

# The Trinity Lamplighter



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## Pastor's Corner

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Dear Church Family,

July 1st in the United Methodist Church marks the beginning of a new season of ministry; whether you are a pastor beginning a new appointment in a different church or continuing in your current one, or whether it is a church receiving a new pastor or continuing with the existing one, it is a fresh start. It's a sacred reminder that God is always doing something new among us.

This past Sunday, I preached on the theme "New Beginnings," and I want to continue that message here. As we step into this new season together, let us remember that the God we serve is a God of renewal, restoration, and forward movement. Isaiah 43:19 reminds us: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" This is not just a verse to inspire, it's a promise to cling to.

Whether you are new to our congregation or have been here for decades, this is our collective opportunity to lean into what the Lord wants to do among us. New beginnings aren't only about changes in leadership or location, new beginnings are about fresh commitments, renewed faith, and listening with open hearts to God's direction.

In this new season, God is inviting us to:

1. Grow deeper in community, to strengthen the relationships that bind us in Christ.
2. Serve with boldness, to step into the ministries God has placed before us.
3. Worship with joy, bringing our whole selves into the presence of God.

Reach out in love, welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, and offering hope to the hurting.

I truly believe God has great things in store for us. We're not just turning a page, but we are beginning a brand-new chapter. And this chapter is one the Holy Spirit is writing with power, grace, and purpose.

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Let us embrace the new beginning God has given us with love. Let's listen more closely, pray more deeply, and serve more faithfully. I'm honored and blessed to walk this journey with each of you and filled with anticipation to see what God will do through us, for us, and among us.

May the peace and grace of God be upon each one of us. Thanks!

-Pastor Jean-Marc (JM)



#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Bonnie Fisher**  
**Carla Hill**  
**Aimee Gfeller**  
**Bryan Crowell**

**Jodi Radke**  
**Dave Johnson**  
**Marie Hogan**  
**Steven Walters**

**Mark Davis**  
**Jennie Vacura**  
**Tranda Strnad**  
**Dennis Baxter**



## TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Well, here we go with Chapter 3 of the Thrift Store's great critter experience. The subtitle to this story would be "Here We Go Again."

For a couple of months, we have heard a moving animal in the ceiling but could not figure out where the animal, we thought it was a squirrel, was getting into the ceiling. We had looked and could not find a hole big enough for a squirrel to enter. Little did we know how little a hole was needed.

One early Friday morning, the sound changed from scurrying to crying. The crying seemed to be coming from the wall in the northwest room. At this point, I had just about had it with animals in the ceiling. I didn't care what it was, I just wanted it to die and be done. I had not given much of a thought to the fact that it was going to smell if it died, and someone was going to have to try to get it out of the ceiling.

Anyway, our friend Joe had found a hole in the fascia and fixed it. He did this in the rain and deserves to be thanked a lot!!!! Now, back to the squeaking in the wall. We took the paneling off the wall and found another piece of paneling. We decided to call Animal Control and see if they could help us. Animal Control came and listened to the sounds in the wall and called for backup. That sounded like we had a robbery or something, which was funny. Backup eventually came and together they put holes in the wall and dug out two baby racoons.

We now realized it was not a squirrel in the ceiling but a mother racoon and her babies. The babies evidently were wandering around and fell into between the wall and could not get out. Paige, the backup patrolman, took the babies home and then they went on to Hays to the wildlife relocation center. I am sure they are fine.

We thought that was the end of the racoon saga, but later I heard scurrying in the ceiling again. The hunt for a hole began again and the area that Joe fixed had been torn open again and the racoon had evidently re-entered. The hole was again fixed and for the past week we have heard no other rustlings in the ceiling. We are now finished with this chapter and hopefully, the whole story. —Lyndel Adams



# Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,



We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School that starts next month. We are teaming up with St. John Lutheran Church again this year and it will be held at St. John's. This year's theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." VBS will be held July 13th-17th from 5:15-7:45pm each evening (Sunday-Thursday). We need lots of volunteers! The kids aren't the only ones who have fun at VBS! We have many options where you can get involved. Crew leaders take their group of roughly 5 children from

station to station throughout the night. Station leaders lead the same station 3 times each evening, and these include music, crafts, recreation, and Bible story. We also need volunteers in the registration and technology departments. Please pray and consider helping us with this important, exciting, and fun week-long event. Also, be sure to check the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary for food donations needed for VBS. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

We had 3 girls and 2 boys go to church camp in Stockton in June. They had a blast and were able to strengthen their relationship with Jesus! We have several more going to a different camp in Arkansas City in July. Please continue to pray for those kids as they prepare to head to camp.

Children's Sunday Worship will continue throughout the summer for kids through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a fun way for the kids to have their own experience of church that is structured just for them.

We continue to collect empty shoeboxes and donations for Operation Christmas Child. Some examples of items to bring in over summer are shoes/sandals, toys, balls (and pumps), jump ropes, frisbees, chalk, stickers, coloring books, crayons, markers, jewelry, small craft kits of all kinds, playdough (with cookie cutters), pencils (with small sharpeners), and deck of cards or other small games. The ideas are seriously endless! It's so fun to see what you guys come up with! (Just no liquids or food.)



Please continue your prayers for our children, youth, and all our volunteers over the summer and thank you for always supporting our children and youth programs!

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator



# Feeding the Community

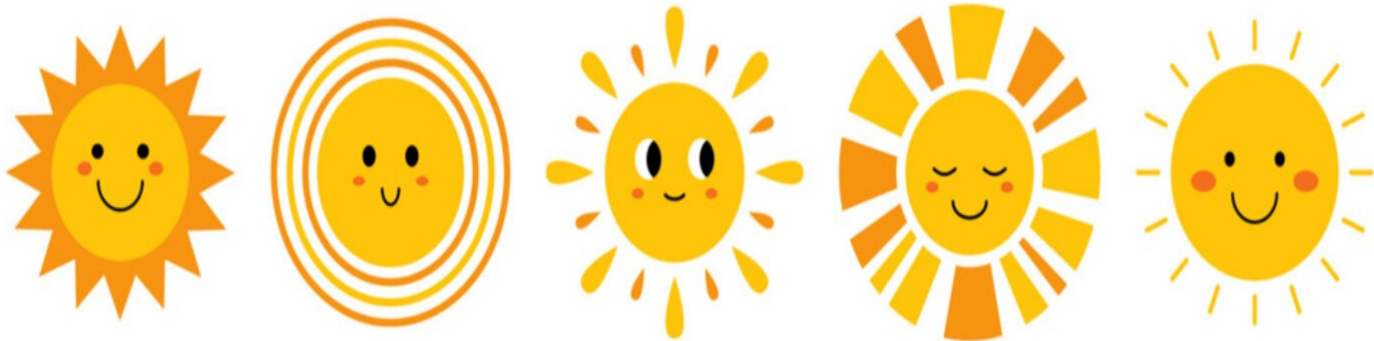
## @ 2nd Baptist Church

### 420 East 9th St.

### 4-7pm

Thursday, July 10th - Hamburgers  
Thursday, July 24th - Hotdogs  
Thursday, August 7th - Ham Sandwiches  
Thursday, August 28th - Spaghetti





**Online Giving is Available!**

Set up an ACH Plan for your offering to Trinity UMC. It is a great way to continue to financially support the church and its ministries. Save a stamp and keep your personal check!!

Contact the church office [rsltrin@ruraltel.net](mailto:rsltrin@ruraltel.net) or 785-483-2440

(Thank you for your attendance and monetary support of Trinity United Methodist Church)

**CHURCH RECORDS** **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Online</u>
June 8	29	10 views
June 15	21	19 views
June 22	26	15 views
June 29	25	9 views

**FINANCE UPDATE** **Sunday Offerings:**

June 8	\$	1670
June 15	\$	1206
June 22	\$	1289
June 29	\$	4024

## July Worship Assistants

### Ushers

July 6: Duane Adams  
July 13: Duane Adams  
July 20: Duane Adams  
July 27: Duane Adams

### Greeters

July 6:  
July 13: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt  
July 20:  
July 27:

### Lector

July 6: Lyndel Adams  
July 13: Raeleen Reinhardt  
July 20: Jerrie Parsons  
July 27: Ken Jeroue

### Sound System

July 6: David Munday  
July 13: David Munday  
July 20: David Munday  
July 27: David Munday

### Pianist

Curtis Sander  
Pat David  
Galen Schmidtberger

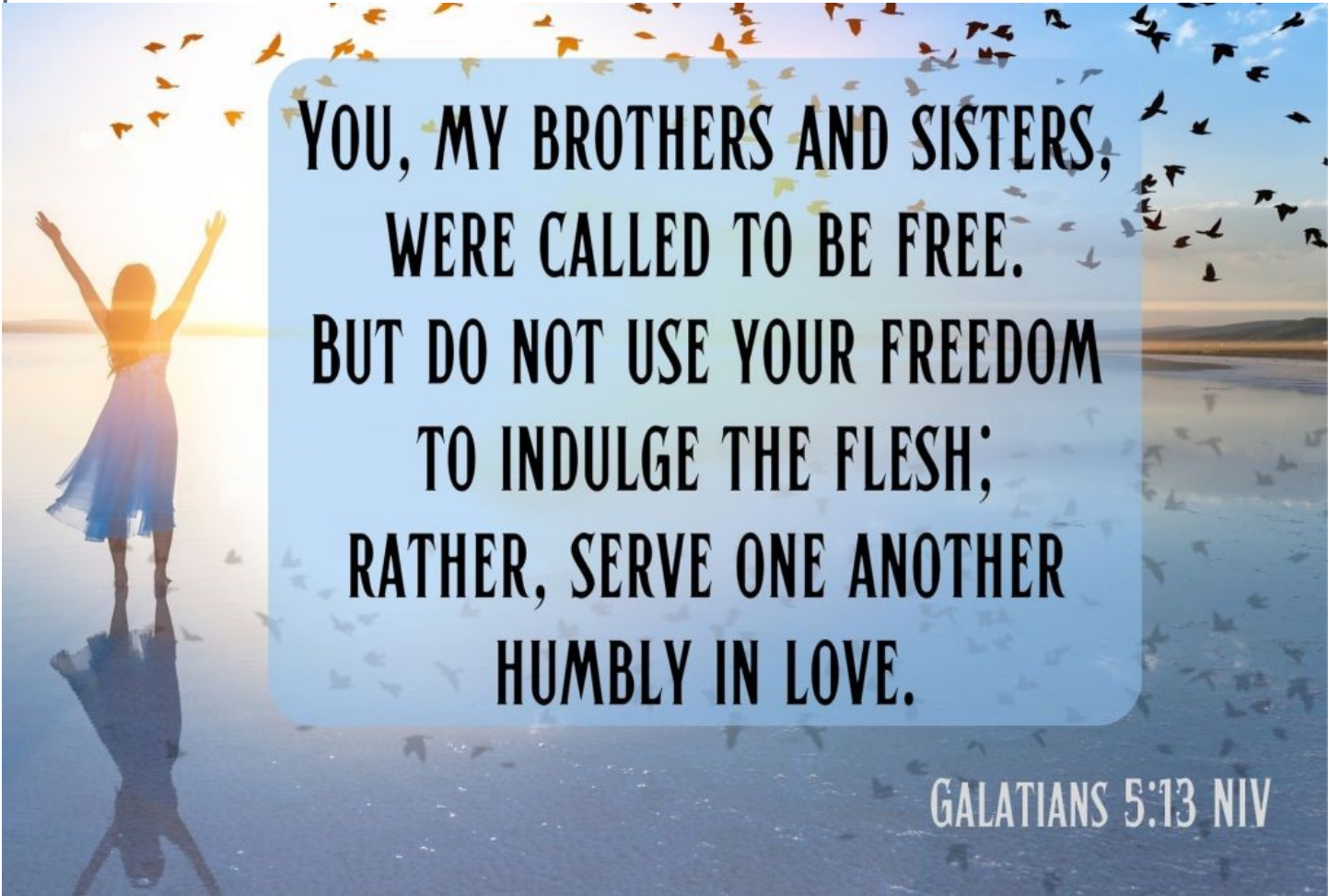
### Children's Time

July 6: Lyndel Adams  
July 13: Raeleen Reinhardt  
July 20: Katie Scarborough  
July 27: Katie Scarborough

### Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

July 6: Dee Ann Matheson  
July 13: Margie Gilpin  
July 20: Colleen Allen  
July 27: Dee Ann Matheson

*Thank you for the many ways you are serving the Lord.*



YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
WERE CALLED TO BE FREE.  
BUT DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM  
TO INDULGE THE FLESH;  
RATHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER  
HUMBLY IN LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13 NIV

If you can't join us in person, please join us online at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.. Services are streamed online each Sunday. There is an updated link posted on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Russell-Trinity-UMC-200278325077>, or our webpage: <https://russelltrinityumc.org/>

**Listen 1st and 3rd Sundays** to the radio on 98.1 FM or 990 AM.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440</b>		1	2 8pm AA Meeting	3 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	4 <b>Thrift Store Closed</b> <b>Church Office Closed - Independence Day</b>	5 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
6 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>2 p.m. Care Center</b> <b>Service on the radio</b>	7 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	8	9 8pm AA Meeting	10 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	11 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	12 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
13 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 a.m. Worship - Pastor Jean-Marc Welcome</b> <b>Reception after Service</b> <b>5:15-7:45 p.m. VBS @ St. John</b>	14 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm <b>5:15-7:45 p.m. VBS @ St. John</b>	15 <b>5:15-7:45 p.m. VBS @ St. John</b>	16 8pm AA Meeting <b>5:15-7:45 p.m. VBS @ St. John</b>	17 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm <b>5:15-7:45 p.m. VBS @ St. John</b>	18 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	19 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
20 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>10:45 a.m. Leadership Council</b> <b>Service on the radio</b>	21 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	22	23 8pm AA Meeting	24 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	25 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	26 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
27 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	28 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	29	30 8pm AA Meeting	31 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm		

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1. Josh Pulis 🕯️

4. Tanner & Elizabeth Norris 🔔

3. Abagail Trober 🕯️

5. Brianna Saryerwinnie, Kelly Bachar 🕯️

6. Kenton Lyon 🕯️

7. Crystal Craig 🕯️

8. Kaycie Hogan 🕯️

11. Sheldon Schwien, Robert Miller, Tara Revell, Bill Dollison 🕯️

13. Brennon Miller 🕯️

John & Carla Hill 🔔

14. Allysia Jackson 🕯️

15. Ryan Reinhardt 🕯️
16. Lilia Fabian 🕯️

17. Ken & Barbara Jeroue 🔔

18. Lea Reddig, Jessica Schoech 🕯️

19. Liam Ganson, Tom Hill 🕯️

20. Dr. Earl Merkel 🕯️

21. Calder Craig, Natalie Ashlaw 🕯️

22. Mallory Davis 🕯️

23. Matthew Schoech 🕯️

25. John Anschutz 🕯️

28. Bruce Tomlinson 🕯️

29. Kim James, Elizabeth Dole 🕯️

30. Sylvia Newton 🕯️

If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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*Galen Schmidtberger*  
*Curtis Sander*  
*Pat David*

*Music Minister:*  
*Galen Schmidtberger*

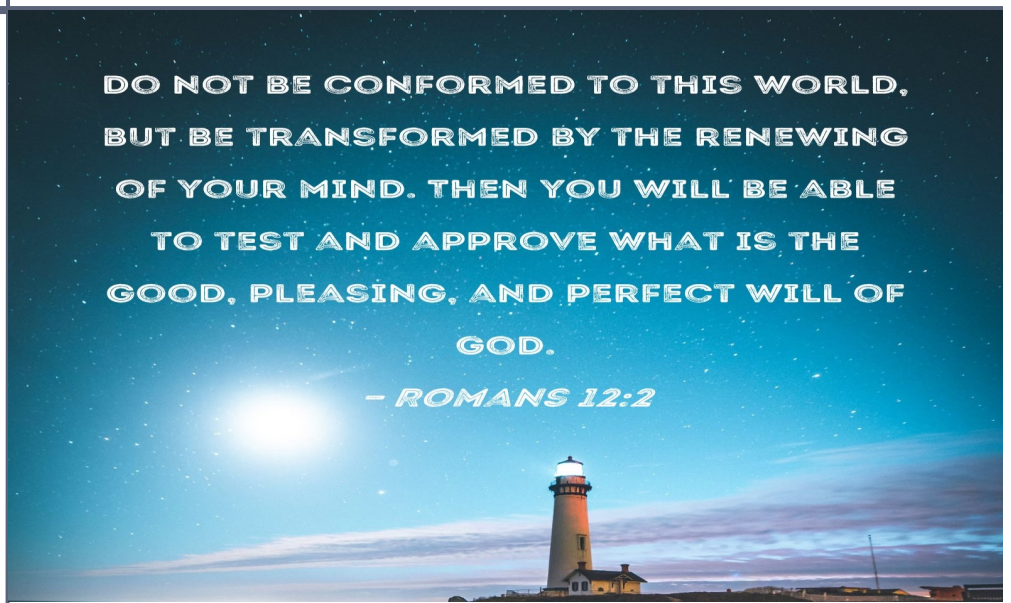
*Choir Accompanist:*  
*Curtis Sander*  
*Pat David*

**Worship Hours**

**Sundays**  
**8:30 Sunday School**  
**9:30 Church Service**

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD,  
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING  
OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE  
TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT IS THE  
GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL OF  
GOD.

– ROMANS 12:2



Visitors are WELCOME at Trinity anytime.

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