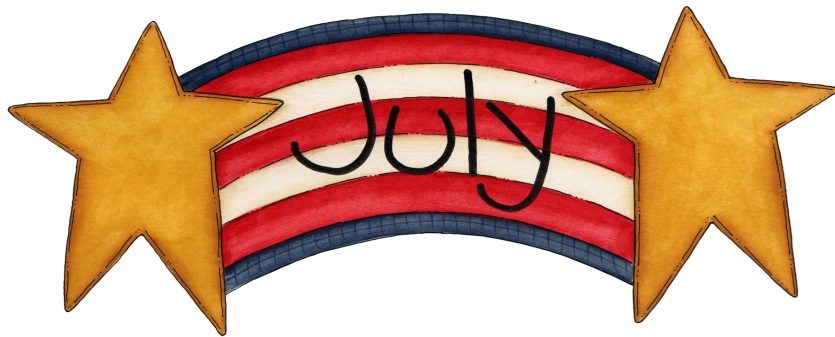




TELCO

July 2024



Continuing
the Season of
Pentecost



**Please help Seth Gill
beat cancer.**

<https://gofund.me/3a066660>



Seth is 25 years old with a young family fighting a very aggressive testicular cancer that has spread.

Seth is self-employed with very limited health insurance and is the sole income provider for his young family. His wife, Dakota, is a stay-at-home mom with their 7-month-old son, Ryder.

With enormous medical expenses and Seth unable to work, every prayer and every donation, big or small, will help our commitment to save Seth's life.



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If you would like Pastor to visit, please contact him at 412-841-9359 or call the church office.

Pastoral Letter for July

Dear People of God:

It's been a while since I visited a beach. Ocean City, Maryland, was our usual vacation destination when I was growing up. The beach always makes me think about the beauty, the immensity, and the power of God's Creation.

At the beach are the ever-present seagulls, looking for the daily food God provides. There is a variety of life at the beach, God's handiwork. Living in the sand are sand crabs and horseshoe crabs, once we found a little lizard. Seashells, in an array of shapes and sizes, some incredibly intricate and colorful, can be gathered on the shore. In the deep water there are innumerable schools of fish and other aquatic life, some quite beautiful looking and some quite bizarre. Whenever I eat seafood, I think about the resurrected Jesus having a breakfast of fish and bread on the seashore with his disciples.

Also, at the beach there is the constant sound of the waves pounding, relentlessly, non-stop, like a heartbeat, day and night. Somewhere, far beyond what we can see, across the ocean lies another continent, more of God's people, sheep of His other flocks. The sun rises dramatically over the water at dawn and the sun sets serenely over the bay at dusk, beginning and ending and new beginnings, the same as it ever was since the first day. The beach at night is calm, peaceful and quiet, except for the rhythm of the waves, seemingly eternal.

Creation is sometimes called "God's first book." We look at the natural world and we see that something so beautiful and complicated must have been designed by an intelligent being, someone far wiser and more powerful than we are. But looking at the earth, even as wonderful as it is, it cannot reveal to us our Savior. The world broken by our sin is redeemed by Jesus Christ. God loves us so much that he sent His only Son to save us. The Bible, "God's second book", shows us the way to salvation through Christ. Thanks be to God for the universe He created and will even more lovingly re-create when Christ comes again.

In His Service, Pastor Ash

4TH OF JULY

WORD SEARCH

T M N W Q J E T A R B E L E C D Y
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America

Blue

Britain

Celebrate

Declaration

Fireworks

Flag

Fourth

Freedom

Holiday

Independence

July

Liberty

Parade

Picnic

Red

Sparklers

Stars

Stripes

Summer

United

White



BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Vossler and Gill families thank everyone for supporting the fundraiser for Seth Gill. We raised over \$12,000, \$6,000+ from barbeque ticket sales and \$6,000+ from donations. Terry Gill (Seth's father) donated the food, another person donated the brownies, so the entire amount is going to Seth!
Thank you for showing so much love for someone in need.

The Vossler/Gill Families



Council Highlights



Council's regular Monday night meeting, June 17th, was anything but simple. We all had to go out in weather meant for no one. The sky was dark with raindrops falling so fast, my eaves could not contain and get rid of all the water they were taking in, so they just had a blowout and dropped gallons at a time. This should have made us all say, "No Thanks, I'm staying in tonight", but that is not what your Council members do. They show up! Most of us were pretty wet, but we had serious business to go over, so we all just drip dried while making important decisions for our church.

There were many topics, common to Council, and after taking care of usual business, we moved on to the extras.

No names were mentioned but brought to our attention. We have the best next-door neighbors anyone could ask for. The Balcom's took it upon themselves to mow the church property. They were not asked; they just mowed the lawn. This is a blessing, but we do have a sign-up sheet that lays on the table in the Narthex. I ask all of you to pray about this and consider signing up one time. Mowing season isn't really that long, so with the number of members we have, you'd only have to do it once. And again, all the equipment is there at the church to use, at no expense to the user.



Another topic, was the hood over the kitchen stove. It has been deemed not up to code from our inspectors. It was passed to have it fixed/replaced.

Counters to help Alice S. after Sunday service has reaped volunteers, but more would always be appreciated. Please give this considerable prayer also.

Many topics were discussed, solutions found, but our last topic of the night was our biggest question with no answer....yet.

We need to ask you first. Do you foresee us doing the Sauerkraut Dinner this year? Are you willing to make a commitment and sign up to help in the many, many roles needed to see our congregation have a great success again? We have many members with a lot of experience, willingness to do some of the work, but it cannot be done fairly with just a handful of faithful members.

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I know sign-up sheets get overlooked on our tables, but we will have one there soon. There is the first stage, cleaning the crocks, preparing the floors, setting up the tables for cutting, peeling and cutting the cabbage, salting, stirring, mashing and watering the top to put them away to ferment.

Then the second stage....the sauerkraut dinner, which is a lot more work than the first stage. This requires a lot of preparing the foods. Peeling potatoes, marinating the pork, the bread cutting and flavoring for the stuffing the night before, setting Fellowship Hall up with tables and chairs, place settings, drinks. Then after the dinner and the people who bought the tickets, and have for years, are gone, the clean-up begins, not ends.

I tried to give you, the reader a visual of the necessary work that has to go into making this a success and not a drudge on our church members. I can tell you from experience, as I've been involved in many of these areas, it is rewarding. I am willing and able to be a part of all three days and jobs. Some I'm better at, and some you will be better at. But we cannot do this with just a small group of members. I pray we all step in and do even one small part. Can you cut bread? Just show up for that. Cut sauerkraut, show up for just that. Peel potatoes, just do that.

Think of us as worker ants. All of us are doing a job for the good of all of us. We all build our ant house together, and all of us get to use it equally. The work is less, because the help is more.

Your Church Council works for you and the good of the church. You need to know what a great group of members you have representing Trinity Lutheran Church. We can and will continue to do our best. I'm just hoping next time we meet to make important decisions we don't have to go out in torrential rains and sit in a meeting soaking wet. But you know what....We will do it again!

Marsha Sick
President pro tempore



July Celebrations

Birthdays

6 Dena Helms
8 Nikki Helmer, Rich Shear
10 Allison Culbertson
14 Liz Wilson
18 Reita Lynch
21 Christina Wightman
24 Pete Farwell
25 Kristen Kruger
26 Bill Fahs, Ava Vossler

Anniversaries

1 Justin and Lydia Vossler
3 Terry and Reita Lynch
3 Paul and Deb Vossler
4 Fred and Sally Dannheim
9 Janet and John Vargo
11 David and Marsha Sick
13 Rev. Bill and Liz Willson
18 Tom and Judy Brainard
24 Marvin and Betty Wood



The Paul Vossler Family celebrating Father's Day at "2 Sisters & a Smoker" (Mama's Smokin' BBQ)!



DORCAS

Dorcas met May 7th to begin a new year. Dorcas originally began August 24, 1964. 60years ago.

Alice Stevens has joined us. Welcome!!

A blue, red, and beige quilt was tied and finished at home.

Sorry I missed last month's TELCO.

June (Helmer) has asked that we give Betty (Bernice) Blue a quilt. We sent a blue one with Pastor to the nursing home.

Our next meeting was June 11th. A yellow, orange, and green quilt was tied and is ready to be finished.

We also measured the sizes of our quilts. We have many colorful ones, many of them are about 60" x 80".

I have apologized to Dick Kling. Somehow, we never gave him a quilt at the time of his wife's passing. He has picked out an orange and brown quilt.

Janet and I have offered Carol English a quilt. She is doing better and joined us in church. However, she left before she could pick one out.

Does anybody remember the song Carol wrote that the choir used to sing? "May the Lord, mighty God bless you and keep you forever". I forgot the rest of the words.

Our next meeting is July 9th. Come and join us.

**God Bless,
Judy**

Volunteers Needed

**LAWN
MAINTENANCE**

Mowing and trimming of
the church property.
Please sign up on the
table in the lounge. All
help is appreciated!



Great Wellsville Balloon Rally



Parade on Main Street:

Saturday, July 13, 2024 11:00 AM

Balloon Launches at Island Park:

Friday, July 19th-6:00 PM

Saturday, July 20th 6:00 AM

Saturday, July 20th 6:00 PM

Sunday, July 21st 6:00 AM

[Event Info - Great Wellsville Balloon Rally](#)
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2024

CRUISE



FREE
EVENT

NIGHT

July 31 - 5pm to 8pm

at

First Trinity Lutheran Church

FOOD BY
BOY SCOUT
TROOP #733

470 North Main Street

Wellsville, NY 14895

Show Cars in Parking Lot



**Car participants entered to
win door prizes**



Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid met on June 10th, with 11 ladies in attendance. We were once again ready to plan our months ahead.

Of course, after the necessary reports were read and approved, we went directly to the special treats brought by our hostesses, Melanie A. and Janet V. I say this every newsletter, but we are spoiled and no less that night. Melanie brought a beautiful, colorful relish tray, with my favorite peas on it. And a complimentary dressing to smother all those healthy snacks. Janet brought fresh watermelon, cut just the right size, with matching watermelon plates and napkins. Janet also brought a delicious lemon cake, with walnuts and shaved walnuts in the frosting. Once we had our plates full of refreshments, we got down to business, Ladies Aid business.

It was decided that we would take the Ladies Aid picnic set for August to the church Council. This way, we can make this a church family picnic, letting more members get involved. This will be talked about later with the congregation.

Last month we donated to the Blind Association, and it was very much appreciated. The letter of thanks is on the Ladies Aid bulletin board in the hallway. Please feel free to read it.

We also brought to discussion, the sale of the RADA items. We may have a buyer, as Jane P. spoke with a woman who sells RADA at her store and may buy us out. Before we do this though, we took out all we had in the boxes, took inventory on each item, and how much we paid. Vickie H. wrote down each one as Deb V. and others organized them and called them out to her. We, the ladies, did have a chance to buy some that night, and as we have said, we want you to have first choice also, so just let anyone of us know if you're interested in buying something.

Our night ended in another unanimous vote, to donate \$200.00 to Seth Gill's medical expenses. As you all may know by now, he is fighting cancer, but has lots of support from family, friends, and communities. He has a long way to go, so it's never too late to donate. Please keep him and all of his family and our church family, in your prayers.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2 NIV

Under the lamb
Marsha Sick

There is
NO STORM that God
won't carry you
through.
NO BRIDGE that God
won't help you cross.
NO BATTLE that God
won't help you win.

trust **GOD**
and Never give up.
Amen

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God bless

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