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2026 July Newsletter

*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church
is to connect people with Christ...
because everyone needs TLC.*





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July Newsletter – Regular Activities at Trinity *God's People at Work, Worship, and Prayer*

Sunday.....	9:00am	Worship Service/Communion
.....	10:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
.....	10:30am	Congregational Mtg., Quarterly
.....	11:30am	Confirmation Class (Sept.-April)
Monday.....		
Tuesday.....	8:00am	Early Risers Exercise!
.....	9:00am	Seekers Bible Study
.....	6:30pm	LWML (Monthly-1 st Tuesdays)
.....	7:00pm	Elders' Meeting (Monthly-2 nd Tuesdays)
Wednesday	5:00pm	Youth Night
.....	5:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study (Spring & Fall)
.....	7:00pm	Preschool Bd. (Quarterly-2 nd Wednesdays)
.....	4:30pm	Board of Education (Monthly-3 rd Wednesdays)
Thursday.....	6:00pm	Ladies' Night Out (Monthly-1 st Thursdays)
.....	6:00pm	Trustees' Meeting (Monthly-2 nd Thursdays)
.....	7:00pm	Men's Club (Monthly-2 nd Thursdays)
.....	7:00pm	Church Council (Quarterly-3 rd Thursdays)
Friday		
Saturday		

A Note from the Pastor

This month the United States of America will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of our independence declared on July 4, 1776. The forefathers of our nation declared themselves to be an independent nation

HAPPY
Independence Day!



from England. As our day of freedom, we celebrate it all across our nation. Most cities, towns, villages, etc. will set off fireworks at the end of their celebrations. There might even be a festival in some of these communities. As a nation, we will celebrate. But there is an earlier “Independence Day” that is far more important to celebrate. It happened in on the day we call “Good Friday.” Hear the words of Saint Paul tell you the importance of that day – “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). It was on the cross that your freedom was won, and Jesus set you free. It was freedom from the yoke of slavery, a slavery to sin, to death. You could not break the bonds of it. You and I were doomed and enslaved. Then we look at that glorious Independence Day and what God gives us in Christ, and we see that all sins are forgiven. We aren’t bound to sin and death... we are set free! So what do we do with that freedom?

Just as the United States shares the story and remembers its independence on July 4th every year, we share the story of what it means to be set free. We share the story of Jesus and what He did for us upon the cross. We live under that freedom won for us that enables us to do the good works that God has prepared for us. We are inspired to help others find that freedom too. We want everyone to know about this freedom and to be brought into kingdom of God. It is at the core of who we are.

So, this month be sure to take time to remember your Christian Independence Day – the day Jesus set you free – and reflect on how you can be faithful to that freedom in everything you say and do!

Celebrating *true* freedom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Matthias Dinger".

Pastor Matthias Dinger



Go.. Sell All You Have?



LCMS Stewardship

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the Means of Grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.



11th Annual Rib Cook-Off





Let's Dish

Ladies' Night Out

All Ladies are welcome to join us on July 9th. This month we are going to Olive Garden in College Station at 6:30 pm.

We will meet at the Church at 6:00pm or at the restaurant at 6:30pm. RSVP with Sarah Dinger!



This month our meal schedule is on July 21st.

If you are interested with helping by cooking, food packaging, food delivery or for more information, please contact Loretta Supercinski or the Church office.

If you would like to look at the meal schedule, the sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex of our Sanctuary.



Sunday School News



Sunday School is taking a break for the Summer and will resume following *Blessing of the Backpacks* in August.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING



All men are invited to join us on the second Thursday of the month; on July 9th @ 6:30pm.



Highschool Youth Group Pool Party

The Highschool Youth Group is having a pool party to kick off the Summer!

All current highschoolers and incoming freshmen are welcome to join! Contact Micah Black for more details.

✝July Worship Service Helpers Schedule ✝

ACOLYTES		GREETERS		MEDIA TEAM	
7/5	Easton Abke Gus Gremillion	7/5	Hoot Wright Pat Wright	7/5	Chase Ganske Gracelynn Ganske
7/12	Luke Gremillion Jase Kalisek	7/12	Arthur Jackson Sherri Jackson	7/12	Larry Randall Garth Leiber
7/19	Cayse Beseda Easton Abke	7/19	Andrew Urban Loretta Urban	7/19	Dannielle Randall Maggie Gremillion
7/26	Noah Schomburg Reid Kalisek	7/26	Steve Winckler Denise Winckler	7/26	Zack Gremillion Tristian Martin

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7/5 - Steve & Kathy Terrell
7/12 - Kim & Dwayne Ross

7/19 - Andrew & Loretta Urban
7/26 - OPEN



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TLC VBS IS COMING!



JULY 13-17th

**OPEN
TO
ALL!**

8:30-11:30 am

Registration is open!

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Or at on our website at:

www.TLCNavasota.com