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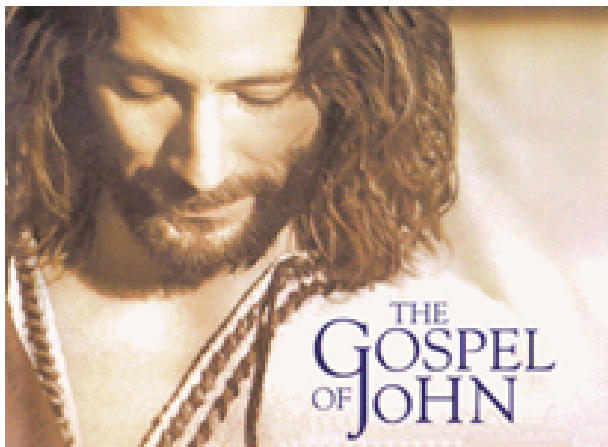
Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings on this beautiful, warm July morning. As I write this, I am saddened to realize that the summer is already half over. But thank you Lord that we still have half the summer to go! This past week I had the privilege of working alongside a wonderful group of young people during Wildfire youth mission week up in Superior, WI. Me and Tora Perkins met up with a group of three from Brodhead UMC, and traveled up, Sunday afternoon, July 9th. We had four full days of working at various sites around the Duluth/Superior area. The first day, we were honored to work in the kitchen of "Mama" Flora at the Damiano Center Soup Kitchen in Duluth. We helped prepare and serve lunch to around 200 people that day. On Tuesday, we helped a boisterous retired Air Force airman named Vicki paint the new trim on a trailer home in her trailer park. Tora had the opportunity to paint some more on Wednesday, while I replaced a window at the Harbor House Crisis Shelter. On Thursday, we stained picnic tables at a YMCA camp a few miles from Superior, on Lake Negabamon. The weather was cold and nasty part of the time but, overall, it was a great trip, and I look forward to a larger group from our churches going next year.

Recently I have had questions posed to me regarding the Wesleyan Covenant Association, and our congregations being part of this organization. Peace Church voted to join the association in the spring, and I can say that nothing has changed in the way we do ministry at Peace church, and we continue to reach out to all people in the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, regardless of who they are. The only difference is that, by joining the WCA, we have made a declaration that we stand with other likeminded UMC churches and individuals who believe our doctrine and *Book of Discipline* should remain as is in regards to marriage and ordination. Trinity's church council has discussed the WCA at length but has not taken a vote whether or not to join. If you would like more information on the WCA, please pick up a copy of the brochure that is available in the lobby/narthex of both churches, and go online to wesleyancovenant.org. There you will find in depth information, resources and FAQs. As always, my door is open if you would like to discuss the WCA, or give me a call.

I am looking forward to the big worship in the park on Labor Day weekend September 3rd. That Sunday was my first one in Richland Center last year, and I was tremendously blessed by the music, worship and fellowship that took place that day. I knew there was something special about this town when 700 people showed up for a worship service; with a population of just 5,000, at 14% that is impressive! So mark your calendars and attend worship in the park September 3rd at 10:00 and enjoy a great time of food and conversation afterwards. So, friends, until next time, go out and enjoy your summer, because by the time you read this the summer will be 2/3 gone!

Your fellow servant in Christ, Rev. Wiley Gladney

Sermon Series “Reflections”



The Gospel of John — John 1: 1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. — John 1: 1-5

Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the “synoptic” gospels. Synoptic comes from a Greek word meaning “to see from the same point of view.” These three gospels, therefore, share much in common in the way they tell the story of Jesus. The fourth gospel, however, reports the narrative of Jesus to us differently than do the synoptic gospels. Like the synoptics, John’s gospel records the actual events of Jesus’ life. But the author goes well beyond the simple reporting of events: John is an interpreter. In other words, he wants his readers to know the meaning and purpose behind Jesus’ life. In fact, John (the author) is often referred to in theological circles as “the Evangelist.” He has an unapologetic mission in mind in the writing of this gospel, which he states clearly at the end of the book: ...these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (20: 31).

John was most likely the last of the Bible’s four gospels to be written; probably in the waning years of the first century A.D. Tradition tells us that Jesus’ own apostle John is the author of this gospel, though some scholars have suggested that, because of its late date, it may have been composed by a disciple of John and attributed to him. In any event, the fourth gospel stands as one of the most profoundly important theological pieces of literature ever to have been written. Indeed, much of what we believe and affirm as Christians today is the result of John’s interpretive and writing skills.

Some of the events of John’s gospel don’t always line up perfectly or chronologically with those of the synoptics. For instance, Jesus’ driving out of the moneychangers from the Temple occurs very early in his ministry, according to John (chapter 2); while the synoptics report that this event happened much later in Jesus’ life. There are other incidents like this one, in which John’s memory of the event is different than the other gospel writers — perhaps because he writes so many years later. But we shouldn’t get bogged down in specifics when it comes to John’s gospel. John is a jewel not for its details on dates or places, but for its ability to shed light upon the divine and eternal significance of Jesus’ life.

We should read John with the big picture in mind. For John, Jesus is “the Word” (Greek *logos*) who has always been. For this reason, he chooses to open his gospel just as the Bible began in Genesis (*In the beginning...*). And from there, John will continue to show us who this Jesus is. Jesus is the incarnate God who so loves his creation that he comes to live among them and redeem them eternally.

Mission Committee Updates

GABLER UPDATE: JUNE 2017

Dear Friends,

We are back in South Africa, after having ferried another plane down for major check, upgrading, and refurbishment. Dan and Gaston flew the plane down to Nelspruit. I came the next day via an airline.

My trip should have been uneventful. Theirs thankfully was. My plane was delayed six hours before leaving Johannesburg to collect the Lubumbashi passengers. I had arrived quite early to “catch” the flight. I ended up waiting 9 hours in the airport, missing the connecting flight and getting to Nelspruit a day late. However, God is so good. He engineered it so I was taken care of all along the way.

I have prepared two YouTube videos for your viewing pleasure. The first one is about the work Dan has started on the plane. You can watch it on this link:

<https://youtu.be/1QlrvRBmags>

The second one is about the reason we bring these planes here. We are in an incredible pocket of aviation experience and resources. You can learn about it here:

<https://youtu.be/csLlz6FEwh8>

If you have any questions, please contact us at: rdgabler@gmail.com

Thank you for your support, interest, and prayers.

A VERY BIG ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU

Trinity’s Missions Committee would like to give a warm thank you to all at Trinity and Peace who helped to make the recent Ice Cream Social such a success. Thanks to those who baked pies, cooked the meal, helped with set up, served the food, helped with clean up, and donated items that enabled us to have a larger net profit. Thanks, too, to all who attended and enjoyed fellowship as well as a tasty meal. This event raised \$1,005.55 for the youth camp fund, which helped youth from both Peace and Trinity to attend church camp this summer.

We owe special thanks to Shirley and Gene Wanless for applying for a Thrivent Financial “Action Team” special project grant. Thrivent Financial’s grant of \$250, Chris and John Storer’s generous hamburger donation, and the many delicious pie donations meant our only expenses were for advertising and postage. Once again, our two churches worked together cooperatively for the benefit of all. We are truly in mission together.



August "Internal" Missions' Project

Trinity "Wish List" Fund

Co-Sponsored by Missions' Committee & Memorial Ministry

Help Support the Trinity "Wish List" Fund During the Month of August!

Priority Projects

Casual Vinyl Table Covers (Estimated Cost = \$1,500)

New Folding Chairs (Estimated Cost = \$4,000)

Current Balances

"Wish List" Fund = \$616.70

Table Cover Fund = \$63.58 (Designated)

Folding Chair Fund = \$660.00 (Designated)

Contributions Will Be Accepted the Entire Month of August.
Special Offering Envelopes Will Be Available in Selected Bulletins, Narthex
Table, and Bulletin Boards.

Please make checks payable to "Trinity United Methodist Church"; Notate
Checks "Wish List" Fund.



"May the Lord Reward You for Your Kindness." – Ruth 1:8

Points of Interest



Trinity is looking for a backup custodian to fill in when our on-staff custodian is not available.

Job would include basic cleaning duties.

Hourly pay.

If you are interested, or perhaps know someone else that might be.....please call the office at 608-647-3203.



DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Entire Month of August	August "Internal" Missions' Project – Trinity "Wish List" Fund	See page 4 for details of this co-sponsored Project by the Missions' Committee and the Memorial Ministry 
August 2 nd	Ash Creek UMC – Ice Cream Social	Hours: 4-7pm. See page 9 for menu and pricing details.
August 11-12th	Stewardship in the Digital Age	Save the Date! 2017 Stewardship Retreat at Pine Lake Camp. See www/wumf.org/upcoming-events for more details and see flyers on bulletin boards.
August 15 th	Kayak and Picnic with The Nazarenes	Hosting a kayak and picnic outing. Kayakers will start at Bowne's Mill from 3-5pm. The picnic is a pot luck with meat provided on the grill starting at 6pm. (see page 4)
Ongoing	Kwik-Trip Gift Cards for Sale on Sundays!	Most Sunday worship services when Nancy McCauley is present....she will be selling \$25 Kwik-Trip gift cards. These make great gifts for any occasion, for anyone, for any time or any reason ☺ You also will be helping the Missions group with their ongoing ministry too!
September 3 rd	12 th Annual "Worship In The Park"	SAVE THE DATE.....See details on pages 6-7

AUGUST 26TH IS NATIONAL DOG DAY!

Dogs have been "man's best friend" for over 15,000 years. We rely on our wonderful canine companions to keep us safe, bring us comfort, and love us unconditionally. National Dog Day is our opportunity to show our deep appreciation for these remarkable animals and to find homes for all of the dogs in need of a loving family.

To celebrate National Dog Day, adopt a dog from your local shelter, organize a play date for all the dogs in your neighborhood, or treat your dog to a new toy.



SAVE THE DATE: September 3, 2017



WORSHIP IN
the
Park

Churches Involved this year:

Bloom City United Methodist Church
Boaz United Methodist Church
Church of the Nazarene
Five Points Lutheran Church
Grace Community Church
Grandview Family Worship
Peace United Methodist Church
Richland Center Fellowship
Richland Center Free Methodist Church
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
St. John's Lutheran Church
Town & Country Presbyterian Church
Trinity United Methodist Church
Viola United Methodist Church

*All churches are asked to bring desserts.
Bars and cookies (unfrosted), as we want
to keep the bees away....so nothing
sugary.*



Bring the kids, grandkids, friends,
neighbors and your relatives.

It's a wonderful experience to
Worship the Lord with others in this
beautiful park setting!

In it's 12th year!

Worship in the Park
Labor Day Sunday
September 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Look for the tents by
the Killian Meyer
Building.

Bring a lawn chair or
blanket, if you wish.
Folding chairs will
be provided by the
churches
participating

Lots of good music,
great food and
good fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE: September 3, 2017

NEEDED

Non-bee friendly desserts are needed for our Worship in the Park 10:00 a.m. service on September 3rd. If you would like to make a dessert of some kind, please bring it to the Killian Meyer building the day of the worship service, please do so. Please nothing sweet or sugary so we don't attract the bees to our picnic. There is no sign up sheet involved. Just people willing to make a dessert and bring it with them to the worship service



COMMUNITY SINGER WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Pam Kintz is once again in charge of leading the Community Singers for a hymn during the offertory. If you are interested in being a part of this fun group, there will be a practice night as we get closer to the end of August. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for more information as to when that will be. You will be singing on Sunday, September 3rd, during Worship in the Park.

Frequently Asked Questions

- How much does it cost?** This event is Free.
- Do I need a ticket?** No tickets are needed.
- Can my kids come?** All ages of worshipers are invited to attend. Please note that if you bring children, you will be responsible to monitor their behavior. We encourage you to allow your children to worship, however we ask that you and your children are respectful of those around you and do not distract people from worshipping.
- What if I don't attend any of the sponsoring churches?** This worship service is open to anyone who would like to attend and take part in worship. Even though it is being hosted by multiple local churches, we truly see this as a community event and all are welcome.
- Where do I park?** There is ample parking available in the parking lots and surrounding street areas. Please obey all posted signage in regards to parking restrictions and private businesses/homes.
- Will there be food?** All churches are asked to bring desserts. Bars and cookies (unfrosted), as we want to keep the bees away...so nothing sugary.
- Can we bring food?** There are no restrictions on your ability to pack snacks and beverages for yourself and your family. Please note that this is a family friendly event and no alcohol should be brought or consumed.

Community Highlights



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Lila Spangler	1
Pamela S Elliott	1
Shelley Ferguson	1
John Aue	2
Darren Mott	3
Anita Alexander	6
Brian Perkins	8
Kayla Turgasen	10
Jack Johnson	13
Dee Quinn	16
Marilyn Anderson	18
Steve Hodge	18
Eunice Black	20
Ross Nelson	23
Rosie Steinmetz	24
Aaron Black	25
Katie Shannon	25
Natasha Ruetten	26
Delane Braithwaite	27
David Elliott	29
Leonard McNamer	31



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	
David & Nancy Pulvermacher	4
Mike & Annie Windstrup	18

(Please feel free to notify the office with any and all adds/deletes for the Trinity Birthday and Anniversary lists)

Trinity Volunteers needed - for Coffee Hour Hosts, Greeters and Ushers for Sunday services here at Trinity Church. Please see clipboards in the narthex for details on duties and Sunday signup sheets.

SIGN UP NOW!

Trinity's Sunday Bulletin Dedications and Sunday Altar Flowers Dedications

Dedicate a *worship bulletin* or *altar flowers* in memory, or in honor of a loved one, to be seen by all on the Sunday of your choice. A special mention will be published to acknowledge all dedications. See the sign up clipboards in the narthex for more details.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2017

January	Food Pantry
February	Trinity Memorial Ministry Scholarship Fund
March	One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR)
April	A Clean Water Project
May	Wisconsin Conference Golden Cross Offering
JUNE	Church Camp Fund (Ice Cream Social)
July	UW Madison Hospital Ministry (Chaplaincy)
AUGUST	TRINITY MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST
September	David Makobo's ministry, Dakar, Senegal
October	Harvest Auction, Rachel & Daniel Gabler's ministry, DRC
November	Heifer Project
December	Salvation Army

Ice Cream Social

Ash Creek United Methodist Church,
Richland Ctr. Wednesday, August 2, 2017

MENU

4:00 – 7:00 PM

Homemade
Ice Cream
Fresh Pies
Hot Chicken & BBQ
Hot Dogs
Chili Dogs
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Milk
Coffee
Lemonade



Adults: \$9

Children 5 and under free; 6-11years: \$5

Served by Friends & Family
Of the Ash Creek Church

Air Conditioned!!

Special Thank You Notes to Trinity Members

Ruth Moser

January 20, 1933 - May 21, 2017



Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you for all the prayers and support as Mom (Ruth Moser) battled the horrible disease, ALS. Her Trinity Church family meant a lot to her. She was a devoted member since 1955 when she and Dad were the first couple to married in the new Sanctuary. She enjoyed teaching Sunday school and Bible school, serving on committees, reading for services and being a member of the UMW.

Her faith in God and her large circle of friends helped her maintain a positive attitude as she faced the loss of her speech, mobility and the eventual loss of her life. When she grew weary of fighting, she prayed to God that he put an end to her suffering, and her prayers were answered.

A special thank you to the UMW for providing the delicious desserts at Mom's luncheon.

Thanks again and God Bless you, Susan Moser Hallett



Dear Trinity Members,

I would like to thank you all for the generous amount of money towards my camp fund. This was my first year at camp and I had a blast!! I went with Clara Shannon, and I met lots of new friends, too.

I had so much fun playing games. Our cabin went on a hike almost every day which was fun. I loved making crafts, I made a tie knot pillowcase!! Then we also went swimming every day. I went in a canoe for the first time! My favorite part of camp was probably campfire. But overall the whole week was amazing.

Thanks Again, Katherine Hall (*Jennifer Hall's daughter*)

Last Word



CHECK IT OUT!!

Trinity's website is now up to date with church events, announcements, worship bulletins, monthly newsletters, and recently added informational page about the "12th Annual Worship in The Park" on Sept. 3rd.







www.trinity.umchurchrc.org

CHECK IT OUT!!

DEADLINE REMINDERS

Weekly bulletin postings is every Thursday by noon, keep in mind space is very limited. Deadline for the next CHIMES newsletter is Wednesday, August 23rd by noon, keep in mind that not only layout space is limited, there is also a significant postage increase for exceeding the maximum 12-page publication.

AUGUST MINISTRY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	2 * Ash Creek UMC – Ice Cream Social 4-7pm	3 Bulletin Deadline	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 Communion Sunday 9:30 Worship No Sunday School 	7	8 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	9	10 Bulletin Deadline	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 9:30 Worship No Sunday School 	14	15 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am * Kayak and Picnic with the Nazarenes	16	17 Bulletin Deadline	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
20 9:30 Worship No Sunday School 	21 Church Council 7pm	22 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	23 CHIMES 	24 Bulletin Deadline	25 Pastor's Day Off	26
27 9:30 Worship No Sunday School 	28	29 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	30	31 Bulletin Deadline	Church Office Hours 9am – Noon Monday thru Friday	

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Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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Pastor's Cell Phone: 1-920-509-2630

Pastor's email: revgladney@gmail.com

Pastor's Office Hours: Thursday 9-12 PM and by appointment Mon. – Thurs.

Friday: Pastor's day off

Trinity Church Office

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 - noon

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Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Chimes Newsletter

August 23rd