

The Trumpet

Guided by
the Holy Spirit,
Trinity Shows & Tells
God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

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Worship Schedule
Sundays 10:00am
Saturdays 6:00pm



Blessing of Learners
and School Employees
August 9, 2020



Catechism
Parent/Student Meeting
August 26 at 6:30pm

Pilgrimage Ponderings

An admission, I have never been a fan of science fiction, those thrillers in which some situation involving humans or aliens in conflict or a threatening situation needs to be analyzed and responded to intellectually and rationally. Maybe that's why I am struggling in many ways with how we are responding to the situation we are experiencing as a society. I want the drama of our lives to be one where we can make things better with a hug, a heartfelt conversation over a cup of coffee, or a prayer while holding hands and sitting face to face, closer than 6' apart and wearing a mask. I want to be able to weep openly and laugh openly and offer a hearty hug or handshake or high-five and sneeze during allergy season without someone analyzing my every behavior. And I want to lead worship where we can sing boldly the hymns of the faith and the liturgy, speak with confidence the creeds and responses, and where I don't have to wear a shield. Finally, I want to be a beacon of optimistic hope rather than realistic caution.

It feels like we are in some sort of sci-fi drama. Statistics and science lead our behaviors. We wear masks and stay at safe distance because those behaviors are what the experts say will assist us best moving forward. More than a decade ago the movie, "Avatar" was released and in it the understanding of human community was stretched and examined and transformed - it happened as a result of difficult circumstances for which there was no easy answer. But it ended with hope. It concluded with life renewed in ways previously unimagined.

That kind of transformation is what I see and feel taking place. The time between times in which we are currently living are not easy or fun. We re-trace our steps back to the car in the grocery store parking lot because we forget our face covering. We lurch forward for a hug before being met with surprise in the eyes and a step back. We sneeze and have to say, "no worries, not COVID, just allergies." But God is working in our midst to remind us of the gift of science, and the necessity for patience, compassion, acceptance, tolerance and respect, and those things will work together to bring life, new, transformed and full of opportunities to live faithfully.

Stay well & stay tuned! God's peace-

Pastor Mary Beth

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Phone Live Streaming you may dial in and join the service live each week. The toll free number is 888-585-9721. The service is "live" at 10 a.m. and after that remains available all week. We are working diligently to create the best transmission of the service via phone, but it's a work in progress.

Facebook Join us on Facebook - Weekly Worship uploaded on Sunday afternoon after

being recorded in one of the Parish congregations. Monday Manna with Deacon Jeanie & Pastor Mary Beth keeps us all informed about life in the Williams County ELCA Parish. Other items of interest to inspire, update and inform will be posted occasionally. Facebook is a good platform to share encouragement with one another and to stay connected.

Take 5 for Faith 5 Minutes-5 Steps Everyday!

Think about and share your Ups & Downs of the day.
Read the suggested Bible Passage.
Pray for Family, Friends, the Church & World.
Bless your self & others.

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| Aug 1 - Psalm 53 | Aug 13 - Psalm 65 | Aug 25 - Psalm 77 |
| Aug 2 - Psalm 54 | Aug 14 - Psalm 66 | Aug 26 - Psalm 78 |
| Aug 3 - Psalm 55 | Aug 15 - Psalm 67 | Aug 27 - Psalm 79 |
| Aug 4 - Psalm 56 | Aug 16 - Psalm 68 | Aug 28 - Psalm 80 |
| Aug 5 - Psalm 57 | Aug 17 - Psalm 69 | Aug 29 - Psalm 81 |
| Aug 6 - Psalm 58 | Aug 18 - Psalm 70 | Aug 30 - Psalm 82 |
| Aug 7 - Psalm 59 | Aug 19 - Psalm 71 | Aug 31 - Psalm 83 |
| Aug 8 - Psalm 60 | Aug 20 - Psalm 72 | Sept 1 - Psalm 84 |
| Aug 9 - Psalm 61 | Aug 21 - Psalm 73 | Sept 2 - Psalm 85 |
| Aug 10 - Psalm 62 | Aug 22 - Psalm 74 | Sept 3 - Psalm 86 |
| Aug 11 - Psalm 63 | Aug 23 - Psalm 75 | Sept 4 - Psalm 87 |
| Aug 12 - Psalm 64 | Aug 24 - Psalm 76 | Sept 5 - Psalm 88 |

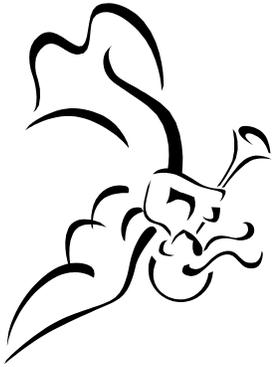


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WISE WORDS



We do have choices. God in his graciousness created humans with free will - we can make good or best decisions. We can allow ourselves to be stuck in ruts of self-pity and inaction. We can choose a negative mindset or turn towards the light and shine in a more positive way.

When I find myself discouraged, fearful, or angry, I have a choice. Often, I tell myself "You have an hour to feel sorry for yourself or to rant, then let it go and let God handle it." This acknowledges my hurt, expresses my emotions, but directs me back to God. It isn't easy to put whatever or whoever into God's hands, but I keep trying. I think this will be a lifelong lesson for me.

I choose love.

A few weeks ago, an acquaintance really got under my skin with the words and attitude they chose. I thought I needed to confront them the next time we were together. In prayer, I heard God gently nudge to decide a different path - to be gentle, forgiving and to choose love.

I read from Philippians 4: 8: "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

God directed my heart in a new direction.

I didn't want to go. My ego wanted to defend herself, but I did choose love. Guess what? That person's attitude is still the same but the tension between us has disappeared. Why am I surprised to find God's way is right? Ha!

Love instead of anger and judgment. Love instead of fear. Love leading the way instead of my ego.

Respond, not react. Choose love.

Jeanie

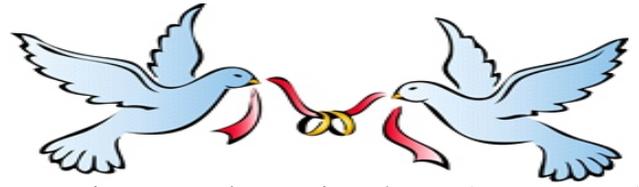
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
2 10:00am Worship w/ HC	3	4	5	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 6:00pm Worship
9 10:00am Worship Blessing of Learners and School Employees	10 7:00pm Council	11	12	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
16 10:00 am Worship w/ HC	17	18 Happy Birthday Marion Rickenberg (95)	19	20 Deadline for September Trumpet	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 6:00pm Worship
23 10:00am Worship	24	25	26 6:30pm Catechism Parent/Student Meeting	27	28 Happy Birthday Barbara Gotshall (89) Pastor's Day Off	29 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
30 10:00am Worship	31					

August Birthdays

Some special folks have birthdays in the month of August. On the 18th, Charter Member, Marion Rickenberg, 812 Pleasantwood Avenue, will be 95 and on the 28th Barb Gotshall, Fountain Park Inn & Villas, 1433 N. Main Street, turns 89. To these ladies we wish God's continued blessings on their journey of faith and life.



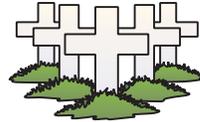
Congratulations to the Newlyweds Mr. & Mrs. Owen & Ashley (Taylor) Beaver who were married at Trinity on Saturday, July 25, 2020. Ashley is the daughter of Rick & Julie Taylor and granddaughter of Floyd & Mary Ann Taylor, and Randy & Jean Bockover.

Thank you

Thank you to the crew who did the clean-up of the south side of the church building, overseeing the project, were Rich & Kim Reed, and the really heavy work was done by Matt McGill & crew.

Thank you for the gentle touch and keen eye of Steve Krill who has tended the landscaping on the west, north and east side of the building, keeping ivy at bay and watering newly planted perennials.

Thanks to Nathan and Steve Hess, Frank Lanius, Rich Reed, Joe Whisler, Pastor David Proctor, Rob Goodlive, Henry Burklo, Gary Arnos, and Tom Smith for building 20 twin and 20 full beds on Saturday morning. Also thanks to Tom Baird and Keith Day for their prep work. Things went smoothly and it took about an hour and 45 minutes. Blessings!!!



Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...

Cort & Reva Goshia with the passing of Reva's mother, Margaret Gordon, on July 9th.

"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them"



Blessing of Learners and School Employees

A special blessing of learners and school employees and their tools for the task will be offered on Sunday, August 9, 2020. Please bring your backpack or computer or calendar or whatever you think is necessary for your role as a learner or a school employee.

July Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,160.87		
7.4.2020 Sunday Worship	32	\$2,920.00
7.11.2020 Saturday Worship	25	
7.12.2020 Sunday Worship	41	\$5,036.12
7.18.2020 Saturday Worship	16	
7.19.2020 Sunday Worship	42	\$2,903.00
7.25.2020 Saturday Worship	15	
7.26.2020 Sunday Worship	43	n/a
Avg Attendance July 2020	54	

Other Income for July

Bryan Area Foundation	0.45
world hunger	500.00
cemetery	250.00
workers compensation	27.00
memorial	20.00



Catechism Parent/Student Meeting

All parents/students in 6th or 7th grade who are not confirmed are invited to a catechism information meeting on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in Weiblen Hall, Trinity. This will be a good opportunity to learn how catechism will be done with all 3 congregations of the Williams County ELCA Parish.

Scripture verse for August



"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."
Romans 11:29