



# News and Notes

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**WOW WHAT A GREAT PICNIC!** I would like to personally issue a BIG THANK YOU to all those congregational members who helped put our picnic together. If I tried to list everyone, I am sure I would miss a few, and that would not be fair, so THANK YOU to all that put this together! Another BIG THANK YOU to the Ministry Team leaders that put together wonderful displays to show what their team does here at Holy Trinity. I hope everyone had a good time and had enough food to eat. The pulled pork was delicious, tender, and tasty! A last BIG THANK YOU to Roger Gust, especially as he smoked 6-8 lb pork butts to supply us with just enough meat to feed over the 160 people that attended. One last special thank you to Pr. Longman and Pr. Mike who got dunked more times than I could count in the dunk tank. See you again next year, Dave Lehenbauer.

**HOLY TRINITY YOUTH AND FAMILIES** Please plan to attend the Youth Group meeting **TODAY** after second service in the Life Center. We will welcome new members and discuss plans for the fall. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Mike, Nancy Eisma, or Erika Leech.

**FALL FAMILY FUN DAY** Save the date for **Sunday, October 15th** from **12:30-3:30** for a Fall Family Fun Day held at Bryan & Kati Evans' home. We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch. There will be fun for all ages with hayrides, games, and pumpkin painting and carving...BYOP (bring your own pumpkin!). More details to follow!

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** Please join us for Adult Bible Study on Sundays during the 9:30 hour! Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room; Men's Sunday Bible Study meets in Classroom 6; Rev. Lindner's Study on the Parables meets in the Library, Adult Bible Study meets in Classroom 1, and the New Member Class meets in the Life Center. Children and youth gather in the Chapel for Sunday School.

**"A FIRST CENTURY MUGGING" BIBLE STUDY** As we continue the study of Jesus' parables we look at Luke 10:25-37 with the story of the Good Samaritan. Since crime is so rampant in America today, this 1<sup>st</sup> century mugging has particular relevance. Please read this passage from Luke and bring your Bible as we continue to meet in the church library **THIS SUNDAY, September 3rd at 9:30 am.** - Rev. John Lindner

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** There will be a new women's Bible Study beginning **THIS SUNDAY (9/10)** led by Toni Shane. Ladies will be reading JOY, a Study of Phillippians by Deb Burma. The book is required for the class and is available from several resources including Concordia Publishing (CPH) and Amazon. Used books can be purchased from the same suppliers at a discounted price. Class is in the Conference Room and begins at 9:30. Looking forward to seeing you. If you have any questions please contact Toni Shane.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Our New Member Class is in full swing, meeting in the Life Center during the 9:30am Bible Study hour. The class is designed for those who wish to become members of Holy Trinity, but is open to anyone who wishes to attend. It covers the basics of the Christian faith and offers information about HTLC. To register, call the church office (479-636-1135) or send an email to our Office Manager, Tabby Michaelson at [tabby@holysin.org](mailto:tabby@holysin.org).

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT** The Mid-South District will host a free community event for anyone concerned about the impacts of human trafficking and who wants to learn about how to engage in the fight against it. "LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: Uncovering the Shadow World of Human Trafficking" will take place Saturday, September 30 from 9am-1pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (in the Life Center). To learn more about the event and to register, visit the event page at <https://bit.ly/489fy1Z>

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)** OCC is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. The Youth and Outreach Ministry teams are working together once again to support Operation Christmas Child. Want to help? Shopping lists with suggested gift ideas are on the Outreach board. We will also take donations and do the shopping for you.....please designate OCC on any donation you put in the offering plate. All are welcome to join the packing party which will be held in early November. All donations need to be dropped off at the church by Oct 31. Thank you for your support!

**EMERGENCY WORKER CARE PACKAGES** This month, the Outreach Ministry team will once again be partnering with Valerie Gust to deliver care packages for Emergency Works. We are very pleased to be supporting Ted Reinker's Firehouse in Fayetteville! If you would like to donate, please just note your donation as Outreach Care Packages! Any questions? Reach out to Roger Gust.

**NURSERY ROLL** We are expanding our Nursery Roll Ministry to include friends and family of church members as an outreach for non-members with children and babies aged 3 and under. The Enduring Faith Beginnings booklets and materials are designed to help new parents share the love of Jesus from birth through the first three years of life. These booklets, beautiful picture Bibles, and small children's books are periodically mailed to parents and are a wonderful resource for building a habit of reading God's Word in the home. If you know of a young family that you would like the church to share these materials with please contact Melinda Miller at [themillers2@cox.net](mailto:themillers2@cox.net) or (479) 295-2978. Please include the recipients' names and addresses and include the name of the child and birthdate if possible.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** Now that Pr. Meyer is here (and the rest of the family not far behind), we want to be sure that we have as many photos in our online church directory as possible to make it easier for them to learn who is who in their new church family! If you have a photo that you would like to use, email it to Toni Shane at [directory@holytrin.org](mailto:directory@holytrin.org).

**FOOD PANTRY** The Food Pantry is open **Tuesday through Friday from 2-4pm**. Pastor's Care Fund is available (when we have funds) on **Thursday and Friday from 2-4pm**.

**CHURCH VAN** We are offering rides to both worship services! We'd love your help as a driver, even if it's just for one or two Sundays per year. For more information about volunteering or getting a ride, reach out to Ted Reinker at 409-750-9633.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** September 10 "**Not Just a Formality**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality. (Psalm 32)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE Pentecost XV (Proper 18A)** - Abortion doesn't just end unborn lives. It also breaks hearts with grief and guilt. So the Lord doesn't exempt it from condemnation. He commands us to warn our brothers and sisters about its sinfulness (Ezekiel 33:7-8). Nor does He exclude abortion from His forgiveness. He would have us apply His absolution as explicitly to this iniquity as to our own (Psalm 32:5).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower charts - one for each urn - are posted on the bulletin board across from the Men's restroom. Cost to sponsor a week is \$35 for one urn, or \$70 for both. On your sponsored day, you are welcome to take the flowers home following the late service. If you have any feedback, feel free to send it to [flowers@holytrin.org](mailto:flowers@holytrin.org).



**CIRCUIT CHURCH**

Bella Vista Lutheran Church in Bella Vista and Pastors Paul Hass and Christopher Gorshe

**CHURCH MINISTRY** Music Ministry

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY** Especially those associated with our church.

**PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON  
OUR PRAYER LIST**