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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a young boy I was often spending my free time playing with Legos. For either my birthday or for Christmas, I was given a set and I would spend countless hours building and taking apart. But, I never seemed to have enough to build what I wanted to build. When building an airplane, I didn't have any wings. When building a fire truck, I didn't have any wheels. When building city hall, I didn't have any roof. Needless to say, I was frustrated in my building endeavors to find that I never had enough Lego blocks to build what I wanted to, I was always needing more.

But while I was always looking for more Lego blocks to build what I wanted to build, I always had the perfect number of blocks to build what someone else suggested. I might have been wanting more wing blocks to build my airplane, but I had just enough to build a helicopter. I might have been wanting more wheels to build a fire truck, but I had just enough to build a cop car. I might have been wanting more roof blocks to build city hall, but I had just enough to build a gas station. What I noticed after a while of always needing more to build what I wanted to build, I always had enough to build what someone else had in mind. Instead of Legos being scarce, I already had an abundance of Legos.

So too is it with us. We think there just isn't enough. Our lives just don't have enough time in them to do everything we need to do. Our lives just don't have enough resources to do everything we need to do. Our lives just don't have the energy to do everything we need to do. We need more, and we need to get it before the family next door gets it, because the world just might run out of it. There is only so much good stuff going around and before it runs out, I need to get as much of it as possible, so that I will not run out of it. We live as though everything good in this life is scarce and we had better get it first and store it up for tomorrow. But what if... What if we were not always lacking that something whatever it is, but what if we already had an abundance of it? What if we were never missing the Legos we needed to build an airplane because we were supposed to build a helicopter? Instead of things being scarce, what if God has already given us the abundance we need?

Many of today's churches are aging; meaning time, energy and strength are lacking. Many of today's churches are parents; meaning time, energy and strength are lacking. Many of today's church have other priorities; meaning time, energy and strength are lacking. But what if instead of not always lacking those things, what if God has already given us the abundance we need?

The disciples sure thought they didn't have enough when they said to Jesus a few loaves and fish are not going to feed five thousand men besides the women and children. The disciples thought that a year's wages still couldn't feed that many people and they surely didn't have a year's wages and wouldn't give it up if they did. But Jesus wasn't interested in what they didn't have, Jesus wasn't worried about scarcity, Jesus knew his Father and Jesus trusted that his Father already gave him everything he needed abundantly. So Jesus took what he did have and fed thousands of people. What they already had was more than enough to do what God wanted. Jesus didn't deal in Human scarcity, Jesus dealt with God's abundance.

What if we as Christians didn't deal in scarcity but instead dealt in abundance? What if instead of worrying about how we don't have people in the pews, or money in the checking account, or a leaky roof that we can't fix, what if we dealt in what we do have? Abundant gifts freely given of the Spirit of Jesus Christ to do the work of God, prepared for us, instead of the work we prepare for ourselves. What if instead of worrying about not being able to make an airplane with what we don't have, we instead build the helicopter with everything God has already abundantly given. Let us deal in God's abundance instead of the world's scarcity!

In Christ,
Rev. Mark



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A Note From Session

Oh my...September is upon us...summer break is over....school has started....our Christian Education Committee is planning for the start-up...putting much work, thought and prayer into helping our young Christians learn and grow...our Nominating Committee has worked diligently and prayerfully seeking not-so-young Christians to help lead Trinity...our Property Committee is moving ahead with projects...praying for any age of us to assist in caring for our church home...

Much thanks to the Worship and Music Committee who found musicians to assist in our summer worship services...Thanks to the Fellowship Committee who set up our annual Lakeshore worship and picnic...Thanks to our Community Outreach Committee who do reach out onto our community in many ways from Trinity and with other churches...Thanks to our Ministerial Relations Committee who prayerfully and lovingly assist, guide, and cheer for our Pastor.

We continue to have an "Elder on Call" each month. If anyone has concerns about Trinity, or suggestions for Session, please avail yourself to the Elder on Call or to any elder. Beth Dougherty is the Elder on Call for September. She can be reached at 440.661.1416 or beth.dougherty61@gmail.com.

We thank you for your prayers for us as we carry out the work of Session.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk



Trinity Scrip Fund

September 2019

Please think about using scrip for home projects. We can get gift cards for Home Depot and Lowes!!

Thanks to all who support this mission.

Mary Belding

Dee Fassett





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A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

— *Proverbs 11:25*



Feeding the Community

Faith Lutheran Church is providing 100 families with a Christmas meal. They are planning to give out bags of ham, scalloped potatoes, corn souffle, fruited jello and green beans.

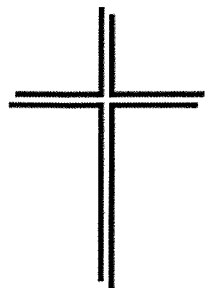
Linda Crawford, director of the food pantry is asking churches who support the pantry to donate food items. As we support the pantry with our 2¢ A Meal collection each month, she has asked Trinity Presbyterian Church to donate 100 cans of fruit cocktail. She would like the donations by the beginning of November. Please bring 14.5oz(about) cans to church and put them in the Campbell soup container.

Last year many families came to the give away and took home enough food to make a holiday meal.

Thank you Trinity for your continued support of providing area families in this holiday season.

In Jesus' name we joyfully support our neighbor this holiday season.

Joyce Kren



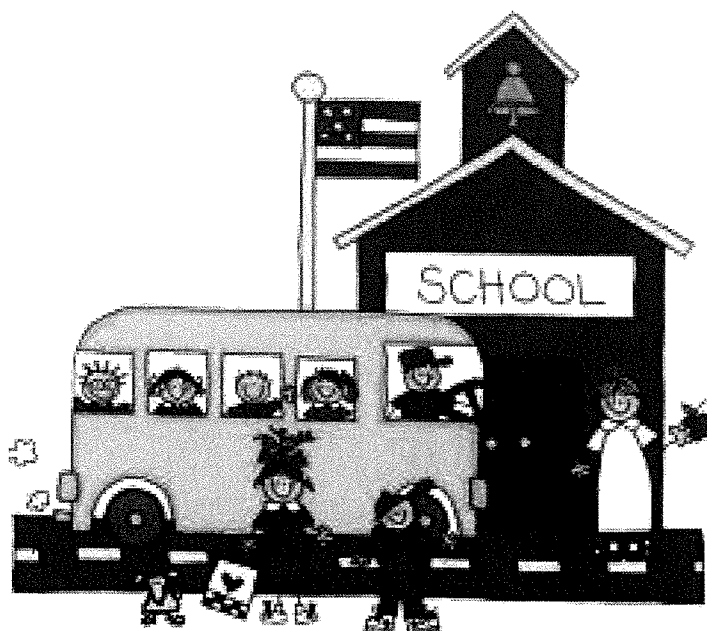
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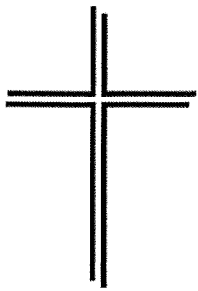
Christian Education

As I sit and watch the colors of fall appear, the yellows you just can't miss, the bright oranges, the flashing reds, I wonder exactly how many stops this bus has to make on a single street!

It's back to school time again and Christian Ed has been hard at work preparing for the new Church year. We recently gifted some of the parents of some of our awesome kiddos a gift card to help pay for school supplies. This is something that we started last year and we hope to be able to do every year. Christian Education doesn't have to begin at 10:30 Sunday morning and end an hour later. Our hope is that our kiddos carry what they learn in the classroom on Sunday morning into the cafeteria on Wednesday when they ask the new girl to sit with them.

We're also busy planning our Back to Church Sunday activities. On Sunday, September 8th, please join us after worship to help welcome all our kids back. We'll be having pizza and an ice cream bar, as well as a special activity to jump start our Adopt a SPY year. The hope is that we will be able to offer more activities throughout the year to help the amazing adults who have offered to spend their time forming relationships with the youngest members of the Trinity Family.





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Property & Finance

Thank you to the unknown helpers who graciously gave up time in their day to mow and weed, July 26 or 27th. We are so thankful for you!

Our helpers have been identified!



Terry and Sue Karvonen-We THANK YOU!

We are hard at work moving forward with a lot of projects to get this property and building in tip-top shape. When you get a chance, stop in the office and check out the new copier! It's a beauty!

Blessings to all,

Beth Dougherty



Saturday, September 7, 2019

9am-Noon

We will also break bread together!

Paint windows and doors
Clean up area around the perimeter of parking lot
Weeding, weeding, and more weeding
Clean windows inside and out
Fill cracks inside in concrete blocks
Paint cracks recently filled in concrete blocks
Additional Inside/outside cleaning

Items needed: Wire brushes, paint brushes, rags, rakes, buckets, hedge trimmers

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Prayers
Please

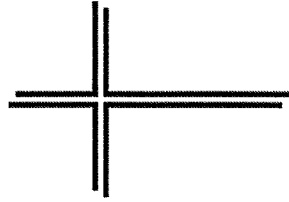
United States Armed Forces, Mary Lou Askey, Lynda Bennett, Shirley Bogner, Wiley Burkhart, Chelsea, Hilda Cook, Bruce Drohaskon, Pauline Headman, Norm Jepson, Maryann Jordan, Mark, Hannah Mercer, Nathan, Dayton Ohio, Pam, Karen Scott, Donna Shiflet, Brian Smith, Norma Strock, Christi Stroud, Jess Sterbutzel, El Paso Texas, Trinity Shut-Ins, Genny Wallace, Fran Wilson, Ken Zaebst



A huge thank you to all that contributed to our outstanding response in helping a family in need at the last minute with school clothes for 3 young boys. We are blessed to have such a loving and generous church family.

Rev. Mark made the "One Call" and here's what happened.





September 2019

Elder on Call: Beth Dougherty 440-661-1416
Deacon on Call: Jane Planisek 440-997-9013

USHERS: The Hogles
LITURGIST: Jessie Smith

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Worship 10:30am C.E. Mtg after Worship	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 Al-Anon 8pm	4 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am Deacons Mtg. 6:30pm	5 Card Ministry 6:30pm	6 Church CleanUp 9am-Noon Cluster Mtg. 10am Kingsville	7
8 24 A Meal Collection Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am	9 Romeos 8am Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	10 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am	11 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am	12 Property & Finance 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm	13 Brown Bag Lunches 10am	14
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