

September 2024

Birthdays

- 2 – Brady Harr
- 6 – Kay Stahl
- 7 – Annette Harris
- 8 – Dixie Schmitt
Carl Kurth
- 10 – Amanda Callahan
- 13 – Kaiti Chadburn
- 14 – Sara Hanson
- 15 – Gareld Johnson
- 16 – Audrey Arndt
Alyssa Brooks
- 17 – Arlynn Ahrens
- 18 – Gary Sheppard
Rev. Pierce Chadburn
- 19 – Becky Fink
- 20 – Sharon Akers
Tamra Schmitt
Julie Bollhagen
Jack Treanor
- 23 – Stephanie Behn
- 24 – Karen McVicker
- 25 – Tillie Nelsen
Rev. Adam Baumann
- 26 – Lori Miller
- 27 – Steven Kruse
Erica Kearney
- 28 – Dan Grell
- 29 – Scott Harr
Judy VanRaden
- 30 – Tony Eisentrager



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Anniversaries

- 1 – Gary & Kay Sheppard
- 4 – Gerry & Sarah Heilskov
- 6 – Rory & Teri Fender
Nathan & Kari Subbert
- 10 – Jim & Pam Hansen
- 13 – Mike & Janet Betten
- 15 – Alan & Janelle Fink
- 19 – Gary & Dorothy Brinkley
Tony & Christy Eisentrager
- 22 – Gene & Marlene Lampe
- 24 – Jason & Audrey Arndt
- 27 – Randy & Lucy Oehlert



*Anniversary
Blessings!*

Ushers

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| Lynn Arends, Chair | Rory Fender |
| Mike Spetman | Ryan Tripp |

Greeters

- Sharon Akers
- Lynn & JoEllen Arends
- Gareld & Lois Johnson
- Laverne Rodemeyer

Acolytes

- 1 – Henry Subbert
- 8 – Elder/Usher
- 15 – Evan Waechter
- 22 – Lane Haller
- 29 – Noah Behn

Special Needs Communion

If you are unable to make Sunday morning worship and wish to receive small group or individual communion, please call the church office. This is being offered in place of the monthly Special Needs service.



Wednesday, September 4th at 2:00pm.

Devotion/Bible Study:
Judy Hankom
Hostess: Karen McVicker

All ladies are welcome.
Please join us!



Christian Education

- Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 8th.
- Adult Bible Study is every Sunday.
- Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 11th at 4:15 PM.
- Pastor Bollhagen will be leading Monday Morning Bible Study at 9:00 AM beginning September 9th.

Remember our shut-ins with your prayers, cards, and visits...

- *Country View Nursing Facility:
Jennie Dellinger, Melba Muhlenbruch, Tillie Nelsen
- *Franklin General Assisted Living:
Merlin Behn, Dixie Schmitt,
- *Rehabilitation Center of Hampton:
Daisy Bentratt
- *Hubbard Care Center:
Mildred Pingel
- *At Home: Jerry Meyer
- *Other members at home who may not be able to come to church.



Fall into your Faith on Sunday, September 22nd from 2:00-4:00 PM here at Trinity.

EVERYONE is invited to come for an afternoon of children's games and prizes.

Games to include: Sucker Ring Toss
Bowling
Bean Bag Toss
Noodle Race
Cake Walk
Fishing Booth
Stump the Vicar
And many more...

And if the weather is nice, there will be games outside!

*Scavenger Hunt
Mystery Challenge*

All preschool and school age children and families are welcome, so tell everyone you know!

Sponsored and headed up by our Evangelism Committee.

Dear Saints of Trinity,

I would like to extend a thank you on behalf of myself and my family for your warm welcome and generosity. We have already been blessed by you all, and we appreciate how each of you has welcomed us into the congregation and made us feel at home. Many of you have helped us unload our U-Haul, given us gift cards for groceries, or provided us with fresh produce, and it has all helped us immensely as we have settled into Hampton. Thank you! I look forward to learning and serving you this coming year.

Sincerely,
Vicar Jacob Stefanec

From Vicar Stefanec...

Dear Saints of Trinity,

Throughout the Newsletter articles of the coming year, I would like to show you how individuals in the Old Testament prefigure Christ and point forward to him. Many people in the Old Testament are “types” of Christ. These types of Christ foreshadow Jesus and his work. The image of Christ, the “antitype,” is printed and sealed onto the Old Testament type. For example, the Passover lamb in Exodus points to Christ as *the* Passover Lamb who covers his people with his blood.

Why does all this matter?

On the road to Emmaus in Luke 24, Jesus interacts with two men who are confused about his death and resurrection. Although they hoped he was the one to redeem his people, they are bewildered by what happened in Jerusalem. They were not expecting Christ to die, and the empty tomb perplexed them. Because of this, they doubt if Christ really was the Messiah.

Yet, Jesus shows that none of these things should have been a surprise. He says, “Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (24:26). Then, our Gospel writer says, “*Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets*, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself,” (25). He began with Moses and the Prophets to show that it was necessary to suffer, die, and rise again. The Old Testament Scriptures themselves teach this. Therefore, Jesus is the center and the substance of the entire Scripture, and to know the Old Testament is to know him.

The first individual we will look at as foreshadowing Christ is Adam.

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Adam was the father of all living, and every living person is born in the likeness and image of Adam. Even Eve was taken from the side of Adam. Adam was formed from the dust of the earth near mists of water, and God breathed the Spirit of life into him. He was then placed within Eden to tend and keep it. Man, created on the sixth day, was the crown of creation.

However, Adam sinned. We know the story. Adam first allows his wife to be tempted to eat of the tree by the serpent while he stands aside. He relinquishes his role as her head, and so she eats the fruit. Adam then listened to the voice of his wife and sinned too. They realized their nakedness and sought to

hide their shame with leaves. So, Adam was infected by sin and death is his curse. Man, the crown of creation, plunged all of creation into disorder and decay. The ground would return thorns, and Adam would one day return to the dust he was created from. He was barred from paradise. He now lacks water and the Spirit, so he must become as dust, returning to the earth from which he was created.

Yet, Christ is the second, greater Adam. While the first Adam subjected mankind to sin and death through his one trespass, the second redeems mankind through his obedience even unto death. While the first Adam lost the water and Spirit, cursed to return as dust, the second is shown to possess both in his baptism in the Jordan, where he is anointed with water and the Spirit descends upon him. Although Adam stood aside while the tempter led his wife into sin, our bridegroom went out into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil in our place. While Adam was cursed to yield thorns from the earth by the sweat of his brow, Christ bore those thorns as a crown upon his brow.

While Adam was naked in shame, Christ became naked upon the cross to bear our sin and shame. While Adam’s bride was taken from his side, so also did the church come into being from the side of Christ pierced open upon the cross. Though Adam cursed all mankind to return to the dust of the earth, Christ descended into the depths of the earth so that we might rise with him out of it. While Adam was created on the sixth day as the crown of creation, Christ was raised on the first day so that he might restore all creation as the first fruits.

Therefore, let us look to Christ as the one who has made all things new. While we were born in the flesh of Adam, we have now been born again through baptism into the death and life of the second. Although all around us we see sin, decay, and death, we know that Christ will return to restore all creation. We are no longer dead in sin but are new creations in Christ. We are no longer identified by Adam, but by Jesus. While we were once cast out from paradise, Christ has opened the way to paradise through his flesh.

For prayer: Heavenly Father, your Son has redeemed all mankind through his obedience of bearing the sin of all mankind on the cross. Please grant that we may not despair of our own sin and death, so that we may persevere in awaiting the restoration of paradise on the last day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

--Vicar Jacob Stefanec