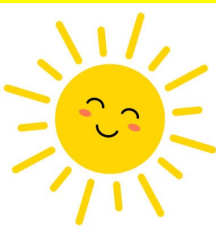


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Pastor's Corner

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“³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being 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 1:3-6).

This is my last newsletter article for Trinity. Thank you for allowing me to serve at your side these last years! We’ve met in the Fellowship Hall when boilers failed, gone from two to one service, transitioned to the single board model and we overcame many challenges. Navigating the COVID pandemic with creative responses like our Drive-In Christmas Eve Service that was attended by over 200 community members; we worked together and strove to surf challenges in creative ways.

Over a dozen people have accepted Jesus as their Lord. We also received the ONE MATTERS award from the denomination for accepting twelve new members and baptizing seven people in a single year. And so much more! I leave with hope that the Lord of the Harvest will bless the work of your hands as you open your hearts more and more to His profound grace, continuing His good work right up until the day of Christ’s return.

Pastor Jean-Marc Mutwale will soon be here! He comes with a beautiful family, fresh enthusiasm, and new ideas. It only takes a moment with him to know that he loves to laugh and loves people. Together you have the opportunity to form a strong partnership in the gospel. Laying down your lives, sharing your stories, and loving each other and others on Christ’s behalf, the Lord Jesus will do amazing things through you. Amen!

With love, God bless you all!

Pastor Mike

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Bonnie Fisher
Carla Hill
Ken Jeroue
Doc Reddig
Aimee Gfeller
Bryan Crowell

Sagan Schultz
Mark Davis
Linley Bradenburg
Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad

Jodi Radke
Dave Johnson
Marie Hogan
Steven Walters
Dennis Baxter
Bruce Tomlinson



TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Sept 9th, 2025, at 10 a.m.** at Fellowship Hall. There will be no meetings in June, July, and August for the summer. If there is need for our committee to assist with a funeral or to provide a prayer blanket, please contact us at (785) 483-2440.



TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Overwhelmed is how we are all feeling at this point. The drop-off room has continued to fill several times daily and, while this is good for sales, it causes some problems with storage. We have so much stuff that we are having trouble finding enough racks to hang the good stuff and more trouble finding a place to store it until it is needed. All in all, this is a better problem to have than not enough things to sell. Part of our problem is that some of our volunteers have had other pressing commitments, and some have had surgery so the crew that sorts is smaller on most days. I am sure this will all work out as schedules change and time passes.

One of the highlights of the month was an award we won. Since January, there have been three students from the high school who have come to volunteer on a weekly basis. They have been lots of fun to have around and have done lots to help us out. Anyway, back to the award, the Thrift Store was presented a plaque at the May 12 BOE meeting. It was an award presented by RJSHS for being a community partner. This involved us allowing the school to send students into our workspace for learning opportunities. The award was a total surprise, and we were very honored to be thought of.

We have welcomed a couple of new volunteers to the staff recently. Becky Polson has taken on the job of cutting buttons off discarded clothes. Danielle Heaton-Trober has also come on board and is doing whatever needs to be done. We also are welcoming back this summer Emma Davis, who was a checker last summer and is doing so again and sister Allie Davis is also joining us. Annika Nichols is returning for her last summer before she goes off to college. I am sure we can keep all these ladies busy and are so thankful to have them.

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.

We have several kids signed up for church camp in June! If you have ever been to church camp, then you know it can be completely life changing! They will experience worship like they never have before. They will develop a deeper understanding of God that will help build their relationship with Him. Please keep these kids in your prayers as they travel to and from camp and pray God does something really special.

Children's Sunday Worship will continue throughout the summer for kids through 5th 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.)



I hope your summer is off to a wonderful start!

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

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND TRINITY UMC
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO VBS!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

When: Sunday, July 13th—Thursday, July 17th
Where: St. John Lutheran Church (425 N Main St.)
Each day’s fun starts with a meal at 5:15 p.m.
For more info or sign up online at myvbs.org/russellvbs



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 or 785-483-2440

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

CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Date	9:30 am	Online
May 4	66	8 views
May 11	40	10 views
May 18	34	13 views
May 25	37	21 views

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

May 4	\$ 4850
May 11	\$ 3497
May 18	\$ 5746
May 25	\$ 1782

June Worship Assistants

Ushers

June 8: Duane Adams
June 15: Duane Adams
June 22: Duane Adams
June 29: Duane Adams

Greeters

June 8:
June 15:
June 22: Mick Allen
June 29: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

Lector

June 8: Lyndel Adams
June 15: Jerrie Parsons
June 22: Colleen Allen
June 29: Raeleen Reinhardt

Sound System

June 8: David Munday
June 15: David Munday
June 22: David Munday
June 29: David Munday

Pianist

Curtis Sander
Pat David
Galen Schmidtberger

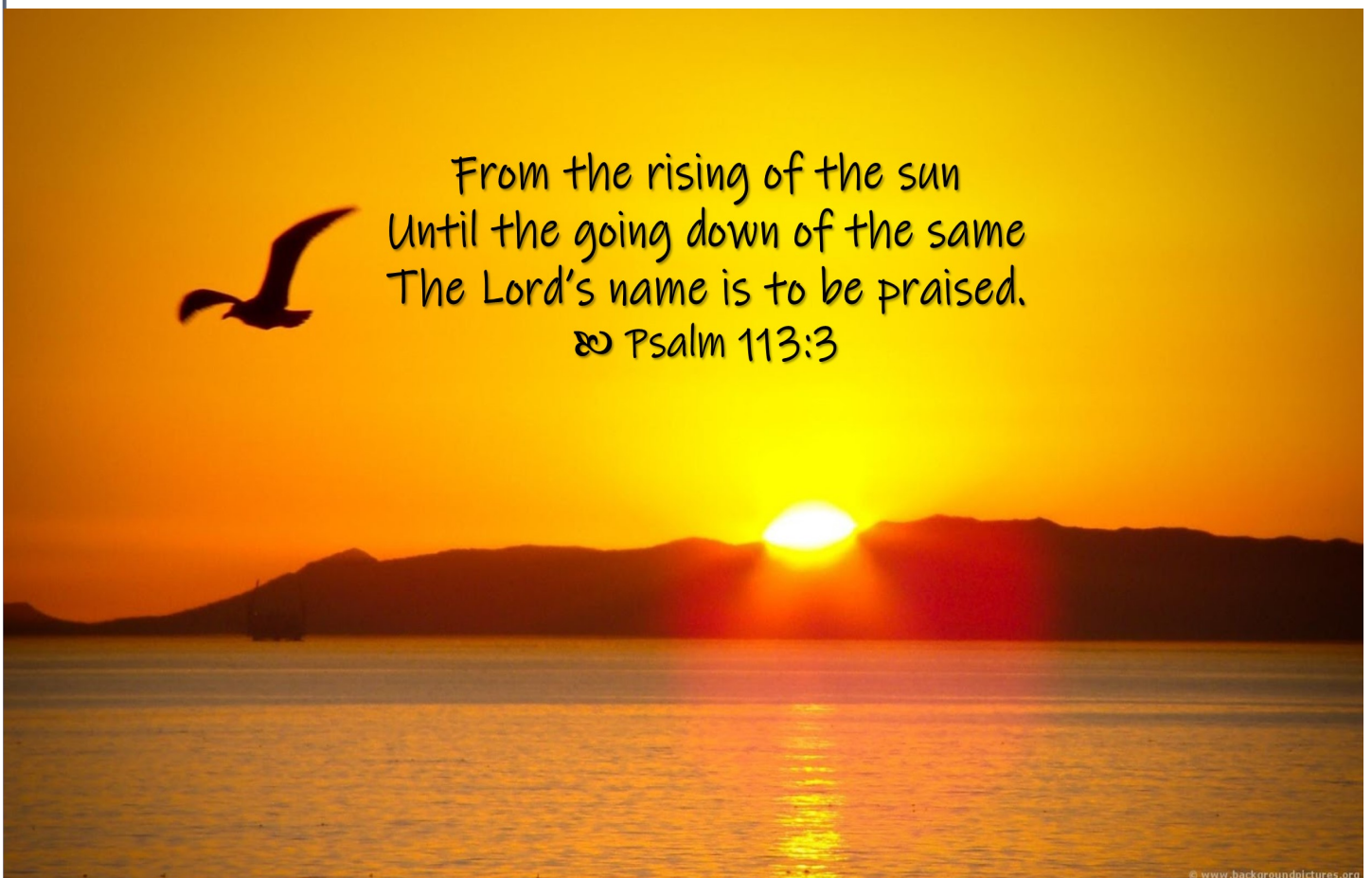
Children's Time

June 8: Katie Scarborough
June 15: Katie Scarborough
June 22: Raeleen Reinhardt
June 29: Colleen Allen

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

June 8: Dee Ann Matheson
June 15: Margie Gilpin
June 22: Colleen Allen
June 29: Dee Ann Matheson

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



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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 each week: <https://www.facebook.com/Russell-Trinity-UMC-200278325077>, or our webpage: <https://russelltrinityumc.org/>

Listen 2nd and 4th Sundays to the radio on 98.1 FM or 990 AM.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am RCAOC Praise @ Bickerdyke Park—NO 9:30am Worship @ Trinity	2 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	3	4 8pm AA Meeting	5 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	6 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	7 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
8 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship ft Guest Speaker Alison Lecuyer Service on the radio	9 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	10	11 8pm AA Meeting	12 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	13 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	14 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
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29 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Tyler Beck	30 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440		If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.		

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3. Bailey Dollison, Cathy Neil, Elias King 🕒

4. Denise Ketchens 🕒

5. Trent Krug 🕒 Nate & Jill Stoughton 🕒

6. Allison Krug, John Buchanan 🕒

7. Caiden Scarborough 🕒

8. Curtis & Jamie Sander 🕒 Chad Barnes 🕒

9. Blake Fabian 🕒

11. Ava Schwien, Florence Thompson 🕒

14. Skylar McCobb 🕒

Richard & Sylvia Newton, Larry & Lisa Plante 🕒

15. Ethan Frost 🕒
16. Jaydon Funk 🕒

17. Alfred Emmons 🕒

18. Luke Scarborough 🕒

21. Beth Foster 🕒

22. Jean Parker, Marcie Berens, Shianne Klee 🕒

23. Becky Tomlinson 🕒

24. Carrie Collins 🕒

25. Jamie Sander, Ryker Frost 🕒

27. Bill Morris III, Kaylee Anglin 🕒

Cecil & Joane Fabian 🕒

30. Brent Wood, Abi Cross, Amber Sikes 🕒

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Curtis Sander
Pat David

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Galen Schmidtberger

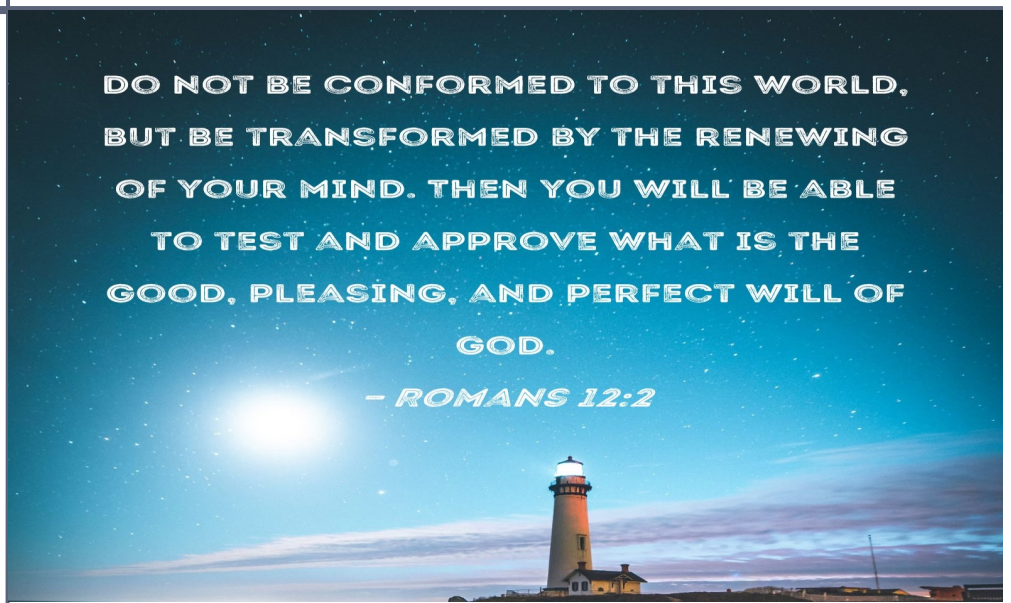
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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.

We appreciate you being a part of the Trinity experience on your Sunday! Be sure to check out our website at www.russelltrinityumc.org for Live Stream on Sundays, and Facebook : [Russell Trinity UMC](https://www.facebook.com/RussellTrinityUMC)

Join us the 2nd and 4th Sundays radio—
KRSL 990 AM and 98.1 FM

