

# The Trumpet

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

Aug 21, 1:00-3:00pm  
First Communion Class



Aug 24, 6:00pm Catechism  
Student/Parent Meeting  
at St. Peter's, Edon

## Pilgrimage Ponderings

I am writing this brief missal to the Parish as I prepare for a week of vacation, camping with my husband. As I prepare for that time away, I am also trying to wrap up all kinds of loose ends regarding stuff for the congregations and programs which need to be communicated now rather than later. I am also juggling a few pastoral care concerns and a funeral yesterday and a wedding this weekend. I don't share this with you all to justify my call, but to say that we all have lots going on, lots of demands for our time and expectations from all sorts of directions. Acknowledging that reality, shared and common and sometimes overwhelming, also acknowledges the gift of sabbath, intended for creation and modeled by our Creator. Sabbath renews, restores, and refreshes. God took a break on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, and so should those created in God's image.

As such I want to share a bit about my sabbath practice. With very few exceptions - pastoral emergencies and wedding rehearsals - my weekly day off is Friday. On Fridays I can be found with my phone on mute (meaning that text messages, emails and calls are often not received promptly.) I have even begun to take off my smartwatch so that those notifications don't buzz on my wrist. I don't set an alarm. I linger over my coffee and enjoy a longer time of reading and prayer. I do the things I want to do rather than the things that need to be done. I bake on Fridays when turning on the oven won't amplify the outside temperature. I, with rare

exceptions, inform Jeff that we will be dining out or getting carry out or he will be cooking our supper. And, if it's baseball season, I relish watching the ENTIRE game of baseball from the comfort of my home with my favorite beverage and snack. Because Friday is spent that way, and in order to have some order in the rest of my week, that often results in a partial day off on another weekday.

Often Thursday mid-afternoon and evening is my pre-sabbath. I grocery shop, do a couple of loads of laundry and clean the house. To accomplish these things makes my sabbath less stressful. Admittedly, sometimes the concerns of vocation and life can't be neatly contained within the calendar boxes of each day and week and month. But the goal of sabbath and its benefit is worthy to pursue.

How do you spend your sabbath? Do you make time for even longer times of vacation...a 7 times the 7<sup>th</sup> day kind of sabbath? I truly believe and, the longer I live, know that to practice sabbath permits us to celebrate the intended order of Creator in relationship to creature and creation. God gifted us with the invitation to BE, and that gives us permission to say no to the human compulsion to DO. For me to understand that and allow it to seep deeply into my spirit, I meditate on Matthew 11:28-30, in which Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Peace be with you all, always!

*Mary Beth Smith-Gunn*

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn



## Worship Focus for July

July 3

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

July 9 & 10

Fifth Weekend after Pentecost

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

July 16 & 17

Sixth Weekend after Pentecost

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

July 23 & 24

Seventh Weekend after Pentecost

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

July 30 & 31

Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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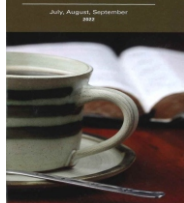
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## Congratulations!

Shay Pursel who graduated on May 19, 2022 from Franklin University with her Doctorate in Business Administration degree.

Christ in Our Home



## Christ In Our Home

The third quarter Christ In Our Home devotional booklets are on the windowsill in the narthex.

Help yourself to one.  
Large print available.



## Prayer Quote

"Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God."  
Oswald Chambers



## Williams County ELCA Parish Catechism

Williams County ELCA Parish Catechism will begin with a Parent/Student meeting on Wednesday, August 24 at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's, Edon. All students who are in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. At the first meeting a schedule of classes and themes will be shared. Program expectations will be explained. Please contact your home church office to indicate your intent to attend and participate so that resources can be ordered.

## MemberCare Outreach News



TLC (Trinity Lovingly Cares) Faith Friends is a new ministry of the MemberCare & Outreach committee in which shut-in, homebound, or members longing for a Christians connection with their friends at Trinity are matched up with folks to share encouragement, greetings, cards, and other gestures of kindness. The list of "Friends" to be paired up is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please check it out and share your friendship. Those listed include: Arlene Goshia, Myrna Tuttle, Marion Rickenberg and Doris Geren.

## July Birthdays

July is a special month for birthdays at Trinity. John Miller, 115 Glen Arbor Drive, turns 81 on July 3rd. Arlene Goshia, 03 903 St. Rt. 576, turns 92 on the 4th of July along with Floyd Taylor, 15619 Scott Road, Ney, OH 43549 who also celebrates on the 4th as he turns 82. On the 20th Fran Schlachter, 134 Vine Street, turns 86 and on the 27th, Jewel Kerr, 09997 Wms. Co. Rd. 17, West Unity, 43570 will be 81. On the 29th, Lou Witte, P.O. Box 551, Edgerton, 34517 turns 89. We extend birthday greetings and thank God for enriching our lives by giving us these folks to share life with.

## August Birthdays

A very special birthday in the month of August. On the 18th, Charter Member, Marion Rickenberg, 812 Pleasantwood Avenue, will be 97. To Marion we wish God's continued blessings on her journey of faith and life.



## Williams County ELCA First Communion Class

First Communion Class for non-communing children who are at least Kindergarten age or older, will be held or older, will be held on Sunday, August 21 at 1-3 p.m. at Trinity, Bryan. Signs of readiness include: 1.) your child being aware of a sense of sadness or remorse when they've done something wrong and a willingness to apologize; 2.) an awareness of being excluded versus included; and 3.) a beginning understanding of unconditional love. Please call the church office of your respective congregation and sign-up your child, so that we have adequate materials. At least one parent or guardian is required to attend with their child.





## WISE WORDS

*"Pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body."*  
Proverbs 4:20b-22 (NIV)

Paying attention. Noticing when, how, and what God is inviting us into is an essential spiritual discipline all of us need to practice. God is all around, never leaving us - we don't see the divine because of our inattentiveness.

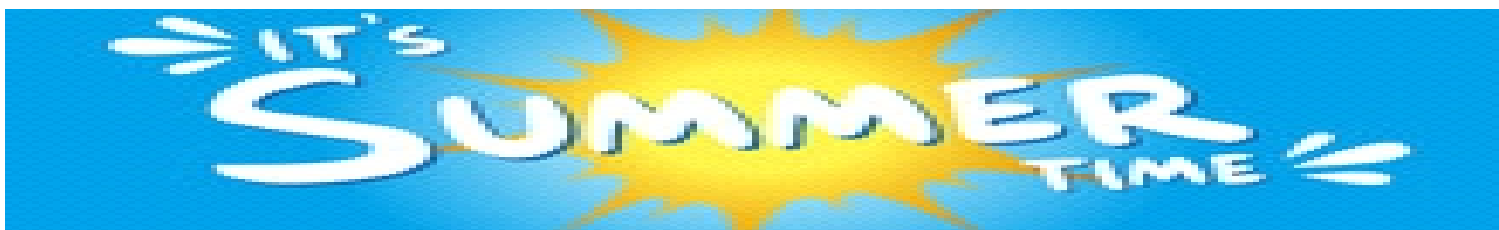
"Americans are losing their ability to focus. For me, I am finding it harder to concentrate and read for longer periods of time. A recent study showed found college students could focus only on one task for 65 seconds. A different study of office workers found they only focus on average for three minutes. This isn't happening because we all individually became weak-willed or lazy. Society, information-overload, and social media are making it difficult for our human brains to pay attention. I want to really pay attention. I need to listen to what God is saying. I bet most of you want to do this too. How do we hear God? How can we best study the Word of God when we can't concentrate? How can paying attention bring us closer to God to be shaped by God?

One way I approach scripture is to look for one verse I can savor word by word, letting it sink in deeply — interrupting me, rearranging me, redirecting me. I slow down, savoring each word, phrase and paying attention to what stirs within my heart. Pausing after I pay attention guides me and focuses my next steps. We don't have to get overwhelmed with the enormity and depth of the Bible. It's okay if we read just a verse or two. But more importantly than reading His words, we must choose to receive them. And even more importantly, we must live them. Because the more we apply God's teaching to our lives, the more it becomes part of us.

Other ways to pay attention is to be fully present in each moment, study something long enough to learn something new about it, look at something familiar with a fresh perspective, be available, be aware, wait with expectancy, be mindful, and be wakeful. Make it your goal to see God in all things, and all things in God.

*Dear Lord, help me to pay attention You today in a single word or a single verse. You are all-powerful, and anything is possible through You. May Your words and Your truth seep into the plans I make and every thought I think today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

*Jeanie*



Synod Assembly Report on Friday, June 3, Deacon Jeanie, Pastor Mary Beth and First Lutheran members Dave & Jan Schumm represented our Parish at the Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly. Held at BGSU, the event included the re-election of Bishop Daniel Beaudoin to a second 6 year term on the first ballot. The assembly elected Nancy Yunker as the synod vice-president, and also elected voting members for synod council and various committees of the synod. The 300+ voting members also approved a synod spending plan for 2023 & 2024. Additionally the assembly acted to pass resolutions on use of Non-Disclosure/Non-Disparagements agreements, the On-Leave from Call Process, and Gun Violence. All of these resolutions also became memorials to be brought before the churchwide assembly voting

members who will meet in August 2022 in Columbus, Ohio. Those resolutions and memorials are available to read and are posted on the bulletin board in the church. Synod assembly acted to approve Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Leaders for 2023 and 2024.

The time at BGSU wasn't all business, assembly goers also participated in delightful "StoryWalk" conversations and times of reflection were shared and uplifting worship kept the gathering focused on the gift of a Loving God and the Empowering Spirit of Christ.

# July 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 NO WORSHIP SERVICE
Happy Birthday John Miller (81) 10:00am Worship w/ HC	Happy Birthday Arlene Goshia (92) Happy Birthday Floyd Taylor (82) Independence Day	5	6	7 6:15 & 8:15pm Church Softball	8	9 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
10 10:00am Worship w/ HC	11 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	12 6:15 & 7:15pm Church Softball	13	14	15	16 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
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24 10:00am Worship w/ HC	25	26 Happy Birthday Jewell Kerr (81)	27	28	Happy Birthday Lou Witte (89)	30
31 10:00am Worship w/ HC						6:00pm Worship w/ HC

# August 2022



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	1	2	3	4	5	6 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
7 10:00am Worship w/ HC	8 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	9	10 2:30pm MemberCare Outreach Meeting	11	12	13 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
14 10:00am Worship w/ HC	15	16	17	Happy Birthday Marion Rickenberg (97)	19	20 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
21 10:00 am Worship w/ HC 1:00-3:00pm First Communion Class	22	23	6:00pm Catechism Student/Parent Meeting at St. Peter's Edon	25 Deadline for September Trumpet	26	27 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
28 10:00am Worship w/ HC	29	30	31			

## JULY ASSIGNMENTS

DATE PROJECTION ACOLYTE SOUND

July 3	Mike Bever	Emma Schlade	Joe Whisler
July 10	Jeff Gunn	Madison Klinepeter	Henry Burklo
July 17	Joe Whisler	Olivia Johnston	Jim Hitchcock
July 24	Buddy Rossow	Nadia Moore	Paul Vargo
July 31	Rhonda Fackler	Alex Diaz	Tom Smith

### July Baptism Birthdays

3 Ivy Mantel	20 Vaynard Fisher
3 Lorene Wieland	20 Doris Peak
4 Renae Queen	21 Steve Fireovid
8 Richard Reed	21 Thomas Eickhoff
10 David McDowell	21 Richard Taylor
17 Sherry Buchsteiner	21 Jim Motter
18 Kathleen Foster	22 Julia Rossow
18 Ryan Baird	22 Emma Schlade
18 David Wieland	24 Cort Goshia
20 Arlene Goshia	26 Wyatt Slabaugh
	31 Thomas Smith

### July Altar Guild

Kim Reed  
Pam Bishop

### July Scripture Verse

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for  
you are the God of my salvation; for you  
I wait all day long. Psalm 25:5

## AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

DATE PROJECTION ACOLYTE SOUND

August 7	Rob Goodlive	Emma Schlade	Rick Taylor
August 14	Mike Bever	Madison Klinepeter	Joe Whisler
August 21	Jeff Gunn	Olivia Johnston	Henry Burklo
August 28	Joe Whisler	Nadia Moore	Jim Hitchcock

### August Baptism Birthdays

4 Theresa McDowell	22 Chad Tinkel
13 Louis Witte	24 Lillian Schlade
13 Hutson Wheeler	26 Daniel Hershberger
18 Lana Kelley	29 Denise Dahl
2 Ashley Rice	31 Ann Vreeland

### August Altar Guild

Barb Roan  
Rhonda Fackler

### August Scripture Verse

Let you steadfast love, O  
Lord, be upon us, even as we  
hope in you. Psalm 33:22

## WORSHIP FOCUS FOR AUGUST

August 6 & 7 Ninth Weekend after Pentecost  
Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you  
the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to  
Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of  
which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's  
baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

August 13 & 14 Tenth Weekend after Pentecost  
The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great  
divide in human history. He invites our undivided  
attention and devotion. Today in worship we are  
surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word  
and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to  
Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

August 20 & 21 Eleventh Weekend after Pentecost  
Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight.  
This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what  
the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us.  
Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

August 27 & 28 Twelfth Weekend after Pentecost  
Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By  
God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's  
banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit,  
humility and mutual love continue among us, the church  
can be more inviting still.

## June Attendance & Offerings

6/4/2022 Sat Worship	22		
6/5/2022 Sun Worship	52	\$5,714.00	building use - kitchen 240.00
6/11/2022 Sat Worship	21		Joint Parish - 1st Lutheran 1699.94
6/12/2022 Sun Worship	42	\$1,562.00	reimburse cc 10.71
6/18/2022 Sat Worship	23		elca duplicate check 1310.32
6/19/2022 Sun Worship	41	\$4,141.81	roof fund 1050.00
6/25/2022 Sat Worship			dumpster use 225.00
6/26/2022 Sun Worship		n/a	memorial 1360.00



# You've Been Flocked!

FLAMINGO FUNDRAISING  
SEASON IS HERE!

July 1-31

## HOW IT WORKS

Help support St. Peter's Youth Group this year while having a little pink flamingo fun! Make a donation and use the attached form to send a flock of pink flamingos to your friends', family members', or neighbors' front yard! The recipient will then have the opportunity to choose the next house (by paying a donation of \$25. The recipient is not required to make a donation. The flock will be moved to the next house after 5 days regardless of a donation.

## FLOCKING INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We now offer flocking insurance for a donation fee of \$20. Fill out the attached form to protect your home.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATIE RUMMEL AT  
PHONE (419) 212-3261



# You've Been Flocked!

St. Peter's Youth Church Fundraiser Order Form



## SEND A FLOCK

Send a flock to a family member, a friend or a neighbor! You can send a gorgeous flock of pink flamingos for a one-time suggested donation of \$25. Return this form and donation in an envelope labeled "Flamingo Fundraiser" to Katie Rummel.

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FLOCK RECIPIENT: \_\_\_\_\_

RECIPIENT'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK

## PURCHASE FLOCK INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We now offer Flock Insurance for a one-time suggested donation of \$20. Return this form and donation in an envelope labeled "Flamingo Fundraiser" to Katie Rummel.

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Questions? Contact Katie Rummel by phone/text at (419)212-3261



## Take 5 for Faith

### 5 Minutes-5 Steps Everyday!

Think about and share your Ups & Downs of the day.

Read the suggested Bible Passage.

Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.

Pray for Family, Friends, the Church & World.

Bless your self & others.

Jul 1	Isaiah 31	Aug 1	Isaiah 63
Jul 2	Isaiah 32	Aug 2	Isaiah 64
Jul 3	Isaiah 33	Aug 3	Isaiah 65
Jul 4	Isaiah 34	Aug 4	Isaiah 66
Jul 5	Isaiah 35	Aug 5	Jeremiah 1
Jul 6	Isaiah 36	Aug 6	Jeremiah 2
Jul 7	Isaiah 37	Aug 7	Jeremiah 3
Jul 8	Isaiah 38-39	Aug 8	Jeremiah 4
Jul 9	Isaiah 40	Aug 9	Jeremiah 5
Jul 10	Isaiah 41	Aug 10	Jeremiah 6
Jul 11	Isaiah 42	Aug 11	Jeremiah 7
Jul 12	Isaiah 43	Aug 12	Jeremiah 8
Jul 13	Isaiah 44	Aug 13	Jeremiah 9
Jul 14	Isaiah 45	Aug 14	Jeremiah 10
Jul 15	Isaiah 46	Aug 15	Jeremiah 11
Jul 16	Isaiah 47	Aug 16	Jeremiah 12
Jul 17	Isaiah 48	Aug 17	Jeremiah 13
Jul 18	Isaiah 49	Aug 18	Jeremiah 14
Jul 19	Isaiah 50	Aug 19	Jeremiah 15
Jul 20	Isaiah 51	Aug 20	Jeremiah 16
Jul 21	Isaiah 52	Aug 21	Jeremiah 17
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Jul 23	Isaiah 54	Aug 23	Jeremiah 19
Jul 24	Isaiah 55	Aug 24	Jeremiah 20
Jul 25	Isaiah 56	Aug 25	Jeremiah 21
Jul 26	Isaiah 57	Aug 26	Jeremiah 22
Jul 27	Isaiah 58	Aug 27	Jeremiah 23
Jul 28	Isaiah 59	Aug 28	Jeremiah 24
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Jul 30	Isaiah 61	Aug 30	Jeremiah 26
Jul 31	Isaiah 62	Aug 31	Jeremiah 27



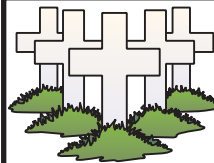
Thank you to everyone who worked or made a dish for the recent funeral luncheon for Luella Weller. Everything was absolutely delicious and wonderful.



A great big thank you to my church family for all the care and concern for me during my long recovery from surgery. Whether it was a phone call, a prayer, a meal, or just a loving thought, I appreciate all of you and your concern so very much. Blessings, JoAnn Ebbert



Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you! I have appreciated your support over my transition to college, both spiritually and financially. Thank you for providing a firm foundation upon which to build my faith! I will always be thankful for the church home I have in TLC. Blessings, Katelyn



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

The Jeff Whitman family with the death of Jeff's mother, Mary Whitman who passed away on May 26th at the age of 78.

The family of Luella Weller with her passing on June 13th at the age of 92.

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

**Please remember our shut-ins with prayers, notes, cards, etc. They really enjoy hearing from you.**



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