



JULY IS YOUR MONTH!

Elder: Scott Gangel

Altar Guild: Kim Pickett, Cindy Todd

Ushers: Sat. – Rick Leavengood

Sun. – Elisha Bacon, James Bacon

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY

July 5: Randy & Sheryl Chambers in thanks for their many blessings

July 12: Andy & Rita Antolik in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary on July 23

July 19: Jennie Just-Lightfoot in loving memory of her husband Gus Lightfoot (July 21, 1936 – April 26, 2020)

July 26: Doyle & Donna Schrader in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary on July 20

BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity's next blood drive will be held on Monday, July 27 from 2:00 – 6:30pm. You are eligible if you last donated on or before June 1, are at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in general good health. Sign-up sheets are posted. Please save us a phone call ~ sign up today!



SCHOOL KITS

Trinity LWML is collecting school supplies now through September to make School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Be sure to watch for upcoming back-to-school sales! Items needed for each kit include:

Four 70-80 sheet notebooks or wide- or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper); one ruler, one pencil sharpener, one pair of blunt scissors, five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), one box of 16 or 24 crayons, one 2½" eraser, and one sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag. Thank you for your donations!



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| 4) Jerry Roby | 17) Jeremy Harvey |
| 6) Denise Emal | 21) Doug Nolte |
| 9) Denise Becker | 24) Kinley Just |
| 11) Lori Davis | Pastor Manz |
| Ken Haselhuhn | 26) Cindy Todd |
| 12) Freya Ford | 29) Carly Bredehoeft |
| Hank Huff | Karen Willemsen |
| 13) Neil Willoughby | 30) Tammie Adreon |
| 14) Katie Snow | Ron Huelse |
| 15) Danny Haselhuhn | 31) Jan Hall |

July Anniversaries

- 13) Dale & Charlene Holst '63
- 14) Scott & Lauren Gangel '18
- 16) Ethan & Andrea Tabbert '22
- 20) Doyle & Donna Schrader '68
- 23) Andy & Rita Antolik '61
- 27) Tony & Leann Baumgarten '19
- 27) Curt & Karen Schwanebeck '74
- 28) Tyler & Bethany Johnson '18



ADULT SOCIAL

The Adult Social for July will be held at Checkerboard in Pleasantville on Sunday, July 19 at 4:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect. Please join us for a time of fun, food & fellowship with our Trinity family!

You may say, "I can't go on." God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE

2026 weekly budget amount:	\$4,920.40
May 30 & 31:	\$ 3,427.00
June 6 & 7:	\$ 5,170.00
June 13 & 14:	\$ 4,190.00
June 20 & 21:	\$ 2,492.00
Offerings via Zeffy:	\$ 800.00
Church Use:	\$ 200.00
Lawn Mowing:	\$ 150.00
Refund/Interest:	\$ 9.37
Initial Offering:	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$16,448.37



4-week budget amount: \$ 19,681.60.00
Budget shortfall this month \$3,233.23
Budget shortfall year-to-date \$6,399.63
Non-Budget: Donation to Youth Group \$200.00

ONLINE GIVING WITH ZEFFY

Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/weekly-offering-3> to securely contribute to the Sunday offering or designated funds.



This electronic method is completely optional, and all contributions will be automatically credited to your year-end statements.

For questions about online giving, designations, or records, contact the church office or Financial Secretary Lauren Gangel.

Our Awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God's transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience before God.

—James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*



THIS & THAT

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING to choose our call candidate will be held on Sunday, July 12 at 4:30pm. Our Quarterly Voters meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, July 26. All members age 18 & over are encouraged to attend these important meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO worship service on Saturday, July 4. Please join us on Sunday, July 5 for worship with guest pastor Rev. David Splett from Ames.

PASTOR MANZ will be on vacation July 2-5 and at the LCMS National Convention July 17-23. Rev. David Splett will lead our worship services on July 18-19.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Pella Bible Study will be held on July 6 & July 20 at 10:30am at 1108 Washington Street. Mid-week Bible Study has resumed each Wednesday at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. Join us for one of these study opportunities as we read and discuss the Scripture readings for the upcoming weekend!

TRINITY LWML will hold their annual rummage sale August 7 & 8, with set-up dates of August 4 & 5. Your donations – *clean and in good condition, please* – may be dropped off now through August 3. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon for workers before, during & after the sale!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are in need of volunteers to help with the Sunday livestream of our services. Volunteers will be trained. If interested, please contact Henry Picard or Julian Bacon.

STREAMING OF the Sunday morning Divine Service can be viewed on our website ~ trinityknoxville.org; follow the link on the church's Facebook page; or on our YouTube channel.

ON THE FIRST Sunday of each month, drop your spare change into the large LWML Mite Box on the piano. Thank you!

TRINITY'S QUILTING group meets each Wednesday morning from 7-10am. Everyone is welcome to join – no sewing skills required!

The faces of children are proof enough of God.

WITH OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

WITH OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS: We remember in our prayers: Mothers bearing children; the well-being of homes & families; military families; Margaret Niece (Peggy White's niece), Tom Davey, Kyrsten Hoelz (Pastor Manz' daughter), Jodi Freet (friend of Pastor Manz), Krissy Wagner (Mike & Peggy Wagner's daughter-in-law with a high-risk pregnancy), Brian Perkins, Doyle Schrader, Pete Hansaker, Ted Snow, Mary Meyer, Bob Caswell, Jane Caswell, Marylou Nolte, Lois Mick, Marlene Waddle, Rodger Dop, Brennon Nolte, Makayla Bell, Diane Jensen, Karen Schwanebeck, Bryson & Willow Lefler, Richard Lienemann, David Kline, and David Stephens. *Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date!*

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Jane Sloan on the death of her sister, Carolyn Terpstra, who passed away on June 3 at the age of 93. A celebration of life was held on June 11 in Prairie City.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to Jan Solberg on the death of her mother, Dorothy "Dottie" Solberg, who passed away on June 16 at the age of 103. A memorial service was held in Charles City on Friday, June 26.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Randy & Sheryl Chambers on their well-deserved retirement!

SPECIAL THANKS TO Curt Schwanebeck for cleaning the carpets in the altar area and fellowship hall. They look great!

A STAIRLIFT has been installed in the north stairwell for use by our quilters or anyone wishing to go up to the loft area. Our sincere thanks to Larry Boyer for providing funding through the Sue Boyer Memorial.

DOYLE, OUR FAMILY, AND I would like to thank everyone at Trinity who has been praying, sending cards and poems to Doyle & I while he was in the hospital. It means so much to have the support of our church family. He is back at The Village and trying to get stronger every day. We have an amazing God! ~ *Doyle & Donna*

COOKING FOR A CAUSE, First United Methodist Church's free sit- down meal, is held the first and last Wednesdays of each month, serving from 5:00-6:30pm. Upcoming menus: July 1: Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, fruit & drink; July 29: Picnic – grilled burgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, chips, cookie & drink. Everyone is welcome!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

“The Lutheran Hour” can be heard on radio station WHO, am1040, each Sunday morning at 7:30am. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler will present three of the messages in July.



July 5: "Bloom Where You're Planted" Genesis 39:21

Blessing, in a Biblical sense, means God's favor in any circumstance, no exceptions, because there is no place or circumstance in which God does not belong.

July 12: "Knight, Death, and the Devil" Ephesians 6:12

Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear.

July 19: "From Groans to Glory" Romans 8: 21-27

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen

A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified.

July 26: "Worth the Wait" Matthew 13:44

The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship.

God's Bonus Days

An author writing in Guideposts magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special.



She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."

— *Marion R. Vuilleumier, Meditations by the Sea*



Still Worth More Than You Know

A speaker opened his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill and asking a crowd of 200 people, "Who would like this?"

Nearly every hand went up.

"I'll give it to one of you," he said. "But first..." He crumpled the bill tightly in his fist. "Who still wants it?"

Hands remained in the air.

He dropped it to the floor and ground it under his shoe. Then he picked up the wrinkled, dirty bill. "How about now?"

The hands rose again.

"My friends," he said, "you've just learned an important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it never lost its value. It was still worth \$20." Life can feel the same way. We are dropped, crumpled and ground down by our choices and by circumstances beyond our control. At times, we may even feel worthless. But our value does not change.

In God's eyes, you are never less than priceless. Clean or dirty, wrinkled or whole, you remain precious to Him. As Isaiah 43:4 says in the NIV, "You are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems



They Walked Everywhere

When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, "I'll make you a deal. Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk."

A month later, the young man came back. "Son, I'm proud of you," his father said. "Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."

The teenager paused. "Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair."

His father nodded. "That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."



The Sacred Pace of Rest

Jesus, who often withdrew with his disciples to quiet, deserted places, under-stood something we easily forget: transformation takes time. The richest, most life-giving compost does not form overnight. As author James Gleick observes, "You can't hurry compost for the same reason you can't hurry love and you can't hurry a soufflé. The biochemistry has its own inherent pace." In much the same way, the most meaningful parts of life unfold slowly. Relationships deepen over years. Wisdom grows through experience. True rest cannot be rushed.

Disciples of Jesus today are invited to rediscover the value of the deserted place. It is not empty or wasted space, but sacred ground. It is where long books can be read, unhurried prayers can be offered and deep thoughts can take root. It is where Sabbath is honored through rest, renewal and quiet attentiveness to God.

In a culture that prizes speed and productivity, stepping away may feel counter-intuitive. Yet it is in these still moments that our souls are restored and made fertile for growth. The deserted place becomes a gift, shaping us into people who are grounded, attentive and spiritually mature, ready to reenter the world with renewed strength and purpose.

Today I have the freedom to discipline myself by respecting and appreciating the laws of God and our government, or to disregard them and be disciplined by others. I choose to discipline myself.

—Clarence Buehler

Freedom fails when people decide that it is their right to take
and not to give. —Stanley Maxwell