

## Calendar for Aug 2021

**1 Sun 10:00am Worship**  
3 Tues 1:00pm Trinity Quilters  
7:00pm Property  
**8 Sun 10:00am Worship**  
10 Tues 6:30pm Council  
**15 Sun 10:00am Worship**  
17 Tues 1:00pm Trinity Quilters  
**22 Sun 10:00am Worship**  
**29 Sun 10:00am Worship**

### INTERIM PASTOR

Pastor Mark Pries

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## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN NEWS

### August Newsletter

**Tues, Aug 3 & 17**  
Trinity Quilters  
1:00pm

**Tues, Aug 3**  
Property Committee  
7:00pm

**Tues, Aug 10**  
Council  
6:30pm

**Sundays**  
**Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

## From Pastor

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering theme text is Ephesians 3:14-21. The 19<sup>th</sup> verse receives particular attention: *“I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.”* These words tell what parents pray for their children what we pray for each other and how we view our mission for Christ.

This same reading is a frequent choice for weddings. The phrase from the 17<sup>th</sup> verse holds my attention as a wedding preacher: *“I pray ... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”*

Lingering with this verse, imagining ones’ whole self as a plant in God’s garden, has been of great help for many. There is nothing to do; we simply surrender to what the good news of Jesus does within us. We become rooted such that our blossoming and fruit-bearing reveals the power of Christ’s love in the world.

There is so very much necessity in the world awaiting this “selfless love perspective” to bring change. We trust the good news of Jesus Christ will do it.

Peace and love be yours,  
Pastor Pries

## LSI-God’s work. Our hands. Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom rou-

tine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders. Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI’s mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

**Pastor David Aanonson** will again provide Pulpit Supply on August 8 when Pastor Pries is away. He enjoyed being with us on June 6 and appreciated our hospitality.

## FreeIndeed Sunday – August 15

Rev. Dirk Stadlander is pastor of the 1000-member congregation inside the walls of the Iowa State Prison at Anamosa. Dirk will be our preacher and lead a forum following worship telling of the ministries of FreeIndeed

## School Kits

School kits will be started soon, so start to buy the items same as last year

**Ewalu Camp** is celebrating 60 years of ministry this year. The celebration is September 3-6. For details call 563-933-4700 or go to [www.Ewalu.org/edvent/60-anniversary](http://www.Ewalu.org/edvent/60-anniversary) Ewalu’s Executive Director Clark Baldwin is retiring in March of 2022. Pastor Pries has accepted an invitation to serve on the search committee for Ewalu’s next Executive Director.

## Choir

Your choir wants YOU! Our first TLC Choir rehearsal this fall is the first Wednesday after Labor Day--Sept. 8, at 7:00 in the sanctuary. If you have a conflict with SALT, we'd still love to have you sing with us on Sundays. Get with Susan, and we'll figure it out.

Wondering if choir is for you? Here are the requirements: Show up. You’re in! Welcome to the family!

Why join choir? According to the first thing that came up on Google search for “Why is a choir fun?” the true facts as only Google can provide are: “The list goes on: improving sleep, toning facial muscles, improving posture, opening sinuses, releasing endorphins, boosting the immune system, reducing anger and anxiety, increasing self-esteem, reducing stress, promoting bonding ... Singing in choirs is a forum for sharing, laughter and fun” Thank you, Susan

## Building Use Safety Protocols

The Council approved opening the building for fuller use in August. Please continue to reserve rooms for your group or committee by contacting the secretary, Jodi. Two groups may meet on the main floor in different rooms at the same time and one group may meet in the basement.

Please contact the secretary if you would

like to borrow table or chairs and she will let you know if they are available. Thanks.

## Discussions with Crossroads, Inc

Crossroads, Inc has asked Trinity to consider allowing them to rent our Fellowship Hall on Mondays-Fridays from 8:00-2:00 for their accredited day habilitation program for adults. Kathy Moore toured our building in June and two of their representatives spoke to the Council on July 13. Our current insurance underwriter will not insure Trinity if we move forward with this partnership. Our agent says it’s difficult finding underwriters willing to write a policy for this type of occupancy. We are waiting for more information from a church in Muscatine that is hosting a day habilitation program. If the Council should choose to recommend a license for use of the premises for Crossroads, Inc, it would be brought to the vote of our congregation.

## Call Committee

The Call Committee has interviewed one potential pastor thus far. Due to confidentiality, not much can be shared with Trinity members but in general the interview with an experienced pastor who lived out west was positive. There were major compatible ministry areas. Our committee goal was to interview two to three candidates. Pastor Kuckuck has found another potential pastor for us who we will interview the first week of August. This pastor has years of experience and lives in the mid-west. The SE Iowa Synod has 33 openings so it is quite a competitive process. Please keep Trinity, Pastor Pries, Council Members, the Call Committee and all pastoral candidates in your prayers since these decisions are life altering. Brenda, Call Committee Chair.