

JUNE NEWSLETTER



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Wytheville, Virginia 24382





June 2024

Grace and peace to you,

The saying goes, April showers bring May flowers. What happens when it rains most of May? May showers bring June _____?

Special thank you to the scholarship committee and their selection of Eden Miller and Micah Hamman to receive the Holy Trinity Scholarship this year. If you have paid for college tuition in the last few years, you know how expensive this endeavor is.

We finished (finally) our Bible study on the Revelation of John. We have been talking about the early church, where the Bible came from, and other interesting tidbits. During the summer, we will continue to have Bible Study on Tuesday mornings during most weeks. The Wednesday evening group will be more sporadically scheduled.

We continue to prepare for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. The crab cake dinner raised around \$1500 for the trip. We will have one more fundraiser and an evening event following the trip to let folks know what we did during our trip.

I am soliciting volunteers and conversations about Sunday School in the fall. If you have thoughts about this, are willing to help, or anything else, please let me know ASAP.

On a sad note, a longtime member and active participant in so many things, Adelaide Smith, died last week. The family is planning her memorial service for sometime this summer.

Our family will be embarking on vacation later this month. I know many of you will be traveling as well. Please be safe and, if you attend a worship service somewhere this summer, please bring back a bulletin to share with me. I am always interested in seeing what other congregations are doing.

Peace and hope,
Pastor Jonathan

Council Meeting Highlights

The Church Council met on May 12th.

- ✠ **Anniversary Committee** Bob reported that Janice Shriver, Teresa Campbell, and Helen Keck all agreed to stay on the committee, but none as chair. Judy, Julia, and Bob represent the council. Lavelva Stevens is an advisor. The anniversary date is November 2026.
- ✠ **Property** Ted said we are awaiting a couple of cost estimates for fixing the steeple.
- ✠ **Youth** Crab cake dinner fundraiser set for May 17th for National Youth Gathering. We got a donation for the cost of goods, so all funds will go towards the gathering.
- ✠ **Pastor's Report** Bob and Martha Ballard, attended the April 27th on-line Synod Assembly with the Pastor and Lavelva. We have 3 possibilities for confirmation class. Morning Sunday school possibilities are being looked at. Hungry Mother Camp is struggling with youth events not materializing, and there may have to be some hard decisions made about our participation at the camp's June board meeting.

2024 Flower Chart

The new flower chart for the coming year is up in the Connector. Please sign up to place flowers on the altar for our Sunday services. If you choose to contact Teresa at Petals, it will only cost \$30.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship

Following worship on Sunday, June 30, the congregation is invited to enjoy coffee and cookies in the connector.

WELCA

In May, our WELCA group met at the church for a Bible Study led by Lavelva on Priscilla and then went to lunch at El Patio Mexican restaurant.

For our June gathering, we will meet at **Moon Dog** at **11:00AM** on Monday, **June 10**. Please invite anyone who wants to meet for fellowship to join us for this date!

Also, remember we can still register as participants in the Virginia Women's Convention, to be held outside of Williamsburg, July 26 and 27. Our new bishop, the Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton will be there to preach and bring greetings from our Synod Office

June Altar Guild Members

Judy Burkett
Norma Armbrister

Second Sunday Reception

We will have the next one in September.

June Worship Assistants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>
June 2 nd	Luke Hamman	Micah Hamman	Lisa Alderman	Naomi King
June 9 th	Kyle Stephens	Dan Ferrell	Margaret Ferrell	TBD
June 16 th	James Crockett	Micah Hamman	Helen Keck	Joe Bean
June 23 rd	Luke Hamman	Margaret Ferrell	Brenda Williams	Arlene Crockett
June 30 th	Dan Ferrell	Kyle Stephens	Kathy Rowe	Harvey Atkinson

Sunday, June 2nd – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction: Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Readings:

First Reading – Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm – Psalm 81:1-10
Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Gospel – Mark 2:23–3:6

Hymns:

#532 - "Gather Us In"
#521 - "O Day of Rest and Gladness"
#389 - "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Sunday, June 9th – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction: A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Readings:

First Reading – Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm – Psalm 130
Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1
Gospel – Mark 3:20-35

Hymns:

#807 - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
#860 - "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"
#537 - "On Our Way Rejoicing"

Sunday, June 16th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction: The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Readings:

First Reading – Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm – Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
 Gospel – Mark 4:26-34

Hymns:

#533 - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
 #516 - "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"
 #547 - "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Sunday, June 23rd – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Readings:

First Reading – Job 23:1-11
 Psalm – Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Gospel – Mark 4:35-41

Hymns:

#870 - "We Praise You, O God"
 #756 - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"
 #796 - "How Firm a Foundation"

Sunday, June 30th – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction: A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Readings:

First Reading – Lamentations 3:22-23
 Psalm – Psalm 30
 Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Gospel – Mark 5:21-43

Hymns:

#733 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
 #612 - "Healer of Our Every Ill"
 #543 - "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	April 2024	2024 Year Total
INCOME NEEDED	\$16,736	\$66,944
INCOME RECEIVED	\$11,873	\$69,916
EXPENDITURES	\$21,200	\$68,836



GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND ATTENDANCE

April 7 th	\$4,061	50
April 14 th	\$3,060	51
April 21 st	\$1,162	39
April 28 th	\$3,590	50
Total	\$11,873	190



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Ritchie Horton 06/03
Deborah Kegley 06/04
Victoria Brown 06/06
James Alderman 06/12
Cynthia Hedrick 06/12
Finley Kegley 06/13
Sawyer Kegley 06/13
Harvey Umberger Jr. 06/14
Kathy Rowe 06/15
Buddy Beaver 06/18
Kyler Suthers 06/18
George Johnstone Jr. 06/19
William Johnson 06/22
Linda Nye 06/23
Vincent Martin 06/26
Barry Festa 06/27

Baptisms

Barbara Akers 06/02
Travis Festa 06/04
Steven Ridenhour 06/06
Arthur Hedrick II 06/07
David Ryan 06/13
Helen Keck 06/17
Etthan Miller 06/18
Regena Umberger 06/19
Amelia Martin 06/21
Evan Hedrick 06/21
Robert (Casey) Ballard 06/21
David Sharitz 06/22
Rollie (Clayton) Nye III 06/26

Anniversaries

Maxine and Paul Dellinger 06/11
Linda and Rollie Nye 06/17
LaRue and Steven Ridenhour 06/17
Lisa and Tim Alderman 06/19
Naomi and Dickie King 06/29