

BLESSINGS

JULY 2025



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

Freedom

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but through love serve one another" Galatians 5:13.

July month reminds us to celebrate freedom. The word Independence or freedom is liberating. Who doesn't want freedom? It is something that everyone seeks. Freedom is a privilege God gives to every creature in God's creation. Unfortunately, throughout history, some have politically dominated and oppressed others for their selfish interests. Freedom is a key biblical theme. It reflects both the spiritual and social consequences of salvation through Christ. The deliverance of Israel from Egypt is

a profound symbol of this freedom. It's both spiritual and social liberation from sin and systemic oppression.

This month we celebrate Independence Day as a nation. We treat everyone with dignity and respect because everyone is created in the image of God. So, we do celebrate spiritual liberation in our baptism as well. As it says in Galatians "For you were called to freedom, brothers, and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but through love serve one another" Galatians 5:13. May God grant us a true spirit to celebrate the Fourth of July.

On June 29th we celebrated the 69th Anniversary of our church. God had been gracious and merciful in leading our congregation. The progress of our church has been made possible through the sacrifices, dedication,
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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

July 7 - Frank Jensen
July 12 - Linda Fahrenbach
July 16 - Sean Connors
July 17 - Carol Jensen
July 17 - Valerie Coulter Pohl
July 18 - Elijah Stenberg
July 24 - Elizabeth Wiberg
July 25 - Ken Jansing

Happy Anniversary!

July 2 - Tom & Jan Coulter
July 3 - Dave & Tina Stenberg
July 24 - Valerie & Dylan Pohl

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and trust in God by our grandparents and parents. As the Psalmist says, "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11. This verse reflects the fulfilling faith journey of our Trinity community.

Trinity holds a special place in God's sight, for as Paul reminds us, "Be shepherds of the church of God which He purchased with His blood." Acts 20: 28. The Church is not just a building; it is you and me. We are the living bricks of the body of Christ. We have been blessed as a Trinity family over the past 69 years, but we still have a long way to go. God is not done with us yet. We are still growing. As God promised "... and on this rock I will build my church," Matthew 16:18. Our family is God's handiwork. Thanks be to God! May God bless the Trinity!

I wish you all a happy Independence Day.

-Pastor Emmanuel

Upcoming Events JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship
Sundays at 10 a.m.

July 4th
Fireworks Viewing
Friday, July 4
8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Serve at Shalom House
September 6
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Join us for a festive July 4th Fireworks viewing.

The parking lot will be available for fireworks viewing.

Be sure to bring chairs, blankets, bug spray.

Trinity will provide snacks and drinks. The restrooms will be open.



Sunday Worship
10:30 am—Traditional

*Communion
1st & 3rd
Sundays of the month
and on Festival Sundays

Outreach
9:45 am—Adult Bible Study
Wednesday's

11:45 a.m. - Ruth's Circle
3rd Sunday of month

9:45 a.m. - Fellowship Breakfast
Last Sunday of the month

Faithful Servants

	07.06.25	07.13.25	07.20.25	07.27..25
Greeter	Brenda P	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Dave S
Coffee Time	Linda F	tbd	Anne T	Carol J
Lector	Robin N	Anne T	Hope G	Jeff T
Communion	Amy H	n/a	Carol J	n/a
Usher	Robin N	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Dave S
Altar Guild	Amy H	Amy H	Carol J	Carol J
Music	John R	John R	Charlie F	Randy G
Counting	Council Linda F	Council Linda F	Council Dave S	Council Linda

If you are unable to do your Sunday Servant position, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. The church council appreciates all you do to help make worship a great experience!

July Flower Dedications



Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events, in memory of loved ones and for the glory of God.

July 6 - Anne & Jeff Thomas in honor of Charlie's and Addie's birthdays

July 13 - Gina Lucas in honor of Bailee's birthday and Megan & Charlie's 1st Anniversary

July 20 - Tom & Jan Coulter in celebration of Valerie's birthday

July 27 - Amy & Rick Hammerle in celebration of Oliver's 4th birthday

Please mail or drop off your check for flower dedications. \$20 per week.

Those who sponsor flowers may take home the bouquets following the worship service.

To sponsor 2025 altar flowers, click [here](#).

Flowers are \$20 per week.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Giving Update

	06.01.25	06.08.25	06.15.25	06.22.25	06.29.25
Current Expenses*	\$2,861.00	\$916.45	\$1,261.74	\$1,681.00	\$631.00
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00				
Building Fund	\$5.00		\$5.00		\$6,822.00
Flowers*	\$40.00	\$40.00		\$160.00	\$20.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$4,406.00	\$956.45	\$1,266.74	\$1,841.00	\$7,473.00

Average Monthly Current Expenses*: \$9,000
ESTIMATED JUNE SURPLUS - \$111.19

Mission COLLECTION



During the month of July, we will take up a collection to support Chris & Ryan Haney, our missionary friends serving in Scotland.

Checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran, designate "Haney/Kinrick Kids" in the Memo line and placed in the collection plate.

Caring Center NEEDS

The Caring Center's mission is to stabilize families in crisis and move those caught in poverty towards self sufficiency. They help families and individual living in generational and situational poverty and those who are food insecure.

In 2024, the Caring Center spent \$50,000 at Gleaners Food Bank, Walmart, Aldi, Kroger, and Meijer purchasing necessary food items.

Current Needs:

- Apple Juice
- Apple Sauce
- Canned Corn
- Canned Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Canned Pineapple
- Vegetable Oil
- Box Fans



Partner with us to help food insecure families in Boone County by donating non-perishable food items. Donations may be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

ORDINARY TIME....

The longest season of the Christian Liturgical Year, sometimes called Ordinary Time, occupies the long summer period from June until November. Scriptural emphases for this season focus on the teaching, healing and preaching ministry of Jesus.

Old Testament lessons trace the ageless promises of God to the people of Israel, and extended sections from the New Testament letters round out the weekly lessons. During this season a number of important observances occur, as well as seasonal remembrances like Holy Cross Day (September 14th), Reformation (October 31st), All Saints (November 1st) and Christ the King Sunday (last Sunday of the Christian Liturgical Year).

The paraments on the altar and the worship leaders' vestments change to green, the liturgical color for the season.

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