



August Tidings

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A Reflection from Your Priest in Charge

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

I bring warm greetings from Pastor Sara J. Anderson, the new Associate Executive Director at Camp Calumet Lutheran. A letter from her will be arriving soon, but she asked me to extend her deep gratitude to the congregation for “borrowing” me for a week so that I could serve as chaplain at camp.

What a gift that week was! I always feel like I get just as much out of the experience as the campers do. This summer’s theme at Calumet was **“God’s Word Comes Near to Us.”** Throughout the week, we explored how God’s word comes near in following, serving, trusting, listening, and blessing.

Part of my role as chaplain was to travel with different cabin groups each day to explore these themes through the creative activities the counselors had planned. One day, I was “blessed” with face-painted crosses on both cheeks, a water balloon over my head, a hand-painted rock, a snack, and various other delightful gifts the cabins were handing out.

But of course, the real blessing was witnessing how God’s word came near to the campers—through their counselors, through new and renewed friendships, through the beauty of creation, and through a community that embodies radical hospitality, inclusion, and welcome for everyone who comes to Calumet’s shores.

Now, after returning from that sacred week, I find myself wondering: **How is God’s word coming near to you this month?**

What’s being revealed in your life? Where might God be calling you next?

And how is God’s word calling us—**here at Holy Trinity**—to be a place of radical welcome, inclusion, and grace?

These are questions worthy of our prayer, reflection, and—importantly—our **action**.

Let’s explore them together. If you’re interested in having a conversation around any of this, send me a text or an email. Let’s find a time to get together for coffee... or maybe a beer!

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Dan

Mission Plate for August

Due to critical need and urgency, the Mission and Outreach Committee has decided to change the mission plate for the remainder of July from “Cradles to Crayons” to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for the people affected by the Texas floods. We will continue to seek funding for the people affected by the Texas floods until the end of August. Episcopal Relief and Development is working with longstanding partner, the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas to provide support to those impacted by the catastrophic July 4 – 5 Texas Hill Country Flooding. During this flash flooding event up to 13 inches of rain fell rapidly on Central Texas, impacting multiple counties. The full extent of the damage is devastating.



Hundreds of homes, mobile home parks, R.V.s and roads have been destroyed. Numerous people are homeless. People no longer have their businesses to return to for their livelihoods. There are 138 people confirmed to have lost their lives and many others injured. Be part of the healing, hope, and recovery. Please pray for the communities affected by the Texas flash flooding. Please donate to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund which is responding to the critical need and urgency caused by this disaster.

Sincerely,

Susan L Grant, Chairperson of the Mission and Outreach Committee

Food Share is busy all year long



Vestry Highlights

- The work done on the small boiler to prepare it for future zones to be added and some other minor adjustments came in less than we expected.
- The Blessings of the Backpacks will take place on August 31st at our shared service at 10 am, here, at Holy Trinity.
- Beginning in November, shared services will occur on the last Sunday of each month.



3—Jace Reith-Lowery
 8—Robin Yates
 11—Emilyann Bousquet
 11—Linda Spooner
 14—Jared Burns
 17—Suzanne Sharp
 17—David Monroe
 20—Colleen DeMings
 20—Lucy Burns
 25—Braden Bullard



A 5-minute Gratitude Journal is
 available in the Parish Hall.
 It's a great little exercise for
 anyone— young or old!
 Fun & Easy way to stop & think
 about God in our busy lives!

Shared Service

Sunday, August 31st

10:00 AM

**With Blessing of Backpacks
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**



Campfire Fellowship with BLC & HTC

Saturday, August 9th ~ 6:30 PM

Fellowship, Friends and Fire!

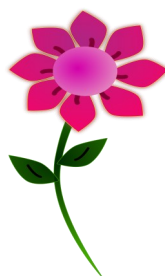
What Could be better?



The Flowers in the front of the Church look beautiful but it takes some "doin" to keep it looking so nice.

Anyone who can give a little time to weed and water, please contact Lynn Garland.

Thank you and take time to enjoy nature!



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Sunday Service

11:00 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist

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