

TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 2022 The monthly newsletter of Tríníty Lutheran Church Greencastle, PA

Family in Christ,

Like the apostles and like the disciples, Jesus sends us out to proclaim God's love and salvation to the world. To be equipped to be sent out we need to know our own faith stories and we need to be able to articulate them. I have put together some questions to ask yourselves in order to help you to identify your own faith story. In order to draw others to Jesus we need to become more familiar with our own faith stories and be willing to share them. Some folks may still be uncomfortable sharing, but I still would encourage you to go through the questions and begin to formulate your own faith story even if you do not share it. You will **not** be made to share it if you are uncomfortable doing so, but you should at least make an attempt to put together your faith story in your own heart and mind.

1. What is your earliest memory of the church? What specifically do you remember about it? Who was with you?

2. If you attended Sunday School, who was your favorite teacher? Why? What activities did you like? What lesson(s) stand out in your mind?

3. What family members encouraged you in the faith? Did they read you Bible stories? Did they teach you to pray? Who was your example of the faith in action?

- 4. Did you ever go to church camp? What about church camp encouraged you in the faith?
- 5. Did you attend youth group of some kind? What there helped you grow in the faith?
- 6. Who or what as an adult encourages you to be able to express your faith?
- 7. How does your faith affect your life today as an adult?
- 8. Who have you influenced in the faith if anyone?
- 9. How did you come to believe in Jesus Christ? .

10.What was Confirmation Class like for you? What do you remember about it? What was the hardest thing you did? What was the easiest thing you did?

11.What is that you understand best about the faith? What is it you do not understand, and how can we help you?

We are all stories. From the time of our birth, we are stories. Stories of our birth, how our parents felt, what we felt from our first memories. Our lives are made up of stories. Our faith lives are stories too. Knowing our own stories helps us to listen and hear the stories of others. Knowing our faith stories helps us to share the faith with others and to make them feel comfortable sharing their faith as well. It also helps us to know that we fit into the story of God's salvation, because we belong to God's family.

In Christ. Pastor Deníse



AUGUST

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Communion Assistants	Don Swart Donna Wolfe Dave Wolfe	Carol Swart Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas	Dave Wolfe Don Swart Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe Mary Thomas Sue Wunderlich
Ushers	Charlie Ford	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank	Charlie Ford
Singer	Hannah Ruffner	Scott Valentine	Ella Swart	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	Team	Team	Team	Team
Communion Preparers	Bud and Donna Wolfe	Sue Wunderlich Donna Wolfe	Charlie & Beth Ford	Don & Carol Swart



REMINDER!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE HELD THIS COMING SUNDAY, JULY 31.

Worship begins at 10:15 AM at Antrim Park. The picnic will follow worship.



OLD HOME WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Jesus, You Are Worthy is the theme of identical Old Home Week Community Worship Services on Sunday, August 7, at 4:00 and 6:45 PM in the Greencastle Antrim High School auditorium. The service will include choir, orchestra and interpretive movement. No Old Home Week badge is

required for admission.

BAND CONCERTS

Trinity will be the site for any of the outdoor band concerts that need to be moved in the case of rain. The concerts are scheduled for Saturday, August 6, Sunday, August 7 afternoon and evening, August 8, 9 and 10. Check the Old Home Week website or program for which bands will be playing on each day.

WORSH P ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We have returned to receiving Communion as we traditionally did pre-Covid. This means that more people are needed to help as Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants and Communion Preparers. Please prayerfully consider whether you might be able to serve in this way on Sunday morning.

Donna Wolfe coordinates the worship volunteers and would be very happy to answer any questions you might have about any of these ministry opportunities. She would be very happy to speak with you and provide training.

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

We are in need of 1 more congregational member to serve on the Call Committee. Beth Ford is the Council Representative and will facilitate meetings and communication for the group. This is an important commitment to our congregation and to God, to assist with determining what kind of pastor our congregation needs and the selection of the appropriate person. It is the committee's responsibility to complete the Ministry Site Profile and then interview candidates provided by the Synod. Ultimately a recommendation will be made by the committee and the congregation will vote as a whole. If you are interested in playing a part in the selection process for our next pastor, please let Beth Ford know.

MUSIC NOTES FROM SAUNDRA



Welcome back Carol Hughes! And a HUGE thank you to Scott Valentine who successfully juggled many office tasks and responsibilities during the Sunday services with both Carol and Donna Wolfe absent over the past month!

Special plans are being laid for the Homecoming service the first Sunday of Old Home Week, Aug. 7. Plans are to have a hymn sing of favorites that Saundra has collected from folks and for Hannah Ruffner to perform a solo.

I also would take this opportunity to invite each of you reading this to one or both of the Old Home Week Community Worship Services, 4:00 PM and 6:45 PM, Sunday, August 7 at the Greencastle Antrim High School Auditorium. No Old Home Week badge is required. There will be much worshipful music by the choir and orchestra and visual and creative arts to proclaim, "Jesus, He is Worthy." Matt Cessna, Hannah Ruffner, Ivan and Saundra Wingert are in the choir.

AUGUST SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for August is the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry. Nearly 800 million people – that's 1 in 10 people in our world today – are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Please mark your envelope *Special Appeal*.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves for summer.

To help us focus our efforts, each week we'll assign a food item. Please bring the assigned item when you come to worship to place in the box in the narthex or to the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

August 7 – Cereal Apugust 14 – Canned pasta August 21 – Mac and cheese mixes August 28 – Toilet paper

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to help? We need you! The Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services is in need of volunteers. Help is needed to pick up food donations at local stores, to help paint hallways and a bathroom and to pick up and deliver furniture to or clients. If you can help, please contact Megan Knepper at 717-762-6941.



PLANS FOR HOMECOMING SERVICE

The Worship and Music Committee is planning a special Homecoming Service during Old Home Week. The service will be held Sunday,

August 7 during the 10:15 AM worship service. We hope you will join us and feel free to bring a friend or family member along.

There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments following the service.

The Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services will be doing a curbside distribution of back to school supplies to income eligible families in the



Waynesboro Area School District and Greencastle Antrim School District. Using the supply lists provided by the schools, they will try to supply as many items on each child's list that they can. We will be collecting items through July 31. A collection box will be at the Outdoor Worship and Picnic on July 31 for those who would like to donate something. If you lost the list of needed items, a few are listed below.

> Highlighters - single and 4 count 4 count Dry Erase Markers Pencil Top Erasers Sticky Notes 1 inch 3 ring binder 2 inch 3 ring binder Colored pencils Backpacks Large pink erasers



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