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Trinity Messenger

August 2023 Issue 1

*Alleluia. Many will come from east and west and will eat
of the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. Matt. 8:11*

August Stewardship: Konde Diocese – Our Partner in Ministry

You may or may not know that each of the sixty-five synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been linked with a Lutheran companion synod or church body outside the United States with which to partner in ministry and provide each other support through prayer and opportunities to engage with each other. We in the Lower Susquehanna Synod have been blessed with the companionship of the Konde Diocese, which is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). The Konde Diocese at present boasts a membership of over 125,000 members in seven church districts. Within these seven districts there are more than 100 congregations that are served by 160 pastors and 200 evangelists, who are serving God's people and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, which they have been faithfully doing since 1977.

The operative word in beginning to understand the nature of this ministry partnership and its benefits is "companion." Each of our synods/diocese and the congregations that make up these bodies are called to serve our neighbor and share the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Doing so, no matter if one is part of a congregation in Ephrata, Pennsylvania or a congregation in a village in the Konde Diocese, we can offer encouragement for each other's challenges and celebration for the joys. Through this relationship the work we have been called to do becomes easier and more meaningful because we know there are siblings in Christ offering mutual support. Such a relationship also provides the opportunity to learn from each other through correspondence and the sharing of ideas. This is especially relevant as we in this nation struggle with shrinking congregations and a waning interest in organized religion, while Christian churches in Africa and other less developed parts of the world are experiencing a boom in persons embracing the Gospel and its grace-filled message.

During the month of August the Konde Diocese will be our stewardship focus, and I encourage all of us to prayerfully consider how we as a congregation can be actively engaged in a relationship with the diocese and its individual congregations—supporting their ministries as they support ours. To help us deepen our connect we are working with our synodical liaison with the ELCT to link Holy Trinity with a congregation in the Konde Diocese with whom we can personally have contact and grow our relationship congregation to congregation.

Money for Stewardship on July 30 will go to Lancaster Food Hub

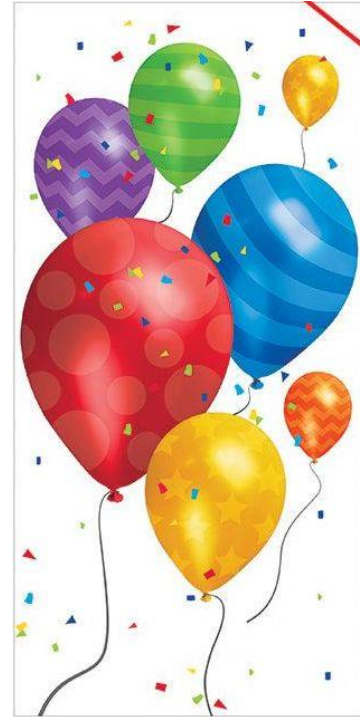
Happy Birthday

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday this month.

AUGUST

1 - Shirley Tobias
5 - Peggy Dean
8 - Candice Walker
12- Joyce Hooper
17- Norman Wangman
17 - Phyllis Peters
21 - Carl Rentschler
30- Dan Doremus
30- Martha Nissley

SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL THEM WITH YOUR GREETING. WE PRAY GOD GRANTS THEM MANY MORE YEARS IN THEIR PILGRIMAGE.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH

Will be going Mt. Joy Family Diner after the liturgy on August 13. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by August 12 at 625-3187. Plan to join us!

Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata, invites you on a two-night bus trip to the Pittsburgh area on October 17-19, 2023. Highlights include the Flight 93 National Memorial, the Quecreek Mine Rescue site, guided driving tour of Pittsburgh, the Duquesne Incline, the National Aviary, Fallingwater, and more. Lunches included at the Grand Concourse Restaurant and the Historic Stone House Restaurant. Price is \$608. per person (double). Reservations are due September 13, 2023. For information call Stephanie Frymyer at 717-733-6057,

July 30-August 5 Calendar

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| Sunday, July 30 | |
| 10:00am | Coffee Hour After Worship |
| Monday, July 31 | |
| 10:00am | Women's Prayer Group |
| 6:30pm | Yoga |
| Tuesday, August 1 | |
| 7:00pm | Fellowship Committee Meeting |
| 7:00pm | Finance Committee |
| 8:00pm | Executive Council |
| Thursday, August 3 | |
| 7:00pm | Property Committee |
| 7:00pm | Yoga |
| 7:00pm | Thursday Worship |
| Friday, August 4 | |
| 6:00pm | Friday Night Dinners |
| Saturday, August 5 | |
| 7:30am | Walking Group |

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July 30th Servers

Council: Bill Spitzer, John Fuehrer
Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns
Lector: Kathy Kuhns
Acolyte: Anya Gilbert
Ushers: Allen Nace, John Weiss, Adam Doughty, Gary Nace
Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett
Linen: Lori Spitzer
Deliver Flower: Dan Doremus



Office Hours: July 31-August 4

We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.
Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831

| Day | Sue | Pastor |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Monday | OFF | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| Thursday | OFF | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| Friday | 8:00 AM - 12:00PM | OFF |





MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items this summer and we need to start stocking their shelves now. With financial hardship and rising food prices it is getting harder and harder for some of our local families to provide meals for themselves. Items needed –

Beverage products (Kool-Aid, Crystal Light-Drink mixes, etc.)

Canned fruits - sugar-free, Canned hearty soups

Canned meats and pastas (spaghetti, spam, tuna, ravioli, etc.), Canned vegetables

Condiments, Dish soap, Hamburger helper, Individual snack packs (chips, pretzels, crackers)

Instant potatoes, Jelly, Laundry detergent, Oatmeal, Pancake mix and syrup, Paper towels

Pasta - gluten free, Peanut Butter, Premixed Jell-O snacks, Spices

Gift cards to Giant, Redner's, or Weis to support fresh produce, meat, and dairy items.

This year our goal is to provide **60 full** boxes of food items this summer and we need your help! Please bring one or two items each week to help reach our goal. If everyone donates – “*many hands make light work*”. Let's help those in need in our community. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support!

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

