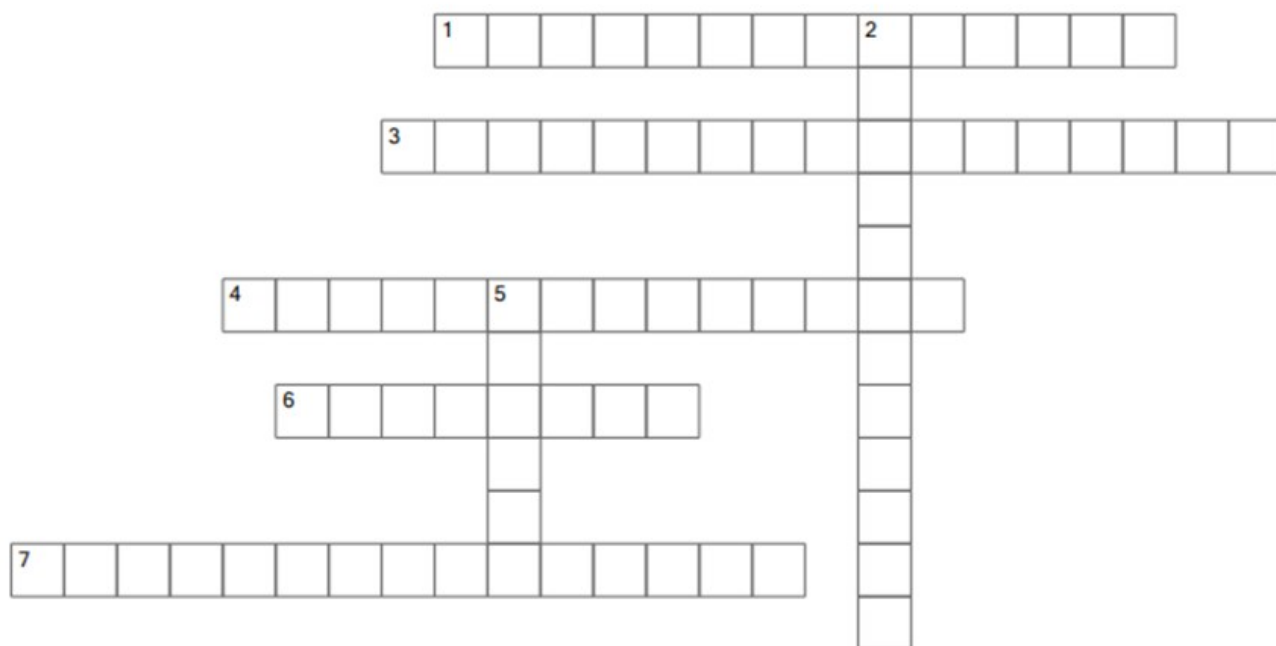


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NEWSLETTER



Labor Day Crossword

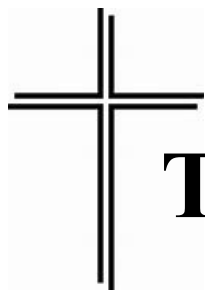


ACROSS

1. First held on September 5, 1882
3. Fosters and promotes the welfare of the job seekers, wage earners, and retirees of the United States
4. Disturber of the public peace
6. Celebrated on the 1st Monday in September
7. An 8-hour day, secure job, future in their trades

DOWN

2. Began the labor movement
5. To quit work in order to compel an increase, or prevent a reduction, of wages



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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Tour De France, one of the words that the spectator or viewer must come to learn is the idea of the Peloton. It is the group of bicycle riders that group together to pace themselves during the race. They ride together in a large clump of riders sometimes with teammates and sometimes with rivals. But, throughout the many days and the many miles of riding, the contestants draw together to ride and race together.

So is it with the Church. The Church is an assembly of people summoned by God to follow Jesus Christ. But the great advantage of being in the Church community is that one does not follow alone. Every believer is surrounded by other believers just like in the Peloton every rider is surrounded by other riders. But we are not just surrounded by other believers, but *we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses*. We are not only surrounded by other believers but also the great heroes and witnesses of our faith. We are surrounded not just by each other, but by Peter, Paul, Mother Theresa, Dr. King, Archbishop Tutu and many more. We have the support of not just our faith community, but every person and community in every time and place.

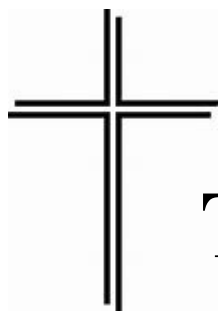
But perhaps the important word of this passage is the word “since.” Since we are surrounded, *let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles*. The advantage of being surrounded is that we can overcome the obstacles that hold us back and we can throw off the sinful behaviors that tie us up. Those obstacles can be many and varied depending on the time and season. But in this moment as we are heading into Labor Day weekend, what we might need to throw off are those bad habits of not participating in our faith communities. September is our “Back-to-Church” time and season. Where we re-connect with each other and with God, but also where we re-commit to the life of discipleship that has perhaps waned in the past few weeks and months. Perhaps what we need to throw off and untangle is the many distractions and priorities which have caused us to float away from the Peloton, from the community of Faith.

Perhaps then our life together, or to continue the metaphor, is about running the race set before us. But “since” we are surrounded, we not only throw off the obstacles holding us back and keeping us away, but *we run with perseverance, the race marked before us*. The Tour De France is not won in a day, it is marathon mixed with moments of sprinting, and moments of climbing, and moments of descending. Our church life is no different. We will have moments marked out for us by God, that will differ depending on the circumstances. We will have hills to climb, like Covid, wars and recessions. We will have sprints to power through, like rummage sales and picnics. We will have descents to coast through, like Christmas and Eastertime. But we run the race set before us with perseverance. Not just when life together is easy, but especially when life together requires learning, growing, adventure and change. We run, but we run together with perseverance.

But just as a bicycle rider focuses on the finish line, we are to focus on Christ who is at the finish line and summoning us to himself. *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith*. A pioneer is someone who paves the road or blazes the trail. A perfecter is one that ensures the road is finished and drivable. With Christ as pioneer and perfecter, we can run the race of faith because it has been created and finished already. We must simply follow the road by fixing our eyes on the one who made it and who finished it, so that we can simply follow along behind him to the finish line. If we see him having finished the race, can we not finish it ourselves? The hard work has been done, the victory has been accomplished, we can merely enjoy the ride and be ensured of finishing strong.

If then our eyes are fixed on Christ, then we can *consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart*. The main reason we quit the race is because we grow weary and lose heart. Times become tough, challenges and difficulties overwhelm, we lose the joy of our life together, and Church becomes tedious and dull. But if we consider Christ, who endured opposition on his race, we can endure our opposition and run on, fixing on Christ, running with perseverance, throwing off the bad habits that hold back and sins that cling, since we are surrounded by a faithful cloud of witnesses. But if we consider Christ, we disciple on until the race is finished and God’s Kingdom comes. Friends, let us consider Christ and let us run the race set before us with perseverance, never quitting, because we are surrounded by fellow believers by also every faithful witness. Amen.

In Christ,
Rev. Mark



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A Note From Session

Session continues listening to reports and suggestions/mandates regarding safe Covid procedures. As things change, so will we.

Trinity's committees have been busy.

Community Outreach, with Pam Bloom as chair, we hosted Bike and Build. What a joy to meet these interesting, energetic, and dedicated young people!

There will be a collection in September to donate spices to GO Ministries.

Through Community Outreach, you continue to donate to Faith Lutheran Food Pantry which is filling a great need in our community.

Property and Finance, with Beth Dougherty as Chair, has completed the masonry project.

There will be two new (to us) NA groups meeting at Trinity. It is good to share our space with our community.

At the suggestion of the committee a new committee to develop a safety and emergency plan for Trinity was formed by session.

Fellowship, with Nancy Sabo as Chair, hosted our summer worship/picnic at Lake Shore Park on August 14th at the Overlook Pavilion at Lake Shore Park. It was a joy to share the day with East Side's congregation.

Worship and Music – Peg LaDu and Nancy Sabo are sharing this responsibility.

They are looking for liturgists and ushers to assist in our worship.

Christian Ed- Dee Fassett, Josh Hall, and Beth Dougherty are beginning a "Connection Academy" for youth in September.

Ministerial Relations Committee, Mary Belding, Pam Bloom, Beth Dougherty, and Dale Fassett are available for any questions or concerns of the congregation and the pastor.

This group is responsible for Rev. Mong's job evaluation. They will be working with East Side's session in September to complete the evaluation.

Yoke, Craig Reiter, Beth Dougherty, and Mary Belding will meet as needed with East Side (Cathy Burnham, Doug Gill, and Jim Booth). Please continue to pray with us for success in this endeavor.

If you have any questions or concerns for any of these committees, or want to join them in their work, please contact the chair of the committee.

Session is in the process of updating our By-Laws and Handbook. We will be looking at our annual review of our membership list.

We look forward to continuing to worship and work together to strive to discern where God would have Trinity move.

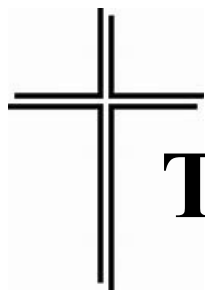
Please keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,
Mary Belding, Clerk

Prayers

Beverly Cigani, Marion Shipman, Meghan Davis, Barb Beatty, Dale Fassett, Dylan Northrup, and the family of Dale Albert





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2022 per capita is \$34.91

Property and Finance

Capital Improvement Fund balance: \$35,241.71.

The repairing the bricks and mortar is complete. A sealer was put on the building that should help to preserve the bricks and mortar for up to ten years.

The chancel carpet was recently stretched. The air conditioner has been serviced and will need to be replaced. It is only working at half capacity. This is a project we will be working on for next year. Bids are in process for sealing the parking lot and painting lines.

The lawn care equipment has been purchased by Church members. Richardson's will continue with the lawn care maintenance.

God continues to lead us to do amazing things. Thank you for your support!

Beth Dougherty, Rich Fassett, Craig Reiter, Norm Jepson, Josh Hall, Terry Karvonen, Mark Mong, Hobart Shiflet

Community Outreach

Trinity continues to give...

Let's spice up the life of G.O. Ministries!

We are collecting

Spices and Walmart Gift cards

For G.O. Ministries in September

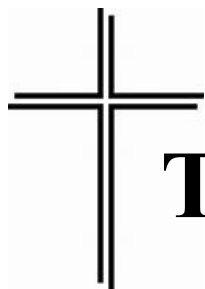


Thank you Trinity for your continued giving spirit, the blessings we have and give are AMAZING!

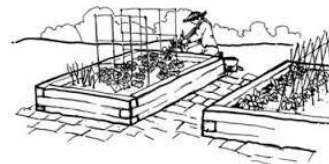
Peace...

May we be grateful for all the blessings we have and all the blessings we can share with our neighbors!

Nancy Sabo, Ruth Allen, Ruth Ann Ayers, Kathy Fassett, Barb Beatty, Dee Fassett, Mary Belding, Rev. Mong, Joyce Kren, Pam Bloom



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The Eden Project

Our motto is "*Growing Food, Growing Faith*".

Our garden has been giving us food! We have beans, tomatoes, peppers, onions, garlic, squash, and corn. Dee grew some beautiful eggplant.

We have been able to share with our congregation, the Dream Center and some neighbors.

We have three beds with lovely flowers that brighten our corner.

Much thanks to Ruth Allen, Dee Fassett, Dale and Kathy Fassett for their work.

The garden and the benches have been a wonderful way to connect with our neighbors.

We are grateful that Trinity Presbyterian Church recognizes the need to provide nutritious food to those in need.

Blessings and Bounty,

Joyce Kren and Mary Belding

Scrip

The Card Makers have made gift-card-holding greeting cards for those gifts you purchase from Scrip.

Scrip is back to normal. Cards are available in the parlor before and after church service on Sunday.

Call or text 440.862.6786, call 964.6073, or e-mail at mbelding237@gmail.com

if you miss us there.

Thank you for all the support you are giving to the Scrip program.



Blessings from Co-coordinators of Trinity's Scrip Program,

Dee Fassett and Mary Belding

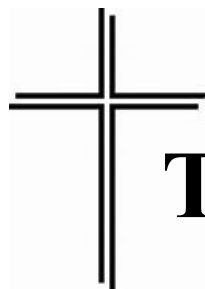
Nominating Committee

Your nominating Committee has begun the process of searching for folks to fill the positions of deacon and elder. Please prayerfully consider answering their call.

We will meet on September 11th following our worship service.

Mary Belding, David Adams, Dale Fassett, and Pauline Headman

Labor Day Peter McGuire Strike	Peter's nickname Striker's demands	Labor Day Parade Department of Labor
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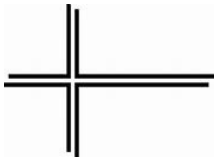


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 7pm	2	3 Saturday Night Delight 7pm One Addict Helping Another 10pm
4 Face-Face Worship 11:00am Video Worship Communion Youth class 10:00am	5 	6 Al-Anon 7pm	7 Bible Study 10am East Side N/A 7pm Deacons 6:30pm	8 Brown Bag Lunch packing 10 am Bible Study 7pm	9	10 Saturday Night Delight 7pm One Addict Helping Another 10pm
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