

	<p><i>Holy Trinity Lutheran Church</i></p> <h1>Tidings</h1>	<p>June-August 2016</p>
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Effective June 26-
September thru
September 4th
services are at 8:00
and 10:00 with coffee
hour in between
services



A grand time was had by all who stayed for the Church Picnic on June 12th. It was windy, but the eats were good and plentiful. Randy and Mike manned the grills. Next year it's hoped that attendance will increase.

Message from your Pastor:

- It's summertime summertime sum sum summertime
Summertime summertime sum sum summertime
Summertime summertime sum sum summertime summertime...
Well shut them books and throw 'em away
And say goodbye to dull school days
Look alive and change your ways

Because, because:

It's summertime... etc.

These extraordinarily simple lyrics from the song "Summertime, Summertime," by The Jamies (the only hit this group ever recorded, by the way) come to mind every year around this time. So does the equally simple tune, which I must admit, I've been humming over and over to myself for the past few days.

I know why I remember this song every year as Memorial Day rolls around. The song reminds me of a time when summer was carefree; when the pace was slower and the responsibilities were fewer. And that invariably brings a smile to my face.

And when I think about simplicity, particularly summertime simplicity, another notion springs to mind:

If you're like me and occasionally visit a cardiologist, you have probably heard of the remarkable health benefits of the "Mediterranean Diet." It appears that while people living in Mediterranean countries tend to consume relatively high amounts of fat, they have far lower rates of cardiovascular disease than in countries like the United States, where similar levels of fat consumption are found.

Well, here's my theory on the Mediterranean Diet: It has nothing to do with olive oil or red wine. The reason that people in Mediterranean countries have less incidence of cardiovascular disease is not because of their diet, it's because they take the whole month of August off every year! These folks know that summer is for slowing down and they practice what they preach.

Wayne Muller, in his book *Sabbath: Remembering the Rhythm of Rest and Delight*, makes some useful points that could benefit all of us.

- Rest is not just a psychological convenience; it is a spiritual and biological necessity.
- Perhaps this is why, in our spiritual tradition (and in others), "Remember the Sabbath" is more than simply a lifestyle suggestion, it is a Commandment.
- Let us take a collective breath, rest, pray, meditate, walk, sing, eat and take time to share the unhurried company of those we love.
- God does not want us to be exhausted; God wants us to be happy. And so let us remember the Sabbath.

So, my friends, while I know that for some of you who live and work in our resort community this will be very difficult to do, be sure to take some time to rest this summer. Think of it as a way to observe the Sabbath.

Pastor Jeff Van Orden



ABOUT THE GARDEN

Members and visitors alike may have noticed that it is not only the plants in the vegetable garden behind our church that are growing; the garden itself has grown with the recent addition of an all new raised bed. With special project funding from the Garden Club of LBI and a donation of a small load of topsoil from Kline Brothers, Inc., the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Community Garden is nearly 50% larger than in recent years. Bill Bennett has overseen this spring's work and is hopeful that the crop he's planted will likewise yield increased produce, produce to be shared among attendees to our summer services and nearby food banks (whenever leftovers exist).

Stewardship at Holy Trinity

One definition of stewardship is: *the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.*

Stewardship is not a once a year obligation we have to just get through. Stewardship is a year-long every day relationship we have with our church and with each other. God has entrusted us with the care of this ministry and the care of each other as sisters and brothers in Christ. It is and should be a joyful responsibility.

This year we will be remembering and celebrating our careful and responsible management of Holy Trinity on Stewardship Sunday, October 23. We will have a special service with a special guest preacher, The Rev. Scott Schantzenbach and a celebration meal.

Look for more information to come, but for now please save the date!

Thank you,

Linda Wood, Stewardship Chairperson





Prayer Ministry

Our prayer ministry is growing in leaps and bounds. We have a loyal group who pray daily for those on the prayer list. If you are interested in this ministry, you can help in one or two different ways.

1. Join the prayer chain by contacting me by phone 732 642-9408 or email: kataocn@gmail.com and provide me with your email address or phone number (if you don't have email) if you would like to be a prayer partner.
2. Let me know if you would like someone to be added to our prayer list.

Prayer cards can also be found in the pews if you would like to fill one out during the service and place it in the offering plate.

The list is updated weekly and published in the bulletin. Names will be removed after one month unless you let me know otherwise.

Prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry.

Kathy Leifeste

MUSIC AND WORSHIP-

"Sing" praises to the Lord...



Do you sing in the shower, car or when no one is around? Would you like to sing the Lord's praises at a service this summer? Contact Elissa after one of the summer services so that arrangements can be made.

Music and Worship News

The summer is upon us and in an effort to be visitor friendly we will be instituting the following worship changes beginning June 26th:

- Worship will be at both 8 AM and 10 AM.
- Communion will be offered every week – we will offer grape juice to those that prefer it
- The 8 AM service will be more informal
 - Much of the service will be spoken instead of sung
 - The choirs and various musicians from within the congregation will perform
 - The contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer will be used
 - The same bulletin will be used week to week with much of the service printed in it and the hymns will be announced (and on hymn boards)
 - We invite folks headed to the beach to join us for worship and then head to the beach (they may park in our lot). They are welcome to use our outside shower before heading home.
- The 10 AM service will be more traditional
 - Liturgy will be sung as always
 - The "traditional" Lord's prayer will be said
- Coffee hour will be offered between services with cool drinks included

With this busy schedule, we need your assistance in making the summer worship experience work. Many hands make light the work!!

Please sign up at the back tables in the rear of the sanctuary or call me at (732) 642-9408 if you have any questions!

Thanks,

Kathy Leifeste

Prayer Ministry

The power of prayer is an amazing thing. If you have a prayer concern, please fill out a prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or email me at kataocn@gmail.com.

Please pray for those listed in the bulletin each week. This is the list as of 6/12/16:

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| • Ron | • Dorothy |
| • Mike | • Emma |
| • Dick | • Richard |
| • Heather | • Raymond |
| • Robert | • Erna |
| • Nicole | • Jane |
| • Ellie | • Karen |
| • LeeAnne | • Megan |
| • Barbara | • Cathy |
| • Powers Family | • Dennis |
| • Ana | • Dawne |

God is good!

Kathy Leifeste

Summer Coffee Hours: Volunteer to make coffee, bring Ice tea and simple goodies. Coffee takes an hour to perk, so come to the kitchen door at 7:45am to get it started. Directions and suggestions will be available in the kitchen. Coffee hour is between services in the Summer. Clean up starting at 9:45am. Thanks.

Many hands make light work.....If you can help fill a slot in the everyday workings of the Church Life; ushers, readers, coffee hour, office help, etc...., <u>see the sign-up sheets in the back of the church on the BELLS table.</u>

....Together we can grow in Faith and Hope



MATTHEW 19:14

The preschool Sunday School class met upstairs in the old nursery every other week since January. We had 3 girls who thoroughly enjoyed each other's presence and learning new things. We learned about The Creation and Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, Feeding of the 5000 (sharing), Palm Sunday, Easter, Joseph and his Coat of many colors, Prayers, and many other things. We also learned some new songs thanks to CD's of preschool music. You can see some of the examples of our classwork on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office.

The older children went through their first communion classes and confirmation classes taught by Krista Gralja and Pastor Van Orden.

If you would like your child to attend any of the Sunday School classes, please reach out to Krista Gralja, Dawne Thumhart or call the church office. If you would like to help out with teaching also reach out and let us know.

Sunday School Classes will resume September 11th...

Birthdays and Anniversaries Section will resume again once we have been able to update our records as we go through this transition process.

If you have an event, something wondrous to share, milestone, etc. and wish to share it with the congregation at large, please let Dawne or Randy know. Leave a note in the office or email one of us so we can SHARE YOUR WONDERFUL NEWS.....We would love to hear your news. If there is someone you would like kept in prayer, let us know...Just a reminder, of all the various sign-up sheets located in the narthex and on the Bells table. Pitch in and share your time and talents wherever and whenever you can. We are continuing to grow stronger and continue to see more and more faces. We wish to welcome all to worship with us, old and new faces alike.....Our Emails are dmthumhart@netscape.net and rpthumhart@yahoo.com.

There have been many wonderful events to share with the congregation the past few weeks.

Our new church webpage is up and running! It has tons of information on it. Go check it out. We also have a Facebook page on social media to stay in touch as well.

Dawne and Randy Thumhart attended the Synod Assembly in May as lay members for the church. Pastors Jeff Van Orden and Linda Wood also attended as rostered leaders. At the Assembly, Randy Thumhart was elected to serve for a four year term to Synod Council.

Janet Nelson's art work is now being shown in an art gallery locally and one in Richmond, Virginia. She also was featured in the Sandpaper recently regarding her new line of greeting cards "She Shells from the Seashore". Congrats!

Dennis and Carol Brinks son, Dennis, recently graduated from Arcadia. He will be going overseas shortly for a Mission trip to Bosnia that will last a year.

Joan and Emil Tum Suden had two grandchildren graduate from college. Christopher(Carl's son) graduated from Va Tech on May 13th from their school of engineering (Mining and Minerals). Oliva (Dan's daughter) graduated in June from The Academy of Allied Health Sciences as Salutaorial. She will be entering Duke University in the Fall.

There also was a congregation member called home. James Henry Power, son of Dr. William and Carol Power passed away in a tragic car accident in California. A Celebration of Life was held here at HTLC on June 4th. Keep the Family in prayer.

Food Pantry: On the third Sunday of each month we invite everyone to bring in canned goods and/or non-perishable foods for the benefit of the local Food Pantry.

Yard Sale: Saturday, September 3rd, 8am-noon. Items can be brought to All Saints Hall after 8/27/16. Volunteer to help by calling Lynn (609)494-0826 after July 10th or email lhutch46@comcast.net

From our Treasurer:

From a financial perspective we are doing better, as 2016 unfolds. Expenses still exceed income, but by a relatively modest amount. As attendance picks up over the summer months, hopefully these numbers will improve even more.

We are confident that God will continue to bless us.

Financial Report

May, 20016

		May	YTD
Income			
	Giving	\$9,203.65	\$34,626.76
	Other Income	\$201.00	\$927.00
	Total	\$9,404.65	\$35,554.20
Expense			
	Administration	\$1,682.46	\$8,822.84
	Communications	\$1,700.00	\$2,301.16
	Building	\$834.48	\$10,540.12
	Pastoral Support	\$3,249.98	\$16,249.90
	Worship	\$2,020.98	\$8,046.08
	Other Expenses	\$135.48	\$1,040.81
	Total	\$9,623.38	\$47,000.91
Difference		(\$218.73)	(\$11,446.71)



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