

# The Chimes

"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 1:12-14)

Paul is the exception to the rule. He could express his gratitude to Christ, his Lord, for the things God was doing in his life. He had strengthened him with the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not reject him for his past behavior, nor condemned him for all the suffering, violence, and evil he had done against the followers of Jesus. Instead, Jesus judged him faithful. Through faith in Jesus, he was declared faithful to carry the ministry of the cross to unfriendly and friendly people, as well as those who hated Christianity. Jesus saw Paul not as he really was, but he saw in Paul the potential that no one else could see in him.

God found Paul as faithful and appointed him to his service, even though Paul retold his own history as formerly being a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. With that resume, no one would hire that person as a preacher or a pastor! But, Paul said that he received mercy because he had acted ignorantly in unbelief. The same man that was judged as faithful, described himself as acting ignorantly in unbelief. But the grace of the Lord overflowed for him with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This is a man that understands his own weaknesses in his life. He confessed that to Timothy in a personal letter to one of the most distinguished disciples he had.

There is no doubt, according to this letter, that the Lord does not judge us the same way we judge one another. Having or not having faith makes the difference for God to judge any individual. God found Paul faithful even though he described himself as formerly being a blasphemer, persecutor, and a man of violence. These are three conditions for which any one of us could be rejected by any other human being. But, God saw something in Paul that qualified him to be found faithful and to be appointed to the task of representing the Lord Jesus as one of His most distinguished ambassadors into all the nations of the world.

Today, if we started looking at people with God's eyes, the church could be a blessing to the world. Otherwise, the world will reject Christians for not showing the same love and mercy that Jesus has for people. God appointed him to the service of Word, Sacraments, and Order as we claim in the Book of Discipline in our Methodist tradition. He did all of that, and he did it with the guidance and love of the Holy Spirit. It is clear that the Good Lord is seeking people who can humble themselves as ignorant of the grace and love of God.

Paul was a blasphemer of the name of the Lord. He understood his own weaknesses, so God strengthened him. He could be grateful to Christ, our Lord, who strengthened him to carry His ministry into the world. In the same way, God manifested himself in the world to show his mercy, love, and compassion to all human beings. He accepted and transformed us to be a part of his kingdom. And so, he made us heralds of his kingdom and servants of the most high God.

Like Paul, I can say that I have received mercy and that the grace of the Lord overflowed in me through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to God in all the things he is doing in our lives and in the world.

In Christ.

Pastor Rey Díaz

## **Summer Camp 2022 Was Awesome!!**



### https://wiumcamps.org

NEWS FROM CAMPERS CORNER

# So Many Camping Experiences for all ages to enjoy!!

There were Grandparent/Grandchild camp, Families with Young Children camp, and Adults With Differing Abilities Camps. You can follow Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne Camps on face book.

Don't forget next year that Trinity UMC has a camp fund, which pays 2/3's of the cost of registration for youths.



Rosie and Max Steinmetz Grandparent/Grandchild Church Camp Pine Lake

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2022  Special Sundays in Italics				
August	MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST			
September	HEIFER INTERNATIONAL			
October	HARVEST AUCTION: October 19th to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa			
	World Communion Sunday October 2nd #1045			
November	VETERANS PROJECT ( project TBD)  UM Student Day  November 27 <sup>th</sup> #1055			
December	SALVATION ARMY			





#### Our Mission

We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve. Our programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders.

By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success.



By asking you to support Trinity Missions' Projects, we also ask that you first consider your support of the general fund, which is what keeps our church doors open. Then please prayerfully consider your support of this month's Mission Focus. Thank you.



#### **AUGUST ANNIVERSAIRES**

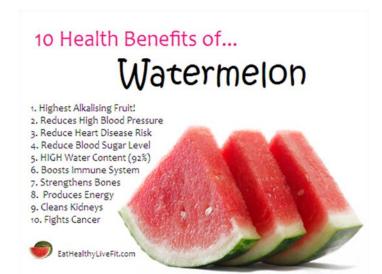
David & Nancy (Koehn) Pulvermacher	8/4
Mike & Annie Windstrup	8/18
Jarred & Kennedy (Fitzgerald) Schneider	8/24
Jaleesa (Storer) & Ryan Bee	8/28

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS								
Lila Spangler	8/1	Bruce Creasey	8/19					
Pat Leonard	8/3	Eunice Black	8/20					
Anita Alexander	8/6	Ross Nelson	8/23					
Brian Perkins	8/8	Graham William Schneider	8/23					
Kayla Turgasen	8/10	Rosie Steinmetz	8/24					
Marlene Yates	8/13	Jeff Brice	8/24					
Jack Johnson	8/13	Catie Shannon	8/25					
Zada Rose Ludwig	8/13	Leonard McNamer	8/31					
Steve Hodge	8/18							



It is good for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun. ECCLESIASTES 5.18





Please join us for our Community Ecumenical Worship Service as we "Worship in the Park" Sunday, September 4th at 10 AM Krouskop Park

# JUNE ICE CREAM SOCIAL: FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIPS

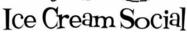
After a three year hiatus, the joint Trinity/Peace Ice Cream Social was held at Trinity on June 22nd to provide an evening of fellowship and to raise funds for the Youth Activity Fund. Trinity Missions Committee is very pleased to report that \$830.00 was raised at this event for youth church camp scholarships and other church related youth activities.

Many helping hands were involved in making this event a success. Shirley and Gene Wanless's application for a Thrivent Financial Action Grant of \$250.00, Chris and John Storer's donation of 24 pounds of beef for the Bar-B-Q ensured that the Ice Cream Social was profitable. The donation of 20 delicious pies from Trinity and Peace pie bakers added to the success; what would the Ice Cream Social be without pie and ice cream! Special thanks are due to Joan Bethke and Diane Monson for the many hours spent preparing food and to Rosie Steinmetz for her organizational skills and for delivering food to some of our flock who weren't able to attend. The tasks required for preparing for and carrying out the Ice Cream Social provided many opportunities for working together to achieve a very worthwhile goal. We thank each one of you for your part in helping and we thank all of you who were able to attend this fundraiser in support of our youth.

The Missions Committee sent personal thankyou notes to each individual helper and/or pie baker who helped with the Ice Cream Social. If we inadvertently missed you, we apologize; please know that your efforts were greatly appreci















## August Memorial Ministry Corner

## "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." -- Matthew 5:4

In Memory of Richard (Dick) Gordon Marshall July 03, 1956 – July 05, 2022

Dick was a long-time professing & baptized Trinity member.

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Pratt Funeral & Cremation Service, Richland Center, WI*, Website: https://tinyurl.com/yvtbwthy.

Visitation and services were held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at the Pratt Memorial Chapel in Richland Center, WI.

Cards of Condolence may be sent to Dick's wife & family at the following:

Barb Marshall 25058 County Highway N Richland Center, WI 53581 608.647.6769

#### "Wish List" Financial Update

Because our August 2022 internal missions' project will benefit the Trinity "Wish List" fund (see following announcement), Memorial Ministry decided to publish the actual projects & amounts for which your past generous "wish list" honor gifts have been used from January 01, 2021, through August 01, 2022, to benefit the church:

AED (Schmitt Fellowship Hall)

\$608.00

•	100-cup coffee urn (Schmitt Hall)	\$31.64
•	100-cup coffee urn (Schmitt Hall/C. Stanley Gift)	\$204.65
•	12-/55-cup coffee pots/urn (Schmitt Hall/Library/K.	Richardson Gift)\$182.89
•	Wallace Electric, LLC (extensive projects)	\$17.65
•	Wallace Electric, LLC (K. Richardson Gift)	\$387.11
•	White Board/Easel (Schmitt Hall)	\$40.79
•	TOTAL	\$1,472,73

Memorial Ministry thanks you all for your past generosity. As you can see by the "financial update" list, we always use your gifts in the best interests of our church, our ministry, and our service.

### 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!
Current "Wish List" Fund Balance: \$4,236.98

Honor gifts will be accepted the entire month of August.

Please use your regular offering envelopes, and make checks payable to "Trinity United Methodist Church"; notate checks "Wish List" Fund.

We encourage you to give to the church's general budget first, with your "first fruits," and then if you are led and want to give further to this month's internal missions' project, please do so.

-- Kathy Bastian, Missions' Chair; Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair "May the Lord Reward You for Your Kindness." - Ruth 1:8

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Memorial Ministry Meeting <u>Cancellation</u> Notice: It's summer! Thus, the third quarter Memorial Ministry meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, August 09, 2022, has been <u>cancelled</u>.



# Church Membership Notes



Praying for Anita Alexander's Continuing Recovery! Anita is currently recovering at home, with the assistance of her daughter Debbie, after a heart attack, three stents, and a valve replacement. Cards & well wishes can be sent to Anita as follows:

Anita Alexander 450 East Fifth Street Richland Center, WI 53581 608.647.3608

### Trinity Hosting "Greg Zelek" Concert - SAVE THE DATE!!



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST HOSTING
A CONCERT EVENT
FOR THE RICHLAND CONCERT
ASSOCIATION

PERFORMANCE TIME: 2 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

Greg Zelek
Principal Organist of the Madison
Symphony Orchestra returns!

Praised as "extraordinary in the classical music world" (Jon Hornbacher, PBS Wisconsin Life) and a "musical star" (Bill Wineke, Channel 3000), Greg Zelek is the Principal Organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Curator of the Overture Concert Organ, where he oversees all of the MSO's organ programming. Since September 2017, Greg has proudly held the Elaine and Nicholas Mischler Curatorship.



JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE @ TRINITY
Sunday, June 26th – 10:00 AM

Followed by a catered "Birthday Celebration Lunch" for Pastor Rey. Will be held downstairs in Schmitt Hall following the service!



Using candy bars to fill in the missing words, very clever birthday card!!



Pastor Rey getting ready to cut his birthday cake!



Barb and Terry Nimocks presented Pastor Rey with his special birthday card!



Please join us for our Ecumenical Worship Service as We "Worship in the Park"

Worship in the Park Sunday, September 4, 2022 10:00 a.m. in Krouskop Park





Look for the tent by the Killian Meyer Building!

Everyone is invited to come and participate in our worship service. 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! Lots of good music, great food and good fellowship.

If desired please bring a blanket or lawn chair. Folding chairs will be provided by each church.



This event is sponsored and supported by the Churches in the Richland County Ministerial Association.

#### 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 worshippers 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 worshiping.

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 lot and surrounding

street areas. Please obey all posted signage in regards to parking

restrictions and private businesses/homes.

The following Churches planning the event are: Five Points Lutheran, First Baptist, St. Barnabas and Richland Center Free Methodist.

## **AUGUST MINISTRY 2022**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace Missions Committee Mtg @ 4:30pm		4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
9:30 Worship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	8	9 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	10	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
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## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rey Díaz

Pastor's New Cell Phone: 608-604-3094
Pastor's email: rreydiaz1952@gmail.com

#### Trinity Church Office

 $Hours: Monday\ through\ Thursday\ /9am-noon\ \ (\textit{Remotely on Fridays})$ 

Trinity UMC Office: (608) 647-3203 Trinity's email: trinityumc@mwt.net

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