

THE HOLY POST

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

"LOVING NOT JUDGING"

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

BY PASTOR EMILY

What is confirmation?

On June 8—Pentecost Sunday—we will celebrate the confirmation of Jadon Roger and Jonas Jay through the rite of Affirmation of Baptism. We haven't celebrated confirmation at Holy Trinity since Ryan Schang was confirmed in 2019. Whether or not you grew up in a faith tradition where confirmation was the norm, you might want (or need) a reminder of what it is that's happening at confirmation.

The word confirmation actually refers to faith formation. When our youth are in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, they participate in classes designed to help them explore their faith. These classes cover topics related to the Bible, theology, and Lutheran history and they culminate in the rite of confirmation, or Affirmation of Baptism.

Affirmation of Baptism connects very closely to the sacrament of baptism. Because as Lutherans we baptize infants, parents typically make promises on behalf of their children. When those children are old enough and ready, they then assume the baptism responsibilities for themselves.

On June 8, Jadon and Jonas will promise to "continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism," a covenant that includes the following promises: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Jadon, Jonas, and I have discussed these promises and they are ready to assume responsibility for them!

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR (CONTINUED)

BY PASTOR EMILY

Though we typically reserve the rite of confirmation for youth, did you know that anyone can choose to affirm his/her/their faith at anytime? Several years ago, I even taught an adult confirmation class and several of you chose to affirm your faith within the context of a Sunday morning service.

Confirmation and Affirmation of Baptism have the potential to deepen our faith as we seek to understand what it means to live in light of the baptismal covenant. You might, for example, reflect on those promises yourself, and decide which ones qualify as strengths and which might need some help. Of course, if you are feeling an itch to learn more about your faith and affirm it, let's talk!

CONGRATULATIONS Jadon and Jonas!

Blessings,
Pastor Emily

confirmation



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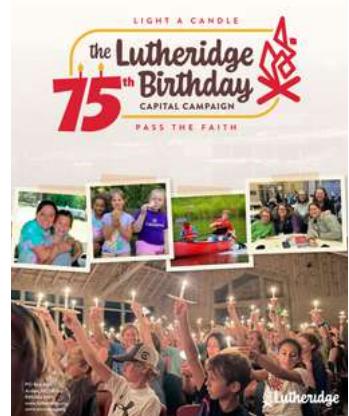
WILD WOMEN at LUTHERIDGE Rewriting HerStory 2025

Mark Your Calendars! Join Pastor Emily and retired Pastor (and Holy Trinity member) Kim Trabold for a one-day retreat on Saturday, June 28 exploring the identity of Mary Magdalene as well as our own personal identities as children of God. We're calling it "Rewriting Her Story." This retreat will use much of the same material Pastor Emily used as a Bible study leader at this year's Wild Women at Lutheridge retreat. More specific details are coming. Join us for Bible study, fellowship, and fun!



Wild Women at Lutheridge

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Lutheridge 75th Anniversary campaign! Because of YOU, Holy Trinity is contributing a total of \$3810 to further their work that shapes Christian faith for so many.



To date, the campaign has received a total in gifts and commitments of over \$2.3 million! These gifts are already helping pay off debt and improve facilities. Again, thank YOU for being a part of this meaningful work.



OUTREACH TEAM

BY LINDA DAVIS AND CAROLINE REINKE

A special thank you from Roof Above and Room In The Inn*

Dear Hosts and Volunteers Extraordinaire,

It's hard to believe we completed our RITI season for 2024-25 one month ago. The InnKeepers (Cher & Jayne) cannot begin to express their deep gratitude for all you have done to make a 'home' for our neighbors. In the event you missed the last email, heed InnKeeper Barto's words: 'Our neighbors' hearts melted when you looked them in the eye and shared your time. None of us know the next path a neighbor will take, but you, dear host, opened your heart and gave them hope. You gave them a home.'

Neighbors using Room In the Inn this season ranged in age from eight months to 76 years old; a snapshot of those unhoused in our community. As affordable housing continues to be out of reach for so many, we are seeing increased numbers of families. This year we had many 'non-traditional' families, including: a grandmother with her special needs grandson, a deaf/blind neighbor with her caretaker nephew, a mother with her adult son with autism, a great aunt with her teenage niece. We had five families with male children over twelve years who stayed with us the majority of the season.

Thank you for providing space for the other and the hundreds of volunteers who make beds, meals, shuttle laundry, neighbors, and take care of our neighbor's physical needs. These acts of kindness and direct support are the foundation of what is needed for neighbors who do not have housing. You also listen to the stories. People who live on the streets do not get a lot of people who look them in the eyes, listen to their stories, or listen to them at all. With your hospitality, our neighbors feel safe and experience a feeling of belonging. They experience sanctuary. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as InnKeepers for a second year. It is a privilege to work with such a wonderful and supportive team. We are honored to call ourselves the 'InnKeepers'.

Thank you for walking with our neighbors and ensuring they do not walk alone, if only for one night. (We)will leave you with this-

On the winding path of life
Sometimes you walk alone
'Cause people come and go
There is a season for each one
They change your heart, and then it's done
Well I'll be better all my days
'Cause I walked with you a ways
I walked with you a ways

- *Plains & Waxahatchee: Katie Crutchfield, Jess Williamson*



REMINDER

Refill The Pantry Sunday is the third Sunday of each month! Check for an updated Eblast with a current needs list and bring your items on June 15!

PROPERTY TEAM

BY ROY JOHNSON



Caring for our property...

Taking care of our church facilities, including our parking lots and landscaping, is a constant effort. Recent work includes upgrading the lock on the ARTS+ entrance, repairing the ceiling damage on the second floor, exterior light fixture repair and re-lamping, fresh mulch in the planting beds, and pruning our tree on the Belle Terre side of the building.

A more easily noticed painting of the exterior of the church starts in late May. We are doing this to both improve the appearance of the building as well as protect the wood in the large sanctuary windows and the trim adjacent to the recently installed gutters surrounding the building.

All of the above work and other items not mentioned are being overseen and/or done by both the property team as well as individual members such as Lynn Butts and Caroline and Luke Reinke.

We appreciate all of the work done to maintain our facilities for use by our members and tenants and to be a good neighbor in the Plaza Midwood Community.

FELLOWSHIP

BY DIANA JOHNSON

Join us during worship on June 8, Pentecost Sunday, as we witness and celebrate Jadon Roger's and Jonas Jay's Rite of Confirmation through their affirmation of faith! A cake reception on the lawn outside the Belle Terre entrance will follow the service.



JUNE 6	KALEY FRY
JUNE 7	JACKSON JONES
JUNE 9	JIM SIETMANN
JUNE 16	KATIE HUBICKI-HAMILTON
JUNE 15	MEAGAN JONES
JUNE 18	JUDY SCOTT
JUNE 18	SYLVIA FERGUSON
JUNE 21	STEVE KEEBLE
JUNE 24	SOFIA SMITH
JUNE 25	JORDANA DASILVA
JUNE 30	CHAZ POFahl

WORSHIP MINISTRY

BY KATHY GROSECLOSE

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND LUNCH

11:00 AM LIBRARY

SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM WORSHIP, SANCTUARY AND
LIVESTREAMED

Youth Choir and Adult Choir Rehearsal are now on break for the summer. Wednesday Bible Study and lunch will continue each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Look for details about the fall schedule in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.



JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lector</u>
June 01	Luke Reinke	Caroline Reinke	Daniel Reinke	Matilda Gawf
June 08*	Steve Allen	Santhosh Prabhu	(Torches) Isaac Jay, Daniel Reinke	Kim Trabold
June 15**	Sheila Liles	Golda Jay	(Torches) Isaac & Jonas Jay	Daniel Reinke
June 22	Matilda Gawf	Donna Rashada-Jones	Thomas Reinke	Bill Larsen
June 29	Wayne Simpson	Lilith Martina	Jonas Jay	Sheila Liles

* Crucifer: Lilith Martina; Streamers: Jeremy Jay; Banner: Jonas Jay; Bible Bearer: Jadon Roger

** Crucifer: Wayne Simpson; Bible Bearer: Jadon Roger



FINANCE AT A GLANCE

BY TIM OWENS

APRIL					
		April YTD	Budget YTD	Over(Under) Budget	
Income and Expenses:					
Contributions	19,239	75,673	70,936	4,737	
Rents & Building Use	5,175	18,795	20,200	(1,405)	
Interest Income		1,617	1,590	27	
Other Income	100	181	334	(153)	
Total Income	24,514	96,266	93,060	3,206	
Budgeted Expenses	20,744	86,220	88,549	(2,329)	
Net Income (Loss)	3,770	10,046	4,511	5,535	
Assets & Liabilities as of April					
General Fund			84,517		
Dedicated Funds			21,185		
Endowment Fund			109,628		
Joseph Fry Scholarship Fund			4,276		
Total Assets			219,606		
Note Payable - Home Mission (Boiler)			115,993		

JUNE 2025 CALENDAR



1 10:15am Adult Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Youth Group, Amity Presby.	2	3 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room 10:00am Staff Meeting	4 11:00am Bible Study/Lunch	5 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room	6 VanLandingham Parking	7 10:00am Fiber Arts Group
8 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Lawn Reception for Confirmation Graduates	9	10 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room	11 (No Bible Study/Lunch) 5:00pm Pride, Fellowship Hall	12 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room	13	14 9:00am Wedding 10:00am Fiber Arts Group VanLandingham Parking
15 Pantry Sunday 11:00am Worship 1:00pm Congregational Council Mtg 	16	17 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room 10:00am Staff Meeting	18 11:00am Bible Study/Lunch	19 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room 	20	21 10:00am Fiber Arts Group VanLandingham Parking
22 11:00am Worship	23	24 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room 10:00am Staff Meeting	25 11:00am Bible Study/Lunch	26 9:00am Food Pantry, Belle Terre Room	27	28 9:00 am Rewriting Her Story, Church Retreat 10:00am Fiber Arts Group
29 11:00am Worship	30					

FOR MOST CURRENT UPDATES, VISIT THE CALENDAR LINK ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE:

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