

## August 2022 Newsletter

### What Religion Does

Many younger people take issue with religion, in general, and the Christian religion, specifically. They recount all of the bad things that have been done in the name of God – everything from the Inquisition and the Crusades (where Christians fought and killed Muslims) to the Doctrine of Discovery (that took the land, culture, and children from the indigenous peoples), from the anti-Semitism (that fueled the Holocaust) to the bigotry and hatred (that fuels white nationalism and anti-LGBTQ persons today). While many of us in the Church denounce all of these anti-gospel positions, we can also see the good that can come out of being a part of a Christian community. Many of our younger people, however, can't do that and so they say, "I am spiritual, but not religious."



Spirituality in our society has been co-opted by radical individualism, so that everyone can define what "spiritual" is to them without having to use a definition that other people can agree with. The famous German theologian, pastor and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, would have said that this is a form of "cheap grace," whereby we get the "feel good" aspects of the faith without having to do any of the "work" keeps us accountable to others.

Our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's response is "I am religious, but not spiritual." Why would she say that? She would probably say such a thing because of what religion is meant to do.

Last week we had a reading from Colossians, which read, in part, "Do not let anyone disqualify you... from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God." The Apostle Paul often uses the human body, with its various parts, to refer to the communal body, the body of Christ, which has every disciple doing their part for the common good of all. Then, in Colossians, he gives us this warning, "Do not let anyone disqualify you from the whole body." In other words, do not let anyone divide the body of Christ. Do not let anyone divide the community.

Paul, then, goes one step further describing how the body is held together by ligaments and sinews. This passage is the only passage in the whole Bible that uses the word "ligament." The word ligament comes from the word *ligare*; which means "to bind." The word *religion* comes from the same word. Just as a ligament binds one bone to another bone, religion binds one person to another person.

Religion, at its best, connects people together. Religion is to orient the lives of its adherents. All three Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) hold our belief in one God - the Creator of all that is - to be the primary belief that connects our members with each other.

So, how do we connect with each other? Due to various methods of technology, we have a number of ways to connect with one another; some provide one-way communication (like this newsletter and our live-streaming of worship), some provide two-way communication (like telephone, texting, emailing, and instant messaging), some are in real-time (again, like telephone and texting), while some can take time (like writing a note or a letter through the US Postal Service). And, of course, there is still sitting down with someone, face-to-face.

We are connected to each other through the waters of baptism. I invite you to use any and all of these means to connect with other members and friends of Trinity. If you would like to connect with me, please give me a call (763-439-9971) and leave a message or text me, I will get back to you to set something up. Using various technologies, we can do what religion is meant to do. Stay together.

Pastor Tim



### Worship Leadership Training

Have you ever thought about serving as a worship assistant? If not, would you please think about it!? 😊 We would love to show you how to serve as a lector (from the lectern or your pew), a communion assistant and/or an assisting minister! We are a church family, part of the Body of Christ. We serve, together. Please plan to stay after worship on August 14<sup>th</sup>, so that Pastor and I can show you everything you need to know! Or come just to learn more about worship leadership. No obligation. We promise. Thanks!

-Grace Kellermeier

### Coffee & Fellowship on Porch

Please join us for coffee and fellowship on the porch after services each week. Come and catch up with an old friend or perhaps make a new one! If you would like to **volunteer to help with setting up or to bring a snack**, please sign up at the **Servant's Sign Up** in the Narthex!



## Mission of the Month – Undie Sundays and School Supplies - Chisholm Elementary

Trinity's Outreach Ministry Team is focusing our attention a mission every month that we can contribute toward. Some ministries ask for donated items. Other missions need funds. Some need both. Please give as you are able. The July-August Mission of the Month is: Undie Sundays and School Supplies to benefit the children of Chisholm Elementary.

We continue to support Chisholm Elementary School with our annual collection of School Supplies and Undies. Socks and underwear donations are essential in responding to the immediate needs of students returning to school.

### Undie (and sock) Needs:

Girls' & Boys' Undies: Sizes - 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (xs-med)  
Low no-show Socks: Sizes 1-4

### School Supply Needs:

pencils  
colored pencils  
composition notebooks  
sanitizing wipes  
crayons (24 count)  
plastic pencil boxes

three-prong pocket folders  
tissues  
cap erasers  
spiral notebooks (1 subject)  
copy paper



### Monetary donations will also be accepted:

If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate *School Supplies, Undies*.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to our community!



### God's Work Our Hands Sunday

We will be ordering T-shirts for God's Work, Our Hands that will have our congregation name on them. Shirts are 100% cotton, pre-shrunk. cost is \$10 each for youth and adult size S-XL. 2X-5X are \$12 each. Please note your size and order on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. The deadline for orders and payment will be **Sunday, August 14**. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate *T-Shirt*.

## Monday Morning Bible Study

We meet via Zoom at 11 am (Eastern Time) on Mondays to study the lessons that will be used in worship the following Sunday. It is a good way to dwell in the word and reflect more deeply on the lessons. Here are the Monday dates and the assigned readings for each week:



### **Date of Bible Study – Readings we will be studying**

#### **Monday, August 1 – 9 Pentecost C**

Genesis 15:1-6. *God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai*

Psalm 33:12-22. *Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16. *A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God*

Luke 12:32-40. *God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have*

#### **Monday, August 8 – 10 Pentecost**

Jeremiah 23:23-29. *God's word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks*

Psalm 82. *Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)*

Hebrews 11:29--12:2. *The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses*

Luke 12:49-56. *Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized*

#### **Monday, August 15 – 11 Pentecost**

Isaiah 58:9b-14. *Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry*

Psalm 103:1-8. *The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)*

Hebrews 12:18-29. *You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus*

Luke 13:10-17. *Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned*

#### **Monday, August 22 – 12 Pentecost**

Proverbs 25:6-7. *Do not put yourself forward*

Psalm 112. *The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)*

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16. *God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue*

Luke 14:1, 7-14. *An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet*

#### **Monday, August 29 – 13 Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20. *Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God*

Psalm 1. *They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

Philemon 1-21. *Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

Luke 14:25-33. *Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross*

## New Members

**How can I become a member?** We will hold a new member course in the fall for people who are transferring from other congregations or those who wish to affirm their baptism. In that course, we will spend some time talking about what it means to be Lutheran Christians and about how Trinity in particular provides opportunities to grow in faith. If you're interested in baptism, affirming your baptism, or joining Trinity, just talk with Pastor Tim or contact our office.



## Guide to Use During the Recent Wave of Infections

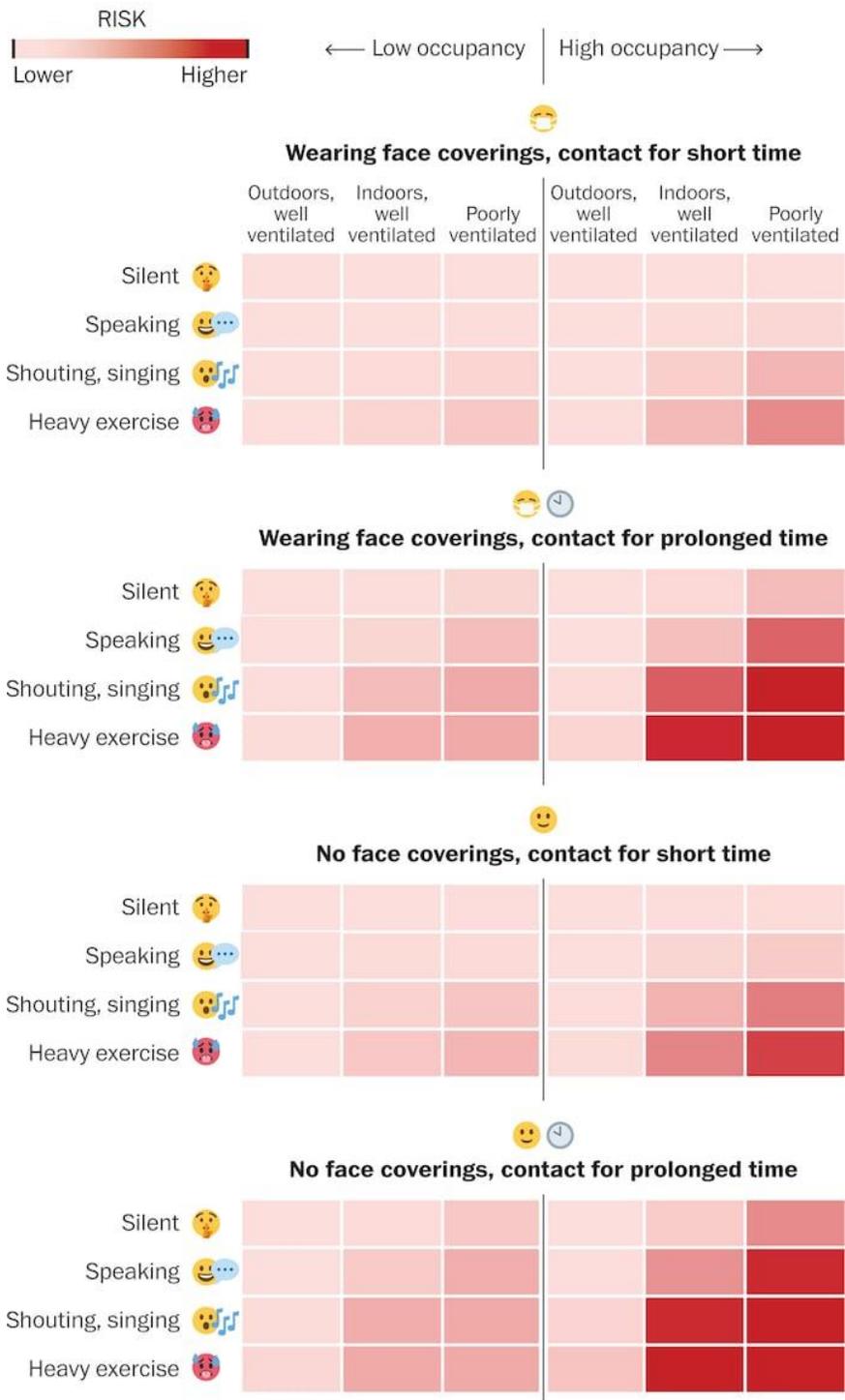
We are in a transitory phase of the pandemic. We have vaccines, boosters, Paxlovid and other medicines available to us, still far too many people are getting infected with the coronavirus. One epidemiologist said, "As long as people keep getting infected, we will keep getting variants and as long as we keep getting variants, we will keep getting infected." Doctors also don't know what happens to our bodies with long covid or when we get covid multiple times. The best course is to avoid getting covid altogether.

I have found this graph helpful. It guides us to help gauge our risk with various activities, whether we are masked or not and whether we are around people for a prolonged time or not.

Again, let's continue to work to keep Trinity as safe as it can possibly be. Thank you for masking and showing love and care for your neighbor.

## Risk of coronavirus transmission in different settings

A multitude of factors beyond social distancing can affect transmission.



Source: "Quantifying transmission risk of SARS-CoV-2 in different situations," published by the BMJ (British Medical Association)

THE WASHINGTON POST

**“We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,  
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.”**

The guiding stance of *The Center for Congregational Song* of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

***Build a Longer Table*** is included in the new Lutheran worship supplement *All Creation Sings*.

Author David Bjorlin was born in 1984 in Duluth, MN and grew up in neighboring Hermantown until graduating from high school. After completing a one-year certificate at a school outside of Quito, Ecuador, he earned degrees in History and Secondary Education from North Park University in Chicago, a Master of Divinity at North Park Theological University, and a PhD in History and Hermeneutics (Liturgical Studies) at Boston University School of Theology. Dr. Bjorlin is currently a Teaching Fellow in Music and Worship at North Park University and the Pastor of Worship and Creative Arts at Resurrection Covenant Church in Chicago.

This text is from a collection of his hymn texts he titled *Protest of Praise*. He explained the title this way: “The act of true praise is always a protest against all that curses or denigrates the Creator’s world and the people made in the Creator’s image; and an act of true protest is always in praise of a world that the protestor has begun to envision and works to make real. Praise is protest; protest is praise.”

“I believe that the words we sing in worship not only form what we believe but how we act in the world as Christians. As we seek to live out God’s call to welcome the stranger and the foreigner in our midst, we need words to sing that will enact that welcome in our churches and live out that welcome in our communities. My own text was written to parallel our fearful response to immigrants and refugees—which has led people to advocate for building walls, fences, and jails—with the response Christ’s love calls us to—building tables, doorways, refuges of welcome.”

The text sings to the tune *Noel Nouvelet* (Now the Green Blade Rises).

*Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.*

*Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will break the jail walls, freeing all inside.*

*Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.*

*When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.*

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson

## TRINITY'S HURRICANE PLAN SUMMARY

*Highlights from the Hurricane Plan of Trinity Lutheran Church approved by the Church Council at its regular monthly meeting on June 28, 2022, revised annually. A full copy is on our website at: [www.trinitylutheransb.org](http://www.trinitylutheransb.org) or you can request a copy from the church office.*

### POLICY:

In all actions, the safe guarding of human life takes priority over all other considerations. The protection of the property (sanctuary, offices and fellowship hall) follows next in importance and priority.

**In the event a Hurricane Warning is issued for Volusia County on the weekend, Saturday and Sunday worship services will be canceled. The congregation is invited to come for worship on the following Wednesday at 7:00 PM.**

### WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Weather conditions that will activate this plan are:

1. **Tropical Depression** – An area of low pressure with circular cloud movement & winds which can reach 38 MPH.
2. **Tropical Storm** – Counter clockwise circulation of clouds with winds between 39 and 73 MPH. These storms are assigned names by the National Weather Service.
3. **Hurricane** – A tropical storm with winds of 74 MPH or more and assumes the name of the Tropical storm from which it develops.
4. A **Hurricane Watch** indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours.
5. A **Hurricane Warning** indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours or less.

**Trinity Lutheran Church will close** when Volusia County Government declares the area **under hurricane warning or the public schools close.**

## INFORMATION & PERSONAL GUIDELINES

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### EVACUATION ROUTES

You must pre-plan your evacuation. You must have main routes and back-ups. You need to have a clear destination in mind and you should try to stick to your plan, unless circumstances require you to make a change. Remember hurricanes come from different directions so don't just consider one direction as an escape route, look at the North, South, and West as possible directions to travel. Study the maps and know before you go. If you have decided in your pre-plan to evacuate, then do it early. Everyone will be waiting until the last minute to go and the roads will be clogged. Make a plan and stick by it! If your plan is for evacuation, you should do the following when a **Hurricane Watch for Volusia County** is announced:

1. Have suitcases packed and ready to go. Be sure to include all medications.
2. Make sure your car is ready for travel; gas, oil, tires, fluids and maps.
3. Have an ice-chest, water and food ready to go with you.

4. Have a portable commercial radio to monitor storm status, even if you have one as part of your car.
5. Have a list of important phone numbers with you.
6. Let your neighbors, family and church office know that you are leaving and what your destination is.
7. Give them a copy of your plans and phone numbers.

## **SAFETY**

- ✦ You should be on the lookout for falling limbs and trees, power lines, sharp objects, high water and mud.
- ✦ Critters of all kinds (dogs, cats, raccoons, snakes, gators, etc.) pose a real possibility of getting you hurt. Be careful and don't handle them, call for assistance if possible.
- ✦ Make sure you are wearing the right protective gear for the job: Hard hats, gloves, good boots, long-sleeved shirts, heavy pants, etc. will help protect you from potential harm.
- ✦ Keep yourself well-watered and fed, and have insect repellent available as well as sun block.

**Remember, your greatest chance of getting hurt is after the hurricane — don't take chances.**

The priorities after the hurricane become very simple:

1. Stay alive, don't get hurt.
2. Maintain shelter, water and food for you and your family.
3. Do what you can, not what you can't.
4. Think of the basics: shelter, food and water, insect protection, clean body and clean clothes, establish a safe zone in which to rest and work.
5. Help each other.

## **Member Directories**

Our 2022 directories are here! You can find them located at the [Servant's Sign Up](#) table on the second shelf. Please contact the office if you would like one mailed to your home.



## **Did You Know?**

The Lutheran Church is the oldest Protestant tradition.

Lutherans went viral nearly 500 years ago, when Martin Luther and his allies used the new media of the day — pamphlets, ballads and woodcuts — and circulated them through social networks to promote their message of the reformation of the church.

On Jan. 1, 1988, The American Lutheran Church, The Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and The Lutheran Church in America officially merged to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The ELCA is the largest Lutheran body in the United States.

*-Living Lutheran, April 12, 2013*



## August Birthdays

2	Marilyn Dontigney	13	Jean Haughwout
4	Evelyn Hinkle	17	Dan Pohl
	Lana Scrivano	18	Vivian Heck
5	Carson Pohl	20	Jane Peirson
10	Trevor Corina	27	Rebekah Sawyer
11	Stephanie Sherry	29	Thelma Reus
		30	Gail Roe

## A NEW BIRTHDAY SONG

Using the tune KREMSER, *We Praise You, O God*

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.  
 We thank God for letting us share in your joy.  
 God bless you and keep you and shine Christ's light upon you.  
 With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

## TRINITY COLUMBARIUM



### **COLUMBARIUM NICHE SUBSCRIPTION FEE**

MEMBER: \$2000.00

NON-MEMBER \$3000.00

Includes one niche which will hold two urns, a faceplate (to covers the niche) that is engraved with name of deceased, plus year of birth and death.

### **APPLICATION AVAILABLE**

Contact one of the following:

- Marilyn O'Connor (386-402-4304)
- Jean Haughwout (386-478-9650)
- Church Office (386-428-4307)

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 ELCA [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

### Administrative Information

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