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Hymn of the Month “Can You Feel The Seasons Turning” ACS #1065

Can you feel the seasons turning, winds and waves grown wild and strange? Can you feel creation groaning, fearful of the coming change: ice caps melting, oceans rising, homes and habitations lost? Can you feel the seasons turning? Can you count the bitter cost?

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.

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From the Pastor

“SEE, I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU TODAY LIFE AND PROSPERITY, DEATH AND ADVERSITY...I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO WITNESS AGAINST YOU TODAY THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSINGS AND CURSES. CHOOSE LIFE SO THAT YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS MAY LIVE.”

DEUTERONOMY 30:15, 19

Greetings, Dear Siblings in Christ,

In 1955, one year after the US tested the first hydrogen bomb, scientists and philosophers gathered to discuss the threat nuclear weapons posed. The document that they produced became known as the “Russell-Einstein Manifesto.” Albert Einstein died within a month of signing this document with 10 other scientists including Bertrand Russell. What follows is a small portion of that document:

“There lies before us, if we choose continual progress in happiness, knowledge, and wisdom. Shall we, instead, choose death, because we cannot forget our quarrels? We appeal as human beings to human beings: Remember your humanity and forget the rest. If you can do so, the way lies open to a new Paradise; if you cannot, there lies before you the risk of universal death.”

Why do I share this reading from Deuteronomy and the Russell-Einstein Manifesto?

First, the Russell-Einstein Manifesto was influenced by this passage from scripture. When these men met in 1955, they looked at the world around them, at the threat humanity posed against itself, and saw parallels to this moment in the history of Israel, the giving of the law, and the choice, continue to trust in God’s promise or to give up and do things their own way. One way had the promise of life and abundance, the other certain annihilation.

Second, this scripture reading is our first Hebrew Bible reading in September. Our Hebrew Bible readings this month show the ways that the Israelites chose death. They chose to make an idol while they waited impatiently at the foot of the mountain, they ignored the cries of the poor, were dishonest in their dealings with others, and rejoiced and celebrated while others were grieving and destroyed.

We continue to choose death. We continue to build up idols. Money, ourselves and our own abilities. We trust that other people and personalities will save us. We place so many things before and between us and God. We ignore the cries of the poor, the oppressed, and the vulnerable. We live in luxury; we celebrate and rejoice while our very way of life is killing countless and destroying others. We let our differences divide us, forgetting our common humanity, forgetting that all people are loved by God and created in God’s image.

From the Pastor

Our gospel readings throughout September remind us that following Christ isn't easy. It is costly. The ways of Christ mean rejecting the ways and values of the world. Fundamentally, the way of Jesus is choosing mercy, compassion, and the outsider. Following Christ in this world means loving God and neighbor. When we follow Christ, we are called, we are invited, we are drawn to be the hands, feet, and voice of God in the world. Continuing the ministry and mission of Jesus to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, bring water to the thirsty, and proclaim liberation to a world held prisoner to death.

Choose life and life abundant. Choose the way of Christ, loving God and your neighbor. Choosing mercy and compassion.

"Your 'yes' to God requires your 'no' to all injustice, to all evil, to all lies, to all oppression and violation of the weak and poor, to all ungodliness, and to all mockery of what is holy. Your 'yes' to God requires a 'no' to everything that tries to interfere with your serving God alone, even if that is your job, your possessions, your home, or your honour in the world. Belief means decision."

"The Gift of Faith," confirmation sermon April 9, 1939 proclaimed by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Blessings and Peace, dear Siblings in Christ,

Rev. Ed
August 28th,

Birthdays

1 - Noah Ruhrer
3 - Thomas Koehler
 Myla Thomas
6 - Mason Ploen
8 - Chris Healy
10 - Dave Schweder
14 - John Malm
15 - Alexis Gilbert
16 - Josh Koehler
 Mary Ann Neugebauer
17 - Carter Ploen
 Payton Ploen
21 - Millie Christiansen
 Joyce Miller
24 - Lynn Morgan
 Harper Wahlberg
 Liz Wahlberg
25 - Blair Morgan
28 - Dave Christiansen
29 - Becky Butters

Anniversaries

2 - Greg & Janna Brandt (1977)
5 - Rick & Jodi Steffen
7 - Dave & Patti Christiansen
(1985)
9 - Jeremiah & Jennifer Ploen
(2000)
10 - Tim & Heather Gilles (2011)
 Tim & Lindsay Green (2011)
22 - Garrett & Rita Tabke (1979)
26 - Cody & Erica Christiansen
(2020)

Thank you!

-August Worship Assistants
-Ruth Chartier for playing beautiful
music for us during worship
-Everyone that donated items for
LWR kits and Gloria Healy for
organizing them!

September Worship Assistants

Organist: Ruth Chartier
Altar Guild: Dave & Patti
Christiansen Scripture Reader: Liz
Wahlberg
Offertory Accountants: Dave & Patti
Christiansen
Tech Assistant: Jill & Casey Stratton

What's going on at TLC?

LWR Kits

Items for LWR school and personal care kits are needed. A collection tote is in the entry for purchased items. The kits are used globally —“make beautiful things happen when you answer God’s call to love your neighbors”. Lists are attached.

Bishop Installation of Rev. Scott Dalen

The Installation of the Western Iowa Synod Bishop Elect Scott Dalen will take place on Saturday, September 27 at 2:00 PM at Saint John Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. There will be a reception to follow. The color of the day will be red. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by September 10th. You can RSVP using the QR code provided or by contacting the church office and we will provide you with the link.



Parent Information for KidZone

We can't wait to see all the kids again! With that being said, there are some points of business we must do first.

This year we will be having a parent meeting on Sunday, August 23 at 4:00 pm here at Trinity Lutheran. If you can not attend, but would like to send your kid to KidZone please contact Sadie at the church office.

A form will be located at the church along with being sent out via email and shared on Facebook later this month. THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND KIDZONE! We want to see all your sweet kids, so please fill it out when it is shared!

What's going on at TLC?

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is a Sunday for us to join together to serve God's mission in the world. We will be assembling LWR kits in the church basement, along with tying quilts, and other things after worship. Following the completion of this, there will be a potluck. You are invited to wear your God's Work, Our Hands to church on Sunday, September 7th.

Confirmation Volunteers

The council has voted to have a church member present at every confirmation course. This is a fantastic way for us to connect with the youth and to share your knowledge. Confirmation class runs from 6:00-7:00 PM every Wednesday. If you would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Ed or the church office.

Intergenerational Worship

Trinity Lutheran will be having an intergenerational worship on Sunday, October 12. This is a great time to build connections and relationships. If you would like to participate, we need all ages, please let Sadie Stratton, Pastor Ed, or the church office know.

TLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

Present: Pastor Ed, Blake Stratton, Cindy Ploen, Corey Steffen, Jill Stratton, Lynn Morgan, Roger Christiansen, Denny Bain, John Ringkob

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:26AM by President Blake Stratton. Opening : Pastor Ed led in prayer.

Pastor's Report

Announce:

- Synod / ELCA updates
- Blake will be in Phoenix July 28 - August 2nd for Churchwide Assembly
- Camp - July 20-25th - Send off during worship the 20th
- Christmas in July worship service - July 27th

Discuss/Follow-Up:

- Church building / Parsonage
- Basement Bathrooms
- Shed on Parsonage property purchased; need to finalize the spot and prepare it. About done being built - will know more Monday.
- Carpet in Sunday School Wing
- Suter charged nearly \$1000 to clean the AC.
- Plumbing issue at parsonage - Roger will get someone in there
- Financial Secretary update - January - June update - Statements will be out by the end of July.
- Church Directory 2025 - Gave Rebecca ok to get started. If you wish to help, it would be appreciated
- God's Work, Our Hands - Sept 7th - Will pack LWR Kits again, will plan a potluck
- Confirmation 2025-2026 - Start Sept. 3rd, requirements, upcoming classes
- Kidzone - need to have a list of volunteers before any decisions can be made.

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Decide:

● Motion made by Pastor Ed, seconded by John Ringkob, to approve the June Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Denny Bain, seconded by Cindy Ploen, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

● August Council Meeting set for Sunday, August 10, following worship.

Adjourn: Motion made by Denny Bain, seconded by Roger Christiansen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:04AM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Stratton - Council Secretary

SEPTEMBER

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY	8	9	10 1:00 PM SEWING GROUP 3:30 PM KIDZONE 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION	11	12	13
14 COUNCIL MEETING 10:15 AM	15	16	17 1:00 PM SEWING GROUP 3:30 PM KIDZONE 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 1:00 PM SEWING GROUP 3:30 PM KIDZONE 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

PERSONAL CARE KIT:

- LIGHT-WEIGHT BATH-SIZE TOWEL
 - (BETWEEN 20"X 40" AND 52"X 27"), DARK COLOR RECOMMENDED
- BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP, TWO OR THREE BATH-SIZE BARS EQUALING 8 TO 9 OZ. OF SOAP,
 - ANY BRAND, IN ORIGINAL WRAPPING
- ONE ADULT-SIZE TOOTHBRUSH IN ITS ORIGINAL PACKAGING*
- TOOTHBRUSH MULTI-PACKS MAY BE USED BY SEALING AN INDIVIDUAL TOOTHBRUSH IN A BUSINESS-SIZE ENVELOPE—NO PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP
- ONE METAL NAIL CLIPPER

SCHOOL KIT:

- 70-SHEET NOTEBOOKS OF WIDE- OR COLLEGE-RULED PAPER (280-300 SHEETS TOTAL) APPROXIMATELY 8" X 10½"; NO LOOSE-LEAF PAPER
- 30-CENTIMETER RULER, OR A RULER WITH CENTIMETER ON ONE SIDE AND INCHES ON THE OTHER
 - PENCIL SHARPENER
- BLUNT SCISSORS(SAFETY SCISSORS WITH EMBEDDED STEEL BLADES WORK WELL)
- BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS (NO GEL INK)
- PENCILS #2 UNSHARPENED
- BOX OF CRAYONS 16 OR 24
- 2 ½" ERASERS