



SHINER
LUTHERAN

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

Growing together in grace and service



SUNDAY MAY 23

DAY OF PENTECOST



We will invite children & others to join the Pentecost processional.

Shiner Lutheran Facebook Page

New guidelines from the CDC were released last week concerning masks for those who have been vaccinated. The Church Council met Tuesday May 18 and revisited our own CoVid safety policy. The updated guidelines for our congregation now state that masks are optional but will remain available at the entrances for use as desired or needed. Families can choose the degree to which they social distance. We will work to respect and support individual decisions on maintaining Covid safety and continue to pray for health for all.



Following worship on Sunday May 23rd, our five mission groups will be treated to a light lunch before they hold their quarterly meetings. The five groups will also meet together to share ideas and opinions. We thank these volunteer leaders for their service!



Youth will be leading many parts of the service. Youth can still volunteer to help by talking to Pastor Chris or contacting the office.

**Sunday May 30
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**



The 2021 Shiner Lutheran Scholarship recipients have been announced. These scholarships are funded by interest received from our endowment fund. This year \$6,900.00 in scholarships were awarded. The scholarship committee of Merle Richardson, Michele Pokluda, Holly Heinsohn, Sandra Blum and Pastor Chris decided to tier the scholarships amounts this year to better allocate funds among the applicants. Shiner Lutheran Scholarships are primarily based on an active demonstration of faith and service within a faith community and in the world. The 2021 Shiner Lutheran Scholarship recipients include:

Seminary Student: Vicar Daniel Volkmann, Wartburg Seminary, \$1,000

College Students: Mason Davis, Texas State University, \$600; Carley Hewig, Texas State University, \$600; Hunter Kloesel, Texas A & M University Kingsville, \$600; Carissa Murrile, Texas State University, \$600

High School Seniors: Emma Herman, \$500; Kaleigh Knight, \$500; Jenna Machacek, \$500; Cheyenne Moore, \$500; Jared Shimek, \$500; Ty Winkenwerder, \$500; Rhiannon Loudon, \$250; Cash Shows, \$250

We congratulate all the recipients and pray they grow in faith as they continue their education!

UPDATES & INFORMATION

- Church Council met on May 18 and approved the purchase of a new heating and air conditioning unit for the parsonage. This AC unit is the oldest unit we have and has had repeated service calls and troubleshooting to keep it operational. This project will be funded by an anonymous donation that specified that the funds should be used for improvement projects such as this.



- Youth now in grade 8 through 11 are eligible to attend the **Lutheran National Youth Gathering** next summer. Parents of any youth that may be interested in traveling to Minneapolis to attend this event are invited to attend an information meeting Sunday May 30 following worship. Fund raising for the trip has already begun, and registration opens in a few months. It is time to commit to possible participation and help make plans for 2022.

- Noisy Offering on May 30 will support the Synod Assembly offering.
- On June 6th, we will be receiving **new members** into our congregation. We will welcome these people in a brief ceremony at the beginning of the service that day. We encourage and invite anyone interested in joining us in ministry as a church family to contact the office or speak to Pastor Chris. A light reception for new members will follow the worship service..



- Mark your calendars for July 12-16 for our Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School. Plans are underway and registration is now open. Volunteers are needed as always. Adult and youth volunteers are asked to complete the volunteer form. Families may sign up all their participating younger children on one page. Both participant and volunteer forms are attached and are also available in the Gathering Place.



Flower arrangements for Sunday May 23 are given by the Bruns Family in memory of their mother, Irene Bruns, who entered the Church Triumphant on May 23, 2020.



This week we celebrate and remember in prayer these **Baptism Anniversaries**: 5/27 Pat Dobson, Blake Guettner, Hallie Guettner, Holden Guettner; 5/28 Howard Gloor

This week we wish **Birthday Blessings** to: 5/23 Brandon Siegel; 5/25 Atlanta Moore; 5/28 Caleb Mur-rile, Peyton Wegener; 5/29 Lori Hlnze



IN OUR Prayers



Prayers of concern continue for those who are ill or recovering from surgery or injury including Erika Baker, Morris Guettner, Larry Gerum, Carol Pritchett, and Rick McKinnerney.



In person attendance on 5/9: 113 Online views for week: 289
 Offering for week ending 5/9: General Fund: \$ 1,806.00 Building Fund: \$ 985.00
 Electronic giving is not included in the above numbers.
 Weekly budget needs: General Fund: \$ 4,262.31 Building Fund: \$ 2,539.10



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BY MAIL: Send to the church at P.O.Box 26, Shiner.
TEXT: Text an amount to 1-844-697-3838 and use credit or debit card.

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