



## July 2022

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**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

### Worship

Sundays, 10 a.m.

### Sunday School

9-9:45 a.m.

### Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30—11:30 am

### Interim Pastor:

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Closed on Fridays

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### Custodians:

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# Trinity Tidings



On the road again...

This is where we meet Jesus in our Sunday readings from Luke over the next several weeks and months as we encounter the kingdom of God coming near to people as Jesus travels from Galilee with his face set toward Jerusalem.

It is not only Jesus who is on the road but his disciples too. And *on the way* he sends seventy (or seventy-two) out in pairs on all kinds of roads to heal the sick and proclaim that the kingdom of God has come near.

Jesus also tells stories in which roads figure prominently like the parable of the Good Samaritan and the Loving Father.

The road Jesus and his followers are on leads decisively to the cross, and this is where this liturgical year will culminate on Christ the King Sunday. Nevertheless, the road does not stop there, but continues from there to the ends of the earth.

While the cross is the focused and determined destination narratively and theologically in this middle section of Luke, the stories are about what happens *on the way*, in light of Jesus' death and resurrection. More than focusing on the starting point or the destination, these stories give us encounters the kingdom of God coming near to people and in places in surprising and unexpected ways.

The parable of the Good Samaritan centers on what happens *on the road, on the way*. It is Jesus' answer to a lawyer's question about setting parameters on who one's neighbor is. Instead of legalese, Jesus tells a story and invites the lawyer to answer his own question but with a twist. It is no longer *who is my neighbor?* but *who was a neighbor?*

Sometimes I think we can get preoccupied with destinations and miss the journey *on the way*. In our hurried and busy lives, we can miss the kingdom of God breaking in and coming near to us *on the road*. In our distraction we can miss the neighbors who cry out for help and who show up in surprising ways to help us in our need.

Jesus' travel on the road is also full of banquets and stories of grand celebrations and feasts as when the lost are found in Luke 15. This is the feast we celebrate *on the way* in the holy meal that connects all our table gatherings from dining rooms to board rooms, from coffee shops to classrooms.

Whatever road you find yourself on and the road we travel together as a community of faith let us be attentive for God's kingdom coming near to us *on the way* and ever ready for a banquet celebration when the lost are found.

The glory and wonder are not in the destination, the arrival, but in the manifestation of God's kingdom coming near to us, here and now, *on the way* and *on the road*. May this grace keep our hearts open to love every neighbor and all creation as we have been loved by God.

The road we are on is the one of baptismal living and its end is Jesus Christ.

Pr. Robert Franek

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:**

Family/Friends of **Bob Pearson** (died 6/19; funeral @ TLC on 6/23); **Julie Yokom** (hand surgery), **Cindy Schaefer** (brain surgery), **Ethel Heckman, Kate Lehr** (Pat Beil's grandniece); **TLC Call Cmte, Others in need/tragedies**; our SYNOD/Bishop Tessa Moon-Leseth; our **ELCA /Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**; our missionaries; military men/women; **OUR SYNOD PARTNERS: Central African Republic; PEACE** (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine)



Our sanctuary has recently underwent some remodeling! Check out the pictures below of our new carpeting, the padded seat cushions, AND the parsonage bathroom update! Thank you, Scott Magnuson and crew, for the sanctuary carpet install AND thanks to Gary & Bernadette Botner for their work on the parsonage update! Thanks to TLC members & friends for financially contributing to these beautiful updates!!



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family & friends of:

**Bob Pearson**, who died on June 19th. His funeral was held at Trinity on June 23rd.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

### **June 2022 Memorials**

#### **PEW CUSHIONS**

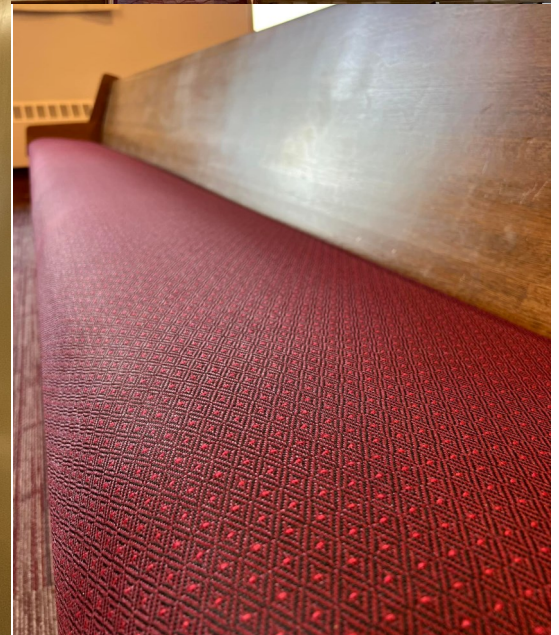
In memory of **Bob Pearson**

Given by Tom & Diana Vagle, Bruce & Diane Kracht, Gary & Bea Tait, LeRoy & Karen Magnuson

#### **CASA de FE**

In memory of **Bob Pearson**

Given by Woody & Rose Wendt







### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Another year of VBS is in the books! We are so thankful for the opportunity for fellowship with Our Saviors and Faith Lutheran Churches. We are also thankful for the counselors that came from Red Willow and Park River Bible Camps to lead our VBS. Finally, we are thankful for Tessa Kinney who volunteered each day at VBS and Elsa Kamphuis/Diane Kracht, who assisted with Trinity's lunch day.

We will be using the coming months to prepare for Sunday school to begin in the fall. Please watch your email in August for updates and fall registration. Contact us if you are interested in teaching Sunday school or being on the substitute teacher list.

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### Gr. 7-12 Youth:

Carson Johnson & Kellen Westman will be attending the Youth Trip to Minneapolis on July 18-20<sup>th</sup>. While on this trip they will be participating in several service projects. During worship on July 10<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting a special offering to support the missions that they will be serving. Please join us at worship to hear about it!

Submitted by Rebecca Westman



**for CASA DE FE**  
(orphanage, in Shell, Ecuador)

**Friday, Aug. 19th &  
Saturday, Aug. 20th**  
**8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
@ TLC dining room

*Something for everyone!!*

*Rolls/coffee, walking tacos/bars will be for sale!*

(Items **not** accepted are: adult clothing, large/small appliances, TVs, or computers. If you have furniture to donate, contact Pat Beil (490-2339) to view/accept for sale.



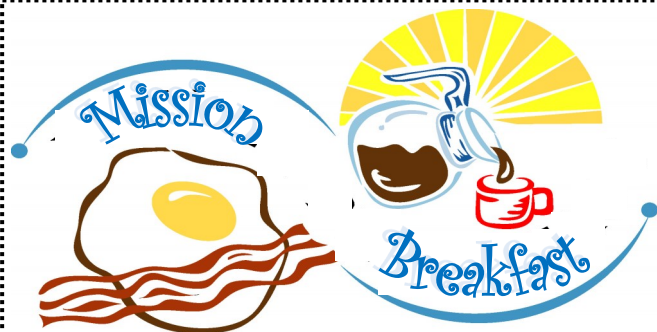
The Trinity Lutheran WELCA will be having a food booth set up in front of Valley Paint & Glass during VC Crazy Days on **Wednesday, July 27th**.



**Sweet rolls & coffee for sale starting at 7 a.m., and walking tacos, bars, & refreshments starting at 10:30 a.m.**



All proceeds benefit the activities and charities that TLC WELCA contribute to.



**Sunday, July 12th**

**10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

**TLC Dining room**

(free-will offering to benefit the Casa de Fe orphanage in Ecuador)

*All are welcome!!*

Hosted by TLC Mission team



### Lutheran World Relief

Through July 10th, we continue to collect personal care items for Lutheran World Relief:

**Bath towels** (full size, dark colors, 52"x27")

**Toothbrushes** (individually wrapped)

**Hair combs**

**Bars of soap** (NOT Ivory brand)

**Nail clippers**

Please place your NEW donated items in the designated basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you!!!



### "God's Work. Our Hands."

#### May 2022 Financial

Beg. Balance (as of 5/01/22):	\$29,027.35
Income:	\$13,857.85
Expenses:	\$19,198.84
End Balance (as of 5/31/22):	\$23,686.36

#### June 2022 Worship Attendance

June 5: <b>42</b>	June 19: <b>27</b>
June 12: <b>31</b>	June 26: <b>38</b>