

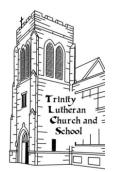
Trinity Lutheran Church & School 300 Broad Street Menasha, WI 54952





**August 2023 Newsletter** 





#### **Trinity Lutheran Church and School**

300 Broad Street

Menasha, WI 54952

**Church Phone:** (920) 722-2662 / **School Phone:** (920) 725-1715 **Church Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Worship Services:** 

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 am; Wednesday – 6:30 pm

Education Hour: Sunday - 10:30 am

Trinity's website: www.trinitymenasha.com

Weekend Service will continue to be available for viewing on Trinity's Facebook page, and for later viewing on YouTube. Check the church website for more details.

Important Dates:

August 1: Board Mtgs

August 4: Hymn Sing

August 6: Church Picnic

August 8: Bd of Directors

August 12 & 26: Food Pantry

August 15: Ladies Aid

August 18-20: Trinity Camping

Weekend

August 28: School Begins Grades 3-8 August 30: School Begins PS3-2<sup>nd</sup> August 30, 5:00PM Confirmation Orientation Meet in the Small Fellowship Hall.

If your child is entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade it is time to begin Catechism classes. Please call the Church Office soon to enroll. 920-722-2662

#### TRINITY FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC

Join us for worship and fellowship at Trinity's Church Picnic on Sunday, August 6 at Smith Park in Menasha. Fellowship hour starts at 9 AM until time of service 10:00 AM

Potluck suggestions: Last name beginning with

A-H Salad I-R Main Dish S-Z Dessert



We can use help setting up/moving tables and cleaning up afterwards.

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Menasha, is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.



Senior Pastor:

☆ Rev. Steven S. Billings

Assoc. Pastor/Principal:

† Rev. Keith E. GeRue

**Choir Director:** 

Connie Henkel

Organist:

Mrs. Nancy Lephart

#### Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Church Phone: (920) 722-2662 School Phone: (920) 725-1715

# August 2023

**Church Office Hours:** 

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com

Sunday Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BACK TO		1 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Board Mtgs LCMS Convention	2 6:30 PM Worship LCMS Convention	3 6 AM Men's Bible Study LCMS Convention	4 Hymn Sing	5 5 PM Worship
6 Church Picnic Smith Park Pav. 9 AM Fellowship 10 AM Service 301 Park St, Men.	7 Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	8 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Board of Directors Mtg	9 6:30 PM Worship	10 6 AM Men's Bible Study	11	12 9:30 AM Food Pantry 5 PM Worship
9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour	Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	15 Teacher In-service 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Ladies Aid/ LWML Mtg (SFH)	16 Teacher In-service 6:30 PM Worship	17 Teacher In-service 6 AM Men's Bible Study	Trinity Camping Weekend @ Wild West Campground & Corral	5 PM Worship Trinity Camping Weekend @ Wild West Campground & Corral
Trinity Camping Weekend @ Wild West Campground & Corral 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour	21 Teacher In-service Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 1 PM Volleyball Practice 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	22 Teacher In-service 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 1:00 PM Volleyball Practice	23 School Registration 6:30 PM Worship	6 AM Men's Bible Study School Registration	25	9:30 AM Food Pantry 5 PM Worship
27 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour	28 School Begins Rev Billings' Sabbath 3rd-8th Grade Classes Resume 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	29 3:45 PM Volleyball Practice 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	30 School Begins PS3-2ndGrades Resume 6:30 PM Worship	31 6 AM Men's Bible Study		

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST 2023**

08/04 GAST, Kevin & Lynn Ann

08/04 MAHONEY, Brian & Michelle

08/06 DIESCH, William & Cindy

08/07 WRAY, Terry & Sheryl

08/10 KROES, Nick & Lilli

08/11 ALLEN, Robert & Betty

08/11 TISCHER, Patty & Eric

08/13 WITTMANN, Jim & Debra



08/17 WALDBURGER, Mark & Jolene

08/22 BORGEN, Brad & Gina

08/22 KISLEWSKI, Howard & Jacqueline

08/22 MANTEUFEL, Caleb & Lauryn

08/23 EMERY, Daniel & Heather

08/23 TUYLS, Caleb & Lauryn

08/25 WENDLER, Brian & Cheryl

08/30 RIGOTTI, Kathleen & Chris\*

## **BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST 2023**

08/02	BATES, Kendall	08/14	HUBNER, Mason	08/22	NIELSEN, Jane	
08/03	VOIGT, Merry	08/15	EDWARDS, David	08/22	SCHULTZ, JoAnn	
08/04	LINDNER, Danielle	08/15	GAST, Kevin	08/23	ERDMANN, Franklin	
08/04	WUSSOW, Samuel	08/15	GUILEY, Sandy	08/24	CARPENTER, Tinley	
08/05	BARTELME, Daniel	08/15	HANBY, Sheila	08/25	GAST, Brian	
08/06	HANSON, Justine	08/15	SCHRAMPFER, Mitchell	08/25	WIECK, Dylon	
08/06	MOTTO, Gabriella	08/16	BROWN, Amanda	08/26	KOHLER, Robbie	
08/06	SCHMIDT, Aaron	08/16	VOIGT, William	08/26	MICHALSKI-TOBEY, CI	narley
08/06	SEXMITH, Barbara	08/17	COLBY, Juliet	08/26	STEENO, Mason	1.
08/06	WATSON, Bill	08/17	JANDREY, Janine	08/26	TUYLS, Shiloh	* A
08/08	KROES, Simon	08/18	PEOTTER, Jerry	08/27	HANBY, Cody	AE
08/10	BURROWS, Gail	08/19	DUTTER, Cora	08/28	HENKEL, Connie	
08/11	FONDER, Brady	08/19	FLENZ, Sloane	08/29	MLODIK, Samuel	
08/11	GRAPER, Charlotte	08/21	BECKER, Mark	08/30	BAEHMAN, Kathryn	Harry
08/12	BEKX, Michael	08/21	BRAND, Gabrielle	08/30	EMERY, Daniel	Birthe
08/12	KOSHUTA, Madeline	08/21	HENSON, Grace	08/30	KISLEWSKI, Howard	
08/13	BOUCHARD, Evalise	08/21	LUKASAVAGE, Diane	08/30	WHITTMANN, Desiree	
08/13	EDWARDS, Karen	08/21	MICHALSK-FUNK, Aria	08/31	BATES, Dewey	
08/13	FLATER, Robert	08/22	GAST, Bruce	08/31	GERUE, Elizabeth	
	GEHRT, Mason	08/22	MAYNARD, Logan	08/31	WIRTH, Timothy	
08/14	HUBNER, Mason					

# ₽ Trinity Membership Update ₽

New Members/Transfers In: Josh and Hannah Fuchs and their daughter, Susanne

Released/Transfers Out:

Baptisms: Weddings:

Members Who Have Passed: Lee Schaefer, Karleton Borchardt & Lynn Olson

 $^{25}$ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.  $^{26}$ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. Job 19:25-26



# Catechetical Comments

A Series

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

This month we continue our look at The Apostles' Creed and consider the following question: *Who is God?* 

93. Who is God?

In His Word God has told us that He is

G. holy (sinless and hating sin)

The Small Catechism continues its answer to the question Who Is God? by saying:

In His Word God has told us that He is

*G. holy (sinless and hating sin)* 

It then offers the following Scripture passages in support of this answer:

**Lev. 19:2** – I the LORD your God am holy.

**Ps. 5:4-5** – You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers.

**Is. 6:3** – Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.

Sinlessness is something we can't even imagine. There's been no such thing as sinlessness in our lifetime and for millennia before us. Only three human beings have ever known what that is: Adam and Eve (until they sinned) and Jesus, who was also God. Since that first sin, the only human to know sinlessness was Jesus. The rest of us can't conceive of living even one moment without the temptation to sin.

We have only ever lived in a fallen world. We only know life that ends in death, wars and rumors of wars, and a world full of evil minded

people, a world rife with hatred and malice, a world where policemen, soldiers, judges, and lawyers are necessary realities.

But God is not evil, not even a little bit. God is perfect. God is holy. Jesus said that God expects holiness of us (Matt. 5:48) because God our Father is holy.

God the Father isn't even tempted by sin. Jesus was, according to His human nature, but because He is also God, He never succumbed to it (Heb. 4:15).

So, what possible relationship could we have with one so perfectly holy? Look at Psalm 5:5 – "The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers." Now play that out a bit. God hates evildoers. We are sinners who think, desire, and do evil. God hates us. The only real relationship we can have with Him on our own account is one in which we are punished, condemned, killed, and relegated to the bowels of hell.

But, thanks be to God, He is also gracious and merciful, so much so that He was willing to take His own perfect life and sacrifice it for our sins. "He who knew no sin *became* sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21).

Because of Jesus and His sacrifice, we, too, will one day know what it is to be sinless. In the meantime, also because of Jesus, God already sees us that way, being covered as we are by the righteousness of Christ by faith in His atoning sacrifice on our behalf (Rev. 6:11).

Let us thank God our Father, beloved, and endeavor to live as those who have been cleansed by the death and resurrection of our Savior.

Humbly in His service, Rev. Steven S. Billings Senior Pastor

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear School Families and Friends of Trinity Lutheran School,

Welcome back! We welcome back all returning students and add a special welcome to our new students and families. We praise God for each of these students and ask His blessing on them as they go through the school year. Trinity Lutheran School begins the 2023-2024 school year with 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, starting classes on August 28. PS3 -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade starts August 30. Registration with be on August 22 from 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm and August 23 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm or by appointment.



This year's school theme is "Connected." "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:1-5 ESV).

Our staff for the year is as follows: Mrs. Caitlin Vanden Bloomer, 3-year-old PS; Miss Emily Ehlert, 4-year-old Kindergarten; Mrs. Heather Andreshak, 5-year-old Kindergarten; TO be announced soon, Grades. 1 – 2; Mrs. Valerie Ge-Rue, English / Language Arts / Grades 3 – 4; Miss Elizabeth Bahrns, Science / Social Studies /Grades 5 – 6; Mrs. Rachel Maloney, Music / Math / Grades 7 – 8; Miss Desiree Wittmann, Before and After Care and Teacher Aide; Mrs. Margaret Corrente, Teacher Aide; Kristine Tuyls, Teacher Aide; Mrs. Anne Dahms, School Cook and Teacher Aide; Juliet Colby, Art; Mr. Nathan Dahms, School Administrative Assistant; Rev. Keith GeRue, Principal.

We will publish a newsletter (Tiger Tracks) every other Friday. This letter will be sent out on Fast Direct. We will also upload the monthly lunch calendar at the end of every month. Please keep it handy so you can refer to it throughout the month. We hope this will help you. Check out our Trinity website at <a href="www.trinitymenasha.com">www.trinitymenasha.com</a>. The teachers are working to add more to their classroom information.

**SCRIP PROGRAM** –you may purchase scrip cards after service on Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday. They may also be purchased at the school or church office during regular business hours.

**ONE MONTH FREE TUITION** – You can receive a referral discount of one month's tuition for each child you refer that enrolls in our school and pays their first month's tuition.

FREE AND REDUCED HOT LUNCH forms can be picked up on Registration Day.

**TUITION PAYMENTS** – You may make tuition payments by automated deduction from your checking or savings account. Please bring along a voided check to registration begin the process.

Please call or email me with any questions at <a href="mailto:kgerue@trinitymenasha.com">kgerue@trinitymenasha.com</a> or (920)886-1077.

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

August 6, 9:00 am Fellowship Smith Park Pavilion in Menasha 10:00 am Worship followed by Church Picnic

August 15 - 25, Teacher In Service

August 22 – 23, Registration

August 21, 1:00 pm Volleyball Practice

August 22, 10:00 am Volleyball Practice

August 23, 2:00 pm Volleyball Practice

August 24, 1:00 pm Volleyball Practice

August 27, 9:00 am Worship with Teacher Dedication

August 28, 8:15 am 3rd – 8th Grade Classes Resume

August 29, 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice



# Serving Our Lord with Gladness – August 2023

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings Associate Pastor/Principal: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

Worship		Elder on	Communion				
Date/Time	Acolyte	Duty	Assistant	Usher Captain	Greeter	Altar Guild	Flower Delivery
Aug 2: 6:30 PM		Tom Harrmann		Steve Reinke		Volunteer Needed	
Aug 5: 5:00 PM Aug 6: 9:00 AM Aug 9: 6:30 AM	Emma Schmidt Mirella Taschner	Robert Allen Craig Thomas Tom Harrmann	Vance Pues Scott Gutzman	Roger Voigt Jim Wittman Steve Reinke	JoAnn Schultz Connie Henkel	Shirley Fleischer Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Aug 12: 5:00 PM Aug 13: 9:00 AM Aug 16: 7:00 PM	May Torres Melani Gast	Robert Allen Craig Thomas Tom Harrmann	Lee Colby David Collingwood	Tom Harrmann Lee Weinig Dave Acker	Betty Allen Liz Kamprath	Brian and Paula Reichert Jackie Bouchard <mark>Volunteer Needed</mark>	Volunteer Needed
Aug 19: 5:00 PM Aug 20: 9:00 AM Aug 23: 6:30 PM	Sydney Gast Dylan Kobs	Robert Allen Craig Thomas Tom Harrmann	Bruce Buksyk Josiah Nielsen	Jerry Maynard Steve Sexmith Dave Acker	Barbara Kester Jane Nielsen	Shirley Fleischer Jackie Bouchard <mark>Volunteer Needed</mark>	Volunteer Needed
Aug 26: 5:00 PM Aug 27: 9:00 AM Aug 30: 6:30 PM	Donovan Rausch Simon Kroes	Robert Allen Craig Thomas Tom Harrmann	Ian Thomas Robert Flater	Lee Colby Dave Collingwood Steve Reinke	Dan & Peggy Dahms Rosemary Collingwood	Philip and Mary Conradt Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

## Altar Guild Help Needed



Trinity is in dire need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild team.

Tasks are:

- Saturdays: Set-up and reset the altar
- Sundays: Clean up communion and deliver flowers to a designated member of Trinity.

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Please contact Mary Conradt or Jean Zeinert at (920) 722-2662 to become a member of our team.

#### German Dinner

Due to circumstances beyond our control, The German Dinner will not happen this year.

Prayerfully consider joining in planning the Dinner for 2024.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

\*ALTAR GUILD MEETING

September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

\*USHER MEETING

October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

in the Sanctuary.

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2023

	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS/INCOME	WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES	ENDING BALANCE	Acct #	<u>Delta</u>	Mthly/Qtly
Nicolet General Fund	\$11,847.68	\$66,438.49	(\$65,755.72)	\$12,530.45	6843	\$682.77	M
Nicolet Restricted Funds*	\$100,474.27	\$14,279.27	(\$5,370.98)	\$109,382.56	8048	\$8,908.29	Q
LCMS Endowment Fund**	\$119,348.02			\$119,348.02	7006	\$0.00	Q
LCEF Steward Fund	\$1,402.60	\$4,134.76	(\$166.92)	\$5,370.44	2525	\$3,967.84	M
Nicolet Money Market	\$61,555.90	\$25.21	(\$6,000.00)	\$55,581.11	2026	(\$5,974.79)	M
Schwab Wealth***	\$39,383.69	\$17.22	(\$424.14)	\$38,976.77	4018	(\$406.92)	Q
Nicolet Memorial Fund	\$7,062.55	\$303.61	\$0.00	\$7,366.16	8056	\$303.61	Q
Nicolet Office Acct	\$3,428.18	\$1.41	\$0.00	\$3,429.59	6851	\$1.41	M
Nicolet Think Tank	\$3,186.93	\$1.59	\$0.00	\$3,188.52	8099	\$1.59	Q
Nicolet Scrip	\$11,846.15	\$20,290.21	(\$19,744.01)	\$12,392.35	6800	\$546.20	M
TOTAL	\$359,535.97	\$105,491.77	(\$97,461.77)	\$367,565.97		\$8,030.00	
LCEF Mortgage (BOTR)	\$911,978.01		(4,659.17)	\$907,318.84	0440		

<sup>\*</sup> Restricted Beginning Bal is from 04/01/23

# Many Thanks from Bob & Nancy Lephart

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and money graciously given to us. We are so truly thankful for the many people responding to our challenging cancer situation! We know God is with us and pray that His will is for healing Bob!

God's blessings always! Nancy & Bob Lephart

## Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed!

The Board of Outreach and Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help at the Appleton Octoberfest on Saturday, September 30th.

The monies Trinity raises goes back into the church and school. We need people involved to make this a success again this year. Any questions, contact Ailene Moderson at (920)-450-2753 mmodes @yahoo.com

#### **August Newsletter Stewardship Message**

Our Stewardship Challenge this year is titled "A God-Lived Life. Over the next several months we will talk about a life of being a disciple, a life lived for others, a life of hospitality and a life lived shrewdly. Our emphasis will finish up in November when we will encourage you to update your time and talent information and renew your confidential financial commitment to the Lord.

Question for today's topic: Are you a disciple of Christ?

Many Christians have responded to this question stating that they go to church often, serve on committees or boards, or serve in various other ways. All these things are needed and necessary; however, these things alone do not make one a disciple of Christ. Being a Christian does not necessarily make you a disciple. Allow me to tell you what God says about discipleship.

Our very well documented instructions are in Matthew 28:18-20: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even till the end of the world." Hmmm! So, this means that I, as an individual, am responsible for being a disciple and for making other people disciples? Whoa! I can't do that - I don't have the words, no time is ever the right time, I'm afraid I might offend someone and in today's world I'll probably be labeled as a bigot, bible thumper, or something else even worse.

Being a Disciple of Christ means that you must be committed to His mission throughout your lifetime! You must be involved in His Word through self bible study, group bible study, and by surrounding yourself with other Christians (Christian Community) that will encourage you to mature in your faith and knowledge of Christ. A Disciple is kind of a student; it is someone who follows the teaching of, learns from, and models their life after someone, in this case Jesus. Each of us needs to train ourselves and others so that we can reach out with confidence to people that need to know about Christ. This is His command to us. He wants us to work on his behalf to build His kingdom. Why? Why, would we decide not to do what He asks us to do?

Your Board of Stewardship understands that being a Disciple is scary because we just haven't thought about it or tried it for that matter. It is not a comfortable thought to put yourself in that type of situation but remember that He says He is with you always. Ask Him through prayer for the words before you talk to someone. Trust that HE will lead the conversation. Our world can and will be a better place when you, as

an individual, become a committed Disciple of Christ. We end the message with Galatians 5:16-17: "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh, For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want."

Thank you very much for reading our message today, and blessings upon your life as a <u>Disciple!!</u>





# Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Psalm 96:1

Calling all singers at heart! Trinity's gallery choir will be gathering in early September to prepare for our 2023 season of musical praise. Here are a few details to know while you prayerfully consider how you can share your joy for the Lord in song:

Rehearsals run Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30. We generally sing for Reformation, Advent, Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. There are also a few extra dates in between including September, February, and Ascension. Our first rehearsal will be held on September 7.

This opportunity is also available for those of you who'd like to be part of a smaller ensemble. We'd love to have school families join us, too!

If you have questions, please contact Connie Henkel: 920-725-0694, sonshine-54952@yahoo.com.



# **Trinity Camping Weekend 2023**

Trinity Camping weekend is set for August 18-20, 2023, at the Wild West Campground & Corral in Waupaca. It is located on 90+ acres within 15 miles from downtown Waupaca, and Hartmann Creek State Park. There is a variety of recreational activities to enjoy. They are located on Hwy 54, 8 miles west of Waupaca (5 miles west of Hartmann Creek State Park). Check them out at



http://www.wildwestcampground.com. Reservations are taken online. Go to their website and place your reservation today. Or you can call them direct at 715-824-5112. As of May 20<sup>th</sup>, most of the sites between #3 to #19 are available (but don't wait too long, as these sites will fill-up).

Not able to camp with us? Then join us for the day on Saturday for fellowship and a lunchtime potluck meal. The campground does not charge a fee for guests to visit. Questions? or ideas for other campgrounds to consider for 2024? Contact Roger or Merry Voigt, at (920) 725-9908 or <a href="mailto:rogerwvoigt@gmail.com">rogerwvoigt@gmail.com</a>.

# SAUERKRAUT ORDERS WILL AGAIN BE TAKEN THIS YEAR.

Watch for more information and a flyer for ordering on the spinner in the Narthex.



5/48/23, 25 to FM

HANDBELLS!! They're not cheap! But they're REALLLY good!!  $\supset \triangle$  (about \$9,500) Still Raising \$\$ ... (Buy a **BELL** (or two or three...), a TABLE (or more), the set of GLOVES. the FOAMS, the FOLDERS, the MALLETS, GOHand bbbe and GoGOD!! Get
excited
about
raising \$\$\$
for 2
octaves of
Malmark
Handbells!

Add-\$to-Our-Bell-Fund!

And if you'd like to donate some \$\$\$, please feel free!!

We already have about 1/2 the \$\$!!

Thank you!! ♥

one (or more) of the TABLE COVERS ... )

Also ... Sign up to RING HANDBELLS!! © \$

(Sign-up sheet on the wall in the Narthex - Name/Phone) No experience necessary ... Just smiles ... (and counting)

Any questions: Call Rose 608.213.2644

## How to Make the Switch to Organic Easier

Eating organic offers benefits for your health and environment. Making the switch is easier than you might think!

To start, locate organic grocery stores in your area. These sources often provide fresher produce and help support your community's economy. Next, plan your meals with organic ingredients in mind. This will help you stay on track and make healthier choices.

Budget-friendly recipes are essential when transitioning to an organic lifestyle. Look for dishes that use seasonal produce and prioritize plant-based ingredients. To save even more, consider purchasing items like grains and legumes in bulk.

By following these simple tips, you will be well on your way to reaping the benefits of organic eating while making a positive impact on the environment!

## A Path to Pain Relief: Chiropractic



Tired of putting up with persistent pain? Want to get back to all the things in life you love? Embark on your journey towards a pain-free life with chiropractic care as a valuable solution for managing chronic discomfort and enhancing physical mobility.

Our compassionate chiropractors skillfully provide adjustments to alleviate spinal subluxations, easing tension from muscles, joints, and bones. This process unlocks an increased range of motion, enabling you to move more freely and comfortably.

Committing to regular chiropractic visits may result in significant reductions in recurring pain intensity, fostering a healthier and more active lifestyle. Furthermore, chiropractic care can potentially improve posture and elevate athletic performance, offering multiple benefits for your overall wellbeing.

Embrace the hope and healing that chiropractic care may bring, and take the first step towards a brighter, more mobile future. Give your Chiropractor a call today, to book an appointment!

# Reap the Benefits of Nature: Your Guide to a Stress-Free Life



In today's fast-paced world, stress is an all-too-common experience. But did you know that immersing yourself in nature can significantly reduce stress and boost your energy levels? Here are ways to get started.

- 1. To begin your journey towards a more relaxed and invigorated life, find a local park or trail where you can immerse yourself in natural surroundings.
- 2. Set achievable goals for yourself, whether it is a leisurely walk or a challenging hike.
- 3. Remember, every step you take in nature brings you closer to a sense of calm and wellbeing.

Make the most of each nature experience by embracing mindfulness and fully engaging your senses. Listen to a birdsong, feel the breeze on your skin, and take in the vibrant colors around you. By cultivating a deeper connection with the natural world, you may discover the transformative power of nature to promote hope, healing, and happiness!

Your prayers and thoughtfulness have been a big Comfort and Strength to me during my recovery.

Thank you for the Altar Flowers, Cards, and Well Wishes. You all have truly touched my heart.



Joan Reinke

#### First impressions...

Can you finish that sentence? First impressions DO mean a lot. What's the first thing you notice when you walk up to our building? For many, the grounds around the building are just as important as the building in which you worship and learn.

Trinity sets aside time to "spruce up the place." Our garden spaces, around the building, might just be that impression you or others first notice when approaching the building. Thanks to a few dedicated servants, the weeds get pulled, vegetation gets watered, bushes get trimmed, and flowers get planted.

If you haven't noticed, take a moment to see what's been happening outside and what might be changing as time passes. If you're interested in getting your hands dirty, or you need a rewarding stress reliever, let us know.

Contact Connie Henkel if you'd like to know more. Oh yes and take a moment to "stop and smell the roses," really!



#### Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed!

The Board of Outreach and Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help at the Appleton Octoberfest on Saturday, September 30th.
The monies Trinity raises goes back into the church.
and school. We need people involved to make this a success again this year. Any questions, contact Ailene Moderson at (920)-450-2753 mmodes @yahoo.com



# Mission News from Rev. Dr. Walter & Robyn Steele





# Foreign to Familiar Familiar to Foreign



**Our Home and Work in East Africa** 

Before we came to East Africa, we were assigned a number of books to read to prepare us for the transition. One such book is *Foreign to Familiar*. It describes the process of moving from one culture to another and then becoming at home in your new setting.

We have learned many new things living in Kenya and among those of the East Africa community of peoples. The foreign is becoming more and more familiar. Many of our assumptions from our own culture have been challenged. We see things through eyes becoming different. We hear words that are becoming well known. We are thinking in ways that are new and renewed. We are encouraged by the mutual faith we share with them.

We have now been on Home Service for about six weeks. Returning to the USA, in many ways the familiar (our home culture) feels foreign to a degree. I guess if we stayed for longer it would all come back. But it is clear that the pull to return to the mission field grows stronger as time passes. We miss our home at Matongo. We miss our African friends. And we miss being with the students, doing the work to which the Lord has called us.

We would not be able to do this work without you. So, even as we miss our new home, we are so very grateful to you—our oldest friends—for your love and support. You have been truly encouraging. We have been refreshed by our time with you—in such a way that we will be ready to return and labor where we have been called.

As always, we appreciate you and your commitment to our Lord.

In Christ's love,

Walter and Robyn Steele



**HOME SERVICE** 

Come see us at:

7/2 Trinity, Palo Alto CA

7/4 July 4th Party @ The Hartwigs: Lancaster CA

7/5 Redeemer, Ridgecrest

CA

7/9 Peace, Flagstaff AZ

7/16 Zion, Oklahoma City

7/18 Faith, Wylie TX

7/19 Faith, Wylie TX

7/23 St. John, Frisco TX

7/28–8/3 The LCMS

Convention, Milwaukee WI

8/6 Bethlehem, Sun Prairie Wisconsin

If you would like to get together, call us at:

(214) 316-1315



To be added to or removed from this mailing list, send an email message to Walter.Steele@lcms.org with the word ADD or REMOVE in the subject line.



# Thank You to Those We Have Seen

University Lutheran Chapel, Minneapolis MN

St. James, West St. Paul MN

Zion, St. Francis MN

Trinity, Farmington MN

St. Johns, Rich Valley MN

Our Savior, Fenton MO

Village Lutheran, St. Louis MO

Mission Central, Mapleton IA

Immanuel, Dimock SD

Zion, Ainsworth NE

Trinity, Cheyenne WY

Trinity, Sacramento CA

St. Paul, Woodland CA

Redeemer, Chico CA

Holy Cross, Rocklin CA

Grace, San Mateo CA

# Cool Idea from Zion, Ainsworth Nebraska! Include Overseas Missions in Your VBS



Thank you to the kids for your interest and support!



Remember, you can help us continue to teach future church workers here in Africa by your prayers and financial support at:

lcms.org/givenow/steele

Or at the world-famous Mission Central

MISSION CENTRAL

40718 Highway E-16

Mapleton IA 51034



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

To support the LCMS through the work of Walter & Robyn Steele, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod P.O. Box 66861 St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Walter & Robyn Steele." Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at lcms.org/Steele.