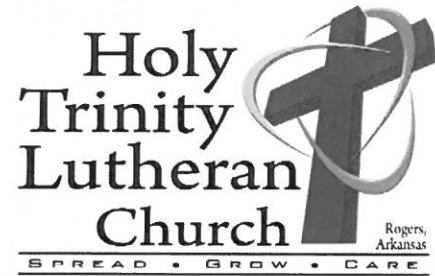


CLARION

SEPTEMBER, 2018



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During the second part of September this year, we want to focus on Stewardship. What is that? The Merriam-Webster Dictionary says stewardship is “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care .” Many times people think that stewardship in the church is about money. This month we want to see that stewardship is much more than money – although money is one part of stewardship. There are three different principles to stewardship: ownership, responsibility, and accountability.

The first principle is ownership. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” If that is true, and I believe it is, then everything we have really belongs to the Lord God. He were born with nothing and we will die with nothing. Everything we have is what God has given to us for use while we live on this earth. This will be the basic theme for our stewardship series this year: “Belonging to God.”

The second principle is responsibility. A steward is a person who is responsible for taking care of things for someone else. The question then is: “How do I take care of the gifts God has given me?” In my Connections Class and my Living Disciple Class, I share nine “T’s” of stewardship. These are some of the gifts God has given us. They are:

- Time
- Talents (Abilities)
- Treasure (Money, Possessions)
- Testimony (Gospel)
- Touch (Relationships)
- Tissue (Body)
- Trees / Trash (Natural Resources, Earth)
- Technology
- Temple (Church)

The third principle is accountability. This is best seen in our Lord’s parables of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) and the minas (Luke 19:11-26). The owner of the property (man or king) entrusts his property to his servants before he goes on a journey. When he returns, he asks the servants to given an account of what they did with his gifts while he was gone. To those who put them to work, he calls faithful and gives more gifts. To the ones who do nothing, he takes away what they have. God has given each of us gifts to use during our lives. He doesn’t expect us to give it all to Him. Instead, He expects us to use these things in ways that will bring Him glory. Good stewards use God’s gifts in ways that honor Him.

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Our stewardship series this year will be three weeks long. Our themes are:

September 16—"Belonging to God: The Earth is the Lord's"

September 23—"Belonging to God: We are the Lord's"

September 30—"Belonging to God: The Church is the Lord's"

Our commitment Sunday will be September 30. On that day we will bring our financial commitments for 2019 to the Lord as part of our worship service. We do that to help our Financial Stewardship Ministry Team be good stewards of the money our members give to fund the ministry here at Holy Trinity. Based on those commitments, they will try to put together a realistic budget for the Voters for the November 18 Voters' meeting.

The Apostle Paul shared the purpose of financial giving with the congregation in Corinth. He wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:10-12, "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." The offering is an important way of supplying for the needs of the church and, more importantly, for giving thanks to God for the gifts He gives us.

In Christ,

Pastor Besel

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD

This information comes from Voice of the Martyrs



Bangladesh: Thirty families turned back to Islam after facing intense community pressure, said local church planter Sujen, who became a believer through a Bible correspondence course several years ago. After becoming convinced Jesus was the Way, the Truth and the Life, he began gradually sharing with others in his community. Though his parents rejected him, Sujen went on to lead all his brothers and their spouses to Christ. Over time, he baptized almost 100 families in four villages. "In the beginning I never faced any problems," he said. Last year, however, a wealthy Muslim patron hired a thug to go around intimidating the new Christians. Several lost jobs. Those who had small businesses found no one would buy from them. Eventually, a group of 30 families were taken to the mosque and asked to reconvert to Islam, and they gave in. Pray for the families who have turned back to Islam. Pray for the Holy Spirit's work in their life and community. Pray that Sujen will not become discouraged.



Happy Anniversary!



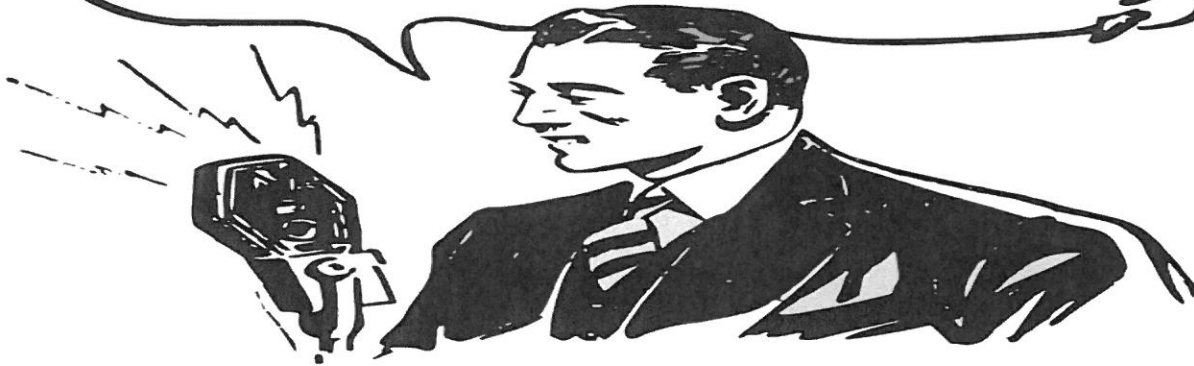
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CAMERON'S CORNER



Summer is over. You can tell because teachers are more morose than our students. We have entered a time of growth and learning for our students, and I ask you pray for them and their teachers as they begin this new school year.

As I write this I am preparing for the first confirmation class of the fall and my first confirmation class of Holy Trinity and it is exciting. It has been a lot of work but it is going to be well worth it. As I prepare it has me thinking about ministry and how we somehow wound up thinking that ministry only happens within the doors of a church. This year, our confirmation ministry will be focused not only in the church, but in the home as we bless these students. I encourage each of you to also make sure we are living our faith in the home as well as at church. Take time with your family, talk through your days, the highs and the lows, pray for each other (including high and lows) and bless one another.

On a similar note, we still need some volunteers for Prayer Pals. They meet with the confirmands once a month to talk about life, what they are learning, and Jesus. Come see me for more info.

Keep a lookout for various fundraisers from our youth group in the next year as we are vamping up for the National Youth Gathering. Potentially our church could send 23 students which is incredible, but we need help! We will be having a couple of shirt fundraisers with new designs. Also, we will be having more HTY Cafe's than usual so we will invite you all to those and support our youth ministry here at Holy Trinity.

God's Blessings to each of you!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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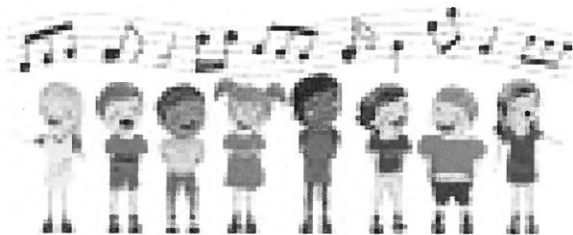
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WHAT'S UP?



Sunday School students will be singing "He's Got the Whole World" at late service on Sun., Sept. 30th. We would LOVE to have your child join us! We will practice during Sunday

School openings on Sept. 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Contact LeAnn Girshner with any questions.

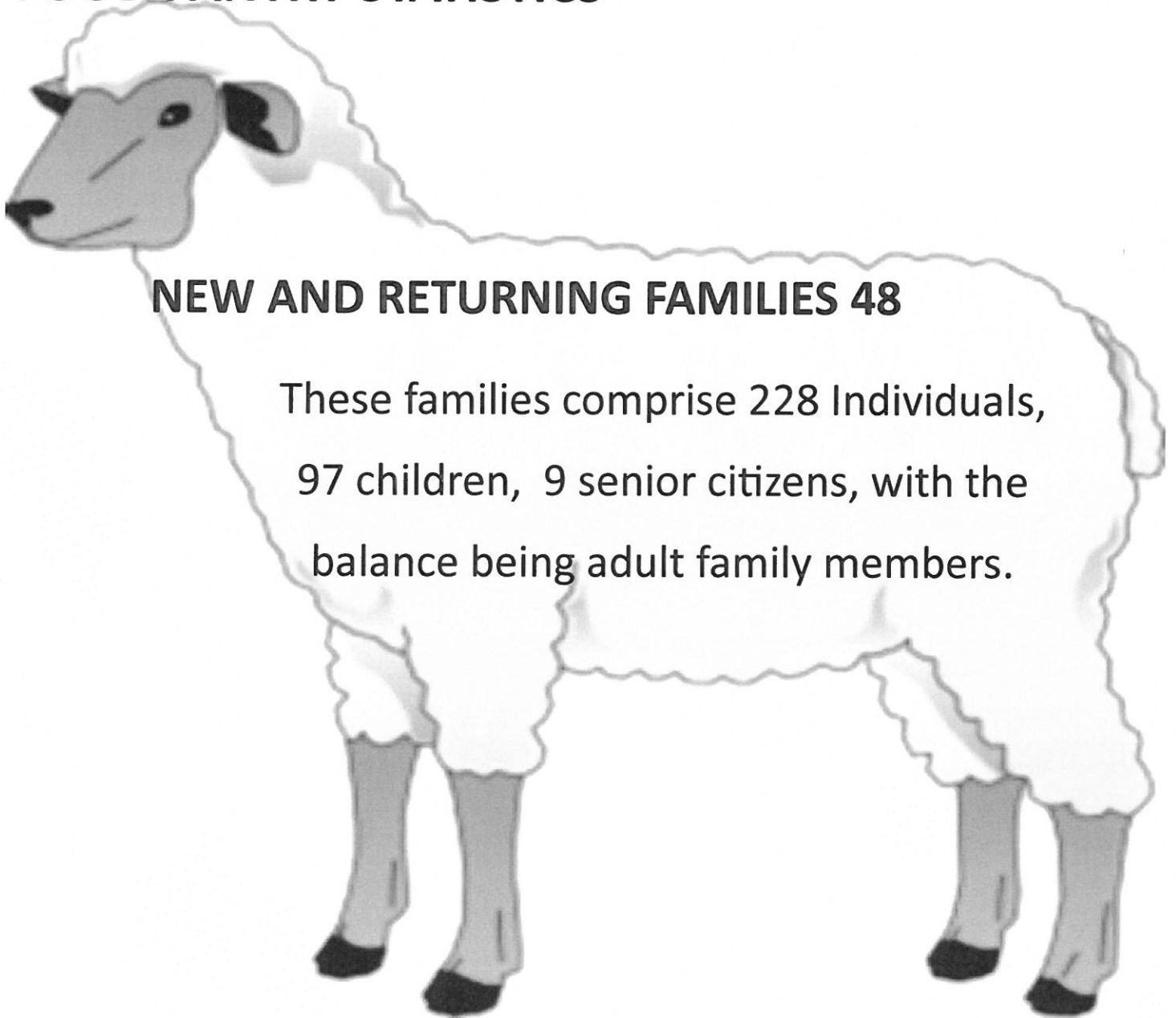
PINOCHLE CARDS

We still play cards on the first Friday of the month. For September, that means Friday, September 7th. Start the Fall season by joining us! Look for all of you by 6:30 or by 6:00 to help set up.

FEED MY SHEEP

JULY

FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS



NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES 48

These families comprise 228 Individuals,
97 children, 9 senior citizens, with the
balance being adult family members.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
YOUR NEIGHBORS APPRECIATE IT.

Serving in SEPTEMBER 2018

		September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Greeters	8:00am 10:45am	Herb & Shirley Bernthal Cameron Pullman & Youth	Ila & LB Teeter Margot Legge	John & Gloria Jenkins Brent & Libby Garner	Sam & Kathy Welborn Eva Jean Beck & Maxine Reihman	Dallas & Delores Drda Cathy Dodge
Readers	8:00am 10:45am	Sabrina Isbell Jeanne Meyer	Mary Frevert Amy Wright	Leyland Hermes Eric Kerr	John Jenkins Lee Landauer	Elaine Lauderville Brent Garner
Video	8:00am 10:45am	John Jenkins Eric Kerr	David Heintz Evan Wright	Stephany Franco Liam Scott	Sabrina Isbell Cole Brockhoff	David Heintz Matt Bolte
Acolyte	8:00am 10:45am	Abigail Tang Ellie Griffin	Owen Winters Zachary Gust	Reanna Dunlap Landen Kerr	Jena Eisma Ethan Leech	Addison Faust Levi Wright
Lead Counters		David & Connie Heintz	David & Connie Heintz	Fred & Shirley Lewis	Fred & Shirley Lewis	Fred & Shirley Lewis
Counters		Omar & Ione Kauffeld	Dennis & Verlee Sheel	Herb & Shirley Bernthal	Von & Phyllis Von Holdt	Phil Garling & Elaine Lauderville
Lawn Care		Team #5	Team #1 (Gas)	Team #2	Team #3 (Edging)	Team #4
		August 31	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Office Helpers		David & Connie Heintz	Jan Emmons & Karen Lauderville	Richard Rumpf & Marian Venenga	Leyland & Dolores Hermes	Herb & Shirley Bernthal Libby Garner, Emily Jenkins, Norman & Helen Jones

SERVING ALL MONTH

ALTAR GUILD

Bettye Platt & Laurie Martin

ELDERS

8:00am Mike Nelson
10:45am Duane Wright

USHERS

8:00am Team A
10:45am Team C

Dave Ferguson, Vern Schmiegelow, Fred Faust, Sam Welborn, Kurt Frevert, Lou Holtz
Fred Lewis, Brent Garner, E.C. Von Holdt, Kevin Brockhoff, Dave Mayer, Gil Campbell

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pastor on Vacation
2 FEED MY SHEEP 8:00am— Communion 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Communion Pastor on Vacation	3 LABOR DAY— Office Closed Cameron's Day Off	4 5:30pm- Education Team	5 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Praise Group Reh.	6 11:30am— Outreach Team 5:30pm-Youth Ministry Team	7 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin 6:30—Cards	8
9 8:00am— Worship 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Worship	10 Cameron's Day Off 12pm-Clarion Deadline 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1) 6:30pm Elder's Meeting	11 6:30 Council Meeting Elaine Taylor to Australia until Sept. 27.	12 11:30—Rogers Ministerial Alliance at Holy Trinity 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1) 6:30pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Praise Group Reh.	13 Cameron on Vacation to Florida	14 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	15
16 8:00am— Communion 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Communion	17 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1)	18 Cameron on Vacation to Florida	19 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1) 6:30pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Praise Group Reh.	20 Cameron on Vacation to Florida	23 Pastor's Day Off 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	24
23 8:00am— Worship 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Worship	24 Cameron's Day Off 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1)	25 Cameron on Vacation to Florida	26 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1)	27 Cameron on Vacation to Florida	28 1pm-Assemble Bulletin & Clarion	29
30 8:00am— Worship 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Worship						

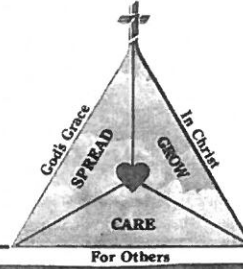
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The mission of Holy Trinity is to:

SPREAD God's Grace

GROW in Christ

CARE for Others



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