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FROM THE VICAR

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Trinity,

It has been an absolute honor to serve you as your vicar this year. I knew vicarage was good to be a great opportunity, but I had no idea how awesome it would be! I was not only able to help pastor in leading the liturgy each and every Sunday, but I also had the chance to preach more than half the time that I was here for; even on special feast days! Most vicars cannot say that they were able to preach on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or even an entire Lenten sermon series!

I have done many things and experienced so much more than I ever anticipated with vicarage. And sure, I can go on and on about everything that I have learned and how I have grown since coming to Trinity, but I'm not going to do that. Instead, I will talk about one of the most important lessons that I have learned on vicarage and this is something that EVERY vicar should learn, and if he doesn't then he completely missed out on his vicarage. And the most important thing that we learn on vicarage is how important it is to spend time with the people you are called to take care of!

We see this in the Scriptures. Christ did not spend His time in an office, writing sermons or preparing Bible studies, He was always with the people because He was needed there (and still is)! The reason as to why Christ was so effective in His ministry was because He was where He needed to be and reached out to all people. It didn't matter who they were or what they had done. He loved all and cared for all people, whether they were tax collectors, prostitutes, Pharisees, children, rich or poor, influential or common people like us! He was with the people and never once was He too busy to take care of them in the ways that they needed help or comfort. This is because we have a God who loves His people so much that he desires nothing more than to be with them in every way. Likewise, vicars and pastors are to spend time with their people, so that Christ may work through them and take care of you in the ways that you need!

Throughout my time here, I have bonded with many of you on various occasions through my visits with you, going out to dinner with you, or even simply talking to you after service. But I not only bonded with you during the good times, but I have had the opportunity to grow closer to you in your most trying times, as some of you underwent surgery or have even lost a loved one. By being with you in those not-so-good times, I have gotten to learn more about you and to some, I feel like I have become part of your family. (Over)

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

THE LUTHER AN HOUR

7:30 AM

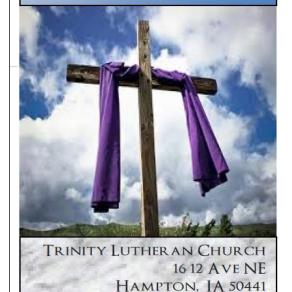
WORSHIP

9:00 A M

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

10:15 AM

Worship Broadcast 10:15 am on 104.9



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about being with

the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel to you, ever reminding you of how Jesus is with you, through the good times and the bad times! And Jesus is not only with you, but He always works to take care of you and comfort you in the way He sees as best, by providing you with everything that you need to support your body and life. You see, Jesus has already done the hard part, He has already taken care of your greatest need, your need to be saved from your sins! By taking your sins as His own, by dying in your place, and by rising up from the dead, Jesus gives you the peace which comes from knowing and believing that there is no sin that is to great that He cannot forgive!

He does this, so that you may rest in His assurance and be showered with comfort, knowing that He loves you and is always with you, working to your benefit; so that you may always have His forgiveness and be strengthened in your faith through the means of grace that He has proclaimed and instituted for you! It is this message that makes all the difference in my visits with you. It is this message that bonds us and keeps us together. It is this message of the Gospel that gives us hope and peace in times where those things appear far away.

This is the greatest lesson that you have taught me this year! And for that, I can never thank you enough because you have started to form this lowly servant into the future pastor that I will be called to serve the people of God as!

Yours In Christ, Vicar Rob Ricard

"Does he thank the servant because he did what
was commanded?
So you also, when you have done all that you were
commanded, say,
'We are unworthy servants; we have only done
what was our duty."
-Luke 17:9-10



WELCOME

Sunday, August 19, we will welcome our new Vicar, Patrick Baldwin and his wife, Whittney, and two boys, Isaac and Mark. Come greet and meet them after church in the fellowship hall. We will be having muffins that morning after church in place of cookies. There is a sign-up sheet located in the N arthex if you are willing to bake and bring muffins for us. Thank you in advance. Board of Parish Fellowship & Social Ministry



SUNDAY
SCHOOL will start in September.

TEACHER SIGN-UP

SHEETS will be on the table in the entryway. Please consider helping teach our children about Jesus.

Trinity Choir

We are looking forward to our next choir season!



Rehearsals will

resume: Wed., Sept. 5th at 7:30 p.m.

First worship participation: Tentative plans are for Pastor Callahan and Amanda to visit our congregation to preach and do Bible study on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. Plans are to sing "Built On the Rock" and another selected piece. MANY VOICES WILL BE NEEDED!

AUGUST 2018 BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mike Betten Ginger Hansen Meigan Behr
- 4 Annie Chadburn Degan Maas
- 5 Glenn Fink
- 6 Karen Tripp
- 7 Kathy Minor Caiden Heilskov
- 8 Randy Poock
- 9 Lois Dohrmann Judy Hankom Mike Renoe
- 10 Janiece Davis Elaine Moats
- 11 Corey Ahrens
- 12 Larry Behn Larry Hansen
- 13 Gary McVicker
- 14 Janette Frank
- 15 Ryan Harr
- 16 Jodi Miller
- 17 Vicki Claypool
- 18 Carole Kracht Ellen Flickinger Lily Pigman Tate Harris
- 19 Paul Hauser Don Fink
- 20 Jim Jorgensen, Jr.
- 21 Jay Behn
- 23 Wendy Frank
- 24 Teri Fender
- 25 Alli Arndt Gracie Behn
- 26 Jason Arndt
- 27 Howard Green
- 28 Terry Bents Isaiah Spath Tristan Kurth Parker Haller
- 31 Avery Moore





AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Kevin & Julia Barz
- 7 Chuck & Sharon Akers
- 10 Larry & Renee Hansen
- 12 Nate & Ginger Hansen
- 16 Jay & Kari Behn
- 17 Kyle & Laura Hegtvedt
- 18 Randy & Cindy Grefe Gene & Sharon Miller
- 20 Pastor & Julie Bollhagen
- 21 Darrell & Beverly Stratmann
- 30 Michael & Hillary Behn
- 31 Eugene & Mardell Jorgensen (55)

Greeters for August

Arlynn & Julie Ahrens Don & Beth Fink Gene & Marlene Lampe Arlene Troester

Ushers for August

Ryan Harr, Chr. Tristan Kurth Evan Treanor Carl Kurth Dick Miller

ACOLYTES - August

- 5 Lauren Kurth
- 12 -- Avery Moore
- 19 Emma Showalter
- 26 Scott Harr

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNION

Wednesday, August 15 1:00 p.m. This is for anyone that cannot come to the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning.



THANK YOU!

The LYF would like to thank the congregation for pitching in and helping with the food stand at the fair again this year. It takes over 525 man



hours to staff the food stand each year and the 13 LYF members and leaders realize that we could not do it without help from the congregation. The proceeds from the food stand fund LYF activities for the year and also allows the LYF to help fund various projects around the church. So, whether you grilled burgers and hot dogs, worked in the kitchen, served customers, or made us a pie – THANK YOU! We appreciate your help so very much.

LYF would also like to thank Kari Subbert for managing the food stand this year. Kari puts in a lot of time making sure the food stand runs smoothly each year. Thanks, Kari!

Trinity LYF



<u>FLOWERS</u> – Thank you to the ladies that are sharing the flowers from their gardens.

Thank you to everyone that helps with the outside flowers at church.

Trinity 2nd Quarter Official Acts:

Confirmation April 15: Kacie Eisentrager, Elijah Fink, Tristan Kurth, Marshall Moats, Tate Schmitt, Jack Showalter

Deaths: Irene Meyer Born 7/7/1923. Died 4/25/2018. Buried 4/27/2018 at Hampton Cemetery Barbara Buss Born 7/4/1948. Died 5/27/2018. Buried 5/31/2018 at Wayside Cemetery, Chapin Erma Heyde. Born 6/20/1925. Died 6/22/2018. Buried 6/28;2018

PANTRY SHOWER

There is a box in the entryway for items for the new vicar and



his wife. They have two boys, 2 and 4 months. Bring things that you would find in your cupboard. Please have items here the week of August 12.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEWS

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus from, Orphan Grain Train, Branch 23, Clemons, Iowa.

Just to let you know what we did in 2017

- +sorted and packed over 2800 boxes that were sent to Haiti and Latvia
- +loaded and shipped 2 containers of clothing, quilts, medical supplies, health kits, school kits and baby layettes, and food packets to Haiti and Latvia and 2 containers of school desks to Haiti and Ghana
- +packaged 22,000 meals with the help of community and church volunteers.
- +held a pancake breakfast in conjunction with a celebration in the community
- +recorded 2138 volunteer hours
- +held 5 informational meetings with various community and church groups.
- +added 2 permanent heaters to our sorting room and quilting room
- +added additional storage space for boxes.
- +provided our gym and cafeteria facility for community activities and family gatherings.

Of course, all of this was only made possible by groups and individuals like you who have supported OGT materially, financially and prayerfully. We continue to depend on you to help us make 2018 another great year, and are thankful to have you as part of our OGT family. Our greatest need now is things to sort and box. So as you start your spring cleaning, think of us! We always welcome visitors! We are here every Tuesday from 8 – 12. Coffee is at 10. Thank you for all you do for Orphan Grain Train, John Maddick, Branch Manager (Romans 12-13)

From Age to Age the Same

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCE St. Louis, Missouri October 12 -13

Go to: www.lutheransforlife.org/conference
for more information Check the Summer LifeDate
on the table by the office window.

LWML News

The August LWML mission donation of \$50 will go to 'Apple of His Eye' which is for Jewish conversion.

The Erna Heyde funeral was held at Trinity on June 28th. No work group was assigned but kitchen duties were handled by Marlene Lampe and Gary & Dorothy Brinkley.

Dorothy Fink's funeral was held at Trinity on July 26th and work group #6 took care of the kitchen duties for the luncheon. Many thanks to all who willingly donate their time and make items for the luncheons. We receive many favorable comments about the luncheons served at Trinity.

Sarah and Dorothy gave a letter to non-LWML ladies of Trinity asking them to consider becoming part our LWML as either members or other Christian sisters to help with the work of the LWML. So far we have had 3 individuals contact us and we pray that others will do so in the future. Our LWML does many things at Trinity and some of them are behind the scenes, so there are plenty of areas to use one's God given gifts.

A short meeting was held after church on Sunday, July 22nd to talk about having a special LWML Sunday observance in October. The ladies decided that October 14th was the Sunday we would like to sponsor the local radio broadcast of our worship service, have special bulletins, have a ladies choir and also have 'Muffins for Mites' rather than cookies. This is an opportunity for members to give a donation toward our 'mite' offerings. There is much work to be done in the harvest fields and our 'mites' are a BIG part of financing the work that is done.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Retreat—Sept. 7th & 8^t
LWML General Meeting—Sept. 19th at 7:00
Please note we will practice for LWML
Sunday singing.
Fall Rally at Eldora—Oct. 20th
We remain ready and willing to 'Serve the Lord with Gladness'!

Dorothy Brinkley President **August 1** 7:00 PM

Devotion & Bible Study: Sharon Akers

Hostess: Mardell Jorgensen

THANK YOU

The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

On behalf of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society, thank you for your continued generous support of our ministry. Your donation contributes to the vital work of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, which includes the ongoing provision of Word and Sacrament ministry to sustain present and new members.

Your gifts help pay the rent, heat the church and feed the people with God's Word. The need is great, the people are hungry for the true "miracle of the Gospel". Our commitment continues to provide \$10,000 per month for the preaching ministry. In addition many individuals and congregations have chosen to support a particular church congregation. Thank You. We continue to seek support for the long term health of the SELC Seminary. Your gifts go a long way. Thank you Robert Kiefer, Secretary/Treasurer



<u>SCHOOL KITS</u> - LWML is collecting items for school kits. There will be a box in the entryway to put your items.

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or collegeruled paper approximately 8" X 10 ½" no loose-leaf paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with Centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- **5** ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 cravons
- 1 2 ½ inch eraser







Latimer, Iowa "Made In HIS Image" 93 years of Service to God

2018-2019 THEME: "Made in HIS Image"

CALENDAR - August 2018

August 2: School Registration 2-7 p.m.
August 20: School Board Meeting @ 6 p.m.
August 22: Parent-Student-Teacher Goal

Setting Conferences

August 23: First Day of School -

Full Day 8:10 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

August 31: Early Dismissal @ 1:20 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran School summer office hours are Monday - Thurs: 9 am – noon We are located at 404 West Main, Latimer IA 50452

Our phone number is (641) 579-6046 PLEASE leave message if no answer Email address is: officeadmin@stpaulslatimer.org

Is anyone perfect, never done anything wrong? Well, Adam and Eve were made perfect in God's image, but that didn't last long! When they disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, all people became sinful and alienated from God, and death entered this hopeless world. The only hope of being saved is out of our hands – Jesus, the promised Savior in Gen. 3:15, was born, lived a perfect life, was crucified, and rose again. Only through faith in Jesus, given by God, a faith nurtured by His Word, can we hold on to the sure hope of eternal life in heaven! In the resurrection, we will be restored perfectly forever. What an awesome message we Christians hunger to share in school and home and wherever we roam.

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast

There are several open Sundays in August to sponsor the Lutheran Hour.

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Finding a church to attend at college.

For students attending the University of Iowa, contact the Rev. W. Max Mons at wmaxmons@gmail.com or call (319) 337-3652.

For students attending the University of Northern Iowa, contact the Rev. John Wegener at prwegener@cfu.net or call (319) 427-3098.

CONCORDIA GOSPEL OUTREACH



Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you for your commitment to
sharing the Gospel with those who need
it most, both close to home and across
the world.

Your recent gift of \$591 (VBS Offering) to the Mission Madagascar project will help us put the Gospel in the hands of more people who have not yet heard the Good News.

Sharing the Gospel is urgent work, and your gifts aid people who share the Gospel with those who desperately need to hear it. The world needs Jesus! Let's proclaim Him!

Thank you! Elizabeth Pittman, Manager Concordia Gospel Outreach

RSVP

RSVP, THE Retired Senior Volunteer Program for people 55 and older, is looking for volunteers to meet community needs, especially in area schools. Most volunteers serve just one hour per week and scheduling is flexible. RSVP also provides training for volunteers. The opportunities in Franklin County include: Reading Buddy volunteers help elementary-school students who need extra one-one-one attention to improve their reading skills.

Walking Buddy volunteers utilize conversation strategies and active listening when meeting with teacher-designated students in an effort to improve students' social skills, while enjoying the walking path. Pen Pal volunteers exchange letters monthly with 4th & 5th grade students to help develop writing skills and foster integrational relationships.

Please join us for an informational **open house** to explore volunteer opportunities. Date: **Tuesday, Aug. 7**, 2018; Time: **10-11:30 a.m.** Place **NIACC Center 1, 5 First Street SW, Hampton** Check the fliers on the bulletin board.