



# the Trinity Trumpet

August 2024

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The Parish Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church; Danville, Illinois

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Many of us watched, live on TV, the attempted assassination of former President Donald J. Trump on Saturday, July 13. If you didn't watch it, you've heard about it. It has dominated the news ever since. Hearings and investigations regarding it are ongoing.

Countless people have commented about it including those present at the Rally who witnessed what happened, anchors on any number of cable news channels, and the parade of speakers who took to the stage at the Republican national convention in July.

A vast majority of those comments included phrases like "the providence of God," "the hand of God," and "Divine intervention."

Many have concluded, and rightly so, that it was Divine intervention that prevented President Trump from being killed. It was the providence of God that he turned his head at just the right moment and in such a way that the bullet only grazed his ear. It was the hand of God that protected him that day.

So what is this thing called providence. It's an old word, one that disappeared for a while but has found a new lease on life since Saturday, July 13. The providence of God is simply the Fatherly care that God shows to everything and everyone He has created. God, in His providence, sustains His creation and preserves all that He has made.

God, in His providence, feeds the birds of the air, clothes the lilies of the field, causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall on the good and evil alike.

It's God's providence that is described when the catechism says that, "He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly divine

goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness in me."

So, was it God's providence that Donald Trump escaped the assassin's bullet? Yes, it was. Does that mean that he is special? No, it does not. The same providence of God that protected President Trump and preserved his life is the same providence of God that protects us and preserves our lives. And for that, we are thankful—thankful for President Trump's sake, thankful for our sakes.

But what about Corey Comperatore, the man who took at least one of the deadly rounds intended for President Trump? Where was the providence of God for him? It seems as though God withdrew his hand from him and refused to intervene on his behalf.

God works through means--through people and things. It was God's providence that Corey Comperatore's wife and daughters were kept safe precisely because their husband and father blanketed their bodies with his. It was divine intervention and the hand of God that Corey sacrificed himself and was used by God to save his wife and daughter.

Corey, we are told, was a Christian, a believer in Jesus. Because Jesus took a cross for Corey and gave His body into death for him, we trust that Corey is with the Lord in heaven. There God's providence is not necessary, because Corey wants for nothing. There God does not intervene in the face of danger and evil because there is none.

As Christians we give thanks for the providence of God. We recognize His hand and His Divine intervention in our lives and the lives of others. And when it seems to be lacking, we trust our Father who, in His mercy, redeemed us by His Son and adopted us to be His children and heirs of His heaven.

## A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Our synod has a shortage of pastors and teachers. In 1905 our synod faced a similar shortage. In response, Franz Pieper, former synodical president, said this:

*Our country is a rich land. It is blessed with earthly goods beyond other countries. But we know that through them, no one will be saved. A man may have all of it and still be eternally lost because he does not have the Gospel. Therefore, if we want to exercise true mercy to our country and people, then we must train and send to them teachers and preachers of the Gospel.*

## IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY

<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
-Cafeteria Class	Cafeteria	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	Gospel of Mark
-Thursday Morning Class	Cafeteria	Thursday, 9:30 a.m.	Book of Romans

## OFFICIAL ACTS FOR JULY

Calls: 7 (5 HC)

## BULLETS FROM BOPE (Board of Parish Education)

- Offerings for the unbudgeted mission projects in July totaled \$100.00. See below for a change in the unbudgeted mission offerings.
- We are just getting started on the reading and discussion of The Gospel of St. Mark in the Cafeteria Class. Join us every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and get to know Jesus, His words, and His works better.
- Pastor Tibben will meet with the public-school confirmation students and their parents on Sunday, August 25, at 10:45 a.m. The brief meeting will get us squared away for another year of instruction in God's Word and Luther's Small Catechism.
- On Sunday, August 11, the BIG 4—Bible storybooks, Bibles, catechisms, and hymnals--will be given to all our member children who are beginning kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade, 5<sup>th</sup>-grade, and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade. Mom and Dad, make sure your child is here to get his or her book. And, once they have it, teach them to use it and use it with them! These are NOT coffee table books.

## SCHOOL MUSINGS

-TLS students, staff, and families will get back in the Lutheran school saddle on Friday, August 16!

-The annual TLS Back to School Breakfast and Chapel is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. At 8:00 a.m. you can enjoy breakfast, meet students, and mingle with parents. At 8:30 a.m. you can join them for chapel and hear God's Word and sing God's praises with them.

### **QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING**

The next quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, at 11:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Come and get up to speed on what is happening at Trinity Lutheran Church and school by hearing reports from the various board chairmen, officers, and Pastor Tibben.

### **SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH PICNIC/PATRIOT DAY BREAKFAST**

There are TWO important dates coming up you need to put in your calendar:

Date #1: The Annual Patriot Day Breakfast will be served on, you guessed it, Wednesday, September 11. Come and help us serve breakfast and say thank you to our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders who serve us every day.

Day #2: Trinity's Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 22. We will gather at the Maple Grove Lodge at Forest Glen County Preserve east of Westville. More information will be coming soon.

### **THANK YOU SUE BARR!**

The entire congregation and Pastor Tibben owe Sue Barr a debt of gratitude for her 15 years of service in the church office. Her help has been invaluable and we are thankful for it. Answering phone calls, scheduling visits for pastor, preparing service folders and newsletters, and countless other tasks, including interpreting Pastor's handwriting, have occupied her time. While we're thankful for her service, we pray for Diana Germand on her continued service in the church office.

### **THANK YOU REV. SALCIDO!**

In a time when supply preachers are hard to find, The Rev. Richard Salcido was able and willing to serve Trinity on the last two Sundays of July while Pastor Tibben was away on vacation. Thank you Rev. Salcido for teaching and preaching God's Word to us and for leading us in prayer and praise to His holy and saving name.

### **BENEVOLENT FUND! HAACK FUND! CHANGEROO!**

*The Haack Fund* is returning to its original purpose—to provide financial assistance for sons and daughters of our congregation who wish to train for a church work profession—teacher, pastor, deaconess, parish musician, etc.

Beginning this new fiscal year, the Unbudgeted Mission Offerings will now become simply, *The Benevolent Fund*. The Benevolent Fund, which was a part of the original unbudgeted mission projects, assists individuals and households in our congregation who are struggling financially because of sickness, unemployment, and other circumstances.

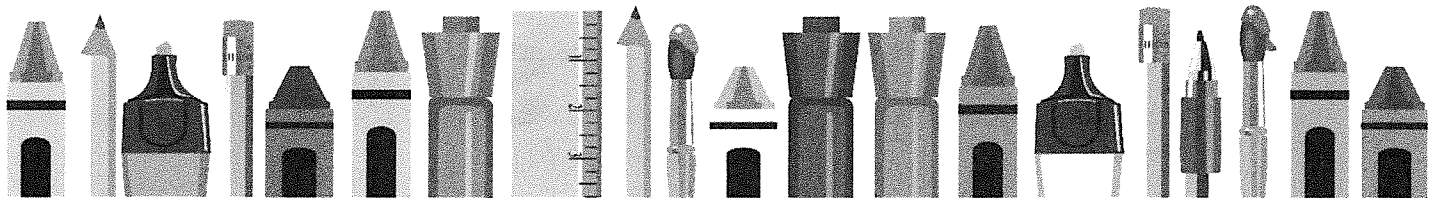
**TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of Trinity Lutheran Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ to our members, our community, our world, and to the next generation.

**THE VALUES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE:** Strong Biblical preaching and teaching; our Lutheran heritage; fellowship in faith and love toward one another; bringing Christ's mercy in Word and deed to the community; and our Lutheran day school.

**TUNE INTO THE RADIO BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY** on WITY, 980 AM or 99.5 FM and listen to The Lutheran Hour at 10:00 a.m. and Trinity's church service at 10:30 a.m. You may also listen to Trinity's service again at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

**WORSHIP ANEW** celebrates the new life all believers have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through weekly Scripture readings, favorite hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. View every program at [www.WorshipAnew.org](http://www.WorshipAnew.org) or tune in Sunday mornings on channel 49 WCIX Springfield at 7:30 a.m., channel 50 CW at 8:00 a.m., or channel 2 WTWO Terre Haute at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

**PRAY FOR THESE TRINITY MEMBERS:** Bill & Kathy Thoma; Scott Thomas; Leslie Thomason & daughters, Karlie, Kennedy, & Lanie; John Thompson; Lisa Thompson & sons, Brennan & Patrick; Raven Thompson; Jayson & Robin Thomson & son, Jayson; Pastor & Penny Tibben; Greg & Charmaine Tinder; Dave & Stephanie Tobeck; Kyle Tobeck; Toni Towne; Karen Trimberger; Sally Turner; Karen Umphenour; Angela Vallangeon & son, Brandon; Michael & Brittany Verhoeven & children, Noah & Madilyn; James Verhoeven; Rick Voyles; Mike & Kathy Walker & son, Allen; Chuck & Crisi Walls & children, Austin & Cheyenne; Craig Waltemath; Milee Walters; Kathy Warstler; Rusti Wasson & children, Fawna & Devan; Tim Webb; Zach & Karyn Weddle & sons, Jackson & Decklan; Eric & Ginger Westfall; Mike & Dona Westfall; David White; Jamie White



**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN AUGUST:**

Altar Guild: Kathy Thoma, Janet Myers, and Teresa Parish

Sound Schedule:

August 4 - Laura Hutchison  
August 11 - Dave Tobeck  
August 18 - Teresa Parish  
August 25 - Chris Kienast

Usher Captains:

August 4 - Eric Westfall  
August 11 - Jerry Jochim  
August 18 - Dave Tobeck/Doug Hubner  
August 25 - Cliff Peak/Terry Mourer

Communion Assistants

August 4 - David Sanders & Phil Muehl  
August 11- Sam Sanders & Brian Parke  
August 18 - Brad Pollert & Cliff Peak  
August 25 - Mark Gale & Mark Hamm

**THE DEADLINE** for submissions for the September newsletter is Friday, August 23, 3:30 p.m.

**SUMMER HOURS** have ended for the church and school offices. The church office will be open from 8:00 am to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday. The school office will be open 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday.

**LWML-EUNICE NEWS (information for ALL women in the congregation)**  
Eunice Society – No August meeting

**Mites -**

The August Prayer Calendar is included in this mailing. Mites are collected the first Sunday of each month at either entrance, then sent to LWML-Central Illinois District for distribution to the various mission grants, both for our District as well as for National. For more information, view these websites – [www.lwml-cid.org](http://www.lwml-cid.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

**Be KIND.**  
EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

**SERVE**  
**others.**  
1 PETER 4:10, NIV

**HONOR**  
**Christ *the* Lord.**  
1 PETER 3:15, ESV

**BETHANY BARKS** I (Mike Klepp), and other members of team Bethany, have seen the love and comfort given by Bethany on visits everywhere. It is only since my recent hip surgery that I have experienced her ability to break through the pain, uncertainty, isolation, and boredom with unconditional love. Her head on my lap, eyes that seem to say it will be OK, or just laying at my feet really do make a difference. I am reminded that Jesus is always with us in our time of need just as Bethany is. My firsthand experience with our Comfort Dog Bethany has been a true blessing.

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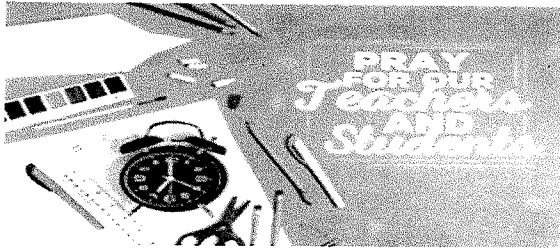
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*This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings.*

*Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For LWML Mission Grant #18.
2. For God to work through and bless our national LWML and LCMS leaders.
3. For Macau, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the opportunities to share your faith story.
5. For someone to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with this week.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator.
7. For the country of Madagascar.
8. For the LWML Utah-Idaho District and the Gospel work there.
9. For those who are suffering from loneliness, depression, and anxiety.
10. For all LCMS pastors and church workers.
11. For the country of Mongolia.
12. For the opportunity to meet someone new this week.
13. For the opportunity to pray for someone who has a special need.
14. For our church to be united.
15. For the country of Malawi.
16. For the LWML Rocky Mountain District.
17. For your extended family who need Jesus.
18. For the mission work of the LWML.
19. For the country of Nicaragua.
20. For the LWML Wyoming District.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #19.
22. For opportunities to reach people who are still far from knowing God.
23. For the country of Namibia.
24. For the LWML Minnesota South District.
25. For the gifts and talents in your church.
26. For the country of Nigeria.
27. For LWML Mission Grant #20.
28. For volunteers with hearts of service.
29. For the LWML Central Illinois District.
30. For healing of strained relationships.
31. For more time to ready God's Word and listen to God's voice.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30 Bible Class  5:15 Yoga 6:00 Council	2	3
4 Pentecost 11 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE	5 8:30 TLS Faculty meeting	6 8:30 TLS Faculty meeting 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:15 Adult Instruction	7 6:30 DIVINE SERVICE	8 9:30 Bible Class  5:15 Yoga 6:00 Elders	9	10
11 Pentecost 12 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE (BIG 4)	12 6:30 TLS Parent Orientation	13 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:15 Adult Instruction	14 4:30 Board of Evangelism	15 9:30 Bible Class  5:00 TLS Board 5:15 Yoga	16 TLS First Day of School	17
18 Pentecost 13 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Voters meeting	19	20 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:15 Adult Instruction	21 8:00 Back to school Breakfast 8:30 Chapel  6:30 DIVINE SERVICE	22 9:30 Bible Class  5:15 Yoga	23	24
25 Pentecost 14 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 MATINS 10:45 Jr. Confirmation meeting	26	27 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:15 Adult Instruction	28 8:30 TLS Chapel 10:30 Word at the Villas 6:00 Council	29 9:30 Bible Class  4:30 BOPE 5:15 Yoga	30	