

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSINGS

AUGUST 2024



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First of all, I am happy to share with you that last month we celebrated our 68th Church Anniversary. Likewise, we also celebrate the 64th anniversary of the monthly newsletter in August.

Trinity's first newsletter was sent out in July of 1960. "The Messenger" was title of the inaugural issue. I thank all those who have been involved in making this newsletter go on. I personally want to thank Laura Wiberg, Tammy Campbell, and Amy Hammerle who have helped to create and send the newsletter since I became pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church..

Secondly, the seasons have been changing, and the children will return to school again. We want our children to focus on their studies

and increase their wisdom and knowledge. As Christians, we believe that God is the ultimate source of knowledge, and we trust that "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." I wish all the students, teachers, and staff a successful academic year.

Finally, I want to share with you that our bishop Bill Gafkjen of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod is retiring at the end of this month, and Bishop-elect Tim Graham will take office on the first of September.

Have a blessed August.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Emmanuel



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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

August 6 - John Richardson
August 8 - Logan Wallace
August 12 - Tom Coulter
August 12 - Jack Fahrenbach
August 13 - Noah Stenberg
August 14 - Sara Hammerle
August 15 - Gene Bokash
August 15 - Amy Hammerle
August 23 - Avery Neuman

Happy Anniversary!

August 17 - Steve & Cheri Thomas

Upcoming Events

JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship
Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Ruth Circle
August 4 @ 11:30 a.m.

Gene Bokash 90th Birthday Luncheon

August 11 @ 12 p.m.
Hosted by Vivian & David



You and your family are invited to **Gene Bokash's 90th Birthday luncheon party** following worship on Sunday, August 11.

I hope you can join us for worship beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Please no gifts, as we are trying to get rid of "stuff", but Gene would enjoy reading (and rereading) a letter from you remembering some memories you have of him.

-Vivian-

Please respond to Vivian at bokashgv@gmail.com or 765-482-6472 by Sunday, August 4th

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- Martin Luther



REAFFIRMATION VOTE

At the July 14th special congregational meeting, the members present voted to transfer Pastor Emmanuel's "Call" from the IN-KY Synod to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sunday Worship

10:30 am—Traditional

*Communion

1st & 3rd

Sundays of the month
and on Festival Sundays

Outreach

10 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship
Sundays at 10 a.m.

9:45 am—Adult Bible Study
Wednesday's

12 p.m. - Ruth Circle
1st Sunday of month

Faithful Servants

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Greeter	Ruth & Ken J	Carol & Frank J	Hope & Randy G	Rick & Amy H
Lector	Robin N	Tom C	Sara H	Jeff T
Communion	Joyce W	n/a	Laura W	n/a
Usher	Ruth & Ken J	Carol & Frank J	Hope & Randy G	Rick & Amy H
Altar Guild	Joyce W	Laura W	Laura W	Amy H
Music	John R	John R	Charlie F	Randy G

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!

August Flower Dedications



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

August 4 - Terri & Craig Crawford with loving memories of Emily's life and sending Heavenly Birthday Wishes

August 11 - The Hammerle Family in celebration of Gene Bokash's 90th birthday and Amy & Sara's birthdays

August 18 - Tom & Jan Coulter in celebration of Tom's birthday

August 25 - Gina Lucas in celebration of Megan's 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 altar flowers, click [here](#).

Flowers are \$20 per week.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Giving Update

	07.07.24	07.14.24	07.21.24	07.28.24
Current Expenses*	\$3,470.00	\$845.00	\$1,630.00	\$770.00
Loose Offering*	\$7.00		\$40.00	\$30.00
Flowers*	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00			
Building Rental*	\$50.00			
Buildling Fund	\$5.00	\$5.00		
Special Project	\$100.00			
Memorial	\$50.00			\$130.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$3,722.00	\$870.00	\$1,690.00	\$950.00

Average Monthly Current Expenses*: \$9,000
ESTIMATED JULY DEFICIT - \$578



Preschool, elementary, middle/high school and college students are invited to bring your backpacks and join us on August 4th for a Blessing of the Backpacks. Teachers and administrators are welcome too!

SHALOM HOUSE



Our next volunteer opportunity to serve at the Shalom House is Saturday, September 21.

In June, we were a bit short on volunteers. With the increased demand in meals, we need to have a minimum of six adults to assist with this important community outreach program.

Reserve your spot today by clicking [HERE](#).