

THE PIPER



MAY 25/26, 2024

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Linda Leslie, Barb Roberts, Jerry Lauchle,
Bill Campbell, Mary Lou Kiel, John Owens,
Donna Weller

TLC FRIENDS

Adam Feather, Ed & Sue Petersen, Peggy
Smith, Kylee Dart, Sindi, Laurel Saville, Don
Kruse, Debbie

Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 25

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Outdoor Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

9:15 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Worship w/Communion

TUESDAY, MAY 27

5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

6:00 pm Dinner & The Chosen

THURSDAY, MAY 30

5:45 pm Zumba

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Outdoor Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

9:15 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Worship w/Communion

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starting this weekend until Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, Outdoor Worship at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Indoor Worship at 8:15 am

Sunday, Outdoor Worship at 9:15 am

Sunday, Indoor Worship at 10:00 am

All services include Holy Communion

Children's Church, Choir and Recorded Services
are suspended until the Fall

Wednesday, May 29th—Final Week

Dinner—6:00 pm, The Chosen, Season 2, - 6:45 pm

Dinner Menu:

Chicken Marsala; Noodles;

Green Beans; Corn; Salad

Dessert



From the Pastor's Desk

May 25/26, 2024

Dear Beloved of God,

Mikael Wagner for the Medium writes:

In 1849, French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote “**plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose**” — the more things change, the more they stay the same. In other words, despite apparent changes or advancements in society, certain fundamental aspects or patterns remain unchanged over time. When I watch world news each day, I feel like puking my guts out regarding all the misinformation and “bs” [not Bible Study!] being peddled throughout the world.

As a young boy, I was taught to have hope, faith, and belief that all things and all people are good. Santa Claus was probably the first truth I discovered at a young age when I saw our local Santa drunk on the streets. I don’t blame my parents for pulling the wool over our eyes at all, they wanted to protect us. They tried to keep hoping that me and my siblings would have a good life without struggling against hatred, discrimination, and racism. If they were able to step out of their graves today, they would probably run back for safety, realizing it’s the same world they left behind.”

Mikael Wagner is a communications project manager with a focus on health promotion, public relations, marketing and focus group facilitation.

Well, perhaps a bit harsh for a church newsletter article, yet, in John’s Gospel Jesus reminds us that he comes to bring us and be for us the Truth. “I am the way, the truth, and the life,…” says Jesus (Jn 14:6). He also reminds us in chapter 17, as we heard recently in weekend worship:

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. (14-19)

Nowhere in the Scriptures does God (or Jesus) even come close to suggesting life in this world is easy or that discipleship makes life a proverbial cakewalk. No, life is hard at times and the world can be challenging, but it does seem true: “The more things change…”

So, we continue our journey through life and find joys and respite where we can. Is that not a solid reason for anticipating the summer months. We get to do things in these next few months we have longed for throughout the past year! Vacations, trips, sitting in the sun, hiking, fishing, boating,

swimming, and any other outdoor activity you can think of. It's time to shift gears to more of "summertime and the living is easy, fish are jumping and the cotton is high,..." (from George Gershwin's jazz piece "Summertime" in the musical *Porgy and Bess*.) I don't know if we can honestly say that such is or has been true, but I love the sentiment of the song. If we take Jesus' promises to heart, maybe someday we will experience life in the way Gershwin envisions. Until then, however, we press onward striving to follow our Way, our Truth, and our Life, Jesus of Nazareth.

So, over the next few months, I am hoping for some summertime activities for Trinity:

- Outdoor worship resumes for Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday morning at 9:15 am. (Indoor worship continues at 8:15 and 10 am).
- During COVID we had some picnics for the Deeper Waters families, I hope we can have a few this summer for the entire congregation.
- Perhaps we can have some special after-worship coffee hours this summer.
- We can spend a congregational evening at the Spikes.
- Other events or activities may arise where we can all find some relaxation and refreshment this summer.

The more things change,..." may be true, but it's not inescapable. I hope you and your family find some time to enjoy God's great outdoors and be blessed with the abundance of God's grace, peace, and love, as you seek to follow Jesus Christ our Lord, wherever your summer months take you.

Have a wonderful summer!

Peace, joy and love,



Pastor Ron



With the start of outdoor
worship services, the property committee has
reseeded some areas of the lawn and asks
that those attending the outdoor service, please avoid
walking on those areas.

HUGE THANK YOU!!!

To everyone who helped in any way with
this year's Yard Sale.

It was a HUGE success!!

We raised \$2,407.00 to date to be split
between Interfaith Human Services and
the Park Forest Preschool.

Some items were save and will be put on
Facebook Marketplace.

A GRAND TOTAL will be published
after everything has been sold.



Congratulations to
the Young Disciples who were
Confirmed on Sunday, May 12th

Isabella Card

Anya Brownson

Mason Sheaffer

Congratulations