

The Epistle

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Our Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel.

July 2025



Vicar's Article

Pentecost and Summer are in full swing! While many of us take time to enjoy nature out at lakes, up in cabins, or just with day trips to parks, let God speak to you through the beauty that surrounds us here in Idaho.

While I served my time at CPE as a Chaplain Intern, I found out that the top spiritual resource that helps patients make it through whatever their diagnosis may be in Idaho is the desire to return to nature, often with a loved one. Give thanks for the gifts we have here in Idaho through God's creation, and the community here at Trinity we can share our experiences with. July 25th – 27th we will share that wonder together on the annual Church Campout. Come and join us!

God dwells in the world around us, but we ask God to be there and meet us in other parts of our lives as well. Where do you need God in your life right now? Do you see people in our community at Trinity that need God in theirs? How can we call God in? Will the Holy Spirit work through the members of the congregation, God be with you in nature, or Jesus be with you in bringing the one you pray for up to communion? At the end of June, we started Identifying where we see God in our life on our Prayer tree. For July I ask you to invite God into the light of others in our community and beyond. Write your prayers on leaves and add them to the growing tree this month.

Vicar Aaron Carr (He/Him)



NEWS FROM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

LOOKING FOR a God's work, our hands project for September. If you have any

ideas, please talk with Cedar, Julie Haugen, Steve or Renee VanAtter!

Save the date: God's Work, Our Hands project either September 6th or September 7th. More info to come!

MAY NOISY OFFERING on Sunday May 25th was for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Last month we brought in \$303.98! This money will go to NAMI in the Treasure Valley for online & in person classes & support groups to people with mental illness and their families. Also to promote advocacy and public awareness about mental illness. Thank you to everyone who donated!

JUNE NOISY OFFERING on Sunday June 29th was for school supplies for Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Supplies needed this school year are the basic classroom tools, and the community here at Trinity really showed their support and caring. We had an amazing bunch of donations. Thanks everyone for your continued support!

JULY NOISY OFFERING on Sunday July 27th has been changed to the Pastor's Emergency fund. This change comes as a result of a growing need in our community, a need which is bordering on extreme and has emptied the current fund. This money is given out to people who come to the church seeking assistance with gas vouchers and occasionally paying for utilities and medications. It

is also a fund to assist members of our church in times of desperate need, the same as the community. Please help with this need on Sunday July 27th. Thank you to all for your continuing generosity.

TOILETRIES NEEDED -- This summer, while traveling, collect and bring in unused travel toiletries. These items will be used in our food pantry and are always needed and appreciated. Items to give include shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please place items in the designated box in the Narthex. Thank you!

DONATIONS BY VERSE -- Keep an eye open for a verse or prayer in the Sunday bulletins that mentions a food item. Please bring the food item mentioned for that month. In July the Bible reading for the 6th is from Luke 10. Have a read ahead of time to learn more about what is said. Please bring food items in microwaveable containers.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – 2025 is the 80-year anniversary of loving our neighbor for Lutheran World Relief. This all started in 1945. Please check out LWR.ORG/80 for more information. Thanks! Church in Community

ANNUAL TRINITY CAMPOUT 2025 -- will be happening in just about a month! We will gather at the Ward property near Donnelly on the weekend of July 25 - 27. We have scheduled activities: an Ice Cream Social at 8:30 pm on Friday evening (bring a topping to share), and on Saturday: Potluck Breakfast/Brunch at 8:00 am, Social Time (aka "Happy Hour" so think wine and appetizers) at 4:30 pm, then dinner at 6:30 pm (burgers and dogs provided; bring a side or dessert to share), and worship around the campfire at 8:00 pm. There will be a big pot of coffee waiting for you on the Ward's deck starting at 7:00 am on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

But it's not all scheduled! You have free time on Saturday between breakfast and social time to do whatever you'd like. Some people head into McCall. Others take naps. Some hike or ride bikes or play games or do crafts. Others chat with each other. We are also close to the north end of Cascade Lake, so there's swimming and kayaking, etc.

We welcome all kinds of "campers"! Many are Trinity members; others are not. Some have RVs or sleep in tents; others string hammocks between

trees. Some stay at nearby motels or their own Valley County homes; others drive up for the day on Saturday, leaving after worship concludes. This is a casual event, so it's a great time to invite a friend or two. A flyer with the complete schedule and directions was in the June Epistle, and there are copies in the narthex. We hope you will join us!!

DONNELLY PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

The healthy snacks that we donated to the Donnelly Public Library for its children's programs were so very much appreciated and already are being used with its summer program. As you might imagine, having kids programming in teepees is great in the summer; for after-school programs in January and February, not so much! The amount of snow in Valley County can be a huge issue! The library has a building fund, with hopes of adding enough square footage to bring its children's activities back indoors. So, with this in mind, we are collecting a "special offering" at the Camp Out as another way to help this valiant little library. Cash is welcome; if you wish to write a check, please make that payable to Donnelly Public Library (with "building fund" on the memo line).

If you are unable to attend the Camp Out but would like to participate in this special offering, please do so during July. We are happy to receive cash in well-marked envelopes or checks payable to Donnelly Public Library "building fund" and will add these to what is collected at Camp Out.

RALLY WEEKEND BARBECUE -- Even though many schools start in mid-late August, the "official end of summer" is Labor Day Weekend. And, after that, fall programming starts in earnest—including our Sunday School and Adult Education programs which kick off on Rally Sunday, September 7th. Since most of us will be in town that weekend, we have planned a Barbecue gathering on the church lawn for Saturday evening, September 6th. Burgers, dogs and water will be furnished, so bring a side dish or dessert and your most comfortable lawn chairs. It will be a wonderful opportunity to visit with people you have missed during the past few months. Start time is tentatively scheduled for 6:00 pm but watch for more details as that may shift a bit.

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET -- It's less than 6 months until Christmas, which means less than 5 months until we start distributing and using our annual Advent Daily Devotional booklets--but that won't happen unless our authors send us their entries! It feels weird to write about

Advent/Christmas when it's hot outside and the sprinklers and air conditioning are running; but that may be the perfect time for you to gather your thoughts and write your entry. Give completed submissions to Edith Hannett, Tami Robinson or Penelope Smith.

UNCERTAIN TIMES -- Anyone who is invested in the stock market, who buys groceries, or who watches the news is frequently reminded that we are living in times of financial uncertainty. This can be extremely unsettling and can cause us to shrink back into a smaller comfort zone, changing how we use our money. Perhaps eating out less often or skipping those lovely coffee drinks from (your choice) Dutch Bros or Starbucks or Flying M or Moxie Java; borrowing books from the library instead of buying them. Anything to help you feel more secure and more in-control! As Christians, we learned of how often Abraham's children faced uncertainty -- and of the challenges faced by the early church -- and are reminded of the importance of putting our trust in God, who is faithful. There are so many verses in Psalms (9:10; 28:7, 46:10). The Old Testament has many stories: Numbers 14:7-9; Isaiah 26:3-4; Jeremiah 29:11. And, of course, the New Testament: Matthew 6:26; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 John 5:14-15. In addition to our 2025 focus on Gratitude, perhaps we might also add Trust to our spiritual practices.

Hi Greeters! -- I think we are all aware that Sharon Jones was one of our most welcoming members. She was an expert at noticing new faces that came through our doors and making sure that they received a word of welcome and a friendship bag. We (Gospel & Growth) want to try something new going forward. We are asking you to be both watchful and willing as you greet people on Sunday mornings. Gospel & Growth will make sure that we have friendship bags ready to go but are asking the Greeters each Sunday to give one to those new people you meet. If you have questions or suggestions, please talk to Edith Hannett, Tami Robinson, or Penelope Smith. Thank you!

Aaron will bring his Hebrew version?!) and we study the different genre of the psalms. It is generally accepted that they group into the following categories: Lament (of the community and of individuals); Specialized Lament (penitential and imprecatory); Thanksgiving (of the community and the individual); Specialized Thanksgiving (salvation history and songs of trust); Hymnic Psalms (hymns and doxologies); Liturgical Psalms for Public Worship (covenant songs, royal/enthronement songs, songs of Zion, and temple liturgies); and Community/Wisdom Psalms. If you have an interest in the psalms, or an interest in a study group - this would be a good time to join us. If your schedule has you out of town frequently, this would be an ideal topic for you - each week's lesson is self-contained, and you won't feel lost if you miss a week or two. Please consider joining us in the Koinonia (blue) room on Tuesdays between 1:00 - 3:00 pm as we trek through the psalms together.



**Statistical Comparison for March-April
2024/2025**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
05/05	38	05/04	51
05/12	57	05/11	45
05/19	57	05/18	52
05/26	32	05/25	41
06/02	38	06/01	40
06/09	45	06/08	34
06/16	43	06/15	22
06/23	38	06/22	38
06/30	59	06/29	(N/A)



**TUESDAY STUDY GROUP
PSALMS on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm –
3:00 pm.** The Tuesday Study Group has finished our exploration of other religions

and how Christians can interact and interact with them. On **February 11th** we began our new focus on the psalms. Each participant brings his/her own favorite translation of the Bible (perhaps Vicar



**OFFICERS/COMMITTEE LIAISONS
2025**



- President** Larry Mills (25)
- Vice-President** Bryce Quarve (26)
- Secretary** Sierra Armbrust (25)
- Treasurer and Accounts Payable Coordinator**
Karissa Armbrust (renewable)
- Financial Secretary** Kristina Radke (renewable)

IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Colton (Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)
Amy Ball (The Radke Family cousin -- pneumonia)
Sharon Jones' nieces (Alzheimer's)
Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)
Angel Bray (Margreta Spady's granddaughter – cancer)
Abby (Fran & Elwood's granddaughter – seizures)
Eileen Warner (Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke's Mom)
Karen Bair (Biopsy on tumor on upper left lung, June 10th)
Jessica Carr (Recovering from car crash)
Tina Zielinski (Ankle/Leg healing daughter of Randy & Martha Miller)
Cody (Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley)
Addie (Teenage Crohn's disease – Cathy Winwood)
Rita (Renee's sister -- Renee VanAtter)
Linda Dombeck (heart issues – Mary Braudrick)
Andrew Hanson (hurting knee – Karson Hanson)
Mary Jane (sister, health issues – Fran Webb)

For Andrew (from Elizabeth Schnabel)
For friends (safe travel -- from Julie Haugen)
For Mark S. (working too much overtime – Janie Stubson)
For Dan Baldwin (from Jessica & Aaron Carr)
For Family of Ed Anderson (mourning his loss)
For Chris & Cooper Koons (hoping for good test results – Anita Koons)
For Ward Family (mourning loss of Sylvia Ward)
For Jeff (Son awaiting test results – Elwood & Fran Webb)
For Family of Amy Bal (died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)
For Colton family & friends (mourning loss of Travis Colton – Kellar family)
For Sharon Jones's family (mourning loss of Sharon Jones)
For Kellar Family (mourning loss of James R. Kellar, Lloyd's brother)
For Family of Di Seba (mourning loss of Diana Seba)

People in the Armed Services:

Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins – Marines)
John C. Collins II (Helen Collins' grandson – Navy SEAL)
Bill MacDonald (Navy)
Amanda Love (Cathy Winwood's Niece – Army)

*Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list
unless you let the office know otherwise.*

Trinity Servants For July 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church Servant Assignments (please find your own replacement and notify office if you can't serve.)

	July 06 Pentecost 4	July 13 Pentecost 5	July 20 Pentecost 6	July 27 Pentecost 7	August 03 Pentecost 8
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Karissa Armbrust	Mary Braudrick	Mary Braudrick	Bryce Quarve	Bryce Quarve
<u>Crucifer</u>	Steve VanAtter	Alexa Ward	Giada Armbrust	Cedar Hilger	Jason Mills
<u>Acolyte</u>	Zander Radke	Aldwin Kellar	Aggie Klahn	Karson Hanson	Abigail Radke
<u>Reader</u>	Giada Armbrust	Jeff Henderson	David Sheriff	Sarah Henthorn	Jason Mills
<u>Children's Message</u>	Vicar Aaron	Jason Mills	Vicar Aaron	Sarah Henthorn	Vicar Aaron
<u>Music</u>	Bryce Leifeste	Karissa Armbrust	Bryce Leifeste	Bryce Leifeste	Karissa Armbrust
<u>Audio/Streaming</u>	Elizabeth Schnabel & Larry Mills	Elizabeth Schnabel & Larry Mills	David Sheriff & Bryce Quarve	David Sheriff & Andrew Hanson	Jason Mills & Andrew Hanson
<u>Greeters</u>	Steve & Julie Ward	Hanson Family	Steve VanAtter & Julie Haugen	Tami Robinson & Joyce Becht	Judy & Lloyd Kellar
<u>Ushers</u>	Radke Family	Pat & Donna Benoit	Penelope Smith & Renee VanAtter	Tami Robinson & Michala Mills	Judy & Lloyd Kellar
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Beth Rasgorshel	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Kim Mills & Leininger	Beth Rasgorshek	The Benoit's
<u>Offering Counters</u>	Larry Mills & Edith Hannett	Darrel Miller & Lloyd Kellar	Sierra Armbrust & Edith Hannett	Sierra Armbrust & TBD	Bryce Quarve & Darrel Miller
<u>Fellowship</u>	Janie Stubson	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>Flowers</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>Wine</u> Henderson	<u>Eternal Candle</u> Henderson	<u>Communion</u> <u>Bread</u> Julie Haugen	<u>Church Cleaning</u> Randy & Martha Miller		

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar for **July 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office 8:00 – Noon	2 Office 8:00 -- Noon	3 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	4 Office Closed Independence Day	5 Office Closed
6 Pentecost 4 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	7 Office 8:00 – Noon	8 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	9 Office 8:00 – Noon 2 pm Gospel & Growth	10 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	11 Office Closed	12 Office Closed
13 Pentecost 5 10 am Worship and Communion (garden blessing) 11 am Fellowship Time	14 Office 8:00 – Noon	15 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group 7 pm Church Council	16 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Stewardship	17 Office 8:00 – 10:30am 6:30 pm Al-Anon	18 Office Closed	19 Office Closed
20 Pentecost 6 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	21 Office 8:00 – Noon 9:00 am Epistle Articles Due	22 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	23 Office 8:00 – Noon	24 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	25 Office Closed Church Campout	26 Office Closed Church Campout
27 Pentecost 7 10 am Worship and Communion (Noisy Offering) 11 am Fellowship Time Church Campout	28 Office 8:00 – Noon 10:00 – 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	29 Office 8:00 -- Noon	30 Office 8:00 -- Noon	31 Office 8:00 -- Noon		

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