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Summer Worship Schedule

No Sunday School

Worship Service w/Communion @ 9:30 am



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Our Sticky Connection

by Pastor Ed Backell

Hebrews 10:25 reminds us: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

As I write this, we just celebrated both Trinity Sunday and Father's Day together. On the one hand, I was pleased that we gathered together to lift up the name of Spirit, Son, and Father...especially on the day that we set aside to honor our earthly fathers. (I was quite thankful for the gift of baked goodies at the end of the service as well!)

It also led me to reflect on how Trinity Sunday is a reminder that the God we serve is a Community: Three-in-One and One-in-Three. I think this connectedness is what enabled Jesus, our incarnate savior, to live the life that best pleased His Father - because He dedicated Himself to staying connected with the Father through the Spirit.

This is good for us to remember – not just on our local level of our own congregation, but it also is a good reminder for us to pray for and interact with our sister churches.

On Monday, July 14, we'll be hosting the NW District council meeting of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission with Christ – an opportunity for me to connect with our friends in the Northwest.

We'll also be hosting our second Sticky Outreach on Thursday, July 24 with a community grilled supper. This would be an EXCELLENT event to invite your friends and neighbors to attend...just so that we get a chance to expand our personal connections here in our community.

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 Hebrews 10:25

Remember, we're not just one isolated congregation: we are connected with other followers of Jesus, regardless of the names on the outside of the church buildings across the street... and across America, and even our fellow followers throughout the world. After all, we are ALL a part of God's Kingdom.

Together, let's Keep Following Jesus. Pastor Ed

Facility User Groups Semi-Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 12, at 8:00 am



Charlie May will be conducting the semi-annual Facility User Groups Meeting on Saturday, July 12, at 8:00 am in the West Classroom.

The main contact person for each of the groups that meet at HTLC has been invited to attend. This meeting allows the opportunity for each group to address any concerns or requests that they may have.

Contact Charlie May, Council Member, at (509) 370-8578 for more information.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes: June 10, 2025 — “Subject to Approval”

Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Hoveskeland, Council Secretary

Present: Diane Fried, Denel Ingraham, Charlie May, Vicki Egesdal, LaLita Tadena, Pat Woods, Pastor Ed Backell and Sandy Hoveskeland. Dan Olson, George Simon and Nancy Purcell were absent.

Call to Order: Vice President LaLita Tadena called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Devotional: Charlie gave the devotional about being a kind witness. Acts 1:8 speaks to the Holy Spirit empowering us so we can express our love of God to others through our words and deeds.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Pat to approve the May 13, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Vicki Egesdal provided the treasurer’s report which was reviewed and discussed by the Council. Current assets are \$182,499 compared to \$179,439 on May 31, 2024. Assets are down mainly from depreciation. Unearned givings are \$29,566 compared to \$26,650 at this time last year. UGM income is \$1,630 compared to \$275 this time last year. Part of this increase is donations to UGM Kid’s Camp. Building use is \$5,388 compared to \$4,989 at this time last year. Dan Winchester’s family donated \$300 for building use for Dan’s funeral. Plate offerings January through May 2025 are \$59,048 compared to \$50,633 January through May 2024. Pastor’s salary to-date is \$11,250 and \$7,125 has been contributed to his retirement account. Net loss from January through May 2025 is \$16,620 compared to a net loss of \$10,629 at this time last year.

STCU Checking:	\$4,588.60
Schwab Building Fund:	\$36,031.54
Schwab Savings:	\$120,847.62
Vanguard Savings:	\$21,031.72



Pastor’s Report: Pastor Ed preached and taught every Sunday. Adult Sunday School closed out Psalm 119. When Sunday school resumes in the Fall, the class will begin examining the smaller New Testament books, beginning with the Book of Jude. Pastor Ed made hospital visits, helped with neighborhood canvassing to distribute flyers for the Northgate Revival Concert on June 11, met with Sharon Nelson to plan Bill Nelson’s funeral and presided over Dan Winchester’s funeral. Pastor Ed and Jami also participated in a congregational small group meeting at Charlie and Squeaky’s house on June 9. He also followed up on a prayer request from Susie for her family. Discussion followed about new people coming to church and whether they have been followed up with. A discussion followed about starting new member classes and the definition of a member. Council members should read the Constitution to be clear on the definition for discussion at the Council meeting on July 8.

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Properties and Maintenance: See report submitted by Charlie May. Charlie requested approval to spend \$425 to have the overflow parking lot gravel treated with weed killer. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Diane to approve spending \$425 to have the gravel treated. Motion was unanimously approved. Charlie mentioned in his report that the water heater in the Fellowship Hall needed to be replaced. However, it seems to be working fine so he will postpone doing anything about it for now. Charlie will remind the user groups to park in their own lot and to meet in the back classrooms versus the Fellowship Hall. The church has gotten busier, and the back classrooms are reserved for the user groups.

Worship and Music: See report submitted by Nancy Purcell. Details for the funerals of Dan Winchester and Bill Nelson are included in the report. Judy and Jami continue to work with the Praise Team. Jami would like to have a choir every Sunday.

Congregational Ministries: See report submitted by LaLita Tadena. Flyers were distributed to the community for the Northgate Revival Concert at Holy Trinity on June 11. This is the first of three sticky events for the summer at Holy Trinity. The other events are a BBQ night on July 24 and a S'Mores night on August 28. Squeaky is taking the lead on the S'Mores event. Volunteers are needed to help with the BBQ in July.

Christian Education: See report submitted by Pat Woods. Holy Trinity's summer schedule began May 25. Church services now begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday morning Bible study will continue through the summer from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nancy Purcell is the leader, and the Book of John is being discussed. Friday morning breakfast and Bible study will also continue through the summer from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Various topics are discussed.

Social Care and Concerns and Care Team: See report submitted by Diane Fried. Diane's report contains details of how Holy Trinity is supporting UGM Kid's Camp this summer. She also reported that the care team continues to visit shut ins. She offers communion during the visits. Pastor Ed has his sermons scripted if anyone would like a copy. Diane keeps a list of shut ins.

New Business:

1. Nominating Committee: Preparation for the end of this term - Judy and Squeaky are on the nominating committee. There should be 3-5 on the committee according to the Constitution so we need another volunteer.
2. Foreign Exchange Student: An email was received from a representative of the Council on International Educational Exchange for host families for high school students for the coming school year. An announcement could be made to the church members, but the Council will take no action as this is a personal decision.

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3. Quote from Walt's Mailing Service: Quote is for sending postcards to HTLC Market Area. A request has been sent to Walt's Mailing Service for a quote on mailing postcards about the upcoming sticky events for this summer. Once this is received, the Council will take a vote.
4. Northgate Revival Concert: Recap of the June 11 concert at the next council meeting.

Member Items: None

Next Month's Devotional: Pat Woods

July Counters: George and Diane

Adjournment: The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:47 p.m.



Sticky Community Events

Let's get "sticky" with our neighbors. We have two events left this summer.

These events are free to everyone...please invite friends, families, neighbors, and the community.

We will be passing out flyers announcing these events to our surrounding neighborhoods.



2nd Sticky Community Event

BBQ

Thursday, July 24 @ 6:00 pm

*HTLC is providing hamburgers,
hot dogs, potato salad, etc.*

3rd Sticky Community Event

S'mores Night

Thursday, August 28 @ 6:00 pm

*HTLC is providing the graham crackers,
chocolate, marshmallows, etc.*





2025 total donations = 185 lbs.

Contact Drew Taes for information:

drew.taes@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your contributions!



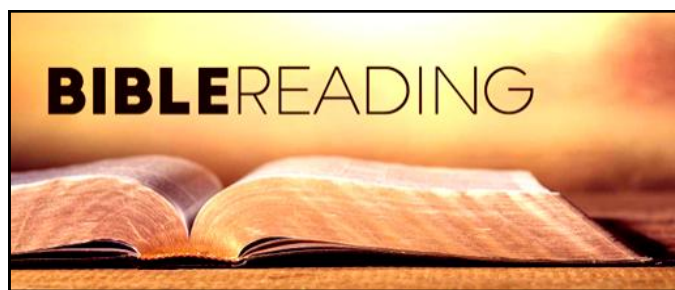
Food Bank Donations for July:

Let's focus on all the fixings for tacos...hard taco shells, canned refried beans, olives, canned diced tomatoes, taco seasoning packets, etc. this month.



July Birthdays

Doug Garber	July 4
Cheryal Brown	July 5
Arlene Severance	July 16
Judy Ingraham	July 20
Janece Scheele	July 22
Squeaky May	July 26
Sue Abitz	July 28
Jaynan Clark	July 31



July 6 (4th Sunday After Pentecost):

- † Isaiah 66:10-14
- † Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
- † Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13 (5th Sunday After Pentecost):

- † Deuteronomy 30:9-14
- † Colossians 1:1-14
- † Luke 10:25-37

July 20 (6th Sunday After Pentecost):

- † Genesis 18:1-10a
- † Colossians 1:15-28
- † Luke 10:38-42

July 27 (7th Sunday After Pentecost):

- † Genesis 18:20-32
- † Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
- † Luke 11:1-13





July Anniversary

David & Christel Seybold

Married July 8, 2000

Celebrating 25 years of marriage!

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4 -Independence Day	5
		Pastor Ed's Office Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG	Pastor Ed's Office Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm 10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG 6:00 pm NA—WNW	Pastor Ed's Office Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG	7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG 6:00 pm AA-HHG Bingo Night 6:30 pm—7:00 pm NA Book Study	8:00 am AA—MWU 10:00 am AA—SMM 8:00 pm AA—SNM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 am Worship Service & Fellowship 10:00 am AA—SMG 7:00 pm AA—SRG	Pastor Ed's Office Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm 9:00 am—2:00 pm NW District Council Mtg. 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm TOPS 5:30 pm AA—HHG 7:00 pm NA—MNM	Pastor Ed's Office Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG Newsletter Articles Due	Pastor Ed's Office Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm 10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG 6:00 pm NA—WNW	Pastor Ed's Office Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG	7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study 12:00 pm AA—VNG 5:30 pm AA—HHG 6:30 pm—7:00 pm NA Book Study	8:00 am AA—MWU 10:00 am AA—SMM 8:00 pm AA—SNM
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*"To proclaim the Good News of God's
Saving Grace and to minister to our
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July Events	
Happy Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Council Meeting	Tuesday, July 8 @ 6:30 pm
Serving Lunch at UGM Men's Shelter	Thursday, July 10 11:15 am—1:00 pm
Facility User Groups Meeting	Saturday, July 12 @ 8:00 am
NW District LCMC Council Meeting	Monday, July 14 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Newsletter Articles Due	Tuesday, July 15
Sticky Community Event: BBQ	Thursday, July 24 @ 6:00 pm
Worship & Music Committee Meeting	Thursday, July 31 @ 1:30 pm
Mid-week Bible Study	Wednesdays @ 10:00 am
Breakfast & Bible Study	Fridays @ 7:30 am
Summer Worship Schedule No Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service & Fellowship (after)	