

THE HERALD

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Blessing of the Backpacks

During our Children's Sermon on Sunday August 4th, children and adults are invited to bring their backpacks, brief cases, or personal bags to the Altar so we may ask God to bless us this year and help us learn so that we may grow for Him.



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

From the Pastor



“So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: ‘Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: To the unknown god. What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.’” – Acts 17:22-23

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The people of Athens had hundreds and hundreds of shrines, altars, and temples to every kind of god imaginable. They were so sure there was a god out there, but they weren't sure who it was – so they even made one to an unknown God. It is obvious to Paul that they are searching for something.

It would be easy for us to say that this context was long ago and that we don't worship idols, but the fact is, we have lots of idols. Martin Luther, in his Large Catechism, puts things into perspective: “Now, I say that whatever you set your heart on and put your trust in is truly your god.”

If you put your faith and trust in science to fix the world's problems, then science is your god. If you put your faith and trust in money to get you through every trial and tribulation, then money has become your god. If you put your faith and trust in a political system, then that system has become your god.

The passage that immediately follows today's reading says this: “When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, ‘We want to hear more about this later.’ That ended Paul's discussion with them, but some joined him and became believers.”

Some mocked him, others wanted to hear more, and still others became followers, which is how it usually works when we share our faith with other people. And that is okay because the primary attribute of witnessing is faith, not success. We plant the seed with the knowledge that only God can make the seed grow.

May Paul's witness to the men of Athens inspire you to share your faith with someone else. And like him, may you do it in a way that is respectful, considerate, and loving.

In Christ,

P. Randy

Teens for Christ

2024 Summer Schedule Teens for Christ

- 7/28 Big Air and Pelican's SnoBalls Outing
Blessing Bags are Due
- 8/11 Back to School Ice Cream Sundae Social
(Hot Dog Dinner provided.)
- 8/25 Regular Teens for Christ Meeting
Church Scavenger Hunt

Details to be provided to parents via GroupMe App

Upcoming Events



Join us for Card/Game Night on Card Night:
Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner
together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

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



BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Location: Trinity Life Center

Monday, August 12th

2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please visit www.redcrossblood.org

Enter sponsor code: (LittleMtn)

Or call Carlotta at 803-622-4168.

Acolyte/Crucifer Training will be held on Sunday, August 18th, during Sunday school time (9:15-10:10am). Meet in the sanctuary. This training is appropriate for anyone who will be serving as an acolyte or crucifer in 2024 who hasn't received formal training AND also for those needing a refresher. Please see Pastor Randy with any questions. Hope to see you there!!

Upcoming Events



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Mom's Life Group
1st Annual
Girls Night Out Gala

Join us for a night of fun to celebrate sisterhood and
celebrate El Roi: The God Who Sees Me.

September 7, 2024, 6:00 pm

Dress up & come celebrate being a woman. Our speaker will
be Brooke Pizzati coming in from Honduras where her
family are missionaries.

Tickets are \$10
Text or call Jillian Long at 843-708-4055 for a ticket.



August Serving Assistants

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
04	Dorothy Armstrong	Daniel Williams	Ava Kate Weaver	Kaylee Hentz	Brenda Wicker
11	Dorothy Armstrong	Eli Kednocker	Blair Cromer	Lane Attaway	Ted Arnold
18	Knowlton Lindler	Eli Kednocker	Kaylee Hentz	Jillian Long	Curtis & Diane Hardy
25	Knowlton Lindler	Blake Ballentine	Natalie Winn	Chris Crouch	Robbie & Sheri Wicker

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery
04	Darin & Becky Boland	Melissa & Eva Kednocker, Emily Wooten
11	Carter & Jenna Lake	Sheri Wicker, Karen Winn
18	Bill & Robin Loadholdt	Rebecca Edwards, Robin Loadholdt
25	Tony & Wendy Shell	Morgan Kaihara, Joyce McCall

	Communion
04	Carter & Jenna Lake

Altar / Parament for August
Christie Allison & Kara Cumalander

Ushers - August, 2024	Chairman:	Charles Shealy	* elevator operator
04, 11	Christopher Corley	Allen Williams	Daniel Williams*
18, 25	Matthew Linton	Bill Dupuis	Johnny Cumalander*

August 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Card Night 6pm	2	3 Little Mountain Reunion Humble Hot Dog Lunch 10am-2pm
4 Pentecost 11 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship / Blessing of Backpacks 4pm- Movie	5 Prayer Shawl-9am Mom's Life Group 6:30pm	6 Faith Circle 11am Surviving Spouses Life Group 6:30pm	7	8 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	9	10
11 Pentecost 12 7:30am- Council Meeting 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	12 Prayer Shawl-9am Blood Drive 2-7pm	13	14 Community Meal 6pm-6:45pm	15	16 Family Game Night 6-9pm	17
18 Pentecost 13 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 4-5:30pm- Lighthouse for Life 6:30pm- Lutheran Men	19 Prayer Shawl-9am Mom's Life Group 6:30pm	20	21 Happy Mountaineers 10am	22 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	23	24
25 Pentecost 14 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5:30pm-Teens for Christ	26 Prayer Shawl-9am	27	28	29	30	31

Bible Verse of the Month

*10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

August Birthdays

happy
birthday

August 1 Michael Stoudemire

Noah Bodie

August 2 Sandy House

August 3 Erica King Carter

Jessica King Lindler

August 6 Andy Bickley

Dalton Chapman

Hannah Chapman

August 7 Julia Chapman Cregger

August 8 Madison Wicker

August 10 Savanna Brown

Julie Stanley

August 11 Tony Stanley

August 12 Abby Crawford

Carla Hall

Whitney Lester

August 14 Emily Clements

August 16 Laurie Chapman

Elizabeth DiLiberto

August 17 Ada McCarley Carter

August 19 Kelli Shealy Robinson

August 21 Samantha Curtis

Daniel Curtis

Gerald Shealy

Jackson Havird

August 22 Philip Armstrong

August 24 Kimberly Steffy

August 25 Bobbie Bickley

Ted Arnold

Bruce Crawford

August 26 Patsy Frick

Jessica Winn Derrick

August 27 Alice Martinez

Kevin Crumpton

August 28 Jay Sheely

August 29 Caroline Attaway

Allen Chapman

Richie Wicker

August 31 Whitney Kibler

Shealy Graham

Thank you

Thank you for the graduation gifts given to me by the congregation. Your kindness and prayers are appreciated as I enter this next chapter of my life. Thanks again.

Will Barnes

I just want to thank the church for the prayer shawl and prayer guide book for graduates. I am grateful for them and the kindness of ya'll. Thank you again.

Noah Bodie

Dear Holy Trinity and The Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you all so much for the blanket and the Bible Promise Book for my graduation! It means so much to me to have such a supportive and loving church family. These items will come in handy while I am at Francis Marion! Thanks again!

Love,
Margaret



Ann + Loving Hearts Prayer Shawl Members,

Thank you so much for the beautiful afghan given to Wanda. It is a constant reminder of God's love that is given through his servants in Christ. Thank you for remembering her during this challenging time.

In Christ,

Joe + Wanda

May 19, 2024

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Dear Pastor Randy and Congregation of Holy Trinity:

What awesome hosts you were for the 2024 Carolinas Mission Region convocation held on May 3-4, 2024!! During a meeting held in late summer with the committee at Holy Trinity, it was said numerous times, "We have hosted a convocation before and we got this." Truer words have never been spoken!

Your cooperation during the planning phase was appreciated as you received every suggestion with willingness. Your attention to detail was evident upon arrival as delegates and guests were welcomed in the parking lot and directed by the signs placed there. Even flashlights to direct paths on Friday evening and escorts by gentlemen with umbrellas during the Saturday morning rain were provided. The meals were delicious, the snacks were enjoyed, and the ice cream machines were showstoppers. Both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall provided wonderful settings for the gathering. As icing on the cake, your hospitality was unmatched. This year's convocation was a wonderful experience for all in attendance.

Thank you again for your efforts to ensure this year's convocation was one in which God was given glory and honor. May the Lord continue to bless your congregation.

In Christ,

Susan Keefe
On Behalf of the Carolinas Mission Region

/sbk

7/2/24

Brenda + Shanon,

Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl! I have been enjoying it so much. I certainly admire the ministry ya'll do thru the talent given to you by our awesome God. Much love,
Laveria

Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In Memory of Broko Boland given by Audrey Caldwell, Robbie & Sheri Wicker, Ann Sanders.

In Memory of Mildred Fowler (Don Berley's sister) given by Jerry & Annette Shealy.

In Memory of Jessica Renae Grooms on the anniversary of her 32nd birthday given by Larry & Renae Grooms.

In Honor of Christopher & Nichole Winn's 17th anniversary given by Rodger & Karen Winn.

In Honor of Mike & Jackie Riddle and Maxton & Bobbie King given by Delbert, Gloria, & Lisa Wessinger.

Clarke Bedenbaugh Fund

In Memory of Mildred Fowler (Don Berley's sister) given by Jim & Ann Sanders.

Council Minutes

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes June 9, 2024 Meeting

The Holy Trinity Congregational Council met in regular session on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 7:30am. Joe Boland chaired the meeting and Helen Koon opened with devotions. Joe Boland will have devotions at the July meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the May 19, 2024 Congregational Council Minutes.

Pastor's Report

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

Peyton Koon will join on June 30th.

The "Surviving Spouses" life group interest meeting will be held on June 25th.

The room beside Brett's office may be a good space for the Director of Youth & Education Ministries.

We can probably shift to quarterly rodent services with First Choice Pest Control. They do provide a rodent and pest package for \$300/quarter if we are interested. Terminix is currently doing our pest control. First Choice's rodent control is \$125/quarter.

Some upcoming events- Day camp is June 9-14 with kickoff today. HTLC is hosting the counselors and their training was last week; Vacation Bible School - June 17-21; August 9 - NALC Online Mission Convocation (6-9 pm).

The NALC Disaster Kit Build date may change to Oct. 12 due to Mayer Memorial's 125th anniversary celebration.

Bob Dernbach will let Pastor Randy know for sure.

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

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Treasurer's Report

- Spyros renewed the 3 CDs last month for 5% interest to be re-evaluated in 6 months.
- Katherine believes we need to keep paying payroll taxes for the preschool out of the General Fund and let them reimburse the church to avoid being audited.
- Sheri talked with Marie about how things are reimbursed, and they think everything is up to date. She also talked to Mrs. Ann who will audit their books at the end of June. Sheri agrees with Katherine's recommendation to leave things like they are. Sheri will recommend to Preschool that they hire a payroll service. Preschool employees should not ask Katherine for tax consulting. Sheri also asked Marie to order the special offering envelopes that go in the pews.
- The parsonage utilities for May were approximately 3 times the regular amount. There was some work done (water heater was pulled / has tankless system now), so it probably was double billed, but Spyros will look more closely at that.
- Donations given to the Community Meal will go back to the General Fund with a designation for Social Ministry.
- QuickBooks is on an old computer and the operating system was constantly throwing flags. James and Spyros were going to try to put QuickBooks on a new computer. It is a 2019 version of QuickBooks and the Windows operating system has not been updated. Bill and Jake Loadholdt, Phillip Armstrong, Spyros Lezimis, and James Wieters will work with Lee Attaway to evaluate the computer system to see what needs to be done to get QuickBooks working like it needs to be.

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

Council Approved Open Items

1. The property committee continues to look 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. The plaster next to the brick is not a good anchor point and it keeps falling apart, so David will try to look at anchoring it on the other side considering it is a narrow step. May be possible to anchor it into the window casing.
2. Cameron Kaihara is putting together a list of companies that refurbish pews. Once pews are repaired, we can revisit the idea of getting pew cushions.

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Unfinished Business

- 1.A team has been put together to work on selling the church bus. Marie is looking for the title of the bus.
- 2.One resume has been submitted for the Director of Youth and Education Ministries position and one person in the congregation is prayerfully considering it. Carter asked that everyone share the job announcement.
- 3.Gift for Cemetery–Mrs. Ann will be getting with the steel company about making the archway. David Bush has put stakes in the ground to mark off where it will go.
- 4.Parking lot ministry. Music and Worship met and recognized that there is a small group of people who physically can't get to Sunday School and worship so they have to decide to do one or the other. The handicap spots are on an incline so they're not very helpful. A team of 5 people are looking at options. Having a golf cart poses its own set of problems including needing electricity wherever it is stored and making sure there are people to drive it every week, rain or shine. Another consideration is to add handicap parking in front of the church, approximately from the front steps to the parking lot. A golf cart would be beneficial during funerals to help people get to the cemetery. Some people may bring their personal golf carts to use for a few months as a test run to see how much this service would be used. May just ask people to leave the front open for people who have physical limitations and need to park close to be able to attend worship. The space on the street between the upper and lower parking lots may need to be marked as "no parking". Maxton will provide updates to Council.
- 5.It will probably be July before the tree work is done.
- 6.We still need an assistant treasurer. James and Spyros each have someone to speak with about it.
- 7.The TLC committee is working on revising the guidelines and will continue to report back to Council with recommendations.

New Business

A.Fresh Eyes follow-up of committees – In the grand scheme of things, the new organization of committees is working. The committee that has formed to discuss selling the bus and the team that is looking at the Parking Lot Ministry are two great examples of how a group of people will come together when an issue comes up, address the issue, then disband. There is concern that there should be a cemetery committee. The cemetery is its own entity and should at least be represented on the property committee.Overlooking that when the committees were reorganized is a bump that was bound to happen. Now, we need to look at how it all is working and what we may need to change. When each committee meets in the upcoming months, a member from Fresh Eyes should be invited to attend and discuss how things are going and get recommendations for changes.

-Maxton and Cindy – Worship and Music

-Bill, Daniel, and Bob – Property

-Sheri - Preschool

-Helen and Danny – Social Ministry

-Phillip and Tony – Stewardship

-Carter and Julie – Christian Education

Since there could be legal ramifications with the cemetery, and the Constitution By-Laws states that "the management of the cemetery shall be in the hands of a committee known as the Cemetery Committee elected yearly by the Congregational Council at its January meeting". The Cemetery Committee will be a subcommittee of the Property Committee.

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Committee Reports

Christian Education – Will be working on activity bags for children. For Vacation Bible School last year, \$1,128 was spent on food and Tina thinks she will need \$1,500 this year. The line item budget for VBS is \$2,000. There is a concern that only \$500 will remain for decorations, supplies, crafts, etc. Can the line item be increased to \$3,000 next year? Is there \$850 somewhere that can be put in the budget for this year? A motion was made, seconded, and approved for up to \$1,000 over the current budget be used for Vacation Bible School. Receipts will be given to Marie. Sheri Wicker will be teaching an adult class for parents of the children attending VBS and other young adults. An older adult class is also being offered.

Property – A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Cemetery Committee to consist of Ted Arnold, Charles Frick, Billy Caldwell, Marty Frick, Curtis Hardy, Kelvin Chapman, Robbie Wicker, and Sheri Wicker. James Sligh will be invited to join as well. In January, these officers were approved: Billy Caldwell – assistant treasurer, Sheri Wicker – treasurer, and Charles Frick – Business Manager.

- There might be some electrical issues because some LED lights on the exterior of the building are burning out quicker than they should. Frank and Larry will be bringing in some electricians to look at it. - There is a soft spot in the floor where communion is prepared. Marty and Darin are looking at this.

- There is a ceiling light in the sanctuary flickering, but we may not have a ladder tall enough to reach it.

- There are 2 dead shrubs at the parsonage. Frank and Maxton will remove them.

- There is a stained ceiling in the front living room from water damage when the new roof had to be put on. Frank and Maxton will repair it and completely repaint the room.

- At the parsonage, there is a bare spot in the yard where the two roads meet that has started to erode. Maxton asked for the committee to look at it.

- Bill and Cameron will be pressure washing the fence at the parsonage.

- The next property committee meeting is in August.

Preschool –

Social Ministry – Volunteers are needed at GAAP for June 29. Three people have signed up, but 5 are needed.

- Community meal is coming up.

Stewardship/Finance –

Worship and Music – There have been problems with streaming the service. Some parts have been bad and have been replaced, so hopefully the issue is resolved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Boland, President

Julie Haltiwanger for Cindy Frick, Secretary

Council Minutes




**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Special Called Council Meeting
June 30, 2024**

A special called Council Meeting was held on June 30, 2024 after the Worship Service. Joe Boland, President, presided over the meeting. 8 of 13 council members were present along with Pastor Drafts. It was discussed how we as the church might assist this family in such a stressful time and need. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to assist this family with a monetary gift of \$5000.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Joe Boland, 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)

Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Fred Andrieni (Laurie Chapman's brother-in-law), Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), Evelyn Rister (Sister of Brenda Bodie), Maisie Durham (step great niece of Shannon Corley), Family of Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Zackary Slice (Friend of Bobbie & Maxton King), Kednocker Family, Kathy Carter (Sister of Lin Lake), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Gerald & Jonell Shealy.

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.

Holy Trinity Staff



Disciples of Christ

Pastor

Parish Office Administrator

Director of Music Ministries

Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity

Rev. Randy Drafts

Mrs. Marie Shealy

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mrs. Lib Boland

Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mr. Ted Arnold

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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