



The Trinity Word

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Noteworthy Church Schedules: Council Members in Charge for the coming weeks

June 4— Cindy Hoffer

June 11— Daryl Groezinger

June 18—Chris Beyer

June 25—Dianne Zink

July 2— Bob Eichler

Flower:

June—Dorothy Haas

July Audrey Burke & Dianne Zink

Acolytes

June 4—Kari Conklin & Kara Conklin

June 11—Nicholas Schnitzler & Jamie Schnitzler

June 18—Charlie Schnitzler & Emma Boop

June 25—Drew Groezinger & Samantha Haring

July 2—Devin Koester & Samantha Haring

From Pastor's Desk

This is one of those unique years in which Pentecost Sunday falls in June (on June 4, to be exact). So, this got me thinking about what I'd like to call the "shy" member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit.

Of course, Pentecost is the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit's coming upon the disciples who were gathered together fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. And we don't often think of it as an event for a "shy" God. The Spirit descends boldly here, with tongues of fire, a mighty wind and the giving of new languages to the disciples so they could go out and preach the gospel.

But in our day and age, the Spirit seems to work more quietly among us. We don't see tongues of flame on our heads anymore, and the only time we Lutherans speak in other languages seems to be when we work hard to learn them in school!

But that doesn't mean the Spirit isn't actively working among us. I remember that as a kid, I was very shy. Still am, in fact, although I've learned how to assert myself better as a leader. But my shyness didn't deter me as a kid from having friends and doing well. I just hung out more with the quieter kids, and I found that because I was quiet, people would often come to me to share their problems, knowing that I would listen to them patiently. They still do that, I'm glad to say.

And I think that's one of the strengths of the Holy Spirit, the ability to work on and through people, not with a show of force, quietly, patiently and persuasively.

Certainly, the Spirit can and does sometimes act boldly even today, but I think it's important, especially for those of us who are quieter types, to celebrate that the Spirit also works in us, through gentle touches, soft words of wisdom and compassionate, listening hearts.

Blessings

Pastor Lisa

LOMC Youth Day Camp Trip

The Men's Group is once again sponsoring a day at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL for our youth group. Two years ago, our young people had a great time canoeing, ziplining, doing team building on a low ropes course, having devotions and music along with several other activities. All young people between 6th grade and graduation are invited and should contact Angie Conklin if interested. The men will be raising funds and providing transportation for the event on Wednesday, June 21st. If you are interested in helping fund this event please contact Ed Haring, George Hejna or Pastor Bruce.

Summer Cookouts Are Back!

So many people had a great time at our summer cookouts last year, the Men's Group is planning more for this summer. We will have a cookout at St. John's on Sunday, June 25th from 4 to 7:30 pm and at Trinity on Sunday, August 6th. Stay tuned for planning for St. Paul. We will provide grilled hot dogs, chips, soda and people may bring sides if they wish to share. There will be music, games and activities for all ages. This event is being planned as an opportunity to showcase our churches to the wider community. Please consider inviting some friends who do not have a church home to come and see our wonderful churches and experience the fun we have as a church family!

Ice Cream, You Scream, We All Scream in Joy for the Ice Cream Social!

Mark your calendars for the 2017 St. John Ice Cream Social, Thursday, June 15, starting at 4:00 p.m. The usual wonderful food will be offered, including Italian beef, German potato salad and yummy desserts, and the company is always fun.

Parish Women's Group

For our June meeting, the women of the parish will have a cookout at Apple River State Park on Tuesday, June 27 starting at 10 a.m. Come out and enjoy some good food and fun in the (hopefully) sun!

Parish Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on the 2nd Saturday at Welcome Inn (June 10 – a week earlier because Pr. Bruce will be at Synod Assembly on the 3rd Saturday) at 8:30 as usual. Our group has an ambitious schedule for this summer. We would love some more help as we try to promote our churches and support our youth group by sending them to day camp. Even though we have lots to do, we always find time to just share stories and have fun. Please come join us!

Elizabeth Spring Fling & Fire Station Hog Roast & Dance

The 2nd annual hog roast and dance will be held on June 3 in conjunction with the Elizabeth Spring Fling activities. The day's events begin at 9:00 AM with the fire station open for viewing and bounce houses in the front for kids. The hog roast will serve from 4:30 – 8:00 PM with the music beginning at 7:00 PM. Tickets for the hog roast are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. There is no admission for the dance, but donations are appreciated. Drawings, raffles, and a silent auction will be held.

Elizabeth/Hanover Community Task Force

Our group is up and running, and we are always looking for more people to join those of us who are interested in exploring ways to meet needs in our communities. One thing we are considering is starting up free community meals once a month in each of our communities. If you would like to help us plan this event, or if you would like to help us explore other ideas to help the communities, why not join us at our next meeting on June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Hanover? We'd love to see you there!

WELCA Triennial

The national WELCA will host their Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, MN July 13-16. Contact your WELCA leaders if you want more information.

Scenic Hills Parish Monthly Schedule

June 1— Thursday—Elizabeth/Hanover Community Task Force Meeting*—7:00 p.m.—Hanover Presbyterian Church

June 3—Sat.—Spring Fling Elizabeth*

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June 4— Sun.—Elizabeth Nursing Home Service—1:00 p.m.

June 5—9—Hanover Ecumenical VBS.
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.- Hanover Town Hall

June 6—Mon.- Mutual Ministry—St. Paul—7:30 p.m.

June 10— Sat.—Men’s Group—Welcome Inn—Elizabeth—8:30 a.m.

June 10—Sat. St. Paul (Hanover) Bikers Lunch *
9:00a.m.—2:00 p.m.

June 15— Thurs. St. John Ice Cream Social* -
4 :00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

June 20—Tue. All Church Bazaar—1:00 p.m.—Hanover Presbyterian Church

June 21— Wed—Trinity WELCA Outing— The Cove Restaurant - 12:00

June 21— Wed.- Youth at LOMC*— LOMC in Oregon, IL.— All day

June 25—Sun.—St. John’s Cook Out*- 4:00—7:30 p.m.

June 25—Sun.- Youth Group Meeting—6:00 p.m.
St. John’s

June 27—Tue.- Parish Women’s Group* - 10:00 a.m.
Apple River State Park

July 2—Sun— Stockton Nursing Home 1:30 p.m.-
Waverly Place

- Denotes event has more information in the announcements

Worship/Pastor Schedule

June 1—Pastor Bruce

June 11—Pastor Bruce

June 18—Pastor Lisa

June 15—Pastor Lisa

July 2— Pastor Bruce

Church Council

June 13—Tue—Trinity—7:00 p.m.

June 20—Tues.— St. John— 7:30 p.m.

June 25—Sun. - St. Paul—11:30 a.m.

WELCA



Denim Quilt presented to Jill Harmston.



Dylan Alexander and his quilt. These quilts are given to the Seniors for their graduation.

Mutual Ministry

June 6 - Tues.— St. Paul—7:30 p.m.

Men’s Group

June 10—Sat.—8:30 a.m.—Welcome Inn , Elizabeth

Women’s Group Ministry

June 27—Tue.— Apple River State Park—10:00 p.m.

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WELCA

Six large quilts were completed on our meeting date. Also the two denim quilts were finished.

We will be participating in the Spring Fling in Elizabeth on June 3.

The Farmers Market has brought in \$ 625.25.

We will be going to The Cove on June 21 for the outing, We will be having lunch there. A list will be at the back of the church to sign up to go with us.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

The ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Northern Illinois Bishop Jeffery Clements, the Church and Synod Councils, those serving our country, first responders, doctors and nurses , and those grieving. Those with special prayer needs: Jim Krug, Pat Anderson (Nita Breuning's daughter), Charlice Offenheiser, Debora Hilby, baby Caroline Elizabeth Krug, Austin Nack, Harvey Kloss, Elizabeth Rath, J.J. Dittmar, Kari Conklin, Pastor Ben Ahles-Iverson (husband of former intern, now Pastor Mara) Jackie Reusch, Jim Thulen, Joyce Krohmer, and Lynnell Beyer. Our shut-ins and those in nursing homes: Wilma Wurster, Betty Beyer and Marvin Krug.