

# The Trumpet

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## Pilgrimage Ponderings

By the time you read this we will have crossed the threshold into summer. With temperatures climbing, baseball season in full gear, vacations underway, and patriotic holidays ahead. Summer is many folks' favorite season because of the longer days, warmer temperatures, and more flexibility in schedules. It can be a season to re-set and decompress before the hectic resuming of school and structured activities.

The synod memory verse helps us in that re-set and decompress process. **"So then, as sabbath rest remains for the people of God;" Hebrews 4:9.** How are you doing with that sabbath rest? Though we traditionally observe our "sabbath" on Sunday, it's sometimes necessary to reconsider that practice and observe sabbath when it best fits your schedule.

My sabbath is, with few exceptions, Friday each week. Summer time Fridays are leisurely spent reading, longer walks in the park at a slower pace with our dog, a bike ride with Jeff and an evening bonfire while listening to a ball game. For me, that's a perfect sabbath - it restores me to be outside, to read for pleasure, to move my body, to choose companionship. I hope that practice honors the sabbath as the gift God intends it to be for my needs. You probably noticed that in my recounting of sabbath activities I didn't mention worshipping or prayer....it's not an oversight, but rather an essential part of those activities.

Worship of God, for me, is like breathing when I am outside. Prayer, for me, is any thought turned heavenward - a thought of gratitude for the free time and companionship, a thought of concern for the friend who is struggling, a remembrance of God's promise of the new day in the sunrise and God's protection through the night as the sunsets. Formal worship and prayer might be part of sabbath practice, but they don't always restore me - vocational hazard, perhaps. Nature restores me. Unstructured time restores me. God provides sabbath for the needs of creation. God does not conform creation to fit a standard sabbath practice.

This summer our parish youth will experience various "sabbath" adventures by which they will be invited to re-set and reconsider how God invites them into a restored relationship, with the Divine and creation and community. Youth who attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be afforded wonderful opportunities for dynamic congregational worship and life changing outreach and relationship building...those are sabbath experiences. Youth who attend church camp will experience the re-set of meeting God in nature, worshipping in an outdoor cathedral shaped of trees with sun-filtered light streaming through leaves like stained glass windows. They will explore God's word in activities which bring the Biblical story to life. I look forward to hearing the stories of each of those groups of young people - and I look forward to hearing how your sabbath practice may have changed for your well-being this summer.

Sabbath - define it in a manner which benefits you as God's beloved and be blessed. Peace be with you, always!

*Pastor Mary Beth*  
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Worship Schedule  
Sundays 10:30am  
Saturdays 6:00pm

Flag Day  
June 14, 2024



Happy  
Father's Day  
June 16, 2024

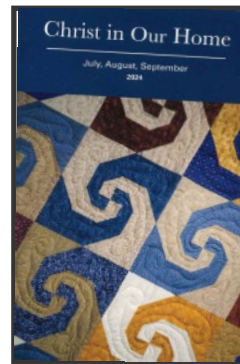
First Day of Summer  
June 20, 2024



June 23, 2024  
Scholarship Presentation

June 29th 5:30pm  
Church Picnic  
Harrison Lake





## Christ In Our Home

The third quarter Christ In Our Home devotional booklets will be on the windowsill in the narthex in mid June.



Congratulations to the following recipients of the Joseph Yekisa Scholarship through Trinity Lutheran Church, Bryan. Scholarships will be formally awarded on Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Rachel Fireovid, daughter of Steve & Michele. Rachel is a 2024 graduate of Bryan High School and will be a freshman at The Ohio State University majoring in Business.

Molly Hess, daughter of Steve & Mindy. Molly is a 2024 graduate of Bryan High School and will be a freshman at Trine University majoring in Physical Therapy.

Ava Moore, daughter of JC & Beth. Ava is a 2024 graduate of Bryan High School and will be a freshman at The Ohio State University majoring in BioChemistry.

Brooke Taylor, daughter of Rick & Julie. Brooke is a 2022 graduate of Bryan High School and entering her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the University of Toledo in Speech-Language Pathology.



Church Picnic and Old-Fashioned Bluegrass Hymn Sing, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Harrison Lake State Park. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parish Campout group will host all who want to attend.

Burgers & Hot Dogs will be provided. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own lawn chair. You will have to pay the visitor admission fee and park in the visitor parking, where a shuttle service will transport guests to the campsite. For planning purposes, please sign-up on the sheet located at your home church. All are welcome!

To Steve Krill and Kim Reed for their attention to the planting of the congregation's Pentecost geraniums which will enhance the appearance of the landscape and bear witness to the Holy Spirit active in our community and congregation.

To Kim & Rich Reed for their willingness to voluntarily mow the church lawn and tend to the landscape.

To the many hands and hearts which have assisted in recent Parish Pentecost luncheon prep and clean-up: Suzanne & Gary Powell, Jan Schumm, Kim & Rich Reed, Floyd & MaryAnn Taylor, Julie & Rick Taylor.

To Shelley & Allen Dean and crew for hauling away worn out furniture so that space could be re-allocated for better use in our basement rooms.

To Julie Taylor for her faithful leadership of the children's Sunday School for this past program year...her dedication to faith formation is admirable.





## Wise Words

Have you considered trying new spiritual practices this summer? Summertime offers a break in routine, more outside time, and with brighter sunshine, a new perspective and liveliness in our spirit. What is God inviting you to learn this summer? Be open trying a new path to hearing and experiencing God.

Perhaps reading or listening to a new book. Maybe a type of genre you normally don't read or a topic you know little about. I usually stick to nonfiction but recently read Kristin Hannah's fiction book

called *The Women*. It was great.

Getting outside in nature or in our gardens is another welcoming practice. I love my time with God while on the backyard swing, listening to the birds in their morning chorus and checking out the changing colors in my flowers. *"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in."* George Washington Carver

Getting away from home routine is another practice to consider. We thrive in both routines and adventures. I enjoy coming home from a vacation and snuggle back into the warmth of routines. My soul needs both. My spirit takes a risk to leave my safe harbor to learn, stretch, grow, and live and returns home, rested, and ready to work. Routines keep me on automatic mode to stay healthy, attune to the important details of life. Adventures nourish my imagination and stirs my spirit that at times settles into sleepy hibernation. I soar with adventure; I sink deep roots in routine. Routine keeps me on a path that may evolve to a rut if I am not careful. Wake up soul and venture off the path occasionally.

Try something new this summer. Challenge yourself to read a book of the Bible. To journal. Create a daily summer gratitude list. To schedule coffee and conversation with a trusted friend. To try a new food. Attend worship at the other congregation in our parish. Rest and do nothing. Wasting time with God is always valuable. We just get too busy to slow down and be with the Lord.

A great practice for all of us is to take a deep breath, smile, say thank you to God and others, then trust God with every step in summer and always. May you have a great summer full of divine love and grace!

*Jeanie*



## USHERS NEEDED

We are reviving the opportunity to serve as usher, with modified responsibilities. Those responsibilities include: placing the guest book on the stand in the narthex, turning on all the lights in the narthex and sanctuary, lighting the altar candles, greeting folks and encouraging them to take an announcement sheet, accurately counting attendees, gathering papers left behind and placing hymnals back in the pew racks, be sure the offerings get picked up. This is a task Henry Burklo has done "solo" for the past few years, and it's time for us to share the responsibility. There is a sign-up sheet on the table, at the back of the sanctuary, where you can indicate your willingness to serve as an usher. There is also a small instruction sheet with details about the task. Thank you for your assistance in this area of our life together.



## Pentecost

Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Spirit's Power. The message that we as a congregation can spread is wondrous. Thank you to the following for making the geraniums available for the celebration of Pentecost.

Keith & Trudy Day  
Mike & Sue Bever  
Lou & Donna Witte  
Jean Goodlive  
Doris Peak  
Sam & Kim Swisher








Tom & Kathy Foster  
Joe & Jane Whisler  
Tom & Lisa Smith  
Pastor Proctor & Duane  
Arlene Dahl  
Jean Wetmore

JoAnn Ebbert  
Peggy Vermillion  
Steve & Jan Mantel  
Tom & Sandy Kraemer  
Nancy Kuehne  
Ed & Judy Lyons  
Rick & Julie Taylor



# June 2024

# It's Summer Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 Happy Birthday 1 Pastor Proctor (91) Northwest Ohio Synod Assembly 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
2 10:30am Worship w/ HC	3	4  Happy Birthday Kathy Foster (81) 6:15pm Softball	5	6 Loaves & Fishes	7	8 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
9 10:30am Worship w/ HC	10 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	11	12	13 7:05pm Softball 8:00pm Softball	14  Flag Day	15 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
16 10:30am Worship w/ HC  Fathers Day	17	18 6:15pm Softball 7:05pm Softball	19	20  First Day of Summer	21  Happy Birthday Donna Witte (89)	22 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
23 10:30am Worship w/ HC	24	25	26	27	28	29  Happy Birthday Polly Oxender (99) 5:30PM Church Picnic Harrison Lake NO SATURDAY SERVICE
30 10:30am Worship w/ HC		6:15pm Softball				

**Please remember our shut-ins with prayers, notes, cards, etc.**

**They really enjoy hearing from you.**



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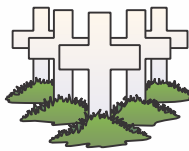
### Williams County ELCA Parish Softball Schedule

- May 2 – 6:15, AWAY vs. Archbold
- May 9 – 8:00, HOME vs. Hicksville
- May 14 – 6:15, AWAY vs. Ney  
7:05, HOME vs. Grace
- May 16 – 7:05, AWAY vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist
- May 21 – 7:05, AWAY vs. Faith Mennonite
- June 4 – 6:15, HOME vs. Archbold
- June 13 – 7:05, AWAY vs. Hicksville  
8:00, HOME vs. Ney
- June 18 – 6:15, AWAY vs. Grace  
7:05, HOME vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist
- June 25 – 6:15, HOME vs. Faith Mennonite
- July 2 – 6:15, HOME vs. Sonrise  
7:05, AWAY vs. Sonrise



### Garden Stand

Gifts from God's Garden Produce Stand is in place in the Trinity parking lot. Thank you for your generous sharing of excess garden produce - your community is grateful!



**Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...**

The Steve Fireovid family with the death of Michele's mother, Elsie Shaffer who passed away on April 2nd at the age of 85. She was from Granville, Ohio.

The family & friends of Lynnette Diaz, including her husband Lamberto, children Erik, Emily and Paul and their families. Lynnette passed away on May 16, 2024 at the age of 71. Her funeral was at Trinity on May 24, 2024.

The John Keller family with the death of John's mother, Carmie Keller who passed away on May 18th at the age of 101.

**"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them"**

#### April Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,805.00		
4/6/2024 Sat Worship	20	
4/7/2024 Sun Worship	62	\$4,335.00
4/13/2024 Sat Worship	27	
4/14/2024 Sun Worship	68	\$1,757.00
4/20/2024 Sat Worship	26	
4/21/2024 Sun Worship	66	\$4,292.00
4/27/2024 Sat Worship	26	
4/28/2024 Sun Worship	70	\$2,417.00

Avg Attendance April 2024 91

building use - kitchen	340.00
roof fund	310.00
initial offering	10.00
Joint Parish - St. Peters	
1st Lutheran Food Pantry	120.00
water heater	800.00
Easter	120.00
Foundation	0.47
geraniums	100.00
building use	375.00

#### May Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,805.00		
5/4/2024 Sat Worship	19	
5/5/2024 Sun Worship	62	\$3,128.00
5/11/2024 Sat Worship	22	
5/12/2024 Sun Worship	84	\$4,565.00
5/18/2024 Sat Worship	20	
5/19/2024 Sun Worship	67	\$5,460.00
5/26/2024 Sun Worship	66	n/a

Avg Attendance May 2024 85

building use - kitchen	340.00
roof fund	210.00
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3968.52
1st Lutheran Food Pantry	60.00
reimburse cc	21.50
geraniums	65.00
youth gathering	471.44
memorials	360.00

## June Baptism Birthdays

2 Adam Fireovid	14 Douglas Johnson	25 Marylou Schnitz
5 Wayne Weber	14 Henry Burklo	25 Edwin Clark, Jr.
5 Donald Collins	14 Gregory Castor	26 Stella Peet
6 Pam Bishop	15 Goldie Wieland	26 Steven Peet
6 Gary Powell	15 Julia Stiverson	27 Sue Crawford
8 Jennifer Wieland	15 Elin Mantel	27 Kathryn Hastedt
10 Lisa Smith	16 Kim Swisher	27 Scott Whisler
12 Jeremy Gearig	16 Ryder Gansmiller	29 Lauren Gleckler
12 Bryn Gearig	18 Pastor D. Proctor	29 Rachel Whitman
13 Jan Hitchcock	24 Gerald (Buddy) Rossow	29 Emma Carpenter



## July Baptism Birthdays

3 Ivy Mantel	20 Doris Peak
4 Renae Queen	21 Steve Fireovid
8 Richard Reed	21 Thomas Eickhoff
10 David McDowell	21 Richard Taylor
17 Sherry Buchsteiner	21 Jim Motter
18 Kathleen Foster	22 Julia Rossow
18 Ryan Baird	22 Emma Schlade
18 David Wieland	24 Cort Goshia
20 Vaynard Fisher	26 Wyatt Slabaugh
	31 Thomas Smith



June  
Jan Mantel  
**ALTAR**  
**Guild**  
July  
Pam Bishop  
Kim Reed

## 80 AND ABOVE BIRTHDAY CLUB June Birthdays



Four of our Trinity folks will observe birthdays during June. On the 1st, Pastor David Proctor, Hillside Country Living 09876 Co. Rd. 16, # 409, will be 91. Kathy Foster, 132 S Lebanon Street, turns 81 on June 4th. A new member of the nonagenarians is Donna Witte, PO Box 551, Edgerton, 43517 as she turns 90 on the 21st. And on the 29th, Polly Oxender, Worthington Christian Village Apt. 311, 154 High Bluffs Blvd., Columbus, OH 43234 will be 99. We wish God's Blessings for all of these folks!

## ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Projection	Worship Assistant	Sound
June 2	Jeff Gunn	Julie Taylor	Paul Vargo
June 9	Buddy Rossow	Lisa Whitman	Tom Smith
June 16	Rhonda Fackler	Keith Day	Rick Taylor
June 23	Rob Goodlive	Jason Johnston	Joe Whisler
June 30	Joe Whisler	Steve Fireovid	Jim Hitchcock
July 7	Jeff Gunn	Kim Reed	Henry Burklo
July 14	Buddy Rossow	Julie Taylor	Paul Vargo
July 21	Rhonda Fackler	Lisa Whitman	Tom Smith
July 28	Rob Goodlive	Keith Day	Rick Taylor

## June / July Prayer Quote

"Prayer is the rope that pulls God and man together. But, it doesn't pull God down to us. It pulls us up to Him." Billy Graham

## June / July Bible Verse

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:41

## June / July Ebenezer



Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling. Listen closely.



## 80 AND ABOVE BIRTHDAY CLUB



## July Birthdays

July is a special month for birthdays at Trinity. John Miller, 115 Glen Arbor Drive, turns 83 on July 3rd. Floyd Taylor, 15619 Scott Road, Ney, OH 43549 celebrates on the 4th as he turns 84. Linda Hulbert, 15271 Co. Rd. D50, celebrates her 81st birthday on July 8, and on the 25th we add Greta Crilley, 124 Maple Street to our July birthday list as she will be 83. On the 27th, Jewel Kerr, 09997 Wms. Co. Rd. 17, West Unity, 43570 will be 83, and on the 29th, Lou Witte, P.O. Box 551, Edgerton, 34517 turns 91. We extend birthday greetings and thank God for enriching our lives by giving us these folks to share life with.





## College Graduates

Jacob Whitman graduated on May 10th, 2024 from Wayne State University with his Doctorate in Economics. Jacob is the son of Jeff & Lisa Whitman.



Ashley (Taylor) Beaver received her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Huntington University last August, 2023. She is the daughter of Rick & Julie Taylor.



Katelyn Darrow graduates from Taylor University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Psychology. She begins her teaching career this fall at Licking Heights School and will work this summer at Lutherwald. She is the daughter of Bill & Tammy Darrow.



## High School Graduates



Noah Diaz will graduate from Bryan High School, where he has been active in National Honor Society, Soccer, and Band. Noah will attend The University of Findlay majoring in Pharmacy. Noah is the son of Paul & Kristin Diaz.



Rachel Fireovid will graduate from Bryan High School where she has been active in National Honor Society, Soccer and Track. She has been accepted at Ohio State University where she will major in Business. Rachel is the daughter of Steve & Michele Fireovid.



Molly Hess will graduate from Bryan High School where she has been active in Tennis, Soccer, Track and National Honor Society. Molly will be attending Trine University. She is the daughter of Steve & Mindy Hess.



Ava Moore will graduate from Bryan High School where she has been active in National Honor Society, a district swimmer all four years and a state swimmer in 2024. She will attend the Ohio State University in the fall to major in Biological Sciences with the intent of becoming a cardio thoracic anesthesiologist. She is the daughter of J.C. & Beth Moore.

# July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:15pm Softball 7:05pm Softball	3 Happy Birthday John Miller (83)	4 Happy Birthday Floyd Taylor (84)  Independence Day	5	6  6:00pm Worship w/ HC
7 10:30am Worship w/ HC	8 Happy Birthdasy Linda Hulbert (81)  6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	9	10	11  Loaves & Fishes	12	13  6:00pm Worship w/ HC
14 10:30am Worship w/ HC	15	16	17	18	19	20  6:00pm Worship w/ HC
21 10:30am Worship w/ HC	22	23  Deadline for August September Trumpets	24	25 Happy Birthday Greta Crilley (83)	26	27 Happy Birthday Jewell Kerr (83)  6:00pm Worship w/ HC
28 10:30am Worship w/ HC	29 Happy Birthday Lou Witte (91)	30	31			



## WORSHIP FOCUS FOR JUNE

June 1 & 2      Second Weekend after Pentecost

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.

June 8 & 9      Third Weekend after Pentecost

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.

June 15 & 16      Fourth Weekend after Pentecost

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.

June 22 & 23      Fifth Weekend after Pentecost

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.

June 29 & 30      Sixth Weekend after Pentecost

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.

## WORSHIP FOCUS FOR JULY

July 6 & 7      Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

July 13 & 14      Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

July 20 & 21      Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

July 27 & 28      Tenth Weekend after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.