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Hymn of the Month “When Our World is Rent By Violence” ACS #1052

When our world is rent by violence and our lives are marred by grief, when our songs of calm assurance turn to cries of unbelief: God, we raise our lamentation seeking refuge and relief. When our cities stand forsaken and the poor must beg for bread, when the prisoner sits forgotten and the homeless find no bed, God, we raise our lamentation: waken justice from the dead!

We Pray For

We pray for Barb Kunkel; Carla Boggs; Barb Allner; Diane Riediger; Bill Nagel; Ed Kunkel; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse.

For those battling cancer: Jayme Webb –breast cancer; Doug Dahlke-continuing treatment.

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From the Pastor

Greetings my dear Siblings in Christ,

I want to begin this letter with some notes of gratitude. Thank you for all of you who came out to support the events of Menville Days. I always love these smalltown festivals. Thank you for coming to the worship in the park and potluck. My first experience of worshipping with you all was a service there at the main street park followed by a potluck. I want to thank those of you who assisted with the move a year ago this month. July 20th will mark the year of Kymberly and I living here in Menville. Thank you also for all of you. Thank you for all the ways you serve God in the church and in the world.

July 4th, we celebrate Independence Day. A day we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence, 249 years ago. We celebrate the freedoms we experience, guaranteed by our Constitution. Sunday, June 29th, our second reading from Galatians speaks about the use of freedom. So, as I write this letter, I have that in mind. "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself'"

The freedom of a Christian is what this speaks about. It is different than what most of us think about when we think of freedom. For most modern Americans, freedom is more about individual ability to do whatever we want. We worship individualism and an economic system that flows with individualism at the price of other people.

But Luther wrote in *On the Freedom of a Christian* (1520), "A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone." In Christ, we are free from fear of sin, death, and the devil. We are freed to serve God and others out of love, rather than out of fear of punishment. Freed by God's grace, by the death and resurrection of Jesus, through faith, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we can love God and all people and things which God has created. The freedom we have been given is freedom in interdependence and community. We are invited; we are called together amid our differences and divisions to love and serve one another. To mourn with one another and to rejoice together.

Coming up this month, we have a few things going on. The Menville Community VBS starts the evening of July 20th at Immaculate Conception. July 20th, we will have a sending service for the four youth who will be attending confirmation camp July 20th-25th, at Lutheran Lakeside. The month comes to an end with the Woodbury County Fair, July 30th-August 3rd.

Blessings and Peace, remember that you are a beloved Child of God, called to love.

Rev. Ed

Birthdays

1 - Chase Koehler
3 - Bailey Henschen
4 - Casey Stratton
5 - Rynn DeWitt
6 - Kim Laureano
9 - Kassondra Dimmitt
 Waverly Baer
10 - Sherry Beaver
 Ava Orlando
12 - Laura Heaton-Huth
 Brenda Orlando
 Jill Stratton
13 - Bryce Butters
 Julie Rumohr
 Seth Stamm
14 - Peggy Hopp
 Haylee Meyer
16 - Katlynn Jepsen
17 - Whitney Lloyd
18 - Austin Riediger
20 - Patti Christiansen
 Brian Henschen
21 - Shane Mitchell
 Caleb Morgan
 Payge Ronfeldt
22 - Carla Boggs
25 - Jackson Krieg
26 - Kendra Mitchell
27 - Brianna Brownlee
28 - Jennifer Jepsen
29 - Eric Healy
 Cutler Jackson
 Peter Ringkob
30 - Aiden Lindgren
 Sonia Locke

Anniversaries

3 - Josh & Wendy Ruhler (2009)
4 - Rev. Ed & Kymberly Pease (2009)
5 - Nick & Kari Morgan (2008)
6 - Justin & Sonia Locke (2002)
8 - Nate & Hanna Monahan (2023)
15 - David & Lisa Brosamle (1978)
16 - Jeremy & Laura Dau (2016)

Thank you!

-June Worship Assistants
-Ruth Chartier for playing beautiful music for us during worship
-Everyone who has participated in spring cleaning
-Those who assisted with worship at the park

July Worship Assistants

Organist: Ruth Chartier
Altar Guild: Cindy & Gail Ploen
Scripture Reader: Diane Drevs
Offertory Accountants: Irv Martin & Denny Bain
Tech Assistant: Rebecca Brockhaus

What's going on at TLC?

Worship at the Park

On Sunday, June 8 we were able to worship at the Main Street Park in Merville. Following worship, there was a potluck with lots of delicious food. The weather was beautiful and the conversation was lively. It was a wonderful ending to Merville Days 2025!



2025 Western Iowa Synod Assembly

This month Pastor Ed and Kymberly Pease, along with Blake and Sadie Stratton attended the 2025 Western Iowa Synod Assembly in Sioux City. This was an excellent time of worship. One of the most important pieces of business that was accomplished was the election of a new bishop of the Western Iowa Synod. Reverend Scott Dalen was elected to be the next bishop of our synod. His installation will take place on September 27, 2025. More details will be shared as we approach the date.



2025-26 KidZone

We are preparing for another year of KidZone here at Trinity Lutheran! There are some important items of business that need to be taken care of before we start up in September!

We are in NEED of some volunteers. Whether you can be there every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 or just on occasion, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Liz Wahlberg, Sadie Stratton, or Pastor Ed.

If you have sent your child(ren) to KidZone and plan to do so next year, please reach out to Sadie Stratton (712-251-6457) to confirm that we have contact information for you.

MOVILLE VBS

For students entering TK-5th grade



July 20-24

IC Catholic Church



Register on **Facebook**

MyVBS Moville Community
Vacation Bible School

TLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

Date: Sunday, May 6 , 2025

Present: Pastor Ed, Lynn Morgan, Nick Wahlberg, Liz Wahlberg, Cindy Ploen, John Ringkob, Denny Bain, Blake Stratton, Jill Stratton, Sonia Locke, Peggy Hopp

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:25AM by President Blake Stratton.

Opening - Pastor Ed "What are things in TLC history that maybe felt traumatic to you?"

Pastor's Report

Announce:

● Synod / ELCA updates - June 13th & 14th, it's a Bishop election year! Pastor Ed & Kymberly, Blake & Sadie Stratton are registered to attend. It is in Sioux City.

- Blake will attend Nationwide Synod Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona; this takes place July 28-August 2.

● Additional announcements

○ Promote those cookbooks! Can we have them available at the park on June 8th?

○ Continue promoting electronic giving

○ SHP Giving Tree success

○ Worship in the Park - June 8th @ 10:30AM with a potluck to follow. This is part of the Merville Days agenda; all are welcome.

○ The Future of Kidzone

Discuss/Follow-Up:

● Church building / Parsonage

○ Basement Bathrooms - Thank you Denny Bain!

■ Paint, Paper Towel Holders, Toilet Paper Holders, Soap Dispensers

○ Shed on Parsonage property

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Trinity Lutheran Church

○ Carpet in Sunday School Wing- We have a quote from Mozak's and will continue to look into various possibilities.

○ Spring Cleaning - Saturday, May 31st from 8AM-12PM then as available

● Church Directory 2025- Rebecca Brockhaus & Diane Drevs have volunteered to take the lead on this.

● Movable Days - How can we be involved besides worship in the park? Parade?

● Graduation Recognition - May 11th

● Women's Group Activity

● Review and Update Debit Card Policy and Procedures - (see motion made)

Decide:

- Motion made by Roger Christiansen, seconded by Denny Bain, to increase the limit to \$500 on the debit card. Motion passed unanimously.

● Motion made by Cindy Ploen, seconded by John Ringkob to approve April Council Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

● Motion made by Roger Christiansen, seconded by Pastor Ed, to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

● June Council Meeting set for Sunday, June 15, following worship.

Adjourn: Motion made by Pastor Ed, seconded by Cindy Ploen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:34AM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Stratton

Council Secretary

Council Secretary

JULY

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 COUNCIL MEETING 10:15 AM	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 VBS STARTS @ IC CATHOLIC CHURCH	21	22	23	24 VBS ENDS	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2