



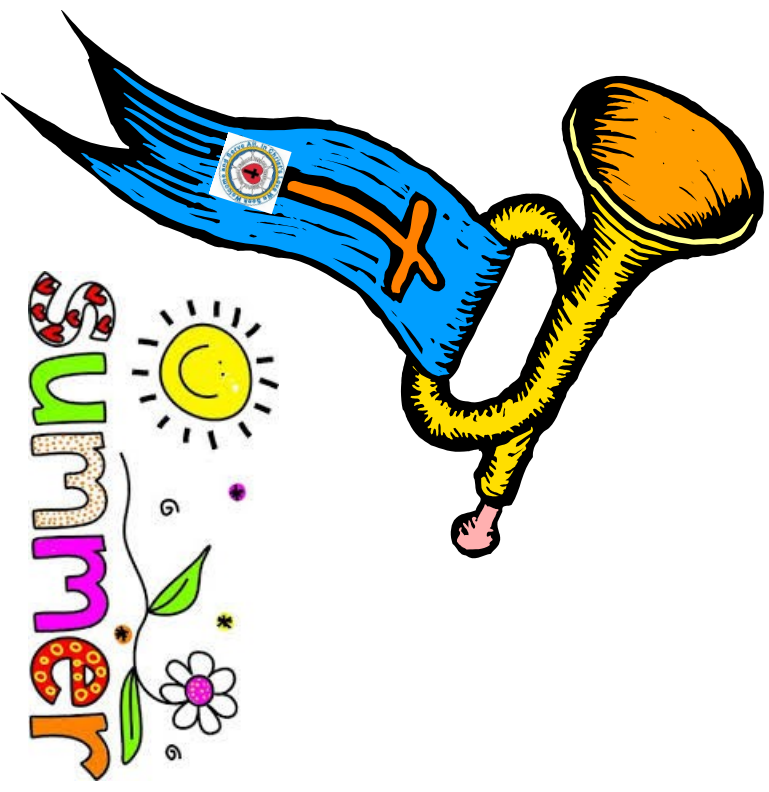
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JULY

1 Mark and Pamela Oswalt
 9 Sarah and John Beard
 11 David and Marge Warner
 12 Shannon and Kraig Ressler
 18 Sharon and William Grice
 19 Bradley and Miranda Harleman
 20 Tommy and Tommy Nelson Jr.
 23 Kevin and Linda McKibben
 25 Rick and Nonnie Myers
 30 Shawn and Beth Thompson



AUGUST

4 Terri and John Thobe
 5 Kenneth and Carla Hesler
 5 Rebecca and Andrew Aelker
 6 Dean Jr. and Deborah Thompson
 9 Jerry and Becky McMullen
 9 Josh and Kami Schmitmeyer
 11 Brooke and Christopher Chapman
 20 Ronnie and Donna Bridenbaugh
 29 Terri and Mark Brumbaugh
 31 Pam and Danny Myers

JULY

1 Angela Morelli	14 Bradey Hesler
3 PJ Musser	14 Shane Warner
3 Steve Hesler	17 Joyce Hofacker
5 Steven Angles	20 Brittani Groff
7 Eldon Erdmann	20 Troy Troutwine
7 Matt Erdmann	22 Peggy Didier
8 Jill Witters	23 Tony Baker
9 Lucas Tauscher	24 Colton Troutwine
11 Emily Jordan	24 Doris Lephart
13 Cory Campbell	24 Mark Groff
13 Neville Hughert	26 Emma Hein



AUGUST

1 Christi Jasinski	12 Claire Hein
1 Tony Garwood	14 Deb Sease
2 Melanie Musser	17 Lisa Garwood
6 Nakvyn (Ky) Cool	19 Jean Singleton
8 Katelynn Burrell-Troutwine	22 Rick Myers
9 Caleena Hesler	23 Holly Wright
10 Cassandra Creech	25 Aiden Myers
10 Diane Warner	26 Dean Thompson
10 Landon Muhlenkamp	27 Michelle Heckman
12 Niki Angles	28 Jeremy Netzley
12 Charlotte Payne	29 Craig Cotner

Welcome Baby!



It's A Baby Shower
 for

Sarah Sarver



There's a new little sweet pea on his way.

We'd like to make a fuss over him on this day.

August the 9th, that's on Sunday at 4:00.

Come join us at Trinity, just walk in the door.

His mommy's not real fond of things in baby blue,

But she said anything green, yellow, or brown will do.

She is also concerned about God's beautiful earth,

And asks us to be "Eco-friendly" before his birth!

Please RSVP to the church office (937-692-5670) no later than Monday, 8/3/2015

July Health Tips

Good Samaritan Hospital Health Ministries

Shots for Safety

There are many shots, or vaccinations, that may keep you from getting sick. Some of these shots may also protect you from getting a serious form of an illness. Here is a list of shots that may keep you healthy. Talk to your doctor about which ones you need.

Flu - You need a flu shot every year for two reasons. First, flu viruses change. Each year's virus may be just a little different. If the virus changes, the vaccine used in the flu shot is changed. Second, the protection you get from a flu shot lessens with time, especially in older people.

Pneumococcal disease is a serious infection that is spread from person to person by droplets in the air. It can cause pneumonia in your lungs, or it can affect other parts of the body. People 65 and older should get a pneumococcal shot. It's safe and can be given at the same time as the flu shot. Most people only need the shot once. But, if you were younger than 65 when you had the shot, you may need a second shot to stay protected.

Tetanus And Diphtheria - Getting a shot is the best way to keep from getting tetanus and diphtheria. Tetanus (sometimes called lockjaw) is caused by bacteria found in soil, dust, and manure. It enters the body through cuts in the skin. Most people get their first shots for tetanus and diphtheria as children. For adults, a booster shot keeps you protected; it's important to get it every 10 years. Ask your doctor if you need a booster shot.

Shingles - If you had chickenpox when you were young, the virus is still in your body. When you are older, the virus may become active again, and you can develop shingles. Shingles causes a rash or blisters on the body or face. It can be a very painful disease. Even when the rash disappears, the pain can stay. Now there is a shot for people 50 or older that may prevent shingles. Ask your doctor if you should get the shingles vaccine

Keep Up-to-Date

Most of these illnesses are hard on adults. Take the time to protect yourself by keeping your vaccinations up-to-date.



Source: National Institute on Aging

The material above is general medical information provided for informative and educational purposes only. General medical advice can never substitute for personal, professional advice given based on your medical history, your family medical history, your medication history, and other factors. Because these factors are different for every person, you should always consult your physician before relying on this information. These helps tips should not be construed as establishing a patient-physician relationship between you and Premier Health, Good Samaritan Hospital and/ or any staff members. If you need medical assistance, contact 1-866-GSH-WELL to make an appointment with a physician, or call 9-1-1 immediately if it is an emergency.

Sunday School RALLY DAY

Sunday

August 30th, 2015

and

after 10:30 worship

don't forget

It's Sundaes on Sunday !



(Hot dogs will be furnished too!!)

This year Sunday School will be for children preschool to third grade. Instead of 9:30 AM, they will be meeting during worship service downstairs. Children and youth from fourth grade and up will be able to sit with their parents during worship. We are trying something new once again to see how it works. All we ask is that you be patient with us. We are truly still a work in progress!!! God bless us ALL!

\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM MAY 3, 2015 - JUNE 28, 2015 \$

Current Operating Budget per week: Budgeted giving is **\$1,543.00/** Per Week

Benevolence Budget Per Week: **\$341.54**

Building Fund: No budgeted amount. The restroom project is well underway.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
05/03	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 00.00	52
05/10	\$ 380.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00	40
05/17	\$ 2,860.00*	\$ 215.00	\$ 125.00	58
05/24	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 00.00	39
05/31	\$ 2,200.00*	\$ 135.00	\$ 40.00	50
06/07	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	34
06/14	\$ 655.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 60.00	46
06/21	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 280.00	40
06/28	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 150.00	64

* Denotes Sundays we met or exceeded our budgeted giving.

Figures printed in red are those amounts not meeting budgeted giving.

There is no set budgeted amount for the building fund. It is sustained by individual members' generosity, who choose to contribute to it.

JULY

2 Sandra Williams
2 Terry Warner
9 Lucas Tauscher
13 Danyelle Cool
16 Nychelle Cool
16 Sarah Jasinski
18 Sarah Beard
20 Shawn Thompson
24 Matt Erdmann
25 Jonathan Brandon
27 Stephanie Kossler
28 Misti Snider
28 Nonnie Myers
31 Chris Williams

BAPTISMS



AUGUST

1 Kyle Ressler
4 Brooke Chapman
4 Kimberly Harleman-Boyle
4 Tess Tauscher
7 Lucas Witters
12 Shane Warner
14 Doris Lephart
14 Elizabeth Long
16 Morgan Canan
17 Landon Muhlenkamp
20 Layni Ressler
22 Peggy Didier
23 Christi Jasinski
24 Steve Hesler
25 Lance Witters
25 Mackenzie Canan
27 Hayley Harleman
29 Bryanna Diceanu



Into GOD'S Word

Vacation Bible School Begins This Coming Wednesday, July 8th, and continues every Wednesday evening in July, starting at 5:45 PM until 7:30 PM. There will be singing, stories, crafts, recreation, and snacks for all. The events are designed for children from preschool to 6th grade. Each week a different "Water" story from the Bible is told & the activities have to do with that particular story. We will be asking the children to bring one item for the food pantry each week when they come if at all possible, teaching them to help others less fortunate.

July 8th - "Noah's Ark" - Bring any color boxed or canned food item.

July 15th - "Jonah and the Big Fish" - Bring any canned fish item.

July 22nd - "Lydia" - Bring any personal hygiene item. (soap, deodorant, etc.)

July 29th - "Woman at the Well" Bring bottled water or juice.

All items will be donated to the local food banks. We are looking forward to you and your friends and families coming. Dress to get wet!!!! Early registration can be done by phone 692-5670 or @ pitsburgtlc.org Prizes given out each week!!!

Prayers & Squares Quilters will be meeting Friday, July the 10th from 9 AM until 1 PM, and then Monday July 27th also 9 AM to 1 PM. For the month of August the days will be Friday, August 14th, from 9 AM until 1 PM, and then Monday, August, 31st from 9 AM until 1 PM. As always be watching in your weekly bulletins or in the projected announcements as sometimes an extra day of quilting is added and sometimes quilting days get changed altogether. Come join in the fun!!! There's a job for everyone and anyone!

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July 5 PJ Musser

July 12 Jennifer Arling

July 19 Gary Obringer

July 26 Pam Oswalt

August 2 Mark Oswalt

August 9 Katherine Obringer

August 16 PJ Musser

August 23 Donna Bridenbaugh

August 30 Rob Arling

TLC Council Minutes
June 16, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Dean Thompson.

Prayer Concerns shared:

Kent Thompson-fell, Dave Netzley-home, Marjorie Groves family, her funeral is Monday, June 22, Hamilton family injured at Poultry Days, Classmate of Bev-Valerie Heck's mother- during illness, Sally Paden-congestive heart failure & moving, Monies for Layden's funeral came pouring in due to FB post

Devotions

Were led by Pastor Mel.

Minutes

Notes from last meeting were read. (There were not enough members present for a quorum.)

Treasurer Reports-NR (Due to decision to follow constitution of quarterly treasurer reports, will be read next meeting)

Reports

- Pastor's Report was given.
 - Festival of Homiletics in Denver
 - Eric Warner's commissioning
- Church Secretary
 - Report back on computer crash—1)Ethernet cord was struck by lightning—we need a surge protector for this 2) data was not recoverable
 - Lions Club—standing ovation for WELCA for the excellent meal
- Trustees
 - Bathrooms-nearing completion
 - Pews—will work on as \$\$ comes available
- Sunday School
 - Picnic planned—June 28th at Pittsburg Park
 - Bible School Committee to meet Thursday
 - Next school year Sunday School is planned—rally day August 30th
- Wernle Home—NR
- Alter Guild—NR
- LYO—NR

Old Business

- Water issue has been addressed & determined that water needs run more
- Thrivent has monies available for things we are unaware
- Computer Operating System (Shepherd's Staff) has been purchased and installed. Need training for individuals who will access system, current info entered & updates of info completed.
- Church directory to follow update of Computer System
- Motion made to set date for 150th Celebration—July 10th 2016 by Katherine, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.
- Air conditioning has been replaced
- Painting inside & Parking lot is on hold for now—checking on sealing cracks & re-lining when possible—seal coating possibly later

New Business

- Building Fund is nearly depleted
- Beautiful stain glass panel found by Marge—see about fixing & framing, then auction at our annual charity auction in November as a possibility—will table until next meeting
- Work Day for yard work on Saturday, July 11 at 9am
- Need to form "Building & Grounds" Committee

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Andy, seconded by Brad...motion passed. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Groff

Something New We're Going To Do

We are going to be holding a very unique and different type of "Yard Sale" in September where you rent a table for \$20.00 (or more than one if you like) and set up and sell your own merchandise and you get to keep the profits! (Although if you want to donate it we surely won't say no!)

This way, you each are responsible for your own set up and tear down and when it is over you take your "belongings" that are left back home with you or you may donate it to one of our local charities. Think about this idea and if you have any comments or are interested, please see Marge Warner or call the church office @ 692-5670.

We already have quite a few ladies who have signed up to "rent" a table or two and there is plenty of time and there will be plenty of tables to rent for whatever you have to sell. Thanks to all for all the wonderful things you ladies do to make the Women of the ELCA such a successful outreach of many ministries to all the many charities and organizations that we support in our ministry. In case you didn't know it, if you a female and you attend Trinity that makes you a one of us Women of the ELCA!!! God bless you all and thank you.



Here are the suggested Prayers from Bishop Eaton:

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A Prayer for Forgiveness

Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

For the racism which denies dignity to those who are different, Lord, forgive us: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the racism which recognizes prejudice in others and never in ourselves, Christ, forgive us: **Christ, have mercy.**

For the racism which will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures, Lord, forgive us: **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private. And take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. And help us to find that unity that is the fruit of righteousness and will enable us to become your beloved community. Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness, working together with mutual forbearance and respect. And work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes. O God of unconditional love, you who show no partiality in respect to people or nations, we have heard your good news of great joy for all the people, We hear that good news, and in hearing, believe. We know that your sanctuary is a house of worship for all people, with no regard for the color of our skin. As we worship you, knit us into a people, a seamless garment of many colors. May we celebrate our unity, made whole in our diversity. Forgive us for our inability to let our "old selves" die to the world. We acknowledge that we participate in structures that are inherently racist, and yet we do nothing to remedy it. Show us when we fail when we judge others according to the color of their flesh. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

Let us pray... O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, the Hon. Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, the Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., the Rev. Sharonda Singleton, Myra Thompson. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne.

Holy One, you do not distance yourself from the pain of your people, but in Jesus you bear that pain with all who suffer at others' hands. With your cleansing love bring healing and strength to the people of Mother Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, S.C.; and by your justice, lift them up, that in body, mind and spirit, they may again rejoice.

Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life.

Gracious God, your Son called on you to forgive his enemies while he was suffering shame and death. In these difficult times, lead our enemies and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you.

We pray for Dylann Roof that he may know of your love and find forgiveness in you. We pray for the Roof family and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Columbia, S.C., in their grief. For the families who grieve loss of loved ones who have been murdered in this senseless tragedy in Charleston, S.C., we pray, grant these saints rest eternal, O God, as they now rest in you. We await the day when this world will know of your great Shalom and all your saints will be gathered with you.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

July/August The Trinity Trumpet 2015

Grace and peace to you from God Our Father and from Jesus Christ Our Brother, amen.

This month I had planned to write to you about fun summertime activities and opportunities to worship and witness to your faith in slightly different ways involving the great outdoors, sharing your favorite vacation 'God Sighting' experiences on our www.pittsburghtlc.org website or on our Pittsburgh Trinity Lutheran FaceBook Page. As I sit to write this message to you, my dear congregation, I am led by the Holy Spirit to address a different topic: namely, the shootings in Charleston South Carolina by a racist killer which changed my fun-loving plans for this message.

As I write, this very day the ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton represents all of us as she attends the funeral of Reverend Clementa Pinckney, a graduate of Lutheran Southern Seminary. Bishop Eaton has requested all ELCA churches set aside June 28th as a day of remembrance and repentance. I'm at a loss for how to do that since long before I ever even knew there was an Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston we had planned our Outdoor Worship and Annual Church Picnic for June 28th. This event was planned to be a very informal worship experience followed by a fun-filled picnic with lots of games for the children of all ages among us and I think changing those plans would be the equivalent of letting the racist shooter have one more victory. I refuse to allow that to happen... Our day of outdoor fun and worship will go on as planned!

Here's what I think we'll do instead... I need some time to process all the events surrounding this horrific shooting, including all the backlash of accusations of institutional racism and calls for the removal of all things related to the southern states identity before, during, and since the Civil War. Right now I have such mixed up thoughts about what all this means I do not think I'm ready to be of much help to you as you attempt to discern what this means for yourself and your families. My plan is to pray, study, and meditate about the events that have been in the news for the past two weeks and by September come up with a reasoned plan to honor the deaths of the nine martyrs who lost their lives as well as to understand our need to repent and atone for this thing called institutional racism. I ask for each of you to take some time as well this summer to do the same. Perhaps by September we'll be ready to discuss these issues in our Adult Sunday School Class or in some other forum. Once we are able to articulate clearly what is broken, what we are culpable of, if anything, then we can truly repent and turn to our God, who is always more willing to forgive than we are to ask for forgiveness.

In the meantime... If any of you have advice or would like to talk about these events, please give me a call and I'd be more than happy to listen to what you have to say. I'm also looking for any suggestions on good, reasoned books and articles to study. I'm not interested in those written by either side of the political debates, but perhaps written by those without a political hobby horse, written in an honest attempt to understand both sides and try to figure out where we can go from here.

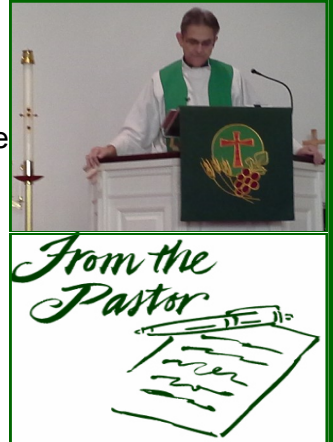
To start us out on this journey, I've included the prayers Bishop Eaton suggested the ELCA use on June 28th. I encourage each of you to include these intercessions along with your own prayers this summer. Sometimes when we pray the heart and mind we change is our own.

May each of you have a summer of great family memories. May God be with you and keep you safe until you return to His House to give your thanks and praise. May we walk this journey of discernment into our own need for repentance over the sin of racism together and may our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ be with us every step of the way. Amen!

In Christ's Love,
Pr Mel



Can It Be This Simple?





June 18, 2015

It has been a long season of disquiet in our country. From Ferguson to Baltimore, simmering racial tensions have boiled over into violence. But this ... the fatal shooting of nine African Americans in a church is a stark, raw manifestation of the sin that is racism. The church was desecrated. The people of that congregation were desecrated. The aspiration voiced in the Pledge of Allegiance that we are "one nation under God" was desecrated.

Mother Emanuel AME's pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, as was the Rev. Daniel Simmons, associate pastor at Mother Emanuel. The suspected shooter is a member of an ELCA congregation. All of a sudden and for all of us, this is an intensely personal tragedy. One of our own is alleged to have shot and killed two who adopted us as their own.

We might say that this was an isolated act by a deeply disturbed man. But we know that is not the whole truth. It is not an isolated event. And even if the shooter was unstable, the framework upon which he built his vision of race is not. Racism is a fact in American culture. Denial and avoidance of this fact are deadly. The Rev. Mr. Pinckney leaves a wife and children. The other eight victims leave grieving families. The family of the suspected killer and two congregations are broken. When will this end?

The nine dead in Charleston are not the first innocent victims killed by violence. Our only hope rests in the innocent One, who was violently executed on Good Friday. Emmanuel, God with us, carried our grief and sorrow – the grief and sorrow of Mother Emanuel AME church – and he was wounded for our transgressions – the deadly sin of racism.

I urge all of us to spend a day in repentance and mourning. And then we need to get to work. Each of us and all of us need to examine ourselves, our church and our communities. We need to be honest about the reality of racism within us and around us. We need to talk and we need to listen, but we also need to act. No stereotype or racial slur is justified. Speak out against inequity. Look with newly opened eyes at the many subtle and overt ways that we and our communities see people of color as being of less worth. Above all pray – for insight, for forgiveness, for courage.

Kyrie Eleison.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America