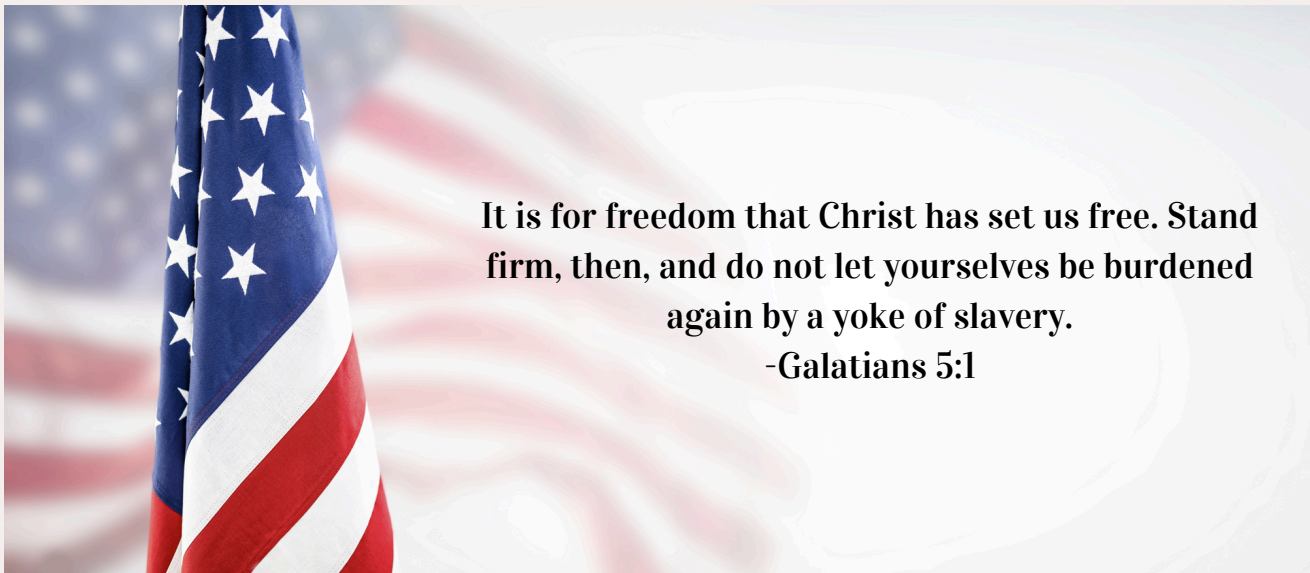


THE HERALD

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**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
-Galatians 5:1**

 COME WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

From the Pastor



“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” – Ephesians 5:13-14

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This month we celebrate the 4th of July, our Independence Day as citizens of the United States of America. My hope for you is that you will take time to contemplate what it means to be free – both as a citizen of the United States and as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Paul’s text above reminds us that – as Christians – we are free, but not free from responsibility. In fact, the opposite is true: with freedom comes great responsibility – the responsibility to use our freedom in service to God and for His good purpose.

We become free by putting our faith in Christ, by becoming part of His body, by confessing His way is the way of truth and the way of life. So, if we are free from having to do good works in order to be saved, the question then becomes: why should I bother doing good works at all? Why should I bother trying to produce the fruit of the Spirit?

Well, Martin Luther in a rare moment of being succinct, said it this way: “Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works.” Jesus Himself said, “...a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.”

In other words, when we embrace our faith, when we truly live our lives in the reality of what Christ has done for us, then we will live our lives in line with the Spirit and the Spirit will naturally produce the fruit.

Luther later writes, “So I will give myself as a sort of little Christ to my neighbor. Christ has given Himself to me, and I will do nothing in this life except what I see is needful, advantageous, and wholesome for my neighbor.”

So the question we must now ask ourselves is this: how will we use our freedom today? Will we use it well, or will we use it selfishly?

Something for you to think about.

In Christ,

P. Randy

Teens for Christ



What: Teens for Christ is the “Youth Group” of Holy Trinity

When: SUMMER – once per month, TBA

During the School Year (August – May): 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm (and at other times for fun and special events)

Why: To grow in our relationship with Jesus and with one another!

What We Did Last Month

We give thanks to God for some great opportunities in June. Several of our youth served during VBS with music, games, and leading children to the various activities. Thanks, y’all!

We also had a special outing to go tubing on the last Sunday of the month. It was quite refreshing, especially given these *warmer* temperatures!

What’s Coming Up?!

Our next meeting will be in July. We will soon be discussing a service project to benefit families at the GAAP food pantry. Please stay tuned for further updates!!!

We invite all the TFC youth to join us and invite a friend so we may grow together in Christ!



Upcoming Events



Come join in on the parade fun!

Once again, Holy Trinity will have a float in the Little Mountain Reunion Parade (Saturday, August 3)! Any and all are welcome to ride or walk alongside the float.

Wear your red Holy Trinity t-shirt and help us toss candy and hand out cold waters.

Please contact Pastor Randy or James Wieters if you are interested in helping with the float or participating in the parade.

Upcoming Events



JOIN OUR

TEAM

Please share with your friends, family, and other community members!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is currently looking for a Director of Youth and Education Ministries. The ideal candidate will profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, have a firm working knowledge of the Bible, and be committed to the core values of the North American Lutheran Church. They will interact well with parishioners of all ages and have experience with professional teaching and education duties. This is a full-time, salaried position with flexible office hours and the expectation that the ideal candidate will serve during the week and on weekends.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://hollytlc.org/about/join-our-team>.

Happy Mountaineers



Happy Mountaineers met Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10 AM, in TLC with 16 members and 1 visitor, Peggy Bowers, present. President Janet Fulmer welcomed everyone and Ann Sanders had devotions. Following devotions, we directed our attention to Sue & Mike Strouse, who led the group in an art lesson. Many lifetime keepsakes were produced by the artists present and a fun time was enjoyed by all.

Once the paintings were completed and set up to dry, we completed our business session. Minutes of March were read and Ann Sanders gave a Treasurer's report.

April birthdays were recognized and we sang "Happy Birthday". Updates or concerns of Happy Mountaineers and others were given.

There was no "Old Business". Under "New Business" it was decided to sponsor a clothing drive in June with the dates to be announced at the May meeting. Mary will check if any other organization/committee is responsible for a clothing drive. May meeting plans were discussed. We will carpool to Lever's for strawberries which will be waiting for us; \$19. Gal picked and \$11. ½ gal picked. Lunch will follow and plans will be made depending on size and preferences of the group.

Plans were announced for the Youth Convocation at St. Peters and the youth are asking for donations of peanut butter and jelly to be collected at the Convocation and given to GAAP and We Care.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch of hotdogs with all the trimmings.

Happy Mountaineers met Thursday, May 23, with 12 members present. Janet Fulmer called the meeting to order and Lib Boland had devotions. She read several selections from a VERY OLD booklet titled "Bits & Pieces" which had "words of wisdom" from Holy Trinity ladies who have long ago gone to their heavenly home. This booklet is a real treasure and was apparently put together by these ladies many many years ago maybe (?) as a project of the Women of the Church Circles or a Sunday School Class.

Mary Spires read minutes from April and Ann Sanders gave a Treasurer's Report. Joanne Alewine and Carolyn Shealy had May birthdays and even though neither was present we sang "Happy Birthday" in their honor.

Pastor Drafts gave us a big "thank you" for our monetary contribution which helped Holy Trinity's youth to win the PB&J Collection at the Youth Convocation at St. Peter (Pineywoods). Plans were announced for the semi-annual Clothing Drive to be held June 16-30 with donations going to Mental Health. Following brief discussion it was decided to not meet in June or July. We will resume in August which will be the annual "4 Churches Meeting" at Mt. Tabor. Watch Sunday bulletins for details.

Following this brief business meeting we carpooled to Lever's for strawberries which were waiting on us for pick-up. Most stopped at the Wendy's or other sites at the Pomaria/Prosperity I-26 exit for lunch. ALL senior adults are invited to Happy Mountaineers. The fellowship can't be beat!!

Solid Rock Day Camp



The Lord will keep your coming in and your going out from this day forth and forevermore.
PSALM 121:8




VBS



VBS

*"For Where Your Treasure Is,
There Your Heart Will Be Also"*

Matthew 6:21



July Serving Assistants

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
07	Kaylee Hentz	Connor Cromer	Margaret Livingston	Eva Kednocker	Travis & Mary Spires
14	Kaylee Hentz	David Rodgers	Blake Ballentine	Daniel Boland	Frank & Lin Lake
21	Ava Kate Weaver	David Rodgers	Eli Kednocker	James Wieters	Joe & Wanda Boland
28	Ava Kate Weaver	Daniel Williams	Troy Hentz	Robert Edwards	Chad & Anna Weaver

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery
07	Robbie & Sheri Wicker	Glenda Hentz, Amber Koon
14	Daniel & Samantha Curtis	Jennifer Shealy, Amy Collins
21	Dana Dorroh & Janet Fulmer	Ashley Boland, Christie Allison
28	Mike & Jackie Riddle	Paula Frick, Morgan Shealy

	Communion
07	Joe Boland, Sharon Shealy

Altar / Parament for June
Wanda & Holly Havird

Ushers - July, 2024	Chairman:	Marty Frick	* elevator operator
07, 14	Josh Long	Dalton Chapman	Lane Attaway*
18, 28	Louie Chapman	Robert Edwards	Jackson Livingston*

July 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 <i>HAPPY 4th of July</i>	5	6
7 Pentecost 7 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	8 Prayer Shawl-9am Mom's Life Group 6:30pm	9 Faith Circle 11am Surviving Spouses Life Group 6:30pm	10 Community Meal 6pm-6:45pm	11 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	12	13 Mom's Life Group Service Project 4pm
14 Pentecost 8 7:30am- Council Meeting 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	15 Prayer Shawl-9am	16	17	18	19 Family Game Night 6-9pm	20
21 Pentecost 9 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	22 Prayer Shawl-9am	23	24	25 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	26	27
28 Pentecost 10 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	29 Prayer Shawl-9am	30	31			

Bible Verse of the Month

31 [Jesus said], "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

July Birthdays



- July 1 Miranda Shealy
- July 2 Abby Stiver
- July 3 Scarlett Henderson
- July 5 Dana Dorroh
Mark Kibler
- July 6 Angel Hentz
- July 7 Lucy Peters
- July 8 Aubrey Curtis
- July 10 Charles Everett Frick
Mickey Stoudemire
- July 11 Jim Sanders
Angela Carraway
- July 12 Shannon Cromer
- July 14 Frank Lake
- July 15 Lynn Fulmer
- July 17 Hunter Graham
- July 20 Kitty Caldwell
Robert Chapman
- July 21 Josh Long
- July 23 Steven Crowell
- July 29 Carrie Frick
Logan Frick
- July 30 Ashlyn Stanley
Johnny Willis
- July 31 Ava Boland

Thank you

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful prayer shawl, their prayers, and the concern shown to me during my recent health struggles. God bless you!
~ Fred Cumalander

6-5-24

Holy Trinity Lutheran Men-

Thank you for all the help with the construction of the ramp at my house. It has been a tremendous help.
A special thanks to David Bush who was here every day.

God Bless,
Annie Farn


Thank you so much for the Prayer Shawl given. It is so beautiful! ^{Also} Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. I love my Church family. God bless each of you for the work that you do.

Love,
Jaye Shealy

Thank you all so much for taking time to finish Grandma Ollie's Quilt. It looks amazing! It means a lot to me to see it finished and hanging in our living room. I am forever grateful!

THANKS FOR BEING BIG-HEARTED YOU.

Patrick
+ Jenny
We ♥ you all very much !!



Memorials & Honorariums



Building Fund

In Memory of Robert Wicker on Father's Day given by Larry & Renae Grooms.

In Memory of "Bo" Bowers and in Honor of Jim Sanders on Father's Day given by Ann & Chris Sanders.

In Honor of Faye Shealy on her Birthday given by Charles & Kaye Shealy.

In Memory of Willard Shealy on his Birthday given by Charles & Kaye Shealy.

General Fund

In Memory of Carroll Alewine, Jr. given by McSwain Evans Funeral Home.

Teens for Christ

In Memory of Marcia Ballentine given by Ashley & Blake Ballentine.

In Memory of Millie Little given by Ashley & Blake Ballentine.

Council Minutes

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes
May 19, 2024 Meeting

The Holy Trinity Congregational Council met in regular session on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 7:30am. Carter Lake chaired the meeting and Danny Newton opened with devotions. Helen Koon will have devotions at the June meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the April 14, 2024 Congregational Council Minutes after amended and the April 21, 2024 Called Congregational Meeting Minutes.

Pastor's Report

The pastor will be on vacation August 5-11, October 14-20 and December 25, 2024-- January 1, 2025.

There were 2 Baptisms—Emma Duvall and Mirin Hayes

The area NALC Youth groups met April 28, 2024 at St. Peters. It was a huge success. Our youth won the PB&J collection. Hopefully this area youth meeting can be a quarterly gathering.

Motion made, seconded, and approved for Peyton Koon to join HT.

2024 CMR Convocation on May 3 -4, 2024 held at HTLC was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

Blair Cromer, Cooper Morales, and Eli Kednocker to be presented for Confirmation today, Sunday, May 19, 2024. Graduates will be recognized as well.

Pastor will be working with Ted Arnold to start another Life group for widows and widowers called "Surviving Spouses."

Some upcoming events- Day camp Counselor Orientation June 2-7(HTLC hosting counselors), June 9-14 Day Camp; Vacation Bible School June 17-21.

The Committee Mailboxes are in the process of being updated outside of the church office for our committees and executive team. Continue to leave mail at the church office for now.

Bob Dernbach coordinates kit builds for NALC disaster relief. He would like for HTLC to sponsor a "kit build" day on Saturday, October 12, 2024 to also include area NALC congregations. This event will last about 3 hours and would include worship and conclude with lunch. Council is in agreement in sponsoring this event and Pastor will get back with Mr. Dernbach for further logistics to be discussed later as far as funding and supplies. Would be possibly around 75-100 people.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Pastor's Report.

Council Minutes

- At the April meeting there was discussion on 2 payments that were noted under Workman's Compensation. This is generally a 1 time premium. Spyros has contacted Catherine for further specifics of these charges and she will get back to him later.

-There was discussion also regarding the Preschool monies and current way of covering expenses . It was noted that there is some lag time with the church getting reimbursed from pre-school. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the preschool payroll taxes to come directly out of the preschool account and not from the church's general fund.

-Also, Sheri will get with Ann Sanders regarding the lag time of reimbursements from the preschool to the church's general fund. Sheri will report back to council next meeting.

-Stewardship and Finance Committee has recommended that the pastor have a credit card. Spyros has been working on this for several weeks. Discussion also involved getting Marie a card as well. She has declined this idea but there was also discussion about a credit card which could be used as needed and kept in the safe. Was decided to move forward with the pastor's credit card and Pastor will discuss with Marie what she would prefer and get back with council.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Council Approved Open Items

1. Danny Newton has been working on the church cemetery property acquisition. This is now resolved. The trees need to be planted but otherwise all resolved. The original documents are signed and will be placed in the safe deposit box. Copies of these have been made and will be attached to the April Meeting minutes. Also Carter's friend will probably donate the trees that will be planted. The attorney fees were \$1000.00.

2. The property committee continues looking at the possibility of adding a railing at the bottom step of the balcony and has contacted David Bush who is currently evaluating this area.

Unfinished Business

1. What to do with the church bus was again discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have the property committee pursue the sale of the church bus. It was also discussed that a sub-committee of Bart Chapman, Andrew Frick, Kevin Shealy and Daniel Curtis could further investigate all the logistics of how to accomplish this. They will report back to council.

2. Carter reported that the Director of Youth and Education Ministries job position will likely be posted this week.

3. Pew Cushions—Previous information for cost of pew cushions in balcony and in sanctuary was \$39,600.00 possibly less. A cushion was ordered and placed in the sanctuary as an example for Council to evaluate. Bob presented updated information with the cushions now costing approximately \$55,568.00. Discussion followed and was decided to table the pew cushions for now, but to further investigate repairing/refurbishing the pews themselves.

4. Gift for Cemetery—Ann Sanders presented to Council at the April meeting a proposal to place a stone archway to the entrance of the cemetery with a monetary donation of \$10,000.00 which was given to the church by Ann and Audrey's mom and dad. Sheri reported that Ann and Audrey met with the Cemetery Committee and are still working on all the details for this project.

Council Minutes

1. Parking lot ministry. It was reported last meeting that there were handicapped individuals who were having difficulties accessing the church and Sunday School. A parking lot ministry was discussed and need for prices of golf carts. Cindy reported that the golf carts at Custom Golf Carts Columbia in Chapin would run about \$4500.00 for a 4 seater and \$7500.00 for a 6 seater battery operated golf cart. Further discussion followed and was decided that a parking lot ministry team needs to be developed to further pursue this area. Phil and Helen would be interested in being on this team. Cindy will discuss with Worship and Music Committee.
2. Tree removal. Bob Peters reported on cost estimates for removal of the large tree by the parking lot and stump grinding and cut/remove other surrounding trees of the cemetery to be approximately \$12,000.00. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to have Alpha Tree Service trim/remove the large tree by the parking lot and grind the stumps and cut/remove other trees around the cemetery not to exceed \$12,000.00.
3. Need for assistant treasurer. Still looking for this position.
4. TLC use. It had been brought to council's attention that perhaps the TLC was not being utilized properly especially when it comes to outside use other than the congregation. Julie Haltiwanger reported the TLC committee has met and are currently working on the guidelines and will continue to report back to council with recommendations.

New Business

- A. Envelopes in the pockets behind the pews are missing. Sheri reported that they need to be ordered and she will get with Marie to re-order these.

Committee Reports

Christian Education – Meeting today to discuss posting the recently approved Director of Youth and Education Ministry. Previously discussed to have an activity bag for children- working on this. Spyros has added Sunday school offering donations to the budget list

Property – Discussed in minutes. Gutter guards have been installed. Floor where wine is poured is sagging and will need repair. TLC issue of water leaking has been resolved. Outside stairs have been carpeted.

Preschool – May 9, 2024 was the end of school year celebration and a huge turn out.

Social Ministry – Golden Age Sunday was held April 28 and quite successful. Thanks to all who helped.


Stewardship/Finance – The committee still needs an assistant treasurer. The first quarter ministry plan review was performed and overall looked good- Sunday School, church grounds, bus insurance, and workmen's compensation have been noted to have valid increases. The general Fund is ahead of budget with \$121,659.74 brought in with \$84,896.76 needed. Building fund has brought in \$26,939.00. This committee will meet with preschool committee to follow up on some items. Reviewed the Auditing committee's report with everything in order. Quick books is in the process of being migrated from the old church computer to the newer one which will allow remote access to Quick Books. James is reviewing the church insurance policy with Carter. This committee recommends Pastor be issued a credit card-please see further discussion under treasurers report.

Worship and Music – Brett Lindler continues to do a good job as Director of Music Ministry

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carter Lake, Vice-President
Cindy Frick, Secretary

Prayer Concerns



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Zackary Slice (Friend of Bobbie & Maxton King), Jamie Holtzclaw (step son of Debbie Taylor), Kednocker Family, Matt Owens (Friend of Ashley Ballentine), Kathy Carter (Sister of Lin Lake), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Fred Cumalander, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Marilyn Plampin. *Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.*

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

*White Oak of Newberry
Jean Alewine*

*Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness?
Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?*

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.

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Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

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