

Trinity Tiding

October 2018



Dear friends,

We need to talk about grief.

There is a misconception about grief, which is we need to be done grieving before we move on. But friends, that just isn't true! As Jesus weeps for his friend Lazarus, he is already moving on to resurrecting him. As Jesus confronts his betrayer, he is already moving on toward the cross. Let us take these examples as Biblical proof that we can keep on living, keep on moving on *even while grieving*.

Grief and living are, I believe, a classic pairing of the Lutheran **both/and** relationship. **Both/and** is one of Martin Luther's key ideas. He uses it to explain a continuum of being. His most famous example is saying we are **both** saint **and** sinner. You could say we're **both** Wisconsinites **and** Americans, **both** Christians **and** worldly, **both** giving **and** self-concerned. At this moment, I'm **both** joyful **and** grieving.

It's true! I find a lot of joy even though that pesky grief sneaks up on me when I least expect it and always uninvited. It takes time and gentle persistence to learn to endure grief. As your Pastor, part of my call is to lead with authenticity and being with you at worship, at STAR, at council and committees, it brings me joy and that I cannot hide! It really is good for my heart and soul to be with you.

But...I'm a Lutheran living in a vivid moment of 'both/and.' I am grieving even as I embrace joy. I know many of you feel this way too.

Like any grieving process, we hurt because the love we felt was real and deep. And like any family who grieves, some folks seem to be less affected than others and that's ok! Some of you may read this and wonder, 'Again, we're talking about this?' Yeah, we are. And we will be because this is a big, significant event in the life of the church collectively and as individuals.

See, we are **both** victims of a crime **and** survivors. Our hearts hold **both** anger **and** love. We need to keep talking openly about what happened so that in time we **both** hurt less **and** love more. This is our current continuum as I see it. And we couldn't be better placed to take our next step in this process! Deacon Bonnie is here to help us **both** envision our future **and** mark our history. Meanwhile Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Education are back in full swing! LIFT is meeting, our council is leading, members are stepping forward with gifts of love and service. We're **both** moving forward **and** continuing as God's people in this place.

When I preach at a funeral, I almost always advise those who grieve to be gentle with one another because grief is so unique to each person that it's sometimes hard to tell. It bears repeating in our current situation. People who are grieving laugh through tears and feel anger with joy. On the days I appear joyful, my grief remains. But the opposite is also true, in the depth of grief – my joy remains.

In the joy of Christ,

Pastor Amy



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WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO... Marshall Anderson and his family as they mourn the death of his mother, Amme Anderson; to the family and friends of Sylvia Brown as they mourn her death; to Julie Recob and her family as they mourn the death of her father, Earl Miller. May all be comforted by God's promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR... Debbie Pierce, Rhonda Cook, Linda Gallman, Ruth Smithback, Marsha Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Wanda Olson, Mary Weston, Shelley Weber Schaitel, Cortlyn Almquist, Pat Sullivan, Zachary Vurva, Dean Hanke, Kim Hannan, Karen Weber, Donna Weeks, Vern Borchardt, Betty Gill, Lena Lass, Linda Doerr, Evelyn Falk, Andrew Campbell.

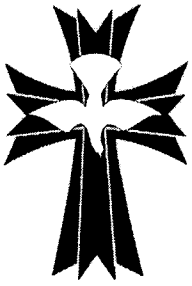
ALL SAINTS' DAY is celebrated on the first weekend of November. On Thursday, November 1 and Sunday, November 4, we will remember those we have held funerals for in the past year. If you would like a family member or friend remembered, please let Pastor Amy or Deacon Bonnie know. All names will be read during the service.

IF SUMMER IS GONE, CAN COLD WEATHER BE FAR BEHIND?



It's time to check your closets for winter gear! To help those in our area who can't afford warm hats, scarves and gloves/mittens, the STAR (Serving Trinity Area Residents) group is collecting new and gently used winter accessories from October 7 through November 11. Bag up your extra items or shop the sales, and bring them to church. There will be labeled boxes for your donations.

Attention to those of you who knit or crochet—we would love to provide hand-crafted items, too. We have donated yarn if you need it! Pastor Amy, Sharon Armstrong, Suzi George or Kay Falk can help you find the yarn....just ask!!



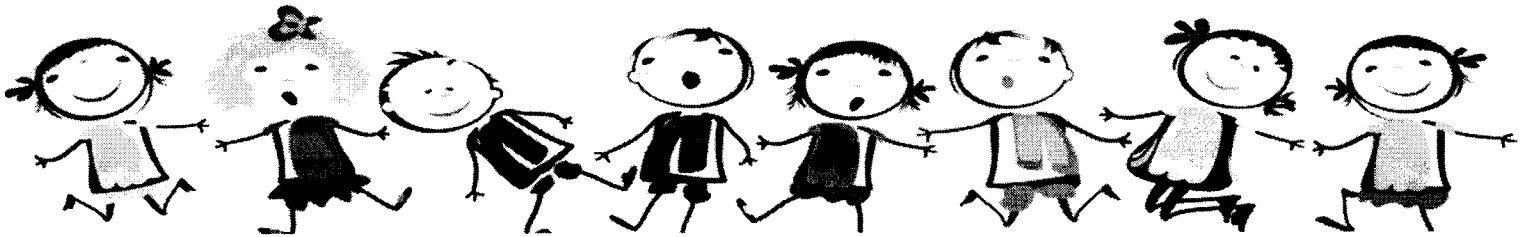
CONFIRMATION SERVICES

This year, we will honor 9th grade students on Sunday, October 28.

The congregation will have the joy of witnessing these young adults affirming their faith at the 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. services that day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING—JOIN US!!!

Students in Grades 4K—6th will gather each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for our Opening. Parents are encouraged to stay for this time of praise, song and prayers. When adults show up, it sends a powerful message that worshiping God is important. At 9:45 the students go to their classrooms. The adults can head to the Hearth Room for coffee and conversation or to the former preschool rooms for adult Bible Study. Sunday School and Bible Study wrap up at 10:30. See you there!



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Families with 4th grade students will be able to choose which time of year works best for them to participate in communion instruction. *Each student will need to have at least one adult attend with them.* If you have a younger child who you feel is ready for communion instruction, please attend either workshop.

The first opportunity is Sunday, November 11, beginning with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 service. Students attending this workshop are scheduled to celebrate their First Communion on Tuesday evening, November 20 at 7 p.m. (Trinity's Thanksgiving service).

The second opportunity is Sunday, April 7 beginning with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 service. Students attending this workshop are scheduled to celebrate their First communion on Maundy Thursday, April 18 at the 7 p.m. service.

Please RSVP to Pastor Amy (pastoramyw@gmail.com) or Julie Vurva (julievtlc@yahoo.com).

LOOKING AHEAD.....

September 30—5th grade acolyte training during Sunday School

October 7—make up date for acolyte training during Sunday School.

October 28—9th Grade Rite of Confirmation at either the 8:15 or 10:45 worship service.

November 4—Children in 4K—6 will be singing at the worship services. We are also collecting food and paper goods for the Fort Food Pantry!

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