATION

DAYCARE
&
SCHOOL
TOURS

CRAFTS





St. John Lutheran Home
GrandKids and V.I.K. Club



Simple Living by Lynn Miller

If the number of hits in a Google search means anything, then simple living must be pretty complicated. Anything with 122 million references can't be very simple. Some of the references suggest that simple living means living frugally, spending as little on your lifestyle as possible. These would include the how-to-make-your-own-shampoo-and laundry-soap articles, and the new urban farming description of how to grow your own food on the roof of your apartment building.

Others understand simple living as reducing the amount of stuff you use, including the square footage of your house. These two go together well if you are living in a one-room, 200 square-foot cabin. You won't have much stuff because there just isn't any place to put it.

To Start with, living simply has more to do with the "why" rather than the "what". One of the most famous lines from the documentary *Affluenza* goes something like this: "We buy things we don't need with money we don't have to impress people we don't know".

Almost everything we buy says something, either to ourselves or to the world around us. And because we care what other people think about us, we are susceptible to this kind of marketing. So we clutter up our lives with stuff and activities that we are told will make us popular or admired. The problem of course is that all of that stuff needs to be cared for and eventually, stored—which of course is why the storage unit industry continues to grow. In a country that has the highest average square footage per house in the world, we still need more space to put stuff we do not use.

That that is the key to a simplified life: what do we actually use and why? What activities do we engage in because we actually like doing them, rather than because everyone else is doing them?

The way to measure simplicity in your life is not by counting your stuff or looking at your calendar but to ask what role these things and activities play in your life and, more important, if they add feelings of contentment or anxiety. Contentment in how you live is how simple life is measured, not in the amount of stuff you have or how busy you are, but how you feel about how you are living.

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Thank you generous stewards are helping Trinity bridge the summer with your tithes and offerings. Giving statements will be available in your church mailboxes at the beginning of the month and include a recap of our giving so far this year as well as the expenses incurred through the month of July. As usual there are many ways that gifts are received—in the offering plate each week or month, automatic withdrawal from a bank account or using a credit card to make a donation, minimum distribution from retirement accounts that are done monthly or once a year, directing your choice dollars to Trinity if you have them available.

Keep Trinity in your prayers during this time of transition as the call committee continues their important work.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the
Bible
in a Year



Week of August 4

Su John 6:24-35
M Ephesians 4:17-24
Tu 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
W Mark 8:1-10
Th 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
F 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Sa Matthew 7:7-11

Week of August 11

Su John 6:35, 41-51
M Ephesians 5:1-14
Tu 2 Peter 3:14-18
W John 6:35-40
Th Acts 6:8-15
F Romans 16:17-20
Sa John 4:7-26

Week of August 18

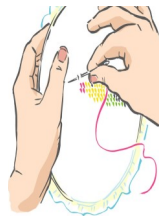
Su John 6:51-58
M Acts 6:1-7
Tu Acts 7:9-16
W Mark 8:14-21
Th 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
F Romans 13:11-14
Sa Luke 11:5-13

Week of August 25

Su John 6:56-69
M Ephesians 5:21-6:9
Tu Ephesians 6:21-24
W John 15:16-25
Th James 1:1-8
F James 1:9-16
Sa John 18:28-32



Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", following church services 8/18/2024. "Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. We will meet at 11:00 AM at the Daug House in August. Our goal will be to "Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



Due to a generous donation, there is Hardinger material and thread available for anyone doing this beautiful work. Contact Darlene or Pat.



The Board of Social Ministry will again this summer collect needed items for Ivy House. Ivy House is a 24/7 crises nursery located in New Ulm which provides direct care to children ages 0-10 whose families are in crisis or stressful situations. May was an extra busy month for them as many families were in need of their services. Types of items that we are collecting will be Personal care items (requested are pull-ups for boys and girls (5T); Office supplies such as postage stamps, business size envelopes, printer paper; House needs such as garbage bags, dish and hand soap, Kleenex and Children's activities such as play-doh, finger paints. The Ivy House website also has a link to an Amazon wish list with items you can order directly from Amazon to be sent to them or you could use that list as suggestions for items to donate here at Trinity. The Ivy House website is worth a visit because there is lots of good information about their mission and how they are helping area families. Last summer we donated several needed items to them and they were very appreciative of our support.



Social
Ministry

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be emailed by the 1st of the Month. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month. Thank you.



JULY

PARISH REPORT



Worship Services Week of...

Date	Attendance
7/7	91
7/14	80
7/21	60
7/28	64

Date Offering

Date	Offering
7/7	\$5272.92
7/14	\$3362.63
7/21	\$4228.10
7/28	\$7429.63



"GIVE... TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

Monetary gifts for the Memorial Fund in memory of Sandy Anderson from friends and family.

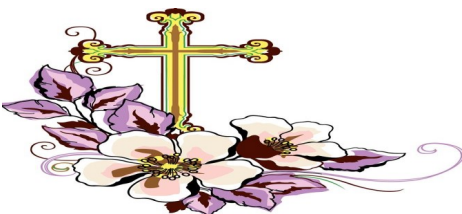


Dear Trinity Church,
My favorite game at camp is playing Bonkers. The best song to sing is the VBS Papaya Song. I learned that God made us exactly how we were meant to be. We are authentic! Thank you for halkinging me go to Biblke Camp. I'm ready to go again next year! Thank you!

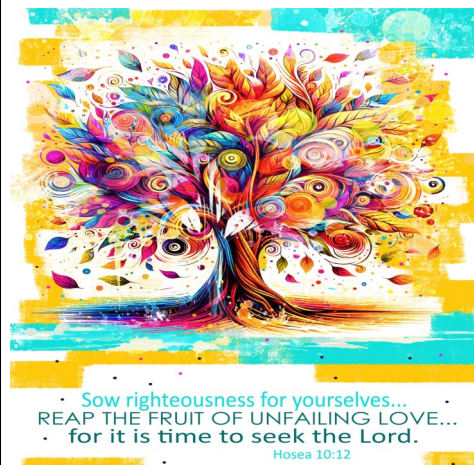
Gabriel Pool

Dear Trinity Church, Thank you for helping me go to Bible camp. It was so much fun playing Bonkers and meeting new friends. This year's theme was created to be exactly how God made you and me. I can't wait to go next summer! Thank you!

Evain O. Pool



WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES to Lowell and Gail Heiderscheidt in the loss of their sister-in-law, **Deborah Kaye Heiderscxheidt**, who passed away on Tuesday, July 23rd and was laid to rest Friday, July 26st with services at St. Mary's Catholic Church. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.



Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email !!

WATCH OUR SERVICES ON TRINITY'S WEBPAGE ANYTIME www.trinitysleepyeye.org

THE TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ALSO POSTED ON WWW.SLEEPYEYEONLINE.COM

WATCH THIS SITE FOR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS.

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK ~~ CHECK IT OUT!!
(Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN)



Notes From the Office

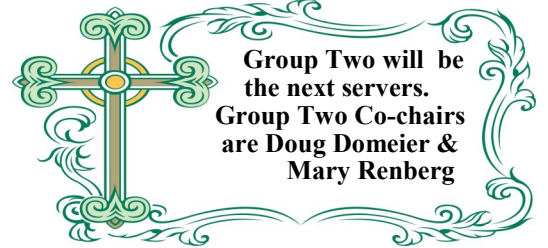
Please remember to inform the church office of any address or phone number changes to insure you keep receiving your monthly copy of the Tidings and to help keep our records up to date.



10 Worship Assistants



August: Terry Newgord, Judy Johnson
September: Sara Sellner, Nicole Jensen



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 8/4 Michael Pool
- 8/11 Davin Surss
- 8/18 Hayden Domeier
- 8/25 Anders Coulson

Readers

- 8/4 Diane Evers
- 8/11 Sarah Lendt
- 8/18 Rose Wall
- 8/25 Cheryl Neidt

Communion Assistants

- 8/4 Lakeside Individual cup
- 8/18 Brian Polesky, Larry Baumgardt

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

August Ushers

Keith Lendt, Dennis Mangen

August Greeters

Chris Mangen

Jesus
CALMS OUR STORMS



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 9/1 Hayden Domeier
- 9/8 Audee Darnell
- 9/15 Kaylie Fulmer
- 9/22 Natalie Fullmer
- 9/29 Levi Johnson

Readers

- 9/1 Susie Pedersen
- 9/8 Harold Pettis
- 9/15 Bonnie Pettis
- 9/22 Pat Stevermer
- 9/29 Karen Voge

Communion Assistants

- 9/1 Lee Johnson at the rail
- 9/15 Neil Neidt, Isaac Johnson

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

September Ushers

Eric & Juliann Wahlberg

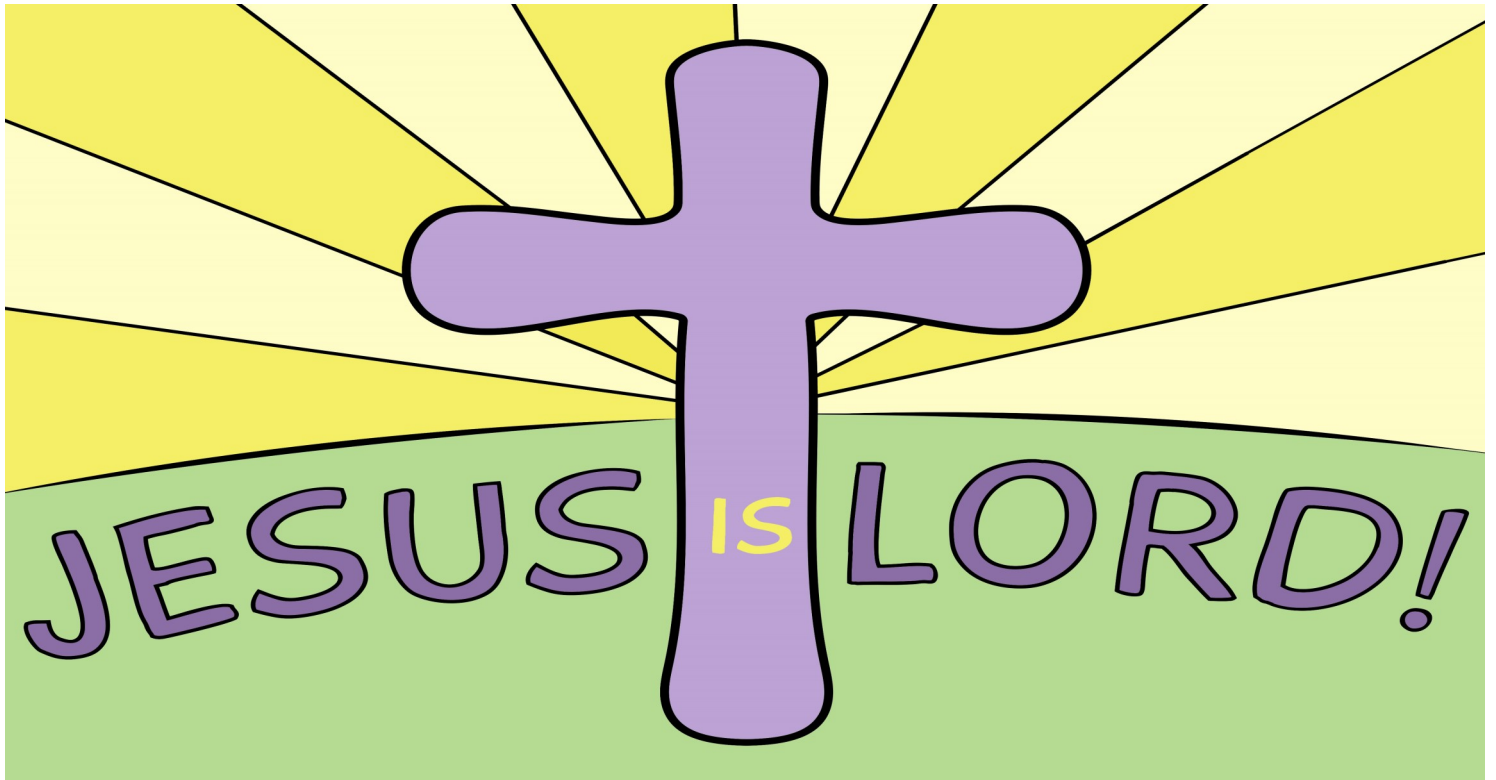
September Greeter

Jeff & Lynette Carlson



August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Lakeside Worship 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour 	5 9 am Quilting 	6 6:30 pm AA 	7 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon WELCA 	8 7 am-Men's Bible Study	9	10
11 9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour	12 9 am Quilting	13 Office Closed 6:30 pm AA ELECTION DAY 	14 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 7 pm Parish Planning Council 	15 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6 pm Fellowship Board	16	17
18 9 am Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour 11 am Breaking Bread Together 	19-First Day of School 9 am Quilting	20 6:30 pm AA 4 pm Lay Ministry Board Tidings Due! 	21 9 am-Women's Bible Study	22 7 am-Men's Bible Study	23 Office Open	24
25 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour	26 9 am Quilting	27 6:30 pm AA Darlene on Vacation 	28 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park	29 7 am-Men's Bible Study	30 2 pm St. John's Bingo 	31



SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
Fellowship Hour 10:10 AM

WORSHIP ON LINE ANYTIME ON
TRINTYSLEEPY EYE.ORG

See the front cover for contact numbers.

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May God bless and keep us all.