

# **The Trinity Trumpet May 2019**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 West Cherry St.  
Fairbury, IL 61739**

***Worship 8:30am***

**What is important  
to the People of Trinity,  
as discovered through  
the LIFT process:**

fostering active involvement

offering unconditional support

willingness to invest ourselves

being/becoming excited about our faith

making people feel welcome and accepted

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# May 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5 addiction recovery	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 church cleaning day	<b>6</b> 9 Sewing	<b>7</b> 4 Fairview Haven	<b>8</b> 7 Council meeting	<b>9</b> 1:30 WELCA H: Kay Hammer LL: Suzie Kukuck 5 addiction recovery	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 Worship	<b>13</b> 9 Sewing	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> pastor off	<b>16</b> 5 addiction recovery	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 Bible Song Joseph's Coat 9:30 Happy Our (Tess Popejoy & Katie Ricketts)	<b>20</b> 9 Sewing	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5 addiction recovery	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 Bible Song Joseph's Coat	<b>27</b> 9 Sewing	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5 addiction recovery	<b>31</b>	

**May 15**, 2019 is the pre-registration deadline for participants of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod (CSIS) Assembly (Thursday-Saturday, June 6-8 @ Springfield). If you would like to be a voting member from our congregation, contact Pastor Tom and we will get you registered first-come first-serve. Every CSIS congregation may provide two confirmed lay persons to be voting members, in addition to one confirmed lay person age 21 or under. The congregation covers the cost of registration, room and board.

**May 15** is also a day Pastor Tom will not be available. The day of a colonoscopy is not really the best time for spending time with others 😊

**May 1** twenty-five years ago my oldest son was baptized. My youngest brother and I sang a duet of "Pass it on" as we participated in one of the last pastoral acts I would preside at in my first call at Liberty and Lost Prairie. A few months later we were acclimating to the uniqueness of Nauvoo and a small congregation with an active membership. In a new call with a new child, I was oblivious to what was going on in much of the rest of the world. It seems that much of the rest of the world was oblivious as well.

"It happened 25 years ago – up to 800,000 people in Rwanda killed – mostly from the minority Tutsi community, all of that over the course of just a hundred days." So began an April 9, 2019 NPR Morning Edition interview by host Rachel Martin with journalist and author Philip Gourevitch, who has documented the process of how Rwandans have struggled in the years since.

Two and a half decades later live the children who did not experience that genocide, but whose parents did. Imagine, Philip Gourevitch suggests "if you grew up an orphan or a child of rape or in a family where, instead of 50 people, there are five and they are deeply traumatized and impoverished – or you grew up in a family where you were carrying food to your father every day in prison and being looked at in the community as that boy, the child of a killer. And then you both wind up, those two kids, let's say, in college from the same place. They recognize each other, and they find a way of relating to each other. That's pretty remarkable. And it happens on a regular basis. It's something that people talk about with a kind of sense of amazement at the same time as they talk about it with a shrug, as if it were normal."

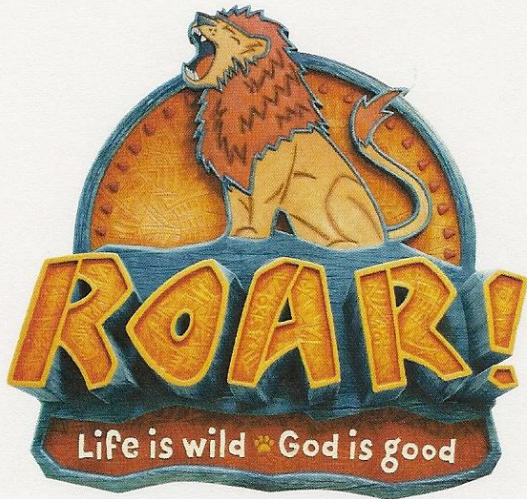
As Rwanda gave consideration to how there might be healing, says Gourevitch, they realized that "the experience of the genocide was extremely localized. People were killed by neighbors. It was intimate. They knew each other." Can you imagine even considering forgiveness? Punishment, retribution, even revenge much more easily come to mind. Rwanda "set up a system of community courts – without lawyers – to sort of repurpose a system that really had only been used for small claims mitigation in traditional Rwanda, called gacaca" says Gourevitch. "The idea was to hold people accountable and have a system of punishment. And this system banked very heavily on encouraging **confession and rewarding it** [*emphasis mine*]. But the confessions also had to be verified by the community... the motto of the gacaca courts was, truth heals."

All of this begged an important question, said Gourevitch "- what does forgiveness mean? I mean, to some extent, when I went and heard the word forgiveness, I thought it sort of meant you'd **restore whatever the relationship was before...** And they would say, no, that involves **trust**. That's a whole different thing. Forgiveness doesn't require trust. **Forgiveness simply means letting go of the idea of getting even**, forgoing the idea of revenge. Right? Now, even that's a big thing to ask. But **it means accepting coexistence.**"

Is there anything we as Christians can learn about living together and about forgiveness and trust from the people of Rwanda, these scarred survivors of death, these scarred recipients of life? We best hope so.

~ Pastor Tom

# First Pres — Trinity Lutheran — United Methodist VBS



June 10 to 14, 2019

8:45— 11:00 am

at First Presbyterian Church Fairbury

101 E Elm St

815/692-2963

## 2019 VBS Registration Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ My older child wants to help \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering in fall (Pre-K through 5th) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone # & Name \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone # & Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

### < REQUIRED >

Allergies/Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone #(if parents can't be reached)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Name(s) Approved for Pick Up \_\_\_\_\_



### **May Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Gail Ricketts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Smith  
6<sup>th</sup> Ryan McClellan  
11<sup>th</sup> Kevin Tarter  
Taylor Langel  
Brooke Bachtold  
12<sup>th</sup> Angela Macias  
13<sup>th</sup> Caden Decker  
15<sup>th</sup> Kim Wenger  
Riley Wittman  
16<sup>th</sup> Joshua Lee  
18<sup>th</sup> Linda VanWinkle  
Adler Popejoy  
19<sup>th</sup> Scott Rolf  
20<sup>th</sup> Luke Jackson  
Chip Weber  
21<sup>st</sup> Sandie Friedman  
Milissa Welborn  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jake Bachtold  
23<sup>rd</sup> Marlene Schuble  
Karla Wilkey  
Meridith Johnson  
24<sup>th</sup> Randy Kestner  
25<sup>th</sup> Ashley Jefferson  
26<sup>th</sup> Tammy Trease  
Dylan Carls  
27<sup>th</sup> Merle Holmes  
28<sup>th</sup> Marisa Inzerello  
29<sup>th</sup> Kyle Kicmal  
30<sup>th</sup> Cal Koenig  
Samantha Palen

### **May Anniversaries**

1<sup>st</sup> Mike & Tara Norris  
6<sup>th</sup> Delbert & Tammy Trease  
17<sup>th</sup> Darin & Lynette Bazzell  
28<sup>th</sup> Ken & Shirley Luering

### **May Financial Secretaries**

Liz Freeland and Katie Ricketts

### **May Ushers**

5<sup>th</sup> Louis & Betty Retter, Liz Freeland  
12<sup>th</sup> Dale & Shirley Lorange,  
Chuck & Gail Huling  
19<sup>th</sup> Wayne & Kay Hammer, J.C. Aberle,  
Mike Maffett, Carl Tull  
26<sup>th</sup> Louis & Betty Retter, Liz Freeland

### **May Greeters**

5<sup>th</sup> John & Delores Rath  
12<sup>th</sup> Jim & Karyl Kafer  
19<sup>th</sup> Ruth Runyon & Aldora Hextell  
26<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Gerdes & Shirley Hulse

### **Acolytes, ¶Bearers, Gospel Readers**

5<sup>th</sup> Asher Popejoy  
12<sup>th</sup> Caden Decker  
19<sup>th</sup> Bible Song  
26<sup>th</sup> Bible Song

### **May Lay Readers**

5<sup>th</sup> Roxie Thomas  
12<sup>th</sup> Sue Deaton  
19<sup>th</sup> Bible Song  
26<sup>th</sup> Bible Song

### **May Communion Assistants**

5<sup>th</sup> Karyl Kafer  
12<sup>th</sup> John Rath  
19<sup>th</sup> Liz Freeland  
26<sup>th</sup> Dawn Kestner

### **May Communion Cleanup**

5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Judy Smith & Dawn Kestner  
19<sup>th</sup> volunteer needed  
26<sup>th</sup> Delores Rath

### **May Mowing**

Mitch Carber



## Prayer Concerns

*for those receiving nursing home care, and their families and friends:* **Evenglow, Pontiac:** Betty Niesmann; **Fairview Haven, Fairbury:** Phyllis Eilers, Ronald Gentes, Merle Holmes, Marilyn Kiper, Joy Zimmerman; **Meadows:** Wayne Rork; **Good Samaritan Home, Pontiac:** Joey Harding

*for healing/health concerns:* Brian Bounds, Nancy Brandt, Mitch Cool, Michelle Curl, Emma Rose Davis, Colin Decker, Don Denkins, Kelly Deterding, Dave Fehr, Kristen Fox, Liz Freeland, Dennis Johnson, Dick Johnson, Cal Koenig, Sandy Lerdal, Abby Maurer, Pete McGhee, Wilbur Moody, Edie Moulton, Elyssa Phillips, Vicki Phillips, Jessica Rathbun, Robert Ruff, Doug Tollensdorf, Tanner Vaupel, Dana Vermilya, Tom White

*for those who mourn:* family and friends of Delma Freed, family and friends of Jack Tomlison

## God's Garden

The garden season is upon us! This year I would like to get the soil worked up early so we can plant lettuce, spinach, carrots and onions early. I have purchased row covers to warm the ground and protect the early plants.

I have started four varieties of peppers, 3 varieties of tomatoes, spaghetti squash and acorn squash. If all goes well we will have nice plants when it is time to put them in the ground.

We will need plastic bags and mesh bags so we can use them to send produce home with our visitors. We also need the following seeds if you'd like to donate: Blue Lake bush green beans, Danvers Half Long and Kaleidoscope carrots, Straight Eight cucumbers, zucchini, radishes, lettuce, spinach and onion sets.

As always we will be taking produce to the food pantry. Their distribution is the third Monday of the month. We will not have a distribution on the third Saturday of the month so that we can take everything we have to the food pantry on Monday.

If you would like to help with the garden in some way, please let me know. There are various jobs that always need to be done. Some are more strenuous than others, but if you would like to help we can find something that you can do.

Gail Huling, gardener

## Enjoy Branson in the Spring, June 17-21

5 days and 4 nights including motor coach, hotel, meals, Dogwood Canyon Nature Tram Tour, Raiding the Country Vault, O Happy Day, CJ Newsome Classic Country, Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise, Clay Cooper Country Express, Hit Songwriters in the Round, Tour World's Greatest Toy Museum, Tour Downtown Branson, Mo, luggage handling and all taxes and gratuities

\$789 per person double occupancy or \$979 per person single occupancy

Call soon – coach will fill up fast. Call Richard Sanders, 815-848-8815.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes from March 18, 2019

**Present: Pastor Tom, Heather Masters, Dave Wiley, Cathy Wiley, Dawn Kestner, Jane Righter, Katie Ricketts and Sue Deaton**

**Absent: Liz Freeland**

Heather called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Sue motioned that the February minutes be accepted as written. Jane second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sue moved that the report from February be accepted as written. Dawn second. Motion carried.

- A. Pastor motioned that Caleb Decker be received as a confirmed member at the June 9<sup>th</sup> service. Sue second. Motion carried.
- B. Next Council Meeting will be held Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Dave & Cathy will not be able to attend.
- C. Potluck for meal for the March 20 Lenten service hosted by TLC.
- D. Council members are asked to prepare thoughts/ideas, etc....in regards to the future of TLC.

Sue moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jane second. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Ricketts (Secretary)

Heather Masters (President)

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes from April 14, 2019 (unapproved)

**Present: Pastor Tom, Dawn Kestner, Jane Righter, Heather Masters and Liz Freeland**

**Absent: Dave Wiley, Cathy Wiley, Sue Deaton**

Heather called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Dawn moved that the March minutes be accepted as written. Jane second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn moved that the report from March be accepted as written. Katie second. Motion carried.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Dawn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jane second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Ricketts (Secretary)

Heather Masters (President)





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(a simple, informative, up-to-date website)

The newsletter may also be found on this website.