

## Dates to Remember

### JULY 2022

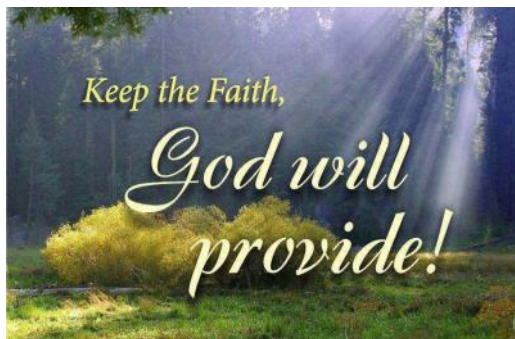
<b>10</b>	Worship 10:00 am
<b>16</b>	Women's Swim Party
<b>17</b>	Worship 10:00 am
<b>17</b>	Vestry Meeting 11:00 am
<b>24</b>	Worship 10:00 am
<b>31</b>	Worship 10:00 am

### AUGUST 2022

<b>6</b>	Men's Swim Party 2:00 pm Feed My Starving Children 9:00 am Women's Group
<b>7</b>	Worship 10:00 am
<b>14</b>	Worship 10:00 am
<b>21</b>	Worship 10:00 am
<b>28</b>	Worship 10:00 am
<b>Looking Ahead Sept</b>	
<b>4</b>	Worship 10:00 am Wes & Mike's Garden Party
<b>5</b>	Labor Day, Drive Safe!
<b>11</b>	Worship 10:00 am Holy Trinity Fall Get-Together Potluck

### How to Reach Us

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## Search Committee Report

A search committee has been appointed by the Vestry to oversee the process of searching for a priest for Holy Trinity to replace Father Rob. That committee consists of: Dustin Campbell, Mary Dare, Dan Krieger, Joyce LeClaire and Jeanne Simonson. We are working with Canon Karen Olson from ECMN for the duration of this process. Due to budget constraints, this will be a part-time priest.

Those of you who have been involved in such a search before, know that the Episcopal process is not simply to find a new priest and go on. Our process is to use this time as a transition time, often having a "transition" priest or "supply" priest until a final selection is made. During the transition we will be engaged in careful self-assessment; looking at our strengths and shortcomings, where we are and where we wish to be. This assessment is a base for strategic planning as well to find the best possible match in our next priest.

How will this assessment be carried out? The search committee is committed to hearing from every one of you. This includes those who regularly attend services and those who only attend occasionally. This in-

cludes all adults in your household including teenagers! To that end we will employ several strategies.

- 1) We are going to use the Congregation Assessment Tool. This is a reliable instrument used for years in many parishes. Every parishioner will be asked to complete the questionnaire at home. It will take 30 minutes or less to complete. Within the next 10 days you will get a letter explaining exactly how to access the questionnaire online. Those of you without internet access can request a paper copy to complete and mail back to the church office. These are all completely confidential and anonymous. The time to complete these is usually three weeks. You can all expect to get nagged if the incoming results lag. The company, Holy Cow, will report how many have come in at the end of each week. Don't you love the name of the company?
- 2) The search committee members are available to hear from you. Their contact information is in the Church Directory and at the end of this update.
- 3) We will have open forums at the beginning of fellowship regularly to answer questions and provide updates starting next week.

How long will all this take? We expect to have all the questionnaires completed and turned in to Holy Cow by the middle of August. They need a week to run the analysis and prepare a report. Canon Olson is trained to interpret and present the results and will do so when we get them back. This information will be

shared with the parish. It is customary to prepare a summary presentation that would be available to priests considering coming to Holy Trinity.

If we all do our job in a timely manner, hopefully we could be looking at candidates this September. Please keep the search committee and this process in your prayers. Feel free to contact search committee members with your questions or suggestions. Dustin and Dan have day jobs so please respect their time.

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## **SR. WARDEN**

It has been a busy few weeks since our last Newsletter; Father Rob has left to search new horizons, we have been using some wonderful supply priests for Sunday Services, and the Search Team is gearing up to more fully continue its early work in finding a new priest for Holy Trinity.

On June 22, Dustin Campbell, Mary Dare and I had a Zoom conversation with Karen Olson from ECMN, mainly to question and express concerns about the process the team will be using. I think all of us from Holy Trinity were reassured by Karen's explanations. On July 6, Karen conducted an in-person meeting with the entire Search Team in the parish hall at Holy Trinity.

The next steps in the process Karen provided last winter, include the Team working on "telling our story," which includes not only Holy Trinity but also the surrounding community. This will lead to determining the "gifts" a new clergy member would need to best serve Holy Trinity. None of this is easy and will take considerable time, prayer and conversation to achieve.

If at any time over the next few weeks and months you have questions or concern about the search process, please feel free to contact me or any of the Team members, Dustin Campbell, Mary Dare, Dan Krieger, Joyce LeClaire, Jeanne Simonsen.



From now on, you have 3 choices for receiving your Newsletter: via email; via post office as in the past, or printed and put in your church mailbox. Please decide which method works best for you and then contact Emily ([office@holytrinityelkriver.org](mailto:office@holytrinityelkriver.org)) and let her know your choice. If we don't hear from you, we will continue to mail out your newsletter. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Herrmann, Senior Warden

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## **DARYL HERRMANN**

If you were not in church on Sunday, July 3, we passed around a sign-up sheet about our Newsletter. We are trying to save money in our budget, and one way is to decrease printing and postage costs.

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## **JR. WARDEN**

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## **GARY WEDL**

Thank you to those who have signed up to mow the grass this summer. Thanks also to all those who showed up on our Maintenance Day. We got a lot done!

Facebook Live is proving to still be a challenge. We are looking at moving over to YouTube and hopefully things will run more smoothly from that platform. Therefore; unfortunately there will be no streaming July 17th or 24th.

The Quinn house will be getting much needed window replacements later this summer with monies from the Quinn house account.

Thank You, Gary

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# TREASURER

**MARY BRUGGER**

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## Jottings from your Treasurer

At this point in the year, with 1/2 of the year in the books, we are still in a positive position. We are starting a detailed reforecasting process, given the changes initiated by Father Rob's departure.

While we are still seeing total pledges over budget for the year to date, primarily due to some parishioners paying their annual pledge early in the year. With the figures for June entered, I am starting to see some slippage in pledge payments. For those of you who pledged, we will be sending out statements for information later this month. This will allow you to see where you are against the promised amount and validate that we have the correct information entered for your pledge.

We are an unusual parish in the percentage of income we receive from non-pledging parishioners. Many people donate this way because they are unsure of the economy in these times. While the money is greatly appreciated, forecasting this for the remainder of the year is difficult given recent economic news.

	Annual Budget Amount	Percentage of total cash revenue budget	Amount to date
Open Plate	\$500	0.6%	\$528
Pledges	\$62,534	71.4%	\$39,739
Non-Pledge Donations	\$24,595	28.1%	\$15,490
	<hr/> \$87,629	<hr/> 100.00%	<hr/> \$55,757

On the expense side, the numbers look like this:

	Annual Budget Amount	Percentage of total church operating budget	Amount to date
Clergy Expense	\$37,140	33.5%	\$16,649
Education	\$150	0.1%	\$46
Evangelism	\$3,550	3.2%	\$1,768
Office & Administration	\$28,482	25.7%	\$13,163
Pastoral Care	\$200	0.2%	\$67
Properties	\$19,500	17.6%	\$11,182
Service	\$10,928	9.9%	\$5,410
Worship	\$10,795	9.7%	\$5,062
	<hr/> \$110,745	<hr/> 100.0%	<hr/> \$53,346

Clergy expenses reflect the impact of the latter part of June using supply clergy. The rest of the year will need to be reforecast. Evangelism includes advertising expenses, which should decrease due to some decisions by the Vestry. Properties only reflect expenses for the church. Quinn expenses are not included in these totals. Service includes our MMS payments to the Diocese, which has been partially offset by a "rebate" of \$2000 from the Diocese. That money is reflected in Miscellaneous

Income, which was not included in the items above. Worship includes expenses for Altar Guild and Music.

As you can see, to date church income has outpaced our operating expenses by slightly over \$2000. From a forecast perspective, we are still showing a year end deficit around \$20,000. A reforecast and careful planning is critical for our on-going sustainability.

You will notice that I did not include the PIF funds or Quinn house revenues and expenses in these amounts. I consider both to be church investments which are outside of our operating budgets. Truly understanding and managing our operating expenses and income is key as we move through this transition period.



**WANTED:** People who love to play with numbers or would like to learn more about Church Finances!

Our Financial Committee has openings for additional people to review and provide input to forecasts, budgets and trending. We will be meeting monthly after a church service, starting in late July or early August.

Interested: Please contact Mary Brugger or Emily G in the office if interested.

### ***And the Answer is...***

A couple of months ago everyone in church one Sunday were asked,  
***"What is the most important thing to you about Holy Trinity?"***

1. Community.  
Participation in worship, praise.  
Living into my vocation.
2. Receive communion with ritual and others.
3. Listening to God's word.  
Enjoying fellowship with our second family.
4. I'm here because I want a better sense of family. I want to understand my higher power and how I fit in this world.  
I am here to learn what love is and what forgiveness is.
5. My friends in Christ bring me to Trinity.
6. To Worship the Lord.  
To meet with others for fellowship.  
To find out who needs prayer.  
To recharge for the next week.
7. To worship with my church family & friends and to hear the word of God.
8. For the Love of God and our neighbor.
9. For Father Wilson; he is great!
10. To worship and learn.  
To keep myself reminded of all there is to appreciate in this world.  
I like all the people.  
I can be myself and feel accepted.  
There's more but I'll stop with these.
11. A place that accepts Diversity.
12. I am here to be in Community with others in peace, love & joy. ☺
13. To worship  
Socialize with fellow parishioners  
That – and it was my turn to usher. ☺



## *Meals on wheels needs you!*

Holy Trinity is a vital part of this ministry in the community. We deliver meals in June and August, Monday through Friday for these designated months.

We still have a need for drivers on Wednesdays, Aug. 3rd, Aug. 24th and Aug. 31st! Please consider being a driver! It's an easy route (in Otsego). Pick up meals at Guardian Angels and deliver to six to eight families. It is a wonderful experience and only takes an hour of your time. Your neighbors in-need are so appreciative.

There is a sign up on the wall by the church office.

Any questions or to sign up directly contact Lyla Aaland at: createart@charter.net or 763-218-6076. An online sign-up sheet is also available if requested. Make this a part of your summer witness to our Lord!

Also continue to bring in plastic bags and paper egg cartons (no longer taking plastic or foam). Any questions call Lyla Aaland 763-218-6076.



## *Prayer Requests are Welcome!*

Do you have a special prayer request? Please fill out a request form and drop off in the wooden church located on the table outside the Sacristy. There are also request forms in the pews and at the entrance doors.

## Coffee Hour Hospitality

The fellowship and treats provided during coffee hour are the results of many people working together. This is a fun and rewarding experience.



HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH			HTEC VESTRY MEMBERS		
Priest-in-Charge:			Senior Warden:	Daryl Herrmann	269-580-9040
Parish Admin:	Emily Granlund	763-441-5482	Junior Warden:	Gary Wedl	763-427-0776
Music:	Bea Bastyr	763-441-4068	Service:	Dave Raitz	763-280-0786
Head Usher:	Dan Krieger	763-441-7072	Liturgy:	Gail Weber	612-850-4250
Altar Guild Chair:	Gail Weber	612-850-4250	Education:	Emily Schroeder	763-227-8269
Women's Group Co-Chairs:	Linda Krieger Pauline Hoffine	763-441-7072 763-688-4540	Evangelism:	Wes Gadsden	813-992-9949
Men's All Parish Group Chair:	Dave Raitz	763-441-4068	Pastoral Care:	Lyla Aaland	763-218-6076
Youth/Sunday School:	Emily Schroeder	763-227-8269	Treasurer:	Mary Brugger	320-267-3343
Little Free Library Steward:	Ann Wedl	763-427-0776	Vestry Clerk:	Ann Wedl	763-427-0776



Fellow Parishioners:

Father Rob's last sermon was June 5. He spoke of showing love and kindness in our dealings with each other and to use reconciliation an important tool toward healing. He also took us on a "car trip" and explored some of the highlights of his time with us. Toward the end of the sermon he admonished us to come to church on Sunday and ended with a recording of Thanks for the Memories. Good luck in your new ventures, Father Rob and thank you for the memories.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming Father James Wilson II as our supply priest. For his first sermon he spoke about the complicated concept of the Holy Trinity. Explaining that the Trinity is the one God showing itself in three distinct ways. Important stuff for us Trinitarians.

The service on 3 July was truly rousing. Bea played patriotic hymns which was enjoyable and meaningful. Thanks, Bea.

COVID has had some lasting affects on us. Some of us are drinking from the chalice while others are dipping their wafers in the wine and still others just taking the wafer during communion and it all works out. We are still keeping the policy of one person reading both lessons and the vestry would like to know how the readers or the parishioners feel about that policy. Keep the vestry and the search committee in your prayers.

Gail Weber  
Worship



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## Holy Trinity Men's Pool Party August 6th • 2 pm

Bea and I will be hosting a pool party get together for Holy Trinity Men at our house on Saturday, August 6th. We would love to see you there. Join us anytime from 2pm - 7pm.

We will furnish the brats and burgers as well as pop and beer. Bring some snacks or a dish to go with the brats & burgers.

Jump in the pool and hot tub or sit and chat with the guys with a beverage of choice. Grab a refreshment and walk down to our pond or play cornhole in the yard. Come for a visit and spend a relaxing Saturday afternoon! Hope to see you then!

Ben & Bea 12153 87th St. NE Otsego 763-441-4068 • 612-328-0336 cell



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MINISTRY DAY

**Saturday, August 6, 2022  
9:00 am-10:45 am**

Won't you join with other Trinitarians to pack food for starving children around the world?

**Sign up sheet is on the clipboard next to the office.**

# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Office Hours 10-3	6 Office Hours 10-4	7 Office Hours 10-3	8	9
10 Service 10:00 am	11	12 Office Hours 10-3	13 Office Hours 10-4	14 Office Hours 10-3	15	16 Women's Swim Party
17 Service 10:00 am Vestry Mtg 11:00	18	19 Office Hours 10-3	20 Office Hours 10-4	21 Office Hours 10-3	22	23
24 10:00 am Service 31 Service 10:00 am	25	26 Office Hours 10-3	27 Office Hours 10-4	28 Office Hours 10-3	29	30

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Meals On Wheels Month! 	1	2 Office Hours 10-3	3 Office Hours 10-4	4 Office Hours 10-3	5	6 Men's Swim Party FMSC Women's Group
7 Service 10:00 am	8	9 Office Hours 10-3	10 Office Hours 10-4	11 Office Hours 10-3	12	13
14 Service 10:00 am	15	16 Office Hours 10-3	17 Office Hours 10-4	18 Office Hours 10-3	19	20
21 Service 10:00 am	22	23 Office Hours 10-3	24 Office Hours 10-4	25 Office Hours 10-3	26	27
28 Service 10:00 am	29	30 Office Hours 10-3	31 Office Hours 10-4	<u>September 1</u> Office Hours 10-3		

## Liturgy Ministry Rota July 2022

Altar Guild July: Ann Wedl & Jane Lindenfelser

Ministry	July 17th	July 24th	July 31st
Greeter	Jeanne Simonsen	Ann Wedl	Dan Krieger
Usher	Gary Wedl	Dan Krieger	Jerry Waite
Acolyte		Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann
1st Reader	Jane Lindenfelser	Daryl Herrmann	Mo Campbell
2nd Reader	Jane Lindenfelser	Daryl Herrmann	Mo Campbell
Prayers	Dustin Campbell	Linda Krieger	Jane Lindenfelser
Chalice 1		Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann
Chalice 2		Mary Dare	Linda Krieger

If you are unable to fill your volunteer position, please make your own substitution and leave word with the office. ~~Thank you!~~



### Special Blessings to all our July Birthday Trinitarians!

02 Ryan Krieger	22 Elijah Campbell
04 Sandy Sisson	23 Ray Marketon
04 Mary Dare	27 Savanna Warner
06 Oliver Wilson	27 Miles Schroeder
13 Logan Krieger	28 Jay Whiteoak
20 Brianna Robinson	

### Special Blessings to all our August Birthday Trinitarians!

06 – Marion Marshall	22 – Steve Schroeder
18 – Bob Sobalvarro	23 – Molly Liberto
18 – Nancy Ingram	28 – Eric Andersen
19 – Isabelle Stewart	28 – Ian Richard Ngoye
22 – Bea Bastyr	30 – Prudy Wilson

## Liturgy Ministry Rota August 2022

Altar Guild August: Daryl Herrmann & Kate Hansen

Ministry	Aug 7th	Aug 14th	Aug 21st	Aug 28th
Greeter	Jane Lindenfelser	Ann Wedl	Ginny Anderson	Jeanne Simonsen
Usher	Dustin Campbell	Ben Bastyr	Dave Raitz	Gary Wedl
Acolyte	Mo Campbell	Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann	Mo Campbell
1st Reader	Mary Brugger	Mary Dare	Dustin Campbell	Jane Lindenfelser
2nd Reader	Mary Brugger	Mary Dare	Dustin Campbell	Jane Lindenfelser
Prayers	Linda Krieger	Dustin Campbell	Mary Brugger	Mary Dare
Chalice 1	Mo Campbell	Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann	Mo Campbell
Chalice 2	Mary Dare	Jane Lindenfelser	Linda Krieger	Lyla Aaland

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## Feast Days

### July

- 22nd St. Mary Magdalene
- 25th James the Apostle

### August

- 6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 15th St. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 24th St. Bartholomew the Apostle
- 27th Thomas Gallaudet

Wes & Mike's River Garden & Potluck Luncheon



## YOU'RE INVITED!!

Home of Wes Gadsden and Mike Greene  
18460 163rd St. NW

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

*Tour the beautiful gardens and enjoy a delicious lunch!*  
This event follows the 10:00 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity!  
*Please sign up on the clipboard next to the office.*





