



TRINITY TIDINGS



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

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As we move closer and closer to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we do well to remember some of the things that the reformers fought so valiantly to preserve and defend. A central teaching in Scripture involves the doctrine of justification – that *we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ!* This doctrine alone defeats the errors and false doctrines that threaten to creep into the Church regarding salvation. Article IV of the Augsburg Confessions declares,

ARTICLE IV - Justification

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3:21–26; 4:5).

God has reconciled the whole world unto Himself through the vicarious life and death of His Son and has commanded that the reconciliation effected by Christ be proclaimed to the ends of the earth; therefore faith in Christ is the only way for men to obtain personal reconciliation with God, that is, forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:43; John 3:16-18, 36). Through faith in Christ, we obtain the forgiveness of sins, but this is not as a result of any human effort to fulfill the Law of God. Through the gift of faith we have been given in Baptism, we receive the forgiveness of sins, or justification, which was earned for us by Christ.

ARTICLE V - The Ministry

So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given (John 20:22). He works faith, when and where it pleases God (John 3:8), in those who hear the Good News that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake. Our churches condemn [those]...who think that through their own preparations and works the Holy Spirit comes to them without the external Word.¹

Thanks be to God our Lord continues to shower us with His love and mercy and sustains us by His Word and Sacraments. Christ alone delivers the fullness of the salvation that He won for us by His grace, so let us humbly, penitently, and prayerfully look to Him in true faith as we live out our lives according to the callings and vocation He has given us. God's blessings!

+ The Lord be with you +

With Christ's Everlasting Peace,
Pastor

¹*Concordia : The Lutheran Confessions*. 2005 (Edited by Paul Timothy McCain) (33). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.



“I will bless you . . . , so that you will be a blessing” (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the savior of the nations. He is the redeemer of the world. He is the one who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry



News from Trinity/HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities. Trinity/HOPE, a not-for profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

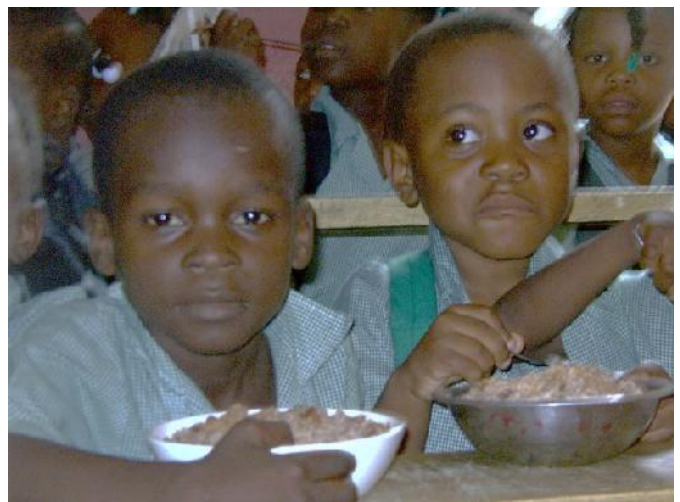
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No Sack Lunch

By Jay Brinkmeyer

“The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.” Psalm 145:9-16

One thing I’ve learned when visiting schools with Trinity/HOPE feeding programs is that if you make a move to grab their plate of food the children will either shield it with their arms or if there is room on their desk then they will slide it away from you. We talked about blessings at the men’s Recharge group on Wednesday and what you see in this photo is an HUGE blessing for these children, this is their meal of their day blessing. I’ve never seen a child bring a sack lunch to school in Haiti. Our North American eyes see a plate of rice and beans and not much else. This is a blessing from His Hand to them through a donor like you; a total blessing; to them and to you and me. Give thanks for all of your blessings...and your excesses too.



Thank You!

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who purchased
"Hero" sandwiches on Father's Day Sunday.
The amount of money raised from the purchases of sandwiches
and donations given came to a total of \$450 for our school in
Poteau, Haiti!
A WOOHOO and THANKS BE TO GOD!!!
Debbie Scott, Parish Fellowship Committee



Life Line Screening® will be at the
Gallatin Church of Christ, 150 E Main St, Gallatin on
Thursday, July 13.

These screenings include:

- Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening;
- Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation);
 - Abdominal Aortic
- Aneurysm Screening; Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening;
 - Osteoporosis Risk assessment.

All five screenings are available for \$139.

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or call toll free to 1-866-229-0469.



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Trinity is a member of the Kroger Community Rewards program.

We have 13 households who have signed up for this program designating Trinity as the recipient of their rewards. Between **March 1, 2017** and **May 31, 2017**, **\$108.66** has been donated to Trinity.

Thank you to these 13 families.

If you would like to participate in this program, go to
<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>



We have been helping families with food to feed their children.

Our food pantry is in need of:

- peanut butter
- Ritz-like crackers,
- fruit juice boxes, or large bottles of fruit juice,
- hotdogs or ground beef (we can freeze them)
 - cheese slices
 - Jell-O cups, pudding cups, fruit cups
- Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios type cereals
 - biscuit & cornbread mixes
- Cookies, chips, and other foods that kids like to eat.

Families are struggling to feed their children. Let's help them out if we can.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**Congregational
Meeting**



On Sunday July 30,
There will be a congregational meeting
following the worship service
and
then our
5th Sunday Potluck Dinner!
Please plan to attend the meeting
and
stay for the dinner.

Bring your favorites dishes
to share and enjoy a time of
good food and fellowship!





Henrietta Church Mouse's Page

Henrietta Church Mouse is out of town enjoying this gorgeous summer. She left a lovely poem for us to ponder.

Jesus on the Fourth of July

(A poem by Marilyn Ferguson)

We gather round to celebrate
On Independence Day
Pay homage to our country
as the children run and play

With barbecues and picnics
And fireworks in the air
the flag we own is proudly flown
to show how much we care

The stars and stripes spell freedom
she waves upon the breeze
while bursts of colors can be seen
above the towering trees

This is all quite wonderful
we revel in delight
But God above in divine love
has brought this day to light

With just a stroke of liberty
a touch of His great hand
He gave democracy to us
and helped this country stand

The stripes upon our stately flag
were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face

So as your turn to face the flag
for battles that were fought
be filled with pride for those who died
and freedoms that were bought

But don't forget to thank the One
that gives the bright display
the reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day

Wishing everyone a safe and joyous Independence Day and July!

Until Next Month,

Henrietta Church Mouse in Residence

P.S. - I wish all families a beautiful and happy Parents Day
As we celebrate God's gift of families!



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The LCMS Fall Zone Prayer Rally
will be held on
Saturday, September 30,
at
St. John's Lutheran Church
in Burns TN

We Thank God for These Celebrations in July

Birthdays

- 4 Lisa Benjamin
- 4 Victor Hooge
- 6 Dianna Bourland
- 8 Imogene Bryant
- 9 Samantha Chandler
- 9 Angela Gibson
- 11 Durwood Erickson
- 16 Brian Blumenberg
- 23 Amelia Rose Howard
- 23 Kaia Howard
- 25 Tami Behrens
- 25 Sid Garrison
- 25 Bob Jenkins
- 28 Chrystina Brown
- 29 Joyce Craft
- 29 Angie Thompson
- 29 Linda Thompson



Anniversaries

- 13 Nick & Debbie Alvarado (2002)
- 15 Bill & Susan Gramse (1978)
- 21 Chris & Jennifer Loftis (1990)
- 26 Debbie & Tracy Boyd (1991)
- 30 Rob & Lisa Benjamin (1994)
- 30 Albert and Doris Mann (1976)



SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2017

PASTOR

Kenneth B. Shaw

ELDER

Clyde Schroeder

OFFERING COUNTERS

Loren Replogle & Tim Hartley

ALTAR STEWARD

Stacy Shaw

GREETERS

Debbie Boyd & Rosalie Replogle

USHERS

Chris Loftis & Tim Hartley - Center Aisle

Zack & Rick Halliburton - Side Aisles

ACOLYTES

July 2 – Elena Alvarado

July 9 – Isadora Hygrell

July 16 – Brandon Levan

July 23 – Paige Smith

July 30 - Gabriel Alvarado

VOLUNTEER CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 25 – July 1

July 2 - 8

July 9 – 15

July 16 – 22

July 23 – 29

July 30 – August 5 – Marilyn Hartley

VOLUNTEER MOWING SCHEDULE

June 29 – July 5

July 6 – 11

July 12 – 18

July 19 – 25 – Randy Ruemler

July 26 – August 2