

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, it is time for another newsletter article, and it is August.

I want to take some time thanking you all for being a great congregation. Eight years ago, in May, I received a phone call that changed my life and I hope yours.

My wife, Jon and I were on our way back from our daughters in Florida. We had just started to cross Mobile Bay when I got a phone call informing me, I had been called to serve as Pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Pine Bluff, AR.

That phone call started a very interesting period for my wife and me. We visited with you all in June and then again in July after I had accepted the call. Our lives were totally changed. But we also saw the hand of God in all of this.

Every time a roadblock came up, God removed it and made things happen. We quickly started making plans and by the beginning of August we arrived.

I cannot believe that it has been eight years already. So much has happened and so many things have taken place. But it is eight years now and we are still here and still loving it.

I also want to say that you are a great congregation. When I talk to other ministers, I am reminded of how great you folks are.

We have weathered deaths, covid, mechanical issues, and a lot of things together, but the whole time we relied on God to get us through.

God has also blessed us in all our trials and tribulations together.

Just today while getting ready to go to Hamburg for services, President Biden announced he was not going to run for President again in 2024.

No, I am not making an announcement like that. It is my prayer that for the next eight years we can continue to do the great work we have been doing.

The Lord's work is not yet done here, and we have a long road to go.

I am reminded of something that Peter wrote.

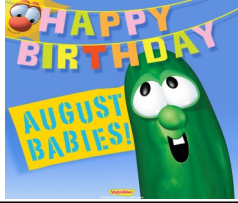
2 Peter 3:8-9 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

We have a lot of work yet to accomplish and a lot of souls to reach. Here's praying that the Lord will give us the time and the patience to reach as many as we can.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Marshall

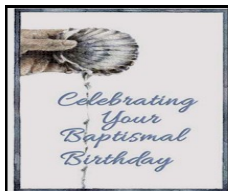
OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of August

- 4 Ed Stertmann
- 8 Steve Lochmann
- 11 Faithe Summers
- 11 Judy Clinton
- 11 Peter Smykla, Jr.
- 15 Dawn Kemp
- 20 Susan Marshall
- 21 Christian Dunger
- 23 Sherry Reed
- 25 Erin Foster
- 28 Phillip Dunger
- 29 Annette Dodge
- 31 Cara Howard

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of August

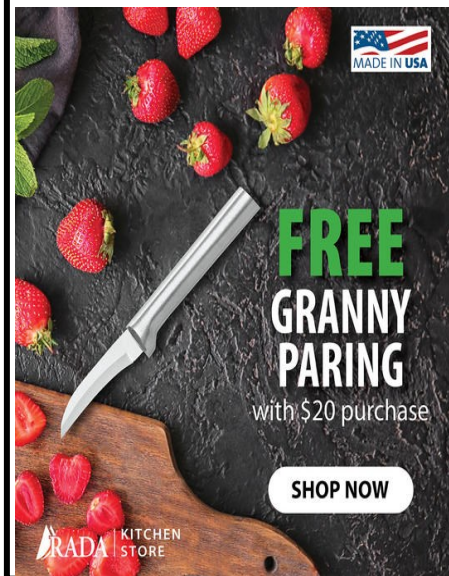
- Allen Michael
- Suzanne Bergeron
- Cooper Thompson
- Karen Witt

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of July

- Adults:**
 Don Richter
 Karen & Bill Witt
 Pat Baughman
 Tricia & Harold Jacobs
 Waymond Meins
 Sharon Calabretta
 Phyllis Dunger
 Donna Marshall
 Steve & Julie Shorts
 Cathy Webb
 Pastor Marshall

Our Granny Paring Knife is truly Grandma Approved! It's a timeless favorite of all Rada Kitchen fans, and right now you can get it FREE with any qualifying purchase. **Please support our group Trinity Lutheran Church**, through this Rada Cutlery fundraiser! Click this link <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5544767.dbcf947> start shopping. Thank you!



Sunday Average Attendance for last half of June & first half of July – 35

Sunday Average Attendance online for last half of June & first half of July – 6

Views – 16

Last half of June & first half of July Offerings – \$17,079.16

Another Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall

There will be another craft afternoon on August 3rd in the Fellowship Hall starting at 1 pm. These are such enjoyable afternoons with other crafters from our church. We really enjoy creativity and fellowship. Please join us with whatever craft you like and a snack.



I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during Jimmy's illness and for all the cards, prayers and thoughtfulness when he passed away.

Love & God's Blessings
 Dorothy Herrod

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

Mary Guild met on July 11, 2024 with twelve members present. Arleen Parsley gave the opening devotion, "Our Dwelling Place, reminding us of the external being of God. He is our refuge and dwelling place. The topic was presented by invited guests who were resource women from JRMC. One speaker talked about the importance of an annual physical checkup; one speaker advised women to have a yearly mammogram; another detailed the work of the Dunklin Jones Cancer Center. There was also a presentation giving information about the new Donna Terrel lodge that is to be built soon. It will be dedicated to responding to the spiritual and emotional needs of women receiving cancer treatment.

The Mary Guild mission project for July was a gathering of school supplies for the Black Fire Fighters Association (B.R.A.V.E.). The mission project for August is a monetary donation for Lutherans for Life. Pat Baughman will open the August meeting with a devotion; Cherrie Bradley will give a topic and the hostess is Karen Witt.

On June 7-9, 2024 Pat Baughman was the delegate for Mary Guild at the LWML District Convention. The following is her personal account of the convention experience: The District Convention in Memphis June 7-9 was wonderful event. One hundred and sixty four women and pastors from the Mid-South District were there including Karen Witt and Pat Baughman. Lots of business to take care of, plenty of fun and fellowship and many interesting guest speakers. The humorous interrupter, Wendy Sue Fluegge, kept us entertained as Tabitha Katt and asked that we call her Tabby. She also entertained us at the banquet with her humor and her beautiful singing. In our election of officers, one of our own, Erin Foster, was chosen as South-Arkansas Financial Secretary. There were

several offerings collected: \$2127 for the Mid South Mission Goal; \$1794 for Transitions of Dyer County, Dyersburg, TN-a residential program for women;\$1979 for Dream Center of Jackson, TN-a faith-based educational ministry for women and children who have experienced crisis and/or loss in their lives. Gifts of the Heart, an ingathering of baby items and monies, was collected.

Speakers were Kaye Wolff, speaking on different Ministries, Linda Gage on gift planning, and Missionary Speakers, Ed Mell on Guatemala, and Cindy Jurgensen on Tanzania.

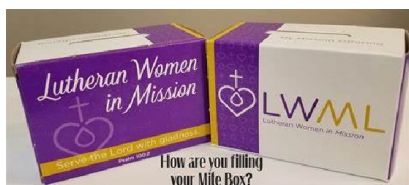
There were 16 out of 25 Mission Grants voted in for the next biennium. The two with the most votes were Isaiah 117 House and Compassion Closet Ministry Funds, both of which support children in Foster Care. Several other grants were in support of Seminary students, some were for homeless families, worship transportation for the wheelchair bound, food pantries, and camperships for Camp Petit Jean and many more.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins

Esther Guild Mailbox Member Program

Esther Guild mailbox member group is available to those who cannot commit to a monthly, in person, meeting. As a member, each month you will receive an email with a devotion, news around LWML, and have an opportunity to contribute to mites that support the missions of Lutheran Women in Mission. Here is a link to the bible study that was sent out in July. Take a look and see what you think [Go Ahead, Jump! - Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(360unite.com\)](https://www.360unite.com)

If you are not on the Esther Guild mailing list and would like to be, please let Erin Foster know and she will add you to the group.



Puzzle!

Match each word in Column 1 to its synonym in Column 2. Then use the words from Column 2 to complete the boxes below.

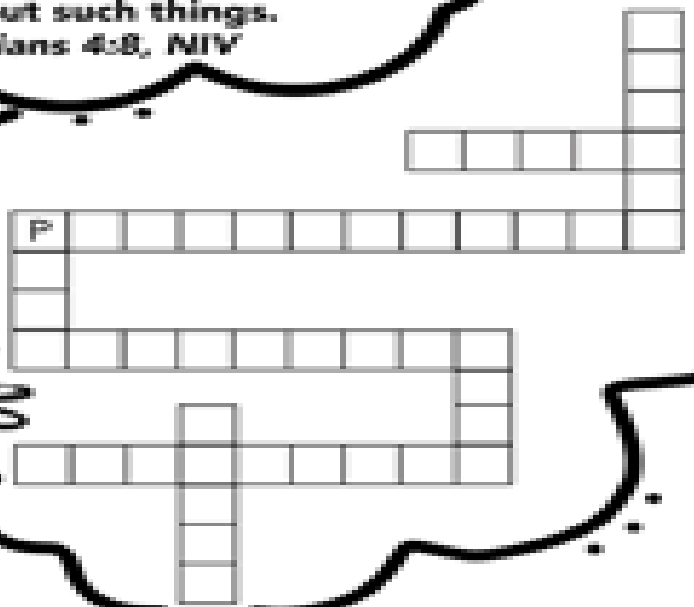
COLUMN 1

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 commendable
 extremely good
 having high moral principles
 deserving respect
 pleasant
 real
 wholesome

COLUMN 2

excellent
 lovely
 noble
 admirable
 pure
 praiseworthy
 true
 right

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.
 Philippians 4:8, NIV



Аналогично соедините слова в первом столбце со словами во втором столбце. Затем используйте слова из второго столбца, чтобы заполнить пустые клетки в кроссворде. В верхнем левом углу кроссворда уже вписана буква «Р».



INTERESTINGFACTS ABOUT BELIZE

- + Before its independence in 1973, Belize was known as the British Honduras.
- + Belize is home to the second largest barrier reef system in the world.
- + The forests yield an amazing variety of Cashew trees. Some are delicious and edible while others are actually poisonous.
- + Belize has the lowest population density in Central America.
- + The Belize rain forest is home to over 500 species of orchid.
- + Belize has many themed Mayan villages with unique culture, traditions, festivities and geography.
- + The country of Belize hosts over 2 million tourists per year.
- + Belize is among the top 5 least populated countries.

BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU!

Greetings from the Dominican Republic. We hope that all of you are having an enjoyable summer. The weather here is very hot and humid and we only get a temporary break from the heat when the rainstorms hit the country.

From the 20th until the 24th of June, Dan and the regional deaconess supervisor, Danelle Putnam, travelled to Lima, Peru to host a deaconess training session. We give thanks to God for these Peruvian deaconesses and their willingness to serve the Lord.

Two weeks ago a volunteer group from one of our Texas congregations hosted an eyeglass clinic here in Santiago; Dan, I and various other missionaries served as interpreters. Hundreds of people were aided by this charitable activity. Thanks be to God for the love of Christ that was so evident in this service to the community.

Our resident seminarians are now busy with their two week intensive summer course. This course covers the theme of Pastoral Theology. All of the seminarians are putting forth a great effort and we wish them success with their studies.

Dan continues to bone up on his New Testament Greek in preparation for the fall academic semester that will get underway during the first week of September. We give thanks to God for our international faculty that serves our seminary in the Dominican Republic. The professors hail from: Argentina, Chile, Mexico, the United States, and Venezuela.



The peruvian deaconesses completing their final exam at the deaconess training conference that took place in Lima, Peru.



Personal Notes

During his time at the deaconess training conference in Lima, Dan was reunited with a woman that he had confirmed as a youth in Venezuela during the decade of the 90's. It was an exciting event for both of them. May the Lord continue to bless this woman's service to God in Peru.

We thank God for the mission in Latin America. Your support provides Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members. Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconess will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America. God's richest blessings! May the Lord bless your summer vacation during the coming months!



We Pray For

- + The Lutheran deaconesses who serve in Peru.
- + The Shaver family who has arrived to the Dominican Republic and is undergoing orientation.
- + The upcoming fall academic semester.
- + Safe travels for those who are vacationing.
- + The new missionary families that are beginning their overseas service.

We Give Thanks For

- + Our acclimation to the Dominican Republic.
- + Your prayers and support that have helped us to serve as missionaries over this 40 year period of missionary service.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel and Kathy



Dan and regional deaconess supervisor Danelle Putnam posing with the Peruvian deaconesses who participated in the regional training seminary. This photo was taken in Lima, Peru.

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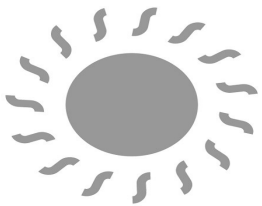




BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.



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How many are your works, LORD!
 In wisdom you made them _ _ _ _ ;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
 There is the _ _ _ , vast and spacious,
 teeming with _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ beyond number —
 living things both large and small.

Psalm 104:24-25, NIV

August 2024

	Elder	Ushers	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 4	Bill Witt Steve Lochmann	Harold Jacobs	Cherrie Bradley	Rachel Clinton "In celebration of her mom Judy's birthday"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 11	Steve Shorts Bill Witt	Phillip Dunger	Steve Shorts	Phyllis & J.P. Dunger "For August family birthdays"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 18	Phillip Dunger Steve Shorts	Robert Floyd	Robert Floyd	Pastor & Donna "In celebration of Donna's mom's 90th birthday and Susan's 61st birthday"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 25	Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger	Bill Witt	Erin Foster	Bill & Karen Witt "In celebration of their 54th Wedding Anniversary. Thanks Be to God!"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild	2	3 1:00 Craft Meeting
4 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elders Meeting 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	5	6 Pastor & Donna leave for vacation	7 Pastor & Donna on vacation	8 Pastor & Donna on vacation	9 Pastor & Donna on vacation	10 Pastor & Donna on vacation
11 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship No Communion Pastor & Donna on vacation 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	12 Pastor & Donna on vacation	13 Pastor & Donna on vacation	14 Pastor & Donna on vacation Newsletter Deadline	15 Pastor & Donna on vacation	16 Pastor & Donna return from vacation	17
18 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	19	20	21 10:00 Newsletter Committee	22 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	26	27	28	29 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	30	31

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