



# Trinity Lutheran Church

## August 2023 Newsletter

*“Serving others through Christ, together!”*

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## Upcoming Services

Weekends in August will see a return to Jesus' familiar kingdom themes in Matthew 14-16. Let's go "back to school" on the Word of our Savior's teaching on the subject of following Him.

Also, in addition to our customary pair of services at the Lake County Fair, we'll be praying for our Lutheran School faculty and staff and families, rallying to a new year of Sunday school and confirmation classes, and marking the beginning of Mrs. Ketcher's service as a Deaconess.

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| <b>Aug 5th-7th</b>   | Matthew 14:13-21 Compassion International<br><i>Lake County Fair Service at 9:00; no service in the Gym</i>                             |
| <b>Aug 6th</b>       | Deaconess Commissioning and Installation<br>Service for Karol Ketcher at 4:00   |
| <b>Aug 12th-14th</b> | Matthew 14:22-33 Walking on Water<br><i>Day School Teacher Rededication<br/>Lake County Fair Service at 9:00; no service in the Gym</i> |
| <b>Aug 19th-21st</b> | Matthew 15:21-28 No Answer, a Dog, and<br>Great Faith<br><i>Sunday School Rally Day</i>   |
| <b>Aug 26th-28th</b> | Matthew 16:13-20 Whaddya Thinkin' About?  |

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# Pastor Matt's Musings

I have a picture in my office. It's filled with wonderful people from my first congregation at River of Life Lutheran Church in Rogersville, MO. Not long after my graduation from the seminary, I traveled the 3.5 hours southwest to visit the congregation that I would soon join. After the worship service, we gathered for a picture in front of the building. Behind those smiles was a lot of hurt. The previous pastor had driven away a lot of people from the church, leaving these precious few members with \$3 million dollars of debt on the church building. Behind my smile was a feeling of being overwhelmed and fearful. How could God use my ministry to help serve these people? Would this be a good fit for everyone?

It turns out, this was a match made in heaven.

In my five years there, we worshiped together, we prayed together, and we studied God's Word together. We stood alongside each other holding crosses, we served in the community together, we "committed felonies" together (you should ask me about this sometime). In short, we were a family. When I had some personal challenges, they took care of me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. When I started dating Bethany, they loved and embraced her. I got engaged to Bethany at the end of a church service. I wanted my church family there with us. And many of them drove the 11 hours to Green Bay for our wedding in the fall of 2013. That's what family does.

In the spring of 2014, Bethany and I announced that we were expecting our first child. Not long after that, our financial secretary came into my office, closed the door, and painfully shared that I should put my name on a call list because they couldn't afford a pastor anymore. It was such an emotional time because Bethany and I really loved those people. That summer, we accepted a call to a church in New York. Two years later, River of Life closed its doors. I came back with Bethany (who was two months away from giving birth to Auggie), and Lincoln (1.5 years old).

Fast forward to today. At the end of July, we went back to Rogersville for a visit. We showed the boys where Daddy and Mommy worked, where we lived, and some of the places we liked to go. And we introduced them to old friends from River of Life. Over the course of our days together, we laughed, and we cried as we shared meals together, told stories, swam, played video games, and played outside. On Saturday evening, Lincoln asked out loud, "Are we worshipping at River of Life tomorrow?" It was bittersweet. Towards the end of the week, we thanked our dear friend, Nancy (the woman whose house we stayed at for the week). Her response? "That's what family does."

*Family.*

I'm so grateful to God for River of Life being my first congregation. It couldn't have been a better fit, for those people helped mold me into the pastor, husband, and father I am today. Their love, compassion, and joy was so incredible!

That dusty picture in my office is nearly 14 years old. And that's ok because everytime I look at it, I see an amazing family of faith. I can't help but smile. And God continues to bless us today as He expands our relationships here in Crown Point. We are so excited to be part of God's family at Trinity! We are so grateful to partner with you in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus! May God continue to strengthen this incredible family of believers as we love one another and as we share the hope and victory we have!

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."*

Colossians 3:15

See you in church,  
~Pastor Matt



# A Note from our Principal, Christine Miller

## Child Protection, Child Preparation

I do not particularly enjoy fried chicken. I won't eat buffalo wings or ribs, and I'd rather you didn't eat them in front of me either. I realize that I may have just revealed some shocking information to you, which, without further context, may be incomprehensible. Fact is, I have a hard time eating meat off a bone. I like meat, and I'll pick or cut it off a bone to a certain degree, but it's hard for me. You see, I experienced a kind of visually traumatic event about age 9 involving someone eating meat off a bone, and it caused me to be the way I am. I'm glad that others don't have the same hang up I have.

Now why on earth would I share this tidbit with you? Well, at the end of this month, we're going to be having several opportunities to be Child Protection trained here at Trinity. Anyone who wants to work or volunteer with our birth-Senior Youth Group programs must complete it. It's important that we learn the facts and talk about what in our world is dangerous for our children (and adults, too!) We know that if a child experiences trauma in a place where they learn about Jesus, it can have lifelong negative effects on their faith.

Our Child Protection classes also include information on how we can grow children into healthy, well-adjusted adults. There's so much good we can do by forming simple, supportive, and genuine relationships with kids. Did you know that smiling at a baby helps them grow in a positive way? How about doing volunteer work together? Setting unnegotiable safety boundaries, encouraging kids in their interests and passions, being willing to listen and letting them know you're available to listen, and talking about what gives your life meaning and purpose - all these and many more build positive assets in children.

Research shows that children need 5 or more strong relationships with caring adults (besides their parents) for optimal preparation. As we gear up for another year of school and child & youth programs at church, would you be willing to be one of those caring adults? Ask a pastor, principal, or teacher how your gifts, talents, and passions might be a blessing to our kiddos.

This month, my kiddo heads off to college in a state that is known for my favorite food - cheese! He's prepared, but it's not so much through my own doing. It's through the love poured into him by every Christian teacher, pastor, mentor, and friend he's had... a blessing from the greatest Friend of all. Thank you, Trinity, for being the hands and feet of Jesus to all His dear ones in our church and school family!

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### It's the 1st Day of School, for the 156th time!

Wednesday, August 16th begins the 156th year of Lutheran Christian education at Trinity! Come join us that day for Opening Chapel at 8:30am

We'd love to see you at our Back-to-School Barbecue, Sunday, Aug 13th at 5pm. PTL will provide the burgers and hot dogs; please bring a side (L-Z) or dessert (A-K), and if you want to hang out with lawn games and chairs, bring those too!

This year's School Theme is "Tread the Heights" from Habakkuk 3:19  
"The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights."



# Charting Our Course in Faith

In the last two months we have been looking at Acts 1-15 and asking a simple question: How did the early Church grow? What did the faithful do in response to the Gospel such that they grew rapidly in numbers and in geographic spread? Each week we've identified an answer to that question and been challenged to respond similarly to God's grace in our shared life together as a church family. How can the experience of the first Christians help us chart our course in faith?

With the early Church as our guide, let's look to the future together to see how God might be leading us. It's His Church after all—how can we follow Him and see Him at work blessing our Trinity family with growth in numbers and in depth of faith and faithfulness? Join me in prayer that we would respond to God's call...

- **Openly Relying on the Holy Spirit (Acts 2, 13):** The Church prayed for the Spirit's guidance as they daily turned to the Lord's Word and responded to Him in prayer. *Dear Holy Spirit, lead us to fix our eyes on Jesus, that we would seek Your will and glorify You in all we do.*
- **Seeing Jesus' Resurrection as the True Game Changer (Acts 4):** The Apostles and many others witnessed Jesus alive after His resurrection and were clearly changed by this experience. *Lord Jesus, grant us hope as we look to You and Your resurrection.*
- **Adding Workers for the Harvest (Acts 6):** As the Church grew, the Apostles couldn't do it all so they sought new leaders and delegated authority to them. *Lord, the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; send forth many more to work in Your fields that Your Kingdom would grow, Your name be magnified, and Your people cared for.*
- **Clearly Convinced of God's Calling (Acts 9):** Paul knew and told the story of his salvation many times; do you know when and how you were saved? *Heavenly Father, thank You for saving me through faith in Christ so that I can say "I was saved 2000 years ago at the cross." Bless me to be Your chosen instrument to serve You.*
- **Respecting Every Person and Reflecting Our Community (Acts 10):** Peter's unusual vision led the early Church to see how big and wide is the love of Christ. *Lord of the nations, open our eyes to see that we should not call any person common or unclean, but instead be truly impartial and open to the people of our community and their needs.*
- **Telling the Story of Salvation (Acts 13):** Paul knew and told the story of God's love in Christ as the fulfillment of prophecy, no matter the circumstances or hard times it meant for him. *O Holy Spirit, bless us to share Your gifts to all whom You bring near to us.*
- **Reaching Our Community for Christ (Acts 15):** The Jerusalem Council decided not to limit God's grace but instead to value every community, never stopping the Gospel's reach. *Bless us as a community, O Lord, to reach out to the lost with the treasure of Your saving grace in Christ.*

The early Church knew and followed Jesus daily, and He blessed their efforts by growing His Church. How can we respond as they did? How might He bless our efforts? In the month of September you will be asked to participate in a survey that will help chart our course together. Thanks in advance for your participation and for your prayers as we seek to follow our Lord in faith!

Peace,  
Pastor Toenjes

# A Note from our Deaconess, Karol Ketcher

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

The Lord loves His creation. In spite of the sin, evil, and unrepentance in our world, the Lord continues to love and save His creation. He continues to create and love each life no matter how perfect or imperfect that life may seem to us. Isaiah 43, for example, lists God's many promises and that He continues to love and support the lives of His people. The Lord is with us and for us and loves His created life.

The world doesn't always see or love life the way God does. People who are aged, mentally slow, emotionally struggling, homeless, unchurched, less productive, and even unborn don't seem valuable or useful by the world's measure. These people seem "less." They don't give to the world what the world values. But that is not the way our merciful Savior sees people who are sick or weak or "less." He loves His creation and all that He has made. He loves and died for all the lives that He created. Think about the way Jesus treated the unclean and "sinners" and the relationships he valued while He walked the earth. He came that all may have life and have it abundantly. And He has created an eternal life in which all who believe will be welcomed to an everlasting, perfect and whole life.

On September 10th, the Executive Director of Lutherans for Life will be here at Trinity to teach us more about being a life loving and life supporting congregation both as a family and as individuals. How can we...how can you love and support the lives our Lord has created? Come to hear more at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th. Be sure to register by emailing [ketcher@trinitycp.org](mailto:ketcher@trinitycp.org) or calling 219-633-1578 or signing up at the Atrium desk by Wednesday, September 6th.

*I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name. LSB, 740:1*

Lord, have mercy,  
Deaconess Karol



# Important Trinity Announcements

## MOPS News

### HELP - Volunteers Needed!

Do you love kids? Does rocking babies, playing with toddlers, or doing preschool crafts sound like fun? We could use your help! Our amazing MOPS group has become an official ministry here at Trinity! One of the reasons why it's such a success is that we are able to provide free childcare for the moms in our group! We can only do this if we have volunteers like you! Last year we had wonderful volunteers, but not all of them are able to return. We need your help! Volunteers do not need to commit to every meeting. If you are interested in volunteering and are available on even just one of the listed dates from 9:00 - 11:30 am, please contact Caity Castillero at [trinitycpmops@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycpmops@gmail.com) or 224-531-7728.

2023 - 2024 Trinity Crown Point MOPS Meeting Dates:

September 14th & 28th

October 12th & 26th

November 9th & 30th

December 14th

January 11th & 25th

February 8th & 22nd

March 7th & 21st

April 4th & 18th

May 2nd

We only have a few spots left for the coming year! MOPS is a ministry for mothers with at least one child preschool age and younger. Mamas come and bond over food, fun, and fellowship with other moms while strengthening their faith. We meet every other Thursday from September through May,

from 9:30-11:30 am. Child care is provided so each mom can focus on our topic of the day and have some time to herself. To find out more go online to <http://bit.ly/CPMops>. Registration is currently open. You do NOT have to be a member of Trinity to join, so invite all your friends! You can find the registration form on the website listed above.

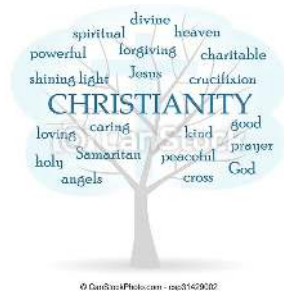
## Trinity Cares

Matthew 6:3 states "When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

I would like to personally thank two quiet giants who spent a day shopping and installing more shelves in the Trinity Cares room. These two men are truly servants of our Lord and have helped in so many "small" projects. I would also like to thank those who have given to Trinity Cares in the past. I have seen your donations go to great use from a single mom who makes less than \$1,000 a month to a senior who struggles financially, but you would not know it by sitting next to them in church. Your beautiful blessings are really what the Lord wants us to do, *Love One Another*.

This month, Trinity Cares is low on the following items. So when you go shopping, would you mind donating some: *Personal Items*: Shampoo and deodorant for men and razors for men and women; *Household Items*: Laundry detergent, all purpose cleaners and dish washing soap. When giving us your blessings, please remember that we cannot take any open or expired items.

If you have any questions regarding Trinity Cares, please contact Lisa Ann Cizmar at 219-663-1578 option 3, 2 or [cizmarl@trinitycp.org](mailto:cizmarl@trinitycp.org).



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## Grief Share: Weekly Grief Support Group

Trinity Lutheran Church, Crown Point, will offer Grief Share again for those who have lost a loved one and are going through the grieving process. Thank you, Russell Boettger, for sharing your thoughts! *“Last year after the death of my wife of 75 years, Shirley, I attended the Grief Sessions and I found them extremely helpful in the sharing of my grief with others. The comfort I got from them was more than welcome. If you have recently lost a loved one I would more than recommend you give it a go.”*

The thirteen week session begins Tuesday, August 22nd, through Tuesday, November 14th. The support group will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Trinity. Everyone is welcome!

The first session will focus on the loss of a spouse. The last session will include information on surviving the holidays. People can choose to attend one session or all of them. For more information about Grief Share you can go to their website: [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). Pastor Canaday will be the facilitator. To register, or if you have questions, please call the Church Office at 219-663-1578.

## Trinity Sociables

On Thursday, August 24th, the Sociables will meet at BC Osaka, 2999 E Lincoln Hwy, Merrillville at 11:30am. BC Osaka offers a buffet filled with freshly made food, including a wide variety of salads, sushi, Chinese, seafood, etc. You can also choose what meat etc. you'd like cooked on a hibachi grill. We have coupons for everyone to get the 15% off Senior discount, which includes your drink and dessert. Please call Dan and Shirley Guske, 219-769-4016, to make a reservation.



## Sunday School News

**RALLY DAY** for Children's Sunday School is coming soon! It will be August 20th from 9:15am-10:15am with the opening beginning in the Gym. We pray that every available child from PK (ages 3-4 yrs. potty trained) to 4<sup>th</sup> grade come and join us for fun lessons about our Savior Jesus and how to follow Him in all ways.

**ONE TEACHER NEEDED:** Each grade level has team teaching with 2 teachers each so you can set up your own schedules on how you want to work as a team. Unfortunately, we are still short one teacher with 2nd grade. If you're interested and want to join our wonderful team, please contact Eileen Maxwell at 219-661-0547. God's blessings! If you wish to be a sub, that is important too and we would love to have you on our list. Just call.

**HELPERS FOR RALLY DAY SUNDAY TEACHING:** We do a station to station teaching on this day and if you wish to assist with this, I would really appreciate it. This allows the teachers to stay with their kids, to get to know them, and have fun with them too while we help them with the lesson. Interested, please call Eileen Maxwell at 219-661-0547.

## Upcoming Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us on Rally Day (Aug 20th) as we begin to study a new book of the Bible: 1 Peter! By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter writes his first epistle to those concerned about living their Christian faith in a sometimes unreceptive and even hostile environment. Peter focuses on what God has done to save us through Christ Jesus, an appropriate lifestyle for those who belong to Christ, the comfort and power God gives through the means of grace, and priorities for those who know the Lord is coming soon. This is a very practical and useful book for us today. Join us on Sundays at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall as we study these words of hope together!

## Worship at the Lake County Fair

*“The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple; the church is not a resting place; the church is a people!”* Let's proclaim His name at the fairgrounds! August 6th & 13th at 9:00am in the Showcase Tent.

## PTL Update

Thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity Trinity's PTL is able to support our school and our community. This school year PTL will once again support Wittenberg Wednesdays. Each month students from Trinity visit with residents at Wittenberg. They enjoy sharing a craft, a snack, and the love of Jesus with one another. PTL helps purchase the necessary items for these visits. PTL is also happy to support Camp Lutherhaven again this year. We know how much fun our children have attending camp each summer. Trinity 5th graders also go to Camp Lutherhaven each year for Outdoor Education. Thank you for helping PTL support this important ministry.

*Upcoming PTL Events:*

Sunday, August 13th - Back to School BBQ 5:00pm-7:00pm Playground Parking Lot

Wednesday, August 16th - Sundae Funday Fundraiser 1:00pm-9:00pm Crown Point location

Sunday, September 17th - All Parent PTL meeting 2:00pm Fellowship Hall



## WITTENBERG VILLAGE

ONE COMMUNITY, MANY CHOICES.

### Men's Bible Study

Calling all Trinity Men! You have asked for it and so, back by popular demand I am pleased to announce Men's Bible Study will begin September 7th, 2023 at 6:00 AM at Wittenberg Village. The book to be studied will be announced in the coming weeks and will be led by Pastor Toenjes. Breakfast will be provided by Wittenberg, but I will need RSVPs to know how many of you are coming for our chefs. Please email me, (Rev. Wielert) at [cwielert@lulife.org](mailto:cwielert@lulife.org) or text/call 219.688.5201 to RSVP. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We hope to see you and maybe a friend or two there.

### Back to School BBQ:

School families! It's that time! Sunday August 13th from 5pm-7pm at the playground parking lot. PTL is providing burgers & hot dogs and water & lemonade. We ask families with last names A-K bring a dessert and L-Z bring a side. Bring lawn games to share too!



### Lutherans For Life at Trinity

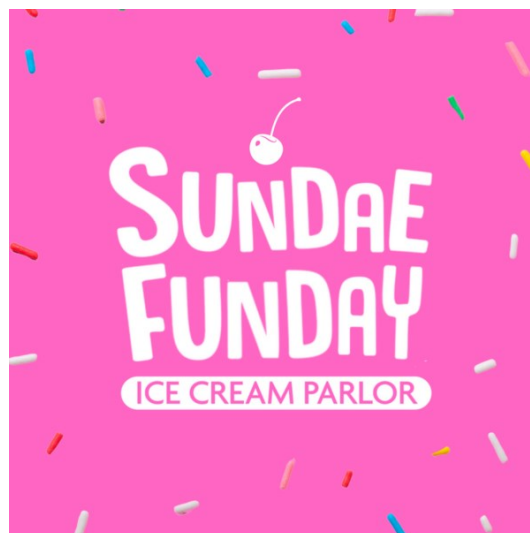
On Sunday, September 10th, the Executive Director for Lutherans for Life will be here at Trinity to share with us information concerning life issues in our culture. Following his presentation at 4:00pm there will be a sandwich/salad meal served for all who attend. There is no cost for the event but the Board of Discipleship is requesting donations of salads and desserts. An online registration for the event will be made available and a sign up for salad and dessert donations is at the front desk. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

### A 100th Celebration!

Trinity is honoring our long-time member Russ Boettger on the occasion of his 100th birthday! Everyone is invited to an open house birthday party on Saturday August 19th from 5 to 6 pm, followed by church service at 6:30. There will be light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall for your enjoyment. For questions, please ask any wise old OWL.

### PTL Fundraiser at Sundae Funday

Come support our PTL on the first day of school! Have a sweet treat at Sundae Funday Ice Cream Parlor on August 16th from 1pm to 9pm. Sundae Funday is located at 928 S Court Street in Crown Point.





# Long Term Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for: Carolyn Gardin (Phil Gardin's Aunt), Sarah Binford, Kay Hoyer (friends of Cruz family), Diana Dyba, Michelle Krapf, Bill Borsits, Carla Misner, Lincoln Canaday, Janet Schlosser, Jennifer Van Schoonhoven (friend of Melissa Maxwell), Sue and Clifford Lunkes and Monty McNab.

Those serving in the military at home and abroad: Denise Min-Monroe, Jon Parry, Justin Smith, Tim Stanford, Jeffrey Smith, Tyson Daake, Kevin Jillson (Sandy Heiser's grandson), Jim Ponziano (Karol Ketcher's son-in-law), Marcia Potter, Rose Thomas (Lori Hult's goddaughter), Chris Tsirlis (Dave Zimmerman's friend), Keith Hernandez, Bill Mitseff (grandson of Florence & Darrrell Sergeant), Michael and Kyle (Judy Wynn's nephews), Alex Myers (Linda Watland's grandson) and Sarah Board.

Also, those serving in the mission field: Brian & Barbara Sorge, Randy & Rachel Stauner, Kevin & Ginny Holmes, Hispanic Mission Work, Lydia House, James & Crystal Neuendor (Panama), Rev. David & Lois Mahsman, Pack Away Hunger, Compass, and Ascension Christian Lutheran School.

## Trinity Celebrations

### Anniversaries

- 8/2 Gary & Marie Dienes
- 8/3 Billy & Amber Louvierre
- 8/5 Amy & William Coy
- 8/6 Michael & Laura Gella, Dennis & Cindy Schulte

*Happy Anniversary*

- 8/7 Michael & Cynthia David, Gregory & Sadie Puent, Christopher & Paula Ronning, Edward & Karen Topp
- 8/8 Bryce & Crystal Gawronski, David & Kim Witvoet
- 8/9 Tom & Tina Brite, Edward & Jean Fraikin
- 8/10 Gary & Dorothy Schmidtke
- 8/12 Scott & Brenda Anderson
- 8/13 Alexander & Jennifer Maxwell, Michael & Donna Sitarski
- 8/16 Arthur & Marion Burkman, Jeffrey & Janell McDonald
- 8/18 Jordan & Mary Morantz, Stevan & Julie Savich
- 8/20 Jim & Lisa Cizmar
- 8/21 Donald & Shirley Guske
- 8/22 Tom & Julie Barber, Stuart & Connie Snow
- 8/24 William & Linda Borsits, Doug & Anna Kenbok, Lemont & Judith McNab
- 8/25 Andrew & Julie Farrell, Aaron & Miranda Malone
- 8/26 Daniel & Tina Matuska
- 8/28 Mike & Lois Huistsing
- 8/30 Eric & Charlott Sitarski, Rick & Gloria Voyles
- 8/31 Ted & Tara Bewley

### Birthdays

- 8/1 Elden Hildebrandt, Bailey Katona, Connie Kingsbury, Steve Slowiak
- 8/2 Charles Grelecki, Julia Maxwell, Jim Merrell
- 8/3 Giuliana Aguilar, Pat Bessigano, Robert Byrd, Judy Duffala, Sandra Heiser, Natalie Lamphere, Jane Nesbit
- 8/4 Jacqueline Carey, John Koszyk, Don Tokoly, Dale Trump
- 8/5 Judith Blakesley, Logan Frazee, Betty Johnstone, James Nelson, Ashley Sherwood, Cameron Wiater
- 8/6 Lillian Bovee, Kristin Glatz, Cathie Morris
- 8/8 Camden Shea
- 8/9 Leia Dallman, Craigory Wise
- 8/10 Daniel Pace, Paula Ronning
- 8/11 Sydney Dixon, Nicole Johnson, Nate Levon, Jud Salmon, Randi Wagner
- 8/12 Weston Lape, Beckett Pflughoeft, Jaxson Rodriguez, Marilyn White
- 8/13 Benito Aguilar, Julia Campbell, Jean Fraikin, Tamela Gardin, Gabriel Kokaly, Samuel Rashin, Ethan Smith, Ava Stojkovich, Joseph Witham

# Happy Birthday

- 8/14 Karen Gurtatowski, Karen Knapp, Gregory Puent  
8/15 Georgia Falkenberg, Kylee Fastero, Clayton Follmar, Marcy Kerr, Daralyn Melcher, Kathryn Niemiec, Shirley Noak, Lilyanne Peschke, Connie Rainey, Mark Rayonec, Wilma Schuricht, Alexandra Sugés, Rosemarie Taylor, Sharon Voyak  
8/16 Lisa Anderson, Russell Boettger, Charlotte Castellero, Diana Dyba, Brooklyn Janko, Jordyn Robinson, Gloria Voyles  
8/17 Emelle Costa, Ryan Farrell, William Good, Bailey Kasch, Eileen Maxwell, Quinn Shea, John Simon, Debbie Yankovich  
8/18 Jeff Cook, Eric Hicks, Woody Kasch, Dreena McDonald, Bonnie Monroe, Sandra Rosenwinkel, Joachim Von Zur Muehlen  
8/19 Griffin Hinchy, Peter Kozlowski, Isabella Such, Sharon Vester, Logan Wilocki  
8/20 William Anderson, Sarah Gardiner, Leighton Johnson, Bianca Martinez, Amanda Nagel, Robert Pillman, Riley Sherwood, Silas Wielert  
8/21 Leah Coffey, Conor Sivak  
8/22 Emma Hamilton, Thomas Johnstone, Noah Matuska  
8/23 Joanna Kozlowski, Charles Mangrum, Charlott Sitarski, Ronald Yakimow  
8/24 Karen Bartholomew, Kay Rasmussen  
8/25 Crystal Buzinec, Shannon Doffin, Sarah Fraikin, Kaitlin Watts, Kaitlin Wool  
8/26 Don Griffin, Reece Knestrict  
8/27 Kathryn Hensley  
8/28 Jeremy Bovee, Jacqueline Jones, Karol Ketcher, Tyler Pollert, Connie Scuderi, Ilse Von Zur Muehlen, Jason Zona  
8/29 Carole Esala, Caleb Nichols, Laurie Pavlovick, Traude Thoelke, Ed Topp  
8/30 Cheryl Claus, Andrew Farrell, Alexandra Plavsá  
8/31 Gavin Lintz, Liliana Min

## Baptism Birthdays

- 8/1 Nancy Anglis, James Bova, Angelina

- DeChene, Patricia Dykman, William Good, Leo Kraus, Eleanor Vester, Gloria Voyles, Debra Waisnora, Judith Wynn  
8/2 Karin Becker  
8/3 Pat Bessigano, Emmalyn Garner, Sandra Peyovich, Esmeralda Saavedra  
8/4 Linda Gibens, Mardi Kalember, Kaitlin McCormick, Sandra Wilson  
8/5 Leah Loach, Ismennia Quintero  
8/6 Emily Gardiner  
8/7 Molly Buth, Sophia Keen, Paige Stadnik, Nita Wirkus  
8/9 Brittany Bohacik  
8/10 Liam Feldpausch, Vinnie Illiev, Melissa Martinez, Natalie Maxwell, Faith Oosterhoff  
8/11 Scott Anderson  
8/12 Charles Alliss, Donald Fronck  
8/13 Chloe Anderson, Bruno Hnatusko  
8/14 Patricia Zimmerman  
8/15 Alan Toenjes  
8/16 Cynthia David, Crea Reinholtz  
8/17 Amanda Kosik  
8/18 Kristin Camery, Kristin Campbell, Elisabeth Garner, Brian Maxwell  
8/19 Jennifer Kulak, Andrew Magruder  
8/20 Barbara Atkinson, Darren Klockenga  
8/21 Cheryl Chism, Veronica DeSimone, Charles Mangrum, Kenneth Manning, Savannah Nasrallah, Jeanne Strunk  
8/22 Constance Kingsbury, Vicki Mowery, Silas Wielert  
8/23 Charlotte Castellero, Zackary Gutowski  
8/24 Kaylei Alwardt, Caitlyn Doyle, Eric Engleking, Dennis Lunkes, Brightyn Sallay  
8/25 Julie Hinchy  
8/26 Kameron Dixon, Keaton Kosik, Tyler Witvoet

My  
*Baptism*  
day

8/27 Apryl Bielawski, Robert Byrd, Donald Griffin,  
Amber Louvierre  
8/28 Julian Cruz, Mason Cruz, Charles Hoefling,  
Angelica Voyles  
8/29 Anna Gardiner, Alexa Stefanovich  
8/30 Marion Froberg, Carley Smith, Corey  
Swanson, Dale Trump  
8/31 Marija Jahovic, Mark Jahovic, Kindrah Walker

### Readers

8/6 8:00am T Toni Michalak  
10:30am T Eileen Maxwell  
8/13 8:00am T Joyce Toenjes  
10:30am T Jeff McDonald  
8/20 8:00am T Phil Sagissor  
8:00am C Bob Stephen  
10:30am T Christine Miller  
10:30am C Nancy Forsythe  
8/27 8:00am T Eric Hildebrandt  
8:00am C Tim Gardiner  
10:30am T Sharon Tillery  
10:30am C Jennifer McCord  
9/3 8:00am T Alyssa Hildebrandt  
8:00am C Brad Campbell  
10:30am T Art Burkman

### Greeters

8/6 8:00am Bob & Toni Michalak, Tom &  
Gail McPheron  
10:30am Tom & Beth Wanicki, Linda  
Nudi  
8/13 8:00am Tom Witten, Judy Blakesley,  
Max Korte  
10:30am Tom & Gloria Thirion, Phyllis  
Kalajian  
8/20 8:00am Phil & Karen Kaemerer, Leo  
Kraus, Marilyn Costello  
10:30am Tim & Vickie Loeber, Helen  
Brandt  
8/27 8:00am Dorothy Morande & Tamra  
Aseves, Frank & Sharon  
Voyak  
10:30am Dawn Hamilton, Tom &  
Gloria Thirion  
9/3 8:00am Bob & Toni Michalak, Tom &  
Gail McPheron  
10:30am Tom & Beth Wanicki, Linda  
Nudi

### Acolytes

8/6 8:00am T Simeon Engleking  
10:30am T Aubrey Gutowski, Abby  
Morantz  
8/13 8:00am T Brayden Schopieray, Toby  
Wielert  
10:30am T Quinn Shea, Dylan Mowery  
8/20 8:00am T Emma Hamilton  
8:00am C Rowan Johnson  
10:30am T Grace McDonald, Avery  
Eggleston  
10:30am C Jackson Zona  
8/27 8:00am T James Gadbow, Braydon  
Zamojski  
8:00am C Landon Kozlowski  
10:30am T Chase Bielawski, Chance  
Bielawski  
10:30am C Donovan Pace  
9/3 8:00am T Eric Hicks, Eli Hicks  
8:00am C Eli Maxwell  
10:30am T Luke Yates, Zach Gutowski  
10:30am C Mason Cruz

### Communion Assistants

8/6 8:00am T Phil Gardin, Dennis Mills, Phil  
Kaemerer, Leo Kraus, Jim  
Hensley  
10:30am T Jeff McDonald, Chris  
Damjanovic  
8/7 6:30pm Mark Speichert  
8/13 8:00am T Darren Klockenga, Ryan  
Castillero, Dave Maxwell,  
Elden Hildebrandt, Erik  
Hildebrandt  
10:30am T Eric Yates, Chris Damjanovic  
8/14 6:30pm Bob Pryde  
8/20 8:00am T Jim Hensley, Phil Kaemerer,  
Phil Gardin, Derrill Kregel,  
Dennis Mills  
8:00am C Brad Campbell, Brian Maxwell  
10:30am T Eric Yates, Jeff McDonald  
10:30am C Mike Evers, Mike Alwardt  
8/21 6:30pm Mark Speichert  
8/27 8:00am T Ryan Castillero, Frank Voyak,  
Elden Hildebrandt, Dennis  
Mills, Darren Klockenga  
8:00am C Rich Rainey, Tom Frazee  
10:30am T Chris Damjanovic, Tom  
Thirion  
10:30am C Ryan Johnson, Rick Fitzsimons

8/28 6:30pm Bob Pryde  
 9/3 8:00am T Phil Kaemerer, Phil Gardin, Derrill Kregel, Leo Kraus, Dennis Mills  
 8:00am C Les Nack, Andy Manning  
 10:30am T Jeff McDonald, Carl Sapper  
 10:30am C Ryan Forsythe, Greg Forsythe  
 9/4 6:30pm Mark Speichert

**Attendance**

Traditional: 1154  
 Contemporary: 477  
 Saturday: 114  
 Monday: 139

**Anticipated YTD total is through end of current month. Actual YTD total is current YTD giving. Fiscal year is July through June.**

<b>Offering Summary</b>				
	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<b>Budget</b>	\$93,000	\$93,000	\$93,000	\$279,000
<b>Actual</b>	\$138,621	\$0	\$0	\$138,621

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 <b>8 &amp; 10:30am Worship</b> <b>9:00am Worship at Lake County Fair</b> 9:15am Bible Education <b>2:00pm Hispanic Worship</b> <b>4:00pm Karol Ketcher Deaconess Commissioning</b> 6:30pm HS Youth</p>	<p>7 <b>6:30pm Worship</b> 7:00pm PPC</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm Preschool Parent Orientation 6:15pm Day School Board</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 <b>6:30pm Worship</b></p>
<p>13 <i>Teacher Rededication</i> <b>8 &amp; 10:30am Worship</b> <b>9:00am Worship at Lake County Fair</b> 9:15am Bible Education 1:00pm Preschool Meet &amp; Greet <b>2:00pm Hispanic Worship</b> 5:00pm Back to School BBQ 6:30pm HS Youth</p>	<p>14 <b>6:30pm Worship</b></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <i>First Day of School, Early Dismissal K-8th</i> <b>8:30am Opening Chapel</b> 9:30am Quilting 1:00pm - 9:00pm PTL fundraiser at Sundae Funday</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 5:00pm Russ Boettger's 100th birthday Open House <b>6:30pm Worship</b></p>
<p>20 <i>Rally Day</i> <b>8 &amp; 10:30am Worship</b> 9:15am Bible Education <b>2:00pm Hispanic Worship</b> 6:30pm HS Youth</p>	<p>21 <b>6:30pm Worship</b></p>	<p>22 7:00pm Grief Share</p>	<p>23 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>8:15am Chapel</b> 9:30am Quilting</p>	<p>24 9:00am MOPS Volunteer Training 11:30am Sociables at BC Osaka</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 <b>6:30pm Worship</b></p>
<p>27 <b>8 &amp; 10:30am Worship</b> 9:15am Bible Education <b>2:00pm Hispanic Worship</b> 6:30pm HS Youth</p>	<p>28 <b>6:30pm Worship</b> 7:30pm Elders</p>	<p>29 1:30pm Child Protection Training 7:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Child Protection Training</p>	<p>30 <b>8:15am Chapel</b> 9:30am Quilting 7:00pm Child Protection Training</p>	<p>31</p>	<h1>August 2023</h1>	