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The LORD
lifts up
those who are
bowed down;
the LORD
loves
the righteous.

Psalms 146:8



Young at Heart will be going to the Great Dragon Chinese Buffet for lunch on Tuesday, August 15 at 11:30 am.

All seniors are welcome!

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I'm a Lutheran



Ethel Heinle

I am the oldest of eight children, the only one in my family who was born in Dickinson, ND which is where I was baptized. The family moved to Driscoll when I was about 2 years old, where I did my communion and confirmation. All of this was in the Roman Catholic Church.

After I got married and started having children, a dear friend invited me to come to the Lutheran Church in Medina. When I was a kid growing up, I kept seeing the fun things that the Lutheran kids were doing, so I was already open to learning about the Lutherans. Really, aside from a few things, the Lutherans and the Catholics are so much alike.

I work as the parish secretary for English Lutheran in Medina and do preliminary bulletin preparation work for St. John's in Jamestown. I've been a farm wife my whole life, but have had jobs as a secretary for a travel agency and for ICS in Medina. I love to read inspirational books and stories, but I have never had that powerful, wonderful faith story that others talk about. I've experienced things more like, "Lord, you need to slap me across the face because I'm not going to pick up on anything very quickly."

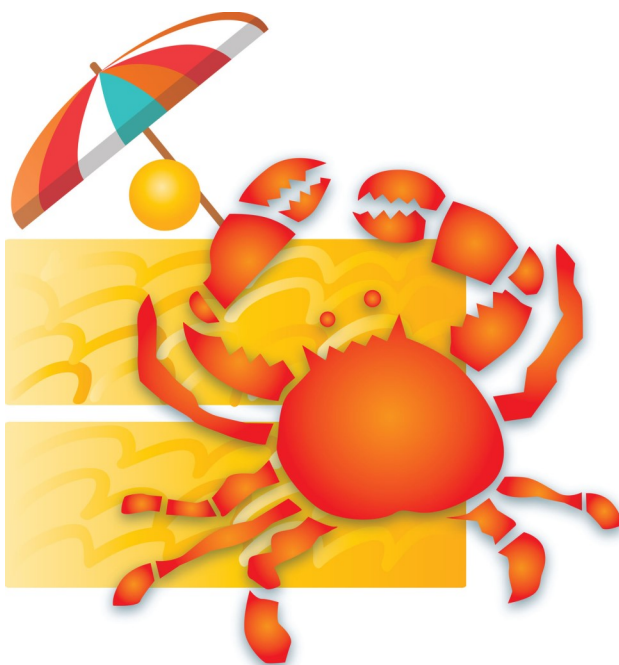
My favorite bible story is the Birth of Christ. It is meaningful for me to hear that Jesus was born like we are. He came into this world like a normal person. I like that the wise men came. I am drawn to the stories about the life of Jesus: how he called to Zacchaeus to come down out of that tree, and how he healed so many people.

I believe that people don't have much common sense these days. That is part of the reason that things get into such a mess. I also believe that people can help each other out. I pray for my family and for the different needs of people that come up. I remember people like the ones in Ukraine, but also our own country, which seems like such a mess sometimes.

I'm a Lutheran because my friends are here, I enjoy the services, and I find them meaningful. Right now I am the WELCA treasurer and I'm amazed at all the good we do in the church and our community. I'm more crafty than musical: I like to make cards and crochet. Sending greeting cards is one of my favorite things to do.

I've traveled, mostly in the U.S. My first plane trip was to Alaska. That was quite an experience. The first time I visited my sister in Manhattan, I couldn't believe how many people there were. I wondered how people could live there. On a sister trip to Washington D.C. I enjoyed seeing the historical things that I had learned about. I was particularly touched by the JFK memorial, although I imagined that it would be bigger than it was.

I struggle with winter, especially not being able to get out when I'd like to because of the deep snow drifts. I've lived on the farm some 50 years, raised 3 kids, my husband and I are celebrating 50 years of marriage this fall - what more could I ask for? I've never been without food on the table, clothes on my back, or the chance to see my kids, grand kids and great-grand kids grow up. For the most part, life has been good.



My eyes have seen what Jesus saw



Thank you for the opportunity to take time in June to visit Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, and Jericho. The journey was safe and we experienced no travel disruptions, lost luggage, or weather concerns.

One of the things that sticks with me in the weeks since returning home is the visual sight-lines of the area. I knew that the Holy Land is a compact place, but the visual effect of standing in one place and seeing another place that is important to completely different stories from the Bible is powerful.

From the hill-top city of Bethlehem on a clear day you can see the hills on the other side of the Dead Sea - the land the Bible calls Moab. I had never considered the story of Naomi and Ruth in this way. When Naomi stood in Bethlehem and considered her options about where to go when a famine struck the land, I had never considered

that she and Elimelech would head off to a place that they could see from their home. It might be 30 miles or so to travel - across the Judean desert and down to the Dead Sea and then up the hills on the far side- But they could see it. And after Naomi's husband died and her two sons died, she and her daughter-in-law Ruth set off to return to Bethlehem. Naomi could see the hill of her home from the place where she buried her family. The same holds true for Ruth - when she arrived in Bethlehem, she could look back to the east and see the hills of her homeland.

The same sense of visual closeness happened in Nazareth, in the north, near the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus was growing up, he could see across the broad, wide valley to the hills of Samaria, he could see the solitary mountain where he would meet Moses and Elijah, he could see the city of Megiddo and the plain of Armageddon. Sitting by the Sea of Galilee, the disciples could easily see across the waters to the other side. Streetlights and houses today - campfires in Jesus' day twinkle with the stars after the sun goes down.

My feet have now walked where Jesus walked and my eyes have seen things that Jesus saw, but I did not have to travel to the Holy Land to see the most beautiful and important things that Jesus saw. He saw the face of his neighbors and had compassion for them. We can do the very same thing where we live. Every person you meet, every face in the store, at the gas station, in the drive-thru window, is a person that Jesus looks at and sees as a person with value and importance. It is fun to see the sites, but the lessons of the trip are not in the rocks and ruins, but in the people who continue to give us the opportunity to see Christ in others and to be Christ to a world in need.

Travel has taught me that the important things in life are right here. The people that live here want the same things that people in Bethlehem or Jericho, or Jerusalem want- a place to be safe at night, a place where families and friends can live and gather, a way to provide for basic needs and where children can learn and grow. The world is a wide place, but we can see the needs of the world by looking around in our own neighborhood. By doing that, each one of us can see what Jesus saw.

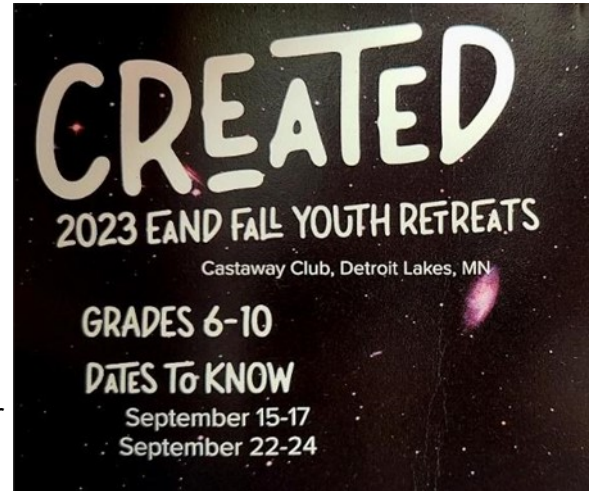
Peace, Pastor Erik

2023-2024 Youth Trips

The end of September and especially next summer feel far away right now, yet it's time to register and start getting ready for both Castaway and the National Youth Gathering!

Middle Schoolers:

Castaway is an EAND Synod retreat for youth in middle and high school (6th- 10th grade)! It's always a favorite! We are planning to attend the second weekend: September 22-24. Cost is \$190/ person which includes travel, lodging, meals (excluding Sunday lunch (\$10-\$15)) activities and a t-shirt. Reminder: Registration paperwork and a \$90 deposit is due by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 23. Registration is open now- Bring your deposit by the church office to reserve your spot! Deposits may also be made online through the link at NDChristiansAct.org then click Donate. Select Register for Youth Events. Choose whether you are one or more youth and follow the instructions to pay the deposit.



Scholarships are available; contact Pastor Susan Haukaas if you have a need.

The retreat is held near Detroit Lakes, MN at Young Life's Castaway Club. This retreat offers worship, music and activities all centered around teens and their faith. Also available at Castaway: a 60 person hot tub, climbing wall, indoor gym, outdoor volleyball and basketball courts, a zip line and a game room that includes pool, ping pong, and foosball. It is always an awesome weekend! Young people from all over our synod attend.

High Schoolers:

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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It's time to save the dates and start planning for the ELCA National Youth Gathering (NYG)! This is an incredible event for high school youth that only happens every three years! **July 16-20, 2024**, Lutheran high schoolers (9th-12th grade) and their adults from all over the country will converge in the city of **New Orleans, LA** to spend a week exploring their faith, making new friends, serving and worshipping God, and just having a blast! This will be NOLA's third time to serve as host city for the Gathering and they are thrilled to have us back! The NYG experience blows any other camp or mission trip out of the water, and is definitely one you don't want to miss!

Registration is open September 15- November 15, so by **October 15**, Deacon Tara Ulrich needs the **\$150 registration fee** from you to secure your spot! There will be plenty of fundraising opportunities to earn the rest of the money for the trip, but the first deposit will be an out of pocket commitment.

Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to learn more about the Gathering, travel plans, and fundraising!

Deposits may also be made online through the link at NDChristiansAct.org then click Donate. Select Register for Youth Events. Choose ELCA Youth Gathering and follow the instructions to pay the deposit.

Confirmation Classes for the 2023-24 School Year



Calling all 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Graders! Please join us for an Orientation Event. Parents and students are invited to hear about the joint Confirmation Program offered by St. John's and Trinity Lutheran Churches. At our Orientation we will share with you the goals for each class, the schedules for the year, and the faith formation that guides our time together.

Orientation for 6th & 7th Graders and their parents will be held in Centennial Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9th.

Orientation for 8th & 9th Graders and their parents will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9th.

Classes will begin in September.

6th & 7th Graders will come to St. John's Lutheran Church immediately after school on Wednesdays to learn about the Bible. Snacks will be provided. Class will begin promptly at 4 pm and will be released at 5:15 p.m. Deacon Tara Ulrich will be a primary contact for the 6th and 7th Confirmation class.

8th Graders will meet 2-3 times a month, as scheduled, at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. to study Martin Luther's Small Catechism (the 10 Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Sacraments). Class will be held at Trinity Lutheran from 6:30 pm until 8 pm. A caring adult is expected to attend each class. Pastor Susan Haukaas will be a primary contact for the 8th grade Confirmation class.

9th Graders will meet once a month at Trinity Lutheran Church 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to study the promises they will make during the Affirmation of Baptism service in 10th Grade. Pastor Susan Haukaas will be a primary contact for the 9th grade Confirmation class.

More information will be sent by mail, email, and through REALM Connect in early August. We use REALM Connect as our primary way to communicate for Confirmation classes. If you have not already claimed your profile on REALM Connect you will need to accept the invitation sent to you. You will receive this invitation by email. Please contact your church office if you have not received an invitation.

We look forward to seeing you on August 9th!



Christians in Action – Summer Events

Late July and August are full of events in our congregations and communities.

Check out some of these special events within our Christians in Action partnership.

July 30 9:00 am at Atonement Lutheran 10:45 am at Trinity Lutheran

Installation of Deacon Tara Ulrich as Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth will preach and install Deacon Tara in her new role.

August 6

Welcome Event to meet Deacon Tara at St. John's Lutheran (time to be announced)

August 10 (Thursday 2:00-4:00 pm)

Coffee and Conversation with Deacon Tara

Middle and High School Youth are invited to Babb's Coffee House in Jamestown for some time to get to know one another and to hear about upcoming youth events.

August 13

End of Summer Picnic and Bonfire Worship at Red Willow Bible Camp

1651 Jacob Dr., Binford, ND 58416

If you drive yourself, plan to arrive at Red Willow between noon and 3:30 pm.

Events include Picnic Lunch from noon – 1:00 pm

Explore camp: swimming, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, playing yard games.

If you ride in the vans, meet in the St. John's parking lot at 1:30 pm.

We'll arrive at Red Willow around 3:00 pm. There will be time to enjoy some camp activities and S'mores over the bonfire before worship begins at 4:00 pm.

The vans will leave Red Willow by 5:15 pm and return to the St. John's parking lot around 6:30-6:45 pm.

August 13 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Atonement Music Festival Come enjoy music and refreshments on the lawn.

1009 12th Ave NE, Jamestown

August 20 5:00 pm

Christ the King Polka Fest Come enjoy polka music followed by refreshments.

713 3rd Ave N, Ellendale Outdoors weather permitting, or in the sanctuary.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown	Christ the King, Ellendale	Emmanuel, Gackle	English, Medina
Montpelier, Montpelier	St. John's, Jamestown	Trinity, Jamestown	Zion, Kulm

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



AUGUST PLANS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

The 8:30 a.m. services will feature Kerry and Hannah Boese on trumpets, Erin Klein on oboe, Jon Lillejord, tenor, a duet by Evelyn Runck and Nathan Steele, and Trinity Choir. The 10:45 a.m. services will feature a duet by Evelyn Runck and Nathan Steele, and Celebration.

We are blest at Trinity to have these fine musicians so faithfully enriching worship at Trinity Lutheran Church. It has been my pleasure and honor to work with them for the past four years.

And it has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Trinity's Organist and Choir Director for the past four years. As most of you know I will be retiring at the end of August as I complete sixty-nine years serving as an organist and choir director at various churches in the United States.

It has been a remarkable career filled with incredible experiences at wonderful churches filled with faithful and supportive congregations.

Here at Trinity I am so grateful for the support of Pastor Kristi, Pastor Susan, Meggen, Deacon Tara, Ashley, Lynette, Kirstie, Beth and a loving and caring congregation. I am blessed to call all of you "friends".

As I prepare for a new book in my life, I will need to be gone for a while, but then I shall reappear as a member of Trinity Church. So - while I give thanks for the past four years, I am excited about the possibilities as an active member of our church.

Blessings and Peace, Dick Morris

Respectfully Disposing of Deteriorating Bibles and Honoring the People who Faithfully Read Them

Do you have a Bible that was given to you but is in a condition that makes it unable to be read without pages falling out? Are you wondering what to do with that Bible?

Our congregation will be collecting used Bibles July 16 – 30.

Please be sure to remove any photos, letters, or other family keepsakes from the Bible.

What will happen to these Bibles?

Bibles that have deteriorated and are unable to be read will be respectfully buried in the cemetery at Eldridge. All are invited to attend a brief service at the cemetery.

**Thursday, August 3 at 11:00 am
at Eldridge Cemetery**

The service will include a time for giving thanks for the people who faithfully read these Bibles and a time for giving thanks for congregations in our area that have closed.

Bibles that are in good condition will be donated to Orphan Grain Train to be shared with people who will read them.

Council Highlights—Monday, July 17, 2023

Present: Jacob Limke, Mary Craft, Joni Zink, Greg Ulland, Nathan Steele, Eric Knodel, Mindy Skunberg, Pastor Kristi Weber, Shawn Banet (on speaker phone)

Minutes: minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports for June 2023 will be emailed when they are received.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Approve support for a Mitten Appeal for purchasing the second new boiler.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A) Staffing Changes:

Deacon Tara Ulrich began serving as Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries on July 1.

The candidate for Early Childhood Specialist/ Youth Ministry Assistant declined the offer of employment.

A Director or Interim Director of Stepping Stones will be sought to fill that vacancy.

Zoom interviews for a Director of Music Ministries will be scheduled. Finalists will be invited for an on-site interview in mid to late August.

Next regular Council meeting: Monday, August 21, at 7:00 pm in person

Next Executive team meeting Wednesday, August 16 at 12:30 pm on Zoom

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Greg Ulland, President 701-330-2015
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Chris Flann, Sec. 269-6756
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Mary Craft 252-9086	Amy Joseph 269-9344
Eric Knodel 320-9968	Mindy Skunberg 269-2805
Nathan Steele 269-2811	Joni Zink 320-1015

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Altar Guild.....	Ardell Quigley (952-5062)
Boy Scouts.....	Aaron Motter (952-3428)
Education.....	252-2841
Fine Arts.....	252-2841
Library.....	252-2841
Memorial.....	Peg Beckman (252-1896)
Men of Trinity.....	Randy Lebahn (952-8337)
Outreach.....	Shirley Driessen (952-2519)
Parish Care.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Property & Management.....	252-2841
Selma Alexander/Trinity Foundation.....	Bob Toso (252-5027)
Stephen Ministry.....	Wendy Thompson (251-2122)
Women of Trinity.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Worship.....	252-2841
Youth.....	Wynn Rasmussen (252-4890)
Church Office.....	252-2841

Mitten Appeal

How do mittens become boilers?

Donations in all amounts are appreciated to ensure that Trinity has two new boilers before winter.



Mitten ornaments, coasters, and adult sized mittens are thank you gifts while supplies last.

**Financial Snapshot—Trinity’s General Fund
Through May 2023 (the June update was not available at publication time)**

Year to Date Income	\$ 149,086
Year to Date Designated Income*	<u>+\$ 13,853</u>
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 162,339
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	<u>+\$ 32,587</u>
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 195,526
Year to Date Expenses	<u>-\$ 189,225</u>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 6,301

*Designated income includes funds received for specific bills paid through Trinity’s General Fund.

**Some funds received in previous years are designated for expenses (such as repairs paid by donations to the RENEW Campaign) Your generosity throughout the year helps continue Trinity’s mission and ministry.

Lay Preaching

It takes preparation and courage to stand up in front of a group of people and talk. Even experienced pastors get butterflies in their stomach sometimes at the thought of leading worship and preaching. One thing that is very clear in the world is that God speaks in many ways and through many different people. As part of Christians in Action, we are intentionally trying to create space where more voices can be heard in worship. During this first year of Christians in Action two lay leaders have said yes to preaching occasionally. Tena Lawrence and Eric Hassebrock have prepared and offered sermons for worship at Trinity, Montpelier, and Atonement. They meet regularly with Pastor Erik to share ideas and learn from each other about the process of preparing a message for a gathered congregation.

Lay preachers are not a new thing in the life of the church, but they have not been in fashion for many years. Somewhere along the way over the past 80 years, it became the “pastor’s” job to preach- to the exclusion of other voices. Reclaiming the place of a variety of voices requires something from all of us who worship. It requires that we listen with new ears. It requires that we open our worship services to voices that may be less familiar than we are used to hearing. It invites us to hear what God is up to in our community today.

Lay Preachers are a valuable part of our ability to continue to gather for worship every week. It is no secret that there are not as many pastors around as there used to be. There aren’t as many pastors available for calls to congregations that are searching. There aren’t as many retired pastors available to fill in. The good news is that God’s word can be lifted up by each one of us. If you have an interest in offering one sermon and give it a try, or are feeling led to join a more regular rotation of preaching or leading parts of worship, contact your local coordinator for Christians in Action or Pastor Erik at St. John’s for ways to get connected with the Lay Preachers group that helps people prepare.

Worship on FM radio

If you are having trouble with the reception on 1400 AM for the radio broadcast of the 8:30 am Sunday worship, try 107.1 FM to get better reception.

Altar Flowers

- † 8/6/23 by Marlyn Swanson in memory of George
- † 8/13/23 by Dick Morris in memory of wife, Nancy
- † 8/20/23 by Bob & Alaine Toso in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
- † 8/27/23 by Dave & Erin Klein in honor of Gabriel's baptismal anniversary

Altar Candles

- † 8/6/23 by Marlyn Swanson in memory of George
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Radio

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- † 8/27/23 by Frank & Marvel Fischer in honor of their anniversary

Ministerial Acts



Funerals

- ✝ 7/1/2023 Kenneth Schneider (Montpelier Lutheran)
- ✝ 7/6/2023 David Orr
- ✝ 7/23/2023 Jim Klein

June worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

July 2 41
July 9 44
July 16 56
July 23 112

In person at 10:45 a.m.

July 2 44
July 9 46
July 16 44
July 23 38

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

July 2 42
July 9 36
July 16 24
July 23 25

Sunday, August 27

8:30 and 10:45 am

Trinity will say thank you to Dick Morris for his musical leadership during the past four years.

If you would like to give a card to thank Dick for his music, please bring it to the church office before August 24th.

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Wendy Thompson Pastoral Assistant
Tara Ulrich (659-1226) Director of Children, Youth
and Family Ministries
To be named (320-8216) Director of Stepping Stones
Lynette Berry (320-5707)..... Faith Quest Administrator
Dick Morris..... Organist/Choir Director
Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant



Sun

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Sat

		1 10:00am Staff Meeting-Trinity 2:30pm Text Study 6:30pm Alphabet Fun	2 8:45am Open Play 6:30pm Alphabet Fun	3 6:30pm Alphabet Fun	4 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	5
6 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion 3:00pm Edgewood Communion	7 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	8 10:00am Staff Meeting-Atonement 2:30pm Text Study 4:00pm Worship Committee	9 8:45am Open Play	10 9:30am Altar Guild 7:00pm Wine & the Word	11 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	12
13 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 11:45 Smith baptism reception	14 11:45am Blood Drive 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	15 8:00am Men of Trinity 11:30am Young at Heart 12:00pm Grace Circle 2:30pm Text Study	16 8:45am Open Play 10:00am Staff Meeting-Trinity 2:00pm Ave Maria	17 11:00am Ave Maria	18 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	19 4:00pm Toso Vow Renewal
20 Bond Deadline 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion 2:00pm Ave Maria	21 1:00pm Staff Meeting-Atonement 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal 7:00pm Congregational Council	22 2:30pm Text Study	23 No Open Play	24 First Day of School	25 Office Closed	26
27 Dick's Last Sunday 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages	28 4:15pm Celebration Rehearsal	29 2:30pm Text Study	30 8:45am Open Play 10:00am Staff Meeting-Trinity 5:00pm Community Block Party	31	No Open Play	

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Trinity's Purpose:

Connect with God and with each other.

Share God's good news with all.



Summer Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)

Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)

Wednesday Worship will pause until September 20