



The Monthly Newsletter
of
Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church



The 2023 *Rise Against Hunger* event will be held at Holy Trinity on Sunday, August 20. People are needed at 12:30 p.m. to help set up. The packing of 10,000 meals begins at 2:00 p.m. These events are fun for the whole family. **We need 50 people to sign up for this.**

Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. The meals help meet the nutritional needs of children, encourage school attendance, and support families as they rebuild their livelihoods.

2022 Impact: 44.5m+ meals packed, 4.4m+ lives impacted, 67.6m+ meals distributed worldwide

Please give your time to join the fight against hunger. For more information, go to www.riseagainsthunger.org.

Please email Bruce (bzander5@att.net) or Judy Zander (jzander5@att.net) to let us know if you can help. **Hope to see you there!**

Judy Zander
Church Council Rep. for Global Outreach



Summer Ultreya!

Holy Trinity is privileged to host what is called a Via de Cristo *Ultreya*. An *Ultreya* is simply a gathering for folks who have already experienced a Via de Cristo weekend. They come together for fellowship, learning/training, worship, and a shared covered-dish meal. I was one of three Spiritual Directors this past March 16-19 at the Women's Weekend.

On Saturday, August 5, the *Ultreya* for Western North Carolina Lutheran will be hosted by Holy Trinity. We will be at the church from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sponsorship Leadership Training begins at 2:00 p.m. and the actual event begins at 4:00 p.m.

Pastor Tom



Dear Holy Trinity Family,

In the Gospel of Mark 1:16-18 we read:

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Since Mark is the earliest of the four Gospels to be written, these verses give us the first “call” recorded in the New Testament. Mark gave only the briefest description of the events surrounding the call of Jesus’ disciples.² This does not undermine the historicity of Mark’s account; his narrative interest was not in the historical details but in the authority of Jesus. He was not concerned to tell us precisely how the disciples were called but rather that they *were* called and that they responded in complete submission to Jesus.³

Holy Trinity is officially into the “Call Process.” You heard on July 22 the PCAT team tell you that **you are NOT hiring a pastor. You will be “calling” a pastor.**

I can tell you from personal experience that being called to be a pastor does not come with 9:00-5:00 work expectation. Sickness, death, family conflict, marriage counseling and a host of other things do not care about the pastor’s calendar. A “calling” brings a pastor into the sometimes messy, joyful, heartbreaking, challenging and greatly blessed time of ministry. I was reading some powerful thoughts from Dr. Will Willimon who was the Dean of Duke Chapel for many years. Allow his insights to teach and bless you.

William Willimon had an experience early in ministry that shook him into reality:

“One of the attractions of the parish ministry for me was that I liked to be liked. I loved to be loved. I’d had good luck at this undertaking: I was president of my class for many years running; you don’t do that without being nice.

“Then I served my first church—surprise! Despite my charming personality (!), two families left my church. They said, ‘We don’t like the RSV Bible, we don’t like preachers with long hair, and we don’t like graduates of Emory University.’ I thought at the time, sarcastically, Well, only one of those is a good reason for leaving the church!

“But this came as a great shock to me, that I couldn’t get some people in the church to like me. And that does something to you.”

In particular, that’s done at least two things to Will. First, it’s made him a bold preacher. He quickly figured out that not only is it impossible to please people, it’s not what he was called to do. He concluded that, like their Lord, preachers have to bring a sword as much as they bring peace; we have to give up the desire to be liked if we’re going to be faithful.

But Will doesn’t leave it there. For he’s also learned how to be a persuasive preacher. Though he doesn’t pander, neither is he cavalier. He wants people to put their full trust in Christ, and his preaching is known for its ability to challenge people, in a compelling way, to do just that.⁴

Over the past few weeks, I have been meditating on my time with you as your Intentional Interim Pastor. A pivotal moment occurred on April 23 when you voted on the members of the Call Committee. In time the Committee voted Donna Allen to be their chairperson. You heard from Donna and the members of the Committee on July 2 at the luncheon following worship.

I have been with you for a year. I plan to remain with you until The Holy Spirit leads the Call Committee and you to call your next Lead Pastor. I will remain faithful to you and provide pastoral care and biblically-based sermons/worship. I am to be a resource for the Call Committee but will have no hands-on work as they take the church through the Call process.

I cannot tell you how honored both Anne and I feel to be with you, the people of Holy Trinity, in this sacred and exciting time! May the Lord Jesus bless our time to His glory!

Pastor Tom

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Mk 1:16–18.

² Ted Cabal et al., [*The Apologetics Study Bible: Real Questions, Straight Answers, Stronger Faith*](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2007), 1468–1469.

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⁴ Stephen W. Brown, Haddon W. Robinson, and William H. Willimon, [*“Introduction,”*](#) in *A Voice in the Wilderness: Clear Preaching in a Complicated World*, ed. Mark Galli, Mastering Ministry’s Pressure Points (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1993), 11.



On Sunday, August 13, I will be preaching the Homecoming Service for Organ Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC. I was their Intentional Interim before coming to Holy Trinity. Cody Carpenter has graciously agreed to conduct worship while I am in Salisbury.

The old historic church pictured below dates to 1794 and is still used for worship during the summer and other special occasions.

Pastor Tom





CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

Over 50 disciples attended the Congregational Workshop on July 22. One of the discussion questions that we all agreed on was that the mission of Holy Trinity is grounded in our vision statement of *Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ*. We do a really good job of Knowing and Loving. But, we have a strong desire to find a Pastor who will walk alongside us in the Sharing Christ part through outreach and evangelism. The workshop also brought up the need to encourage and assist disciples in taking on leadership roles within the church. In addition, we recognize that conflict does exist within the congregation. We need to acknowledge that conflict and find ways to make people's concerns heard and together come up with solutions to move forward.

The workshop also helped the congregation narrow down hopes for our next Pastor. The top five characteristics include: a Pastor who is lead by the Spirit, grounded in scripture, can shepherd our flock to make us feel loved, can minister to multi-generational families, and has a desire for outreach and evangelism. We know that is a tall order for one person to fill, but we trust God's hand in this process and know that through patience and prayer, God will reveal who he has chosen to be our next Pastor.

Our "Congregational Profile" should be uploaded to the NALC website by mid-August. Anyone can access the website to see all the congregations within the NALC seeking a pastor and read their profile and look at their video. You can access the website at: theNALC.org/call.

**Blessings in Christ,
Donna Allen
Call Committee Chair**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to the upcoming Church Picnic!

It's happening on **Saturday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m.**

The church will provide BBQ and all the fixins...desserts too!

We will have outdoor games. Fun for all ages.

The residents of Ashley Arms apartments will be our honored guests.

This fun day of fellowship will be onsite, taking place in the church's paved parking lot.

Parking is available in the two lots across Garrison, which are owned by the church.

Valet parking will be available.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Charlotte Area Lutheran Men Chicken & Corn Roast

Saturday, August 19 at 1:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00 per person

**Christ Lutheran Church
4519 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC**

**For Reservations, contact
Bruce Zander
704-747-3066 or bzander5@att.net**



**Guest Speaker: Larry Sprinkle,
on the WCNC Team for over 38
years. Currently doing the
weather segments on Wake Up
Charlotte weekday mornings.**

Carolina Mission Region Men's Retreat "Living Faith"

Maybe you are like me, having been Lutheran all your life, and having attended confirmation class every Saturday morning for three years. Maybe you are new to the Lutheran faith, or somewhere in between.

Wherever you are, the Carolina Mission Region Men's Retreat will be of interest to you. The dates are September 22-24, at Laurel Ridge Camp & Conference Center in Laurel Springs, NC. During the weekend, we will be studying what we as Lutherans believe about the Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, and The Lord's Prayer with Pastor Brack East leading the sessions using the book Living Faith.

This weekend will be an excellent chance to get away from the every day hustle and bustle of daily life in Gaston County and enjoy the quiet and serenity of the beautiful North Carolina mountains.

The retreat will start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night with dinner and will end after worship on Sunday morning. The cost is \$125 per person which includes 5 meals, study materials and all linens.

Reservations and a \$25 dollar deposit must be made by August 31. Reservations forms will be available in the Welcome Center and in the Narthex of the church.

This will be a good weekend for study, relaxation, and fellowship with men from the CMR. For questions contact Bruce Zander, bzander5@att.net or 704-747-3066.

Family Night at the Baseball Game

On Friday, July 7, 24 members and friends of Holy Trinity attended the Gastonia Honey Hunters baseball game at Caromont Park. It was a beautiful night for baseball. The Honey Hunters won the game which made it extra special. We look forward to doing this again next summer.





WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Healthy Cooking Class

Want to serve bacon wrapped jalapeno poppers and taco egg rolls at your next tail-gating party?

Join the Women of Holy Trinity as we learn several mouth-watering, football friendly recipes from our own Brittani Wells.



When: Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

This event is open to every woman of Holy Trinity and any woman that you want to invite. After this hands-on, fun class you'll want to be a good **VOLUNTEER** and host a football party every week-end.



Beginners Level Basket-weaving Class Sign up beginning in August

Patty Minges will be coming back to teach us how to create a simple and cute basket. This craft should be easy for those of us at a beginner level of weaving.

When: Saturday, October 21 - Starting at 9:00 a.m.
Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Cost: \$30 a person...limited to 15 women class size
Sign up: Church website events page. Please sign up as early as possible.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

There will be no Circle Meetings in August.
 Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you in September!



Youth Schedule for August

August 3:	Mystery Thursday 8:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
August 4:	Middle School trip to Bowl and Bounce 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 13:	Back-to-School Bash for Youth 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
August 27:	SNL Kickoff 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (No Confirmation Class until 9/17)

Confirmation Class

All middle schoolers in 6th-8th grades will participate in Confirmation Class, beginning on **September 17**. During the 2023-24 school year, we will be doing our “Bible year” which includes an overview of the whole of Scripture, the examining of how we received the Bible, and its reliability. If you are the parent of a middle schooler, you will be receiving additional information on class times, expectations, etc...

Youth and Family Retreat

Be on the lookout for information regarding our Mission Region’s first youth and family retreat, which will be the weekend of **September 8 - 10** at Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center. Check your emails for more!

Back to School Blessing

On **Sunday, August 13**, we will have a time of prayer for all students, teachers, administrators and support staff returning to school this month. We will offer these prayers at both services. Please plan to attend!

Children’s Ministry Updates

Beginning **Sunday, September 10**, children’s Sunday school will be studying Unit 1 of Concordia Publishing House’s *Enduring Faith* Sunday school curriculum. This unit will take our young people from Genesis through 2nd Samuel and will focus on God creating the world and building His Kingdom.

*If you would like to teach middle or elementary Sunday school, please reach out to me.
We have a few openings left. Training will be provided.*

Youth and Children’s Ministry Volunteer Training

Join us on **Sunday, August 27** at 1:00 p.m. for a youth and children’s ministry training session. Look for more information soon!

NALC LUTHERAN WEEK



The American Lutheran missiologist, James A. Scherer, says, “For Luther, mission is always pre-eminently the work of the triune God—*missio Dei*—and its goal and outcome is the coming of the kingdom of God. Luther sees the church, along with God’s word and every baptized believer, as crucial divine instruments for mission. Yet, nowhere does the reformer make the church the starting point or the final goal of mission, as 19th-century missiology tended to do. It is always God’s own mission that dominates Luther’s thought, and the coming of the kingdom of God represents its final culmination” (James A. Scherer, *Gospel, Church, & Kingdom: Comparative Studies in World Mission Theology* [Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1987], 55).

As one of the Core Values of the North American Lutheran Church is Mission Driven, it is important for us to be reminded that this is not our mission, our vision, our strategy, but it is “pre-eminently the work of the triune God—*missio Dei*!”

This year’s NALC Lutheran Week (August 7-11) completes a six-year focus on the Holy Trinity, concluding now with “God the Father Creates...in His Image,” as the theme for the Braaten-Benne Theological Lectures. However, it seems appropriate to conclude this cycle with the theme, *Missio Dei*, as we celebrate the fact that everything we do as a mission-driven Lutheran body comes from God and His mission - that we are to go into all the world, empowered by the Holy Spirit, preaching the good news of salvation in and through Jesus Christ - to the whole creation!

Our prayer is that this year’s Mission Convocation will indeed be a mission-oriented and mission-driven gathering! While there will be necessary times dedicated to reports, actions and elections - including the election of a bishop - highlights will be the several “On Fire for Mission” sessions, focusing on domestic mission, international mission and mission related to congregational life. These will begin with brief Bible study and devotional periods, followed by presentations on the theme, with extended time for table talk, reflection, breakouts, and strategies for “taking it home!” (From the NALC website)

There will be Small Groups & Breakout Sessions. In smaller groups, we will learn more about our Life-to-Life Discipleship Initiative, Discerning a Call to Ministry, Getting Familiar with Global Workers and International Ministries, and more! To prepare for the future and to get a pulse on the vision of our church, we will hear from Bishop Dan Selbo and our leadership about where we’re headed.

Have a Voice! The North American Lutheran Church is Congregationally Focused, and Convocation is a prime opportunity to have a voice in the future of the church. During this special time elections will include the calling of a Bishop and members (clergy/lay) to the Church Council. Please pray for discernment.

Your delegate to the Mission Convocation is **Judy Zander**. She will be making a report to the congregation sometime after the event is over. **Cody Carpenter** will be present and involved as an NALC Seminarian and fellow learner. **I will be present as your pastoral delegate. Anne Corbell and Bruce Zander will also be attending as visitors.**

Pastor Tom

Endowment
Grants



ENDOWMENT NEWS

Grant Applications Accepted August 1 – September 15, 2023

The Grant Application process for 2024 is now open. Applications can be requested and submitted at Endowment@holytrinitygastonia.org.

Please reach out to a committee member if you have any questions regarding the form, documentation, and dual signatures required. The review and approval process takes time, so everyone is encouraged to begin the process early as opposed to later. The deadline of September 15 is governed by the Endowment By-Laws and ensures all applications are treated equally and fairly.

Holy Trinity and The Endowment Fund look forward to the work that can be done with the gifts they have been entrusted with by prior generations.

**Serving Christ,
The Endowment Committee**



For many years those charged with depositing the offerings had to literally get down on the floor to do so. At best, this was awkward and uncomfortable. **Glenn Rupp** saw the obvious problem and built a metal and wood stand that could withstand the weight of this safe. (It weighs probably between 150/200 pounds.) He bolted the stand to the floor and the safe to the stand. I asked him how he picked up the safe and he said: *Three prayers and one lift!*

We sincerely thank Glenn for his skill and herculean efforts to make this so much easier for those who faithfully work with the weekly deposits!

Pastor Tom



COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have been seeing opportunities to apply Jesus' commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" in many places in 2023. If you have been reading my Herald articles this year, you will agree. This time I saw it when I saw the movie *The Sound of Freedom* in July. More specifically, I saw it at the end of the movie. If you haven't seen the movie yet, I encourage you to do so. It is powerful and illuminates one of the worst problems in the world today – the sex trafficking of children. Even though the movie is about such a terrible topic, for the most part, it has a happy ending. It leaves you with the feeling of wanting to do something to make a difference.

Jesus explains what loving your neighbor looks like when he tells the story of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan who helped the man who was beaten and robbed loved his neighbor. Jim Caviezel, at the end of *The Sound of Freedom*, gives the audience the opportunity to be like "the good Samaritan." He asks the audience to help shine a light on this terrible problem of child sex trafficking by encouraging others to see the movie and by "paying it forward." In this situation, "paying it forward" means buying tickets for others to see the movie. In my opinion, this is a three-prong opportunity to love our neighbor. See the movie yourself. Tell others about the movie, and if you can, purchase tickets to help others to be able to see the movie. You can buy tickets at the site, www.angel.com/pay-it-forward/sound-of-freedom. Jim Caviezel's point at the end of the movie is that if we all work together, we can make a difference in child sex trafficking. Let's love these children by doing all that we can to promote *The Sound of Freedom*.

**In His Service,
Grant Sparks
Council President**

HOMEBOUND / SPECIAL SAINTS' BIRTHDAYS



Please join us in celebrating our Homebound / Special Saints' birthdays.

Phylliss Froneberger will turn **89 years young** on **September 13** and
Shirley Anderson will turn **79 years young** on **September 14**.



If you would like to send a birthday card, their mailing addresses are:

Phylliss Froneberger, 2105 Monticello Dr., Gastonia, NC 28056

Shirley Anderson, 3799 Duckworth-Carpenter Lane, Vale, NC 28168

Thank you for helping us to celebrate these special ladies in our church family!



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *From the July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting*

At the July 17 meeting of the Church Council, the following actions were taken:

- Received and approved financial reports from Lee Stadther (see Herald article page 12).
- Reviewed items needed to prepare for Displaced Roses Ministry (Certificate of Insurance and a Facility Agreement).
- Received an update from the Call Committee.
- Received an update on the HVAC. The boiler has been installed with connections and controls pending. Estimated completion date for installing the HVAC is by end of the year.
- Received and approved a recommendation from the Trailblazers to discontinue the monthly combined worship service. This decision was based on a discussion with Rev. David Wendell, Assistant to the Bishop, NALC.
- Approved a budget of \$15,000 for the Call Committee to use to cover travel and moving expenses, as needed for pastoral candidates.
- Agreed to continue taking Sunday School attendance. This report was discontinued amidst staff changes.
- Approved a motion from the Executive Committee to continue contracting Ellie Holloway to assist Lee Stadther and Kim Borrromeo in updating the ACS system and training for Kim.
- Approved the 2nd Quarter Benevolence Committee Recommendations.
- Next Council meeting: August 21, 2023





HOW DO YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS GLORIFY GOD?

*¹⁶ Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed: ¹⁷ **Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.** (Deuteronomy 16: 16-17 NIV)*

We see in this verse, three times a year every male was to make a journey to the sanctuary in the city, that would be designated as Israel’s religious capital. At these festivals, each participant was **encouraged to give what he could in proportion to what God had given him**. God does not expect us to give more than we can, but we will be blessed when we give cheerfully. For some, 10 percent may be a burden. For most of us, that would be far too little. **Look at what you have and then give in proportion to what you have been given. What is your response to those blessings God has bestowed on you?**

For those that like numbers...

Noted below we show our June 2023 offerings compared with our monthly budgeted ministry plan. Our staff and leaders continue to manage our expenditures. Our church leadership is doing their best to be good stewards of our financial resources.

	Month of June 2023	YTD through June 2023
Gifts Received:	\$37,155	\$240,853
Budget for Ministries:	\$46,565	\$291,033
Difference:	(\$9,410)	(\$50,180)
Previous Year (2022) Comparison:	\$41,582	\$272,592
Difference between 2023 and 2022:	(\$4,427)	(\$31,739)

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Holy Trinity.

Lee Stadther
Church Controller 2023

Names of Jesus Word Search

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Living Bread
Lord of All
Alpha and Omega
Wonderful Counselor
The Mighty God
Prince of Peace
Everlasting Father

Salvation
Lamb of God
Good Shepherd
Morning Star
Emmanuel
Holy One
Light of the World



Dayspring
The Word
Rose of Sharon
Shiloh
Ancient of Days
God with Us



- **Dawn Goodwin**, for healing and comfort
- **Paulette Brice**, hospitalization and for her health
- **Janet Green**, for her health and overall well-being as she will soon begin radiation treatment for stage one cancer
- **Emily Rector Arthur and family**, cousin of Elizabeth and Harriet Lethermon, at the death of Chuck Arthur
- **Janie Norton**, for her well-being during an unexpected move
- **Christy Burleson McBee**, healing and recovery from surgery on 7/20
- **Palmer Jones**, granddaughter of Debbie and Gene Keller, for her health and upcoming surgery
- **Eugenia Arnold**, neighbor of Brenda and Chuck Biddle, healing from broken hip and other health concerns
- **Bryson Smith**, who is hospitalized with brain injury from a fall, for his healing
- **Bob Burleson**, recurrence of prostate cancer and tolerance with chemotherapy
- **John Walker**, recovering from a fall
- **Cissy Belton**, issues with her pancreas
- **Larry Aiken**, for his overall health
- **Trudy Huchko**, mother of Brenda Biddle, for her health
- **Bob Kosak**, for his health
- **Wanda Christman**, at home following hospitalization and rehab
- **Rob Frye**, for his health
- **Brenda Jenkins**, for her health
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Rob Frye, Dell Guffey, Paul Kaiser, Ann Riggs, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- **For those outside the Church, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus**
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **That the world would value the dignity of all life**
- **For peace in the world and in our homes**
- **Leah Sharibu**, and all persecuted Christians
- **The Voice of the Martyrs**
- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Brett Boyd, Eric Cooper, Mae Dodd, Brian Hanna, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers:** Chuck Niemeyer and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley
- **All youth and children of Holy Trinity, for the Holy Spirit to guide them**
- **The Call Committee:** Tia Abernathy, Donna Allen, Sam Black, Leisa Brown, Bill Eaker, Janet Green, Glenn Rupp, Grant Sparks, Grace Young, Bruce Zander

Upcoming Birthdays

With special joy, we recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the months of August & September. We are thankful for the life and spirit of the birthdays we celebrate. May the blessings of God flow in the life of each of you.



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| 1 | Kim Borromeo, Laura Silverstrim, |
| | Lee Stadther |
| 3 | Luke Busler |
| 5 | Jerry Campbell, Charlotte Murphy |
| 8 | Chuck Biddle |
| 11 | Lori DeFreitas, Frank Garrison |
| 15 | Grant Sparks |
| 16 | Anita Hollifield |
| 17 | Sissy Moxham |
| 18 | Charlie Biddle, Andrew Kirby |
| 20 | Pam Young |
| 21 | Linda Albright, Lee Hinds, Jim Warren |
| 22 | Bob Lemke |
| 24 | Amy Novinc |
| 26 | Laurieann Ratz |
| 27 | Chuck Niemeyer |
| 29 | Joseph Fox, Noah Fox |
| 30 | Tommy Kirby, John Long |



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| 2 | Adam Cate, Sandy Dulin |
| 4 | Taylor Barnes |
| 6 | Molly Heffner, Brylyn Norton |
| 8 | Heidi Kelt |
| 11 | Jill Scot-Cochran |
| 12 | Stephen Lineberry, Debbie Long |
| | Kathy Wallace, Grace Young |
| 13 | Phylliss Froneberger |
| 14 | Shirley Anderson, Kenric Barnes |
| 15 | Debbie Brackett, Tyann Johnson |
| 17 | David Stephens |
| 18 | Frank Moxham, Nancy Sparks |
| 19 | Morayo Orija |
| 20 | Ben Bogle |
| 23 | Bryson Rupp |
| 25 | Sam DeFreitas |
| 27 | Michelle Lanier |
| 28 | LaRae Campbell, Liam Luksa |
| 29 | Brenda Biddle, Susan Black, |
| | Richard Waits |
| 30 | Betty Janssen |



Did we miss your birthday?

If your birthday is incorrect, or you have a birthday in August/September and your name is not on this list, please call or email the church office and give us the correct information.

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