

Trinity United Methodist

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From the Pastor

I think a father is to draw his self-image from the Word of God, and not from the secular world. Of course, many men get their role models, their ideas of what it means to be a father from television sitcoms. Most of the television sitcoms picture a dad as foolish.

A loving father hears such quips, he understands that these do not apply to him, for he derives his sense of value from knowing that God has chosen to be known as "Our Father." If the holy and the righteous and all-powerful God is a Father, then being a father is very important role.

I suggest that every one of us as a father needs to go back to the Word of God where we can determine from his Word the guidance which he has for us as fathers.

Scripture says without equivocation, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved his church and gave himself for her." A father will do everything he can to be a good husband. The love which Christ had for the Church is a love that is sacrificial to the point of dying for her.

The greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother, to give them the security of knowing that their parents love each other.

Come and worship on Father's Day, June 15, 9:30am. Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Dass

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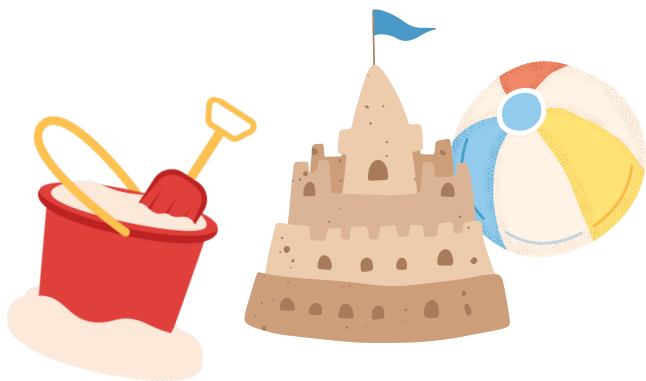
A Tribute to Fathers

A Father is a guiding light
Sent from above
A father is a teacher
Whose place no one could take
For he is the source from which
We learn to think and navigate
A father is a gift from God
From whom we learn to be
Patient, strong, and loving
Filled with integrity.

Preparing for Father's Day

Here are some ideas you can use for celebrating Father's Day.

- Consider starting a memory book for him. Collect papers such as his birth and baptism certificates, photos of him as a child, a student, a groom, a graduate, a father.
- Ask him to tell stories about his most exciting adventures, meaningful religious experiences, his greatest joys, etc.
- Record these wonderful memories and then share them again on future occasions of family gatherings.



Father's Day Worship

Credit for originating Father's Day is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, whose father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. She is said to have had the idea in 1909 while listening to a sermon on Mother's Day, which at the time was becoming established as a holiday. Local religious leaders supported the idea, and the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. In 1924 U.S. Pres. Calvin Coolidge gave his support to the observance, and in 1966 Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation that recognized the day. It became a national holiday in 1972, when Pres. Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Although it was originally largely a religious holiday, Father's Day has been commercialized with the sending of greeting cards and the giving of gifts. Some observe the custom of wearing a red rose to indicate that one's father is living or a white rose to indicate that he is deceased. Other males—for example, grandfathers or uncles who have assumed parenting roles—are often also honored on the day.

Father's Day Booklet

This year we are planning a booklet honoring Father's just as we did last year for Mother's Day. If you would like to include a father, your Dad, your spouse, or another family member who is a father figure, in the booklet please email or bring a picture of him to church. Include his name and a short story or other info about him.

We need to get the information to church on or before June 8 . in order to get the booklet put together and printed before Father's Day.

Worship

We are witness to the transforming power of Christ through our regular presence in worship. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship services. "God has poured out his love into our hearts." (Romans 5:5)

When we gather to worship on Sunday, it signifies who we are and to whom we belong as those who share Christ's dying and rising. On this day, we experience and celebrate God's abiding presence with us through the Holy Spirit. Also, we worship on Sunday and join with other in worship because it's the day when Jesus rose from the dead.

Iowa Annual Conference 2021

Iowa Annual Conference 2021 will be held virtually from June 13- June 15th. Craig Henry and Pastor Dass will be attending. Please pray for Bishop Kennetha as she leads the delegates in deciding the future of Iowa Annual Conference.

Sunday Schedule

June 1 is "Communion Sunday"

June 8 is "Did You Know Sunday"

June 15 is "Father's Day"

"Brown Bag Sunday"

"Noisy offering Sunday"

June 22 is "the First Sunday of Summer"

June 29 is "Pastor Dass's last Sunday"

June is a busy month in our church.

We learn about the NOW Committees activities during "Did You Know" Sundays.

Brown Bag Sunday when we ask you to bring nonperishable food items and paper products for the Ballard Clothing Pantry. There is a special need for feminine hygiene products as well as cleaning supplies, paper towels, washcloths and bath towels, and many other items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The monthly Noisy Offering to help support the NOW committee's work with Heifer International. Our current project is an Animal Health Worker Kit and a Goat.

NOW Committee Information

Farewell to Pastor Dass

As you know Pastor Dass is retiring at the end of June. We will be having a Farewell Service and reception for him on Sunday June 29th. Service will be at 9:30 and the reception to follow in the Fellowship hall.

Please come and worship with us and wish Pastor and Tessie well as they start a new phase in their lives.

Please contact Robin Isaacson, Jennie Henry or Loa Christensen for more information,

Trinity's Venmo Account

Trinity has set up a Venmo account so that people will find it easier to tithe when they are away from home. This will also come in handy for the garage sale, donating for lilies or poinsettias, receiving rent payments for the use of the fellowship hall and for the Fall Craft show.

The Venmo Id is **@Huxleytrinity UMC**. We are excited to offer this service to our congregation. If you have questions about Venmo please email the church office at huxleytumc@gmail.com or check with Jay Weeks.

Did You Know Sunday – June 8th Recap of all NOW Projects/Events.

Noisy Offering to Benefit Heifer Project – Sunday, June 15th Our current project is an Animal Health Worker Kit and a Goat. This is also Brown Bag Sunday.

Our Mission Focus for June will be Personal Dignity Kit items in support of the November InGathering Project. Please see the list below.

Place items in the tub in the Narthex. You can complete an entire kit if you would like.

On-going projects: Pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, school supplies, and stuffed animals.

The next Social Dinner will be in September.

Save your empty paper tubes (toilet paper/paper towels) for the Trinity Kids Mission Project. The tubes will be taken to Blank Park Zoo to be used for animal enrichment.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the NOW Committee projects and events. We could not do them without you!



Church Repair Projects

This past winter a letter was sent out to the congregation regarding repairs to the building that would be needed in the next couple of years. Due to these needs we are instituting a program called "Adopt a Project". You can make a donation to the church to help fund one of these or other projects that need to be done here. By making a donation to the church to fund one of these projects you may be able to make an impact to your income taxes.

Those projects included replacing the outside doors in the fellowship hall and by Pastor's office, replacing the windows in the fellowship hall and the classrooms, fixing the playground fence, and replacing the railroad ties in the landscaping by the parking lot. We have had some response, but there are still a few projects that need to be completed soon.

One of the fellowship hall doors and the library window have been replaced, but there are other windows and a door that are still in need of attention. The playground fence has been fixed, but the railroad ties in the landscaping are rotting away and in some parts are completely gone.

Replacing the door will cost about \$1,200. Windows are estimated at about \$1,500-\$1,700 each. There are 10 windows that still need to be replaced in the next few years. The landscaping cost is not sure yet, but it will be a significant expense.

The Church Council and the Trustee committee encourage you to consider this new Adopt a Project program. consult with your financial representative and see if you could benefit from this program. Please talk to a council member or trustee if you have questions or would like additional information.

Ballard Summer Meal Program

Each week in the bulletin has been an announcement regarding the Ballard Summer Meal Program. Here is an update for the program. As of May 31, there are 134 children register for meals 54 qualified for Free or reduced lunch. So, we are reaching the children who need the program!

Our budget was \$50,000.00 we have collected Almost \$39,000.00. We are very close to making our budget. We are grateful to our Summer Champion Sponsors who have donated \$5,000.00; Fjeldberg Lutheran Church, Nazareth Lutheran Church, Mary Greeley Medical Center and the Ballard area Kiwanis. Thanks to many individuals and businesses who are also stepping forward to help the children.

Meals will start on Tuesday June 3rd and continue until August 22nd. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Parmenter, Traci Kirtley or Eileen Lewis.

Summer

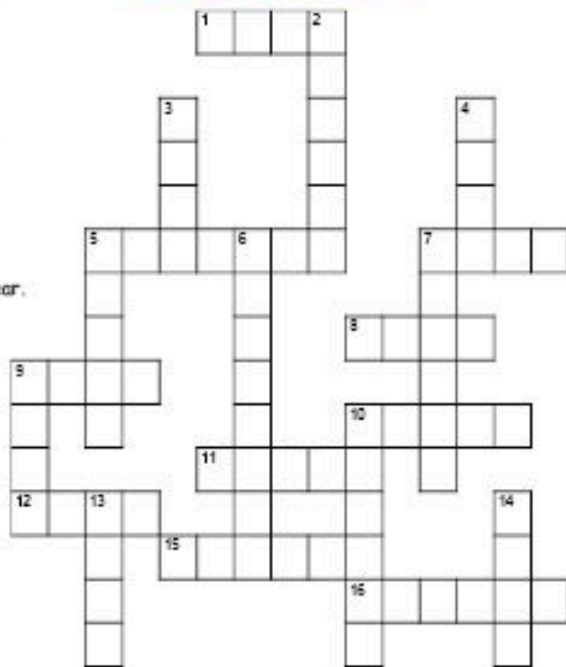


Across

1. Grains on the beach.
5. Living in a tent.
7. It warms you up.
8. Two wheeled transportation.
9. Comes with a shovel.
10. Full of daylight.
11. A sandy shore.
12. Area of inland water.
15. Warmest 3 months of the year.
16. Top for warm weather.

Down

2. Plunging into the water.
3. Move through the water.
4. Summer hazard.
5. House in the woods.
6. Frozen treat.
7. Trail walking.
9. A place to swim
10. Pants for hot weather.
13. Toy for a windy day.
14. Mildly hot.



Word Bank

BEACH, BIKE, CABIN, CAMPING, DIVING, FIRE, HEAT, HIKING, ICE CREAM, KITE, LAKE, PAIL, POOL, SAND, SHORTS, SUMMER, SUNNY, SWIM, T-SHIRT, WARM



Sudoku

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Word Scramble

1. NCBCAIGKKPA

2. ALAELSB

3. ABIOGNT

4. NBIK

5. MNAGPC

6. LOREFSW

7. EICRAMEC

8. CANEO

9. ICCPN

10. LRXAE

11. USN

12. ETAH

13. OTH

14. AADSLN

15. MISW

16. ELVART

17. CIONTA

Word list:

BEACH
BIKINI
CAMP
FISHING
HAMMOCK
HEAT
ICECREAM

LEMONADE
LIFEGUARD
PARK
PICNIC
POOL
POPSICLE
RELAX

SAND
SANDALS
SANDCASTLE
SEASHELLS
SHADE
SUN
SUNSET

SUNDRESS
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWIMSUIT
VACATION
WATERMELON