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Words from Pastor Kari's Pen.

Office Hours for

Holy Trinity :

Tuesday-Thursday

1:00 - 4:00 PM.

By appointment

only.

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My girls are in love with the book *We Are Growing* by Laurie Kelle. It's the tale of a lawn of grass just after the grass has been mown. Each blade of grass observes that they have grown and that they are all the something-est. One is the tallest. Another is the curliest. One is the pointiest, silliest, crunchiest. One ends up being a dandelion. But Walt (a blade of grass) doesn't think he is the anything-est.

They are trying to figure out what Walt's something-est is when the lawn mower passes over again. Making them all the same. And in the cleanup Walt discovers he is the neatest. His something-est is being tidy. But it took a shared experience of showing his despair and than seeing that he was not alone to be able to move forward and discover what something-est was.

In celebrating each other's unique gifts and abilities, sometimes it takes seeing our shared human experience to help us discover who we are and what we are.

Each day you wake up, you are not the same person who went to bed. Every time you make it to your birthday you are a different person

than you were 365 days before. You may still be funny, or caring, strong, or calm. But while those are your traits that tend to stay over long periods of time, that does not sum up the whole of who you are. They are one aspect of a much larger and ever changing tapestry of you. As time passes you come to be caring in different ways, strong in different ways, calm in differ ways. Or there may come a time when you set those strengths aside to identify with new and equally strong aspects of who you are. Every few years I take a strengths finder assessment. The first two times empathy was my strongest strength. This last time it was a differ trait. I panicked. Did that mean I got worse at being empathetic? I was so proud of that because I felt it made me a good person. Was I a bad person now that "intellect" was my new top-est strength? Turns out no. I am still empathetic. I just have other traits that have surfaced as also really strong. I have changed in traits. Who I am and who I am has not.

Season in and season out, there is one thing that you are forever and always the most-est.

You are a child of God! And knowing that even when you lose sight of all unique and beautiful characteristics that make you who you are, you are always a child of God. No lawn mower could ever cut that away. No mess could ever cover that up. No amount of panic or indecision about your identity can change that you are forever a beloved and redeemed child of God.

And the best part is that when we do not have to worry about who we are being cut away from us it allows us to find joy in growing. It frees us to see the beauty in how our skills and traits change but are still meant for the purpose of what God created us for. To be in a community together loving and caring and growing together. May you be blessed to be a blessing as you grow. Do not be afraid when you are

not sure what your something-est is. Do not despair when your traits and strengths change. Find joy in being a child of God united in an on going story of love and redemption. Let it free you to just keep growing.

Pastor Kari Lee

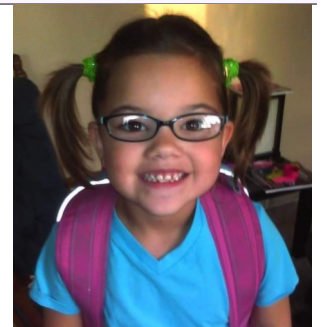


Please join the Sevenbergen family in celebration of the graduation of Haley Sevenbergen!

The party will be

May 20, 5-8pm at their home.

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2023 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - Service Helper List

updated 1/21/23

Date	Greeter	Lector	Comm. Asst.	Altar Guild	Candle Lighting
5/7/2023	Stacey Simbro	Doug Bell	Amy Collum	Nancy Wright	Addi Collum
5/14/2023	Katie & Hunter Neleman	Nancy Wright			
5/21/2023	Wayne & Marlene Sharp	Teri Bowlin			
5/28/2023	Mike & Norene Paulson	Pat Johnson			
6/4/2023	John & Barb Freeborn	Jessica Winegar	Vicky Bell	Carol Naeseth	Payton Bowlin
6/11/2023	Carol Naeseth	Carol Naeseth			
6/18/2023	Doug & Jaci Bell	Doug Bell			
6/25/2023	Nancy Wright	Nancy Wright			
7/2/2023	Brad & Teri Bowlin	Teri Bowlin	Mike Paulson	Norene Paulson	Charly Fenner
7/9/2023	Mark Bell	Pat Johnson			
7/16/2023	Todd & Melanie Sharp	Jessica Winegar			
7/23/2023	Marcia Goodrich	Carol Naeseth			
7/30/2023	Mark & Amy Collum	Doug Bell			

Life immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who've died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul."

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



LITURGIST

05/07/23	Shawnae Nilles
05/14/23	Angi Sevenbergen
05/21/23	Devon Wolf
05/28/23	Wes Ranard

READER

Shawnae Nilles
Angi Sevenbergen
Devon Wolf
Sue Ranard



Norene Paulson
(May 5th)

Madelyn Fenner
(May 9th)

Joe Fenner
(May 13th)

Colleen Castorf
(May 15th)

Mark Bell
(May 15th)

Samuel Philby
(May 17th)

Randy Terlouw
(May 18th)

Tim Onnen
(May 25th)

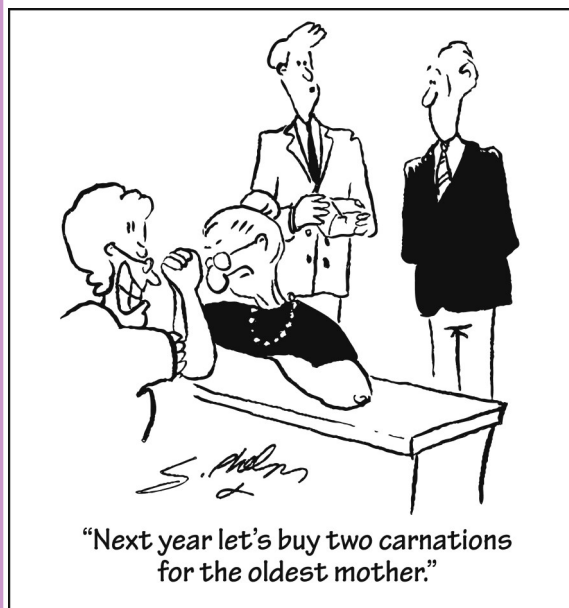
USHERS/GREETERS

05/07/23	Keith and Kathy Sevenbergen
05/14/23	Bill & Linda Bennett
05/21/23	Bret & Linda Pugh
05/28/23	Dianne Clemon & Marilyn Butler

ACOLYTES

Presley Arnold
Runa Lee (Charlie Bennett)
Runa Lee (Dalton Wolf)
Runa Lee (Devon Wolf)

Any questions contact Linda Bennett
Phone 641-218-1547



Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.



In April, our mission support to the synod was \$750. There was also a \$350 donation to ELCA World Hunger and \$200 for ELCA Disaster Response.

Our monthly mission emphasis was for the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, and there were \$470 in donations so far this month. These funds will be sent along with our \$500 in budgeted funds.

The mission emphasis for May is for Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake. Their mission statement: "Rooted in Christ, Lakeside is a place of belonging where all people can find joy and purpose in God's Creation. Guided by the Spirit, Lakeside strives to be a welcoming and sustainable community serving with integrity and compassion to impact the world." If you'd like to contribute to this mission, please write "Lakeside" on your check or offering envelope.



Letter from Joan Mason.

Dear friends,

What does holy Trinity mean to me? It is a place of comfort and Pastor Kari keeps doing such great messages as she speaks of the importance of Christian life.

What do I miss? I miss being involved, but the congregation supplies weekly services on computer which I appreciate. I attended Lutheran church in Kellogg in my younger days and have been so blessed with parents who were very active and the church. So many children miss Christian education today. *What needs to change?*

Happy Anniversary

Bill and Vicky Bennett
(May 4th)

Wes and Sue Ranard
(May 5th)

David & Shawnae Nilles
(May 14th)

Pastor Myron & Kimberly Herzberg (May 17th)

Keith and Kathy Sevenbergen
(May 20th)

Paul & Ruth Elzey
(May 31st)

Did you know that holy Trinity has played an important role in many young people's lives growing up in this church. The Sunday school and children's choir kept the interest of many young families were common. Ministers that grew up here are Jim Hale (Bob and Betty, Parents); Lori Jones (Russ Jones, father); Matt Froah (Eloise and Gary, parents); Doug Mason, presently consultant for Lutheran Services for the state of MN and IL. Also, he has been consultant for ELCA in Chicago for several years. Wartburg College presented him with the citizen as alumnus of 2022. Yes, I am a proud mother.

What are we doing for the children of the future? The families need encouragement. We offer a positive future and from my view you are showing the community a good example and with God's guidance Holy Trinity, and its good members will continue to show God's way. Thank you for letting me speak and as David often said "that's mom's WAY"

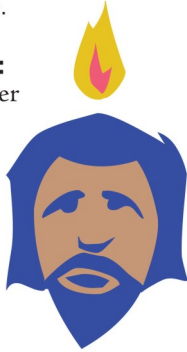
Joan Mason

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

May 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and empower all the strong, loving women in your life. At LSI, we provide mothers, and soon-to-be mothers, with the education and resources they need to build the brightest future for their children.

LSI's Foster Care and Adoption Services work to bring families together and to help them throughout the process of becoming licensed for foster care and approved for adoption. Our Family Centered Services uses a strengths-based approach to keep Iowa families together by equipping parents with skills they need to be successful, independent and healthy.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember that your support helps empower Iowa moms. If you are looking for a way to help these moms, or to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Staying Connected to your Roots

LSI Foster Care and Adoption is proud to be part of the Native Families for Native Children (NF4NC) project, which is a collaborative effort between the four native tribes of Nebraska, human services agencies and private agency partners in Nebraska and Iowa. As part of the project's efforts, we recruit, train, license and support Native American families in accord with the traditions, needs and resources of their communities.

Rebecca and Kirby expanded their family when they adopted their son in January. The couple had the opportunity to work with the Omaha Tribe and were able to participate in the second Customary Adoption in the State of Iowa.

Through their Customary Adoption, the family completed a culture plan with the tribe and will be able to keep their newly adopted son connected to his cultural roots with the Omaha Tribe. The new family also was able to keep their son connected to his biological siblings, so he can continue to be involved with them.

LSI is proud to help connect families, like Rebecca and Kirby, with the resources they need to continue to grow their families and build the brightest future for Iowa children.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

~Christian symbol~

TONGUES OF FIRE — Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.



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Worship Times are as follows.

9:00 am

St. Andrew's Worship

10:00 am

Fellowship & Sunday School

@ St. Andrew's 10:30 am

Holy Trinity Worship

10:30 am

Fellowship @ Holy Trinity

11:30 am.

