

## Trinity Lutheran Church & School 300 Broad Street Menasha, WI 54952



"So if the Son sets you free. you will be free indeed." John 8:36

# JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY



June & July 2022 Newsletter





#### Trinity Lutheran Church and School

300 Broad Street

Menasha, WI 54952

**Church Phone:** (920) 722-2662 / **School Phone:** (920) 725-1715 **Church Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Worship Services:** 

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 am; Wednesday – 6:30 pm

Education Hour: Sunday - 10:30 am

In Person & Online Worship Service and Education Hour Trinity's website: www.trinitymenasha.com

Services will continue to be available for live streaming on Trinity's Facebook page, and for later viewing on YouTube. Check the church website for more details.

#### **Important Dates:**

June 6-10: 9:00-11:45 AM Vacation Bible School

Peace Lutheran Church, Neenah

June 7: 6:30 PM Board Meetings

June 14: 6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

June 11: 9:00 AM Food Pantry

June 21: 6:30 PM Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting (SFH)

June 25: 9:00 AM Food Pantry

June 28: 6:30 PM Voters Annual Budget Meeting

July 4: **Independence Day** 

July 5: 6:30 PM Board Meetings

July 9: 9:00 AM Food Pantry

July 12: 6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
July 19: 6:30 PM Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting (SFH)

July 23: 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Wednesday evening, 6:30 pm, in-person church services have resumed.

A memorial gift was given to Trinity Day School Scholarship Fund in memory of Laurel Wirth.

June 28 – Annual Voter's Budget Meeting 6:30 PM in the Church Sanctuary

#### **Holy Communion at Trinity**

We are once again offering the choice of Common Cup or Individual Cup. We have also begun communing at the rail.



#### **Our Mission Statement:**

Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Menasha, is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.



**Senior Pastor:** 

♣ Rev. Steven S. Billings

Assoc. Pastor/Principal:

Rev. Keith E. GeRue

**Director of Music:** 

Mr. Tim Reuning

Organist:

Mrs. Nancy Lephart

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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – JUNE 2022

# Happy Arminersary!

06/01 VOSTER, Ronald & Beverly

06/06 BURROWS, Donald & Gail

06/07 ALLIET, Rev. Paul & Joan

06/08 STIER, Jane & Michael

06/10 GEHRT, Edward & JoAnne

06/16 MANTEUFEL, Alan & Deborah

06/17 THOMAS, Ian & Rachel

06/19 MEIDAM, Kenneth & Helen

06/20 SCHEWE, Lawrence & Barbara

06/21 BURSACK, Michael & Debra

06/21 COLBY, Lee & Juliet

06/21 VAN ARK, Tony & Shellie

06/23 GERUE, Rev. Keith & Valerie

06/23 SICKLES, Ericka & Tyler

06/24 KAMPRATH, Kenneth & Elizabeth

06/25 THOMAS, Craig & Jill

06/26 BARTEL, LeRoy & Barbara

06/26 HANBY, Sheila & Thomas

06/29 GAST, Brian & Iris

06/29 OLSEN, Larry & Dianne

06/30 CONRADT, Philip & Mary

## BIRTHDAYS - JUNE 2022

06/01 SPROUSE, Richard

06/02 RADTKE, Brian

06/02 UPCHURCH, Jennifer

06/03 BORGEN, Alexander

06/03 PACK, Jeri

06/03 ROSS, Nicole

06/05 WERTH, LaVerne

06/06 KESTER, Barbara

06/06 MEYER, Sandy

06/07 DAHMS, Rebecca

06/07 STEUERWALD, Michael

06/07 WIECK, Kelvin

06/08 BURROWS, Donald

06/08 SCHMIDT, Emma

06/09 GUTZMANN, Lori

06/11 WRAY, Timothy

06/12 LOOKER, Jackson

06/12 SCHROEDER, Janet

06/14 ACKER, David

06/14 DEHNE, Valerie

06/15 GAST, Lana

06/15 POLAR, LuKayla

06/16 TSCHIRGI, Donald (Bud)

06/16 WENDLER, Brian

06/17 FRIEBEL, Joseph

06/17 GEHRT, JoAnne

06/18 TISCHER, Patty

06/18 VAN DYN HOVEN, Amelia

06/19 LITTLE, David

06/20 RICHARDSON, Barbara

06/21 BARTELME, Gary

06/21 DIESCH, Marie Elizabeth

06/23 HENSON, Cora

06/24 TUYLS, Ezra

06/25 BOSS, Braelyn

06/26 FRIEDECK, Timothy

06/26 KRAUS, Ronald

06/27 BARTELME, Kaleb

06/29 LOOKER, Amelia

06/29 MANTEUFEL, Caleb



#### ♥ Trinity Membership Update ♥

**New Members/Transfers In:** 

Released/Transfers Out: Weddings:

Baptisms: Henry Voigt - 6/4/2022 and Grayson Sokel - 6/12/2022

Members Who Have Passed: Rose Kosloski - 5/17/2022

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# Serving Our Lord with Gladness – June 2022

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Worship		Elder on	Communion	Usher		Altar
Date/Time	Acolyte	Duty	Assistant	Captain	Greeter	Guild
June 1: 6:30 pm June 4: 5:00 pm June 5: 9:00 am June 8: 6:30 pm	Melani Gast Levi Kroes	Tom Harrmann Roger Voigt Dave Collingwood Tom Harrmann	Dan Siebert Robert Flater	Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch Lee Colby Dave Collingwood Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch	Dan & Peggy Dahms Rosemary Collingwood	Jean Zeinert / Paula Reichert Jackie Kislewski Jean Zeinert/
June 11: 5:00 pm June 12: 9:00 am June 15: 6:30 pm	Donovan Rausch Maya Torres	Roger Voigt Dave Collingwood Tom Harrmann	Vance Pues Steve Sexmith	Roger Voigt Jim Wittmann Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch	JoAnn Schultz Connie Henkel	Paula Reichert Jackie Kislewski Jean Zeinert /
June 18: 5:30 pm June 19: 9:00 am June 22: 6:30 pm	Emma Schmidt Mirella Taschner	Roger Voigt Dave Collingwood Tom Harrmann	Bruce Buksyk Paul Collingwood	Tom Harrmann Lee Weinig Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch	Betty Allen/Bud & Joyce Tschirgi Liz Kamprath	Paula Reichert Jackie Kislewski Jean Zeinert /
June 25: 5:00 pm June 26: 9:00 am June 29: 6:30 pm	Braelyn Boss Melani Gast	Roger Voigt Dave Collingwood Tom Harrmann	Lee Colby Lee Weinig	Jerry Maynard Steve Sexmith Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch	Barb Kester Jane Nielsen	Paula Reichert Jackie Kislewski Jean Zeinert/

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# July 2022



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# Flappy Amiversary!

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07/02 REICHERT, Brian & Paula

07/04 ACHESON, Kelly & Steven\*

07/06 BOSS, James & Cari

07/07 REINKE, Steve & Joan

07/10 SCHMIDT, April & Craig\*

07/15 BECKER, Mark & Jean

07/15 MODERSON, Michael & Ailene

07/15 ROSS, Nicole & Andrew\*

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07/31 VANDEN WYNGAARD, Julie & Thomas

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07/01 ACHESON, Hailey

07/01 EMERY, Heather

07/01 KRAUS, Dottie

07/02 KROES, Levi

07/03 REED, Melissa

07/04 MAYNARD, Ellie

07/06 WRAY, Tegan

07/07 ACHESON, Kelly

07/07 WALDBURGER, Mark

07/07 WENDLER, Bradley

07/10 KROES, Lilli

07/11 THOMAN, Lois

07/13 BOUCHARD, Jackie

07/13 GAST, Christopher

07/13 GAST, Jennifer

07/13 KAMPRATH, Elizabeth

07/13 ROSS, Savannah

07/14 WENDLER, Cheryl

07/15 DIONNE, Jeffry

07/15 HENSCHEL, Deb

07/16 ALLIET, Rev. Paul

07/16 WEINIG, Marshall

07/17 SCHMITTING, Wynogene

07/18 PUES, Michelle

07/18 SCHRAMPFER, Karen

07/19 GROSHEK, Elizabeth

07/20 EARLY, Renee

07/21 KROES, Ezra

07/22 NIELSEN, Josiah

07/23 HOWDEN, Mary

07/23 LENTH, Payton

07/23 MILLER, Lily

07/24 OHLROGGE, George

07/24 WRAY, Sheryl

07/27 WUSSOW, Lisa

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July 16: 5:00 pm July 17: 9:00 am July 20: 6:30 pm	Maya Torres Emma Schmidt	Bruce Gast Bart Nielsen Tom Harrmann	Vance Pues Robert Flater	Tom Harrmann Lee Weinig Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch	Betty Allen/Bud & Joyce Tschirgi Liz Kamprath	Jean Zeinert/Volunteer
July 23: 5:00 pm July 24: 9:00 am July 27: 6:30 pm	Mirella Taschner Braelyn Boss	Bruce Gast Bart Nielsen Tom Harrmann	Bruce Buksyk Steve Sexmith	Jerry Maynard Steve Sexmith Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch	Barb Kester Jane Nielsen	Jean Zeinert/Volunteer
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# Catechetical Comments

A Series

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

This month we continue our look at The Apostles' Creed and consider question: Why do we say, "I believe," and not, "We believe"?

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Question 88 expresses an important, though seldom considered, thought: Why do we say, "I believe," and not, "We believe"? It then explains very simply (and, perhaps, obviously): "Everyone must believe for himself or herself, no one can be saved by another's faith."

In support of this, it offers for our contemplation the following passages of Scripture:

**Hab. 2:4** – The righteous shall live by his faith.

**Luke 7:50** – Your faith has saved you; go in peace.

And then it adds this Bible narrative: "The foolish Virgins could not obtain oil from the wise Virgins" (Matt. 25:1-13).

From Habakkuk 2 we learn that faith in Christ makes us righteous before God. St. Paul specifically links this Old Testament verse to Christian faith in Romans 1:17.

In Luke 7:50 Jesus tells the woman who anointed His feet that her faith – not her loving actions – has saved her. Her faith in Jesus produced the actions which garnered her criticism from the host, but a beautiful compliment and blessing from Jesus.

In the Parable of the Ten Virgins Jesus makes it very clear that the faith of someone else cannot be sufficient for us unless it has moved us to appropriate that faith for ourselves.

In Jesus' parable, ten virgins are waiting to accompany the bridegroom to the marriage feast. This apparently took place at night because oil lamps were needed. Five of the virgins were prepared with plenty of oil for their lamps. These Jesus calls wise. Five, however, were not prepared. These Jesus calls foolish. When the groom finally arrives after a long delay, the wise virgins trim their lamps and are ready to go. The foolish virgins are not ready, for their lamps have gone out. Their appeal to the wise virgins to have some of their oil is denied, for there will not be enough for both sets of virgins.

The point of the parable is that faith in Jesus is sufficient for those who have it, but the faith of one person is not sufficient for someone else. Each person must have faith for himself.

Taken together, then, faith in Jesus saves us and makes us righteous before God, but it must be genuine to each person. This is why in each of the ecumenical creeds each person professes what he believes, therefore saying, "I believe" and not "we believe."

We may also add this from the 2017 edition of Luther's *Small Catechism:* 

"The English word *creed* comes from the Latin word *credo* – 'I believe.' A creed is a statement of faith, a statement of what I believe. To say 'I believe' is to say what God has done *for me*. 'I am convinced that God has made *me*, redeemed *me*, and sanctified *me*."

> Humbly in His service, Rev. Steven S. Billings Senior Pastor

# From the Principals Office Take the Summer Challenge!



It's so easy to get caught up in our vacation plans and grow lazy in our church attendance and spiritual life during the summer months. As the following story reveals, God never goes on vacation and we shouldn't find excuses to take a vacation from church. How can we continue on our journey with Christ during the summer months? Try implementing some of the ideas below and use them for inspiration in finding additional ways to keep your family close to Christ!

Where does God go for summer vacation? A little girl pondered that question. Sarah loved Sunday School; she went every Sunday. She liked being in church with her parents... but when summer came- it would all end!

Why wasn't there church? Why wasn't there any Sunday School? Where did her friends go? She really was concerned. She wondered why the choir stopped singing on Sundays. Even worse, she wondered why there wasn't church in the

summer... when in actuality, her parents would just stop going to church in the summer!

The summer was their "time off." Time to lounge in the sun. Time to plan family vacations and weekends away. It was time to concentrate on rest and relaxation. But for Sarah, it was strange not to go to church, see her friends, or be with God.

On the day that her family piled into the minivan to visit their grandmother, Sarah asked her mother, "Mom, where does God go for summer vacation?" Her mother chuckled at the question, and told her God doesn't go on vacation. Sarah wondered, "Why don't we go to church then? Why isn't there any Sunday School? Why don't I get to see my church friends?"

Her parents weren't really prepared to deal with questions like this! What could they say? After all, God wasn't on vacation... they were! Imagine her parents' surprise when they realized their little daughter had "stumped them." They just didn't know how to answer her question. But what was really great was that they were worried enough about it to look for an answer!

Until now, her parents thought: Church was only a 2-hour responsibility (Church service and Sunday School) on Sunday mornings. For Sarah though, it was a different story. She lived what she learned. Church wasn't just an obligation for her. No way! In fact, it was a way of living... a way of being!

- So, where does God rank in your family's summer plans? Will He go with you on vacation, or will a break from school and work mean a break from God? This summer we want to invite you to take the **Summer Challenge**. Instead of taking a rest from your spiritual life, we want your family to use the summer to grow closer to God. Be creative! Be committed! Be with Christ! Here are some ideas to get you started:
- **Go to Church!** Summer is a wonderful time to worship with your family. Attend Divine Service as well the other services offered throughout the season. If you are vacationing, don't forget our Wednesday 6:30 pm service or in order to find a Lutheran church close to you, visit: <a href="http://lutheranliturgy.org">http://lutheranliturgy.org</a>.
- Camp Out! No, not the kind where you pitch a tent in the middle of the wilderness (although that can be fun); we're talking about sending your children to one of the many wonderful summer camp programs. It is a great way for them to experience the faith. To find a program near you visit: http://luwisomo.org.
- Take a Hike! Summer is a great time to really appreciate the beauty of God's design. So hike, bike, fish, and swim-just get out there! While you're there, consider pausing to read Psalm 104, which is a beautiful poem of God's creation.
- **Be an Explorer!** Decide on something you want to learn about Christ and His Church this summer and explore! Perhaps you want to learn more about the Gospel. Consider reading The Gospel of Matthew from beginning to end.
- **Help Out!** Christ was a servant to all and He wants us to be the same. Consider projects you can do to help others both in your neighborhood and community. For something really different, consider volunteering your time with Thrivent Builds (http://foxcitieshabitat.org) and build a house for some very special families.
- **Listen Up!** We are surrounded daily by so much noise. Why not try listening to something different? Lutheran Public Radio (<a href="http://lutheranpublicradio.org">http://lutheranpublicradio.org</a>) has music and interviews that edify the soul. Also, check out Issues ETC (<a href="http://issuesetc.org">http://issuesetc.org</a>), another Christian Lutheran broadcast.

Have a Great Summer!! Pastor GeRue



45 years of THANK YOU to all you wonderful people! To express our appreciation of your words and actions would take another 45 years.

Lee and Elaine Weinig

Please make sure to use our correct email address 
It is - Iweinig@outlook.com

# Deadline for the Weekly Bulletin and Monthly Newsletter

Please help us achieve our deadlines. We need your weekly Bulletin articles by Wednesday of each week. The newsletter articles are due five business days prior to the end of the month. Thank you for your help with this. It will enable us to have the Bulletin and Newsletter done on time.

# Your Efforts Are Making A Difference!

Aluminum cans! We have tripled the amount of money in this fund because of your desire to help. We thank you!

You can deposit your bags of cans in the blue recycling bins inside Door 7 and now Door 2. We appreciate your efforts.

# Vacation Bible School • June 6 - 10, 2022 • 9:00-11:45 AM Peace Lutheran Church • 1228 South Park Ave. Neenah

This summer for VBS, kids will explore branches of Christ's story and learn how their salvation is His mission! In Christ, they find the Tree of Life. Sign up, and get ready to get to the root of things. To register please go to: https://vbsmate.com/events/PeaceNeenahWI



Trinity's Next Brat Fry/Bake Sale June 10 & 11 • 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Jerry & Ellie Maynard's Home • W4908 Spring Hill Dr • Sherwood

Trinity's next brat fry/bake sale will be Friday and Saturday, June 10th, and 11th at the home of Ellie and Jerry Maynard (W4908 Spring Hill Drive, Sherwood).

The proceeds from this sale are designated to purchase a new grill for events sponsored by Trinity Church and School and to replace worn out items in Trinity's kitchens.

We will again apply for Thrivent cards for the brat fry and bake sale, but the price of the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs remains escalated. Thus, any financial donation would help tremendously; to donate, please call or contact Paula and Brian Reichert (920-460-1225) or Ron and Dottie Kraus (920-991-2705).

The sign up for donations of items needed and the sign up for workers (grillers & food stand workers) is up on the spinner in the narthex. We ask that you prayerfully consider signing up as soon as possible to make sure we will have the resources and people needed.

Again, this will be wonderful time of fellowship and certainly a way to serve your Lord, Trinity Church and School, and the community. We also ask for your prayers that we witness for Him and all we do and say be to His glory.

Your Trinity Brat Fry Committee

## June-July Stewardship Talk: Six Biblical Stewardship Principles

Last month we introduced our three-part series on Six Principles of Christian Stewardship. We talked about the first three principles:

- First being "God doesn't need your money; He already owns everything."
- The second principle is "We are God's Stewards, managing His resources for His benefit."
- The third is "<u>Committing in advance to give a specific percentage of our gross income back to God demonstrates faith in His provision."</u>

Now we have Principles four and five to present.



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Just as God provided for Adam and Eve's needs, He also provides for us. <u>Matthew 6: 25-34</u> reads: For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is life not

more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather in the barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more cloth you? You of little faith! Do not worry then, saying "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear for clothing?" For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Notice that a Farmer must work hard to prepare the soil, plant the seed, cultivate the plants, and harvest the crops. Yet, when it really comes down to it. He is powerless to cause the seeds to grow into a useful crop; only God can do that. No farmer can claim self-sufficiency. No matter how hard he works, he would harvest no crop without God's providence, as many have experienced in times of drought.

<u>2nd Corinthians chapter 9</u> states: Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written, "He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His right-eousness endures forever."

Likewise, the Apostle Paul recognized that God took care of him, and that, as a result, in all circumstances he could be content. <u>Philippians 4</u> states: I know how to get along with humble means, and I know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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#### PRINCIPLE #5

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purpose: TO BUILD OUR FAITH. Let me say that again, Since God doesn't need our offerings to ac-

complish His will, our offerings to him accomplish a different purpose, to build OUR faith. When we acknowledge that we are God's stewards, and that He will meet our true needs, we demonstrate that faith by giving back to Him in obedience to Him. It takes faith to trust that God will meet our needs when we offer some of it back to Him It's much like that farmer, who must reserve some of the crop to use as seed for next year. If he were to eat all the harvest, he would soon become destitute. Instead, he must exercise faith that God will continue to provide by planting some of the seed in the ground.

We reap what we sow. In <u>Proverbs 3:9</u> we read: Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first fruits of your produce.

God sought to teach the nation of Israel this same lesson of faith through His commands that they

refrain from gainful employment one day a week (the Sabbath Day), that they let the ground rest every seventh year (the sabbatical year), and that every fiftieth year they not harvest what might have grown naturally. Instead, He promised to provide for them during those

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times. That prompted them to exercise their faith, and when God showed Himself to be faithful, it increased their faith.

From Exodus 16: See, the Lord has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

And from <u>Leviticus 25</u>: But if you say "What are we going to eat in the seventh year if we do not sow or gather our crops?", Then I will so order My blessing for you in the sixth year that it will bring forth the crop for three years.

Likewise, our faith in God will grow when we obey Him by first - offering back to Him a portion of what is His anyway; and second – taking the time to rest in Him and exercise our faith through worship and studying His Word.

Next month we will finish our series with Principle number six. Thank you for your time!

Blessings!

## From Your Parish Nurse...





# Parkinson's Awareness Month

By Crystal Meltz, MS, RD

Sources: Parkinson.org, Nutrition Care Manual.org

Outagamie County Nutrition Program published this article about Parkinson's Disease. May was Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Parkinson's disease is a neuro-degenerative disorder of the dopamine producing neurons in the brain which affect movement. Symptoms associated with the disease are tremors of the hands, limb rigidity, slow movement (bradykinesia), poor balance and gait. Eating, swallowing and digestion may also be affected. While not completely understood, Parkinson's disease could be caused from head trauma, toxic ingestion, or oxidative stress. Treatment depends on symptoms but may include medications, lifestyle modification (rest, exercise) and physical (PT)/occupational (OT) therapies.

Nutritional goals for persons with Parkinson's disease is maintain appropriate weight. A diet rich in fruit and vegetables will provide a good

source of antioxidants which may reduce oxidative stress damage. Adequate hydration and fiber assist with constipation. There may

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be difficulty when bringing food to the mouth, which can be addressed with the use of adaptive equipment such as: weighted, curved, or large handled utensils and working with OT. Food consistency may need to be altered for swallowing difficulties. A Speech Therapist can assist with a swallow test to determine needs. With the right treatments, quality of life can be enhanced. It is important to remain active physically and mentally.

#### An active brain may slow cognitive decline and boost mood!

Try playing a Sudoku game! Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 quadrants contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

Go to the website: <a href="https://www.memory-improvement-tips.com/sudoku-printables.html">https://www.memory-improvement-tips.com/sudoku-printables.html</a> for further instructions and free Sudoku puzzles.

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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2022

	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS/INCOME	WITHDRAWALS/	ENDING BALANCE
Nicolet General Fund	\$16,505.83	\$69,827.62	(\$70,235.30)	\$16,098.15
Nicolet Restricted	\$174,650.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174,650.91
LCMS Endowment	\$126,341.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$126,341.19
LCEF Steward Fund	\$2,356.11	\$6,260.52	(\$7,414.10)	\$1,202.53
Nicolet Money Market	\$86,184.62	\$2.01	(\$18,000.00)	\$68,186.63
RBC Account	\$50,118.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,118.95
Nicolet Memorial Fund	\$8,181.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,181.27
Nicolet Office Acct	\$1,820.49	\$500.02	\$0.00	\$2,320.51
Nicolet Debts Repaid	\$3,089.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,089.98
Nicolet Think Tank	\$3,183.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,183.43
Nicolet Scrip	\$12,380.01	\$29,625.30	(\$31,570.62)	\$10,434.69
TOTAL	\$484,812.79	\$106,215.47	(\$127,220.02)	\$463,808.24
LCEF Mortgage (BOTR)	\$980,060.99		(4,249.32)	\$975,811.67

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