

# Congregational Tidings

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*



A weekly newsletter

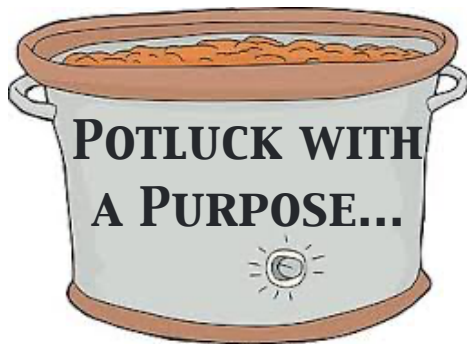
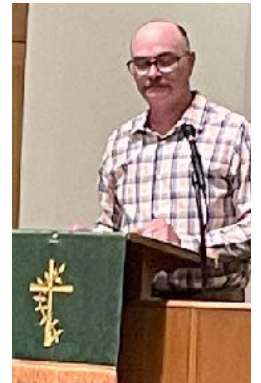


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July 20, 2022

## PULPIT SUPPLY

We Thank Paul Prescott and Liz Thorpe for filling our pulpit last Sunday!  
John Mardis will be leading worship this Sunday, assisted by Craig Mahood.  
Children's sermon will be presented by Keith Jorgensen. You are invited!



Our August "Potluck with a Purpose" will be held after church on August 7. LoveINC is collecting bedding in August, so those who would like to contribute may bring items or \$\$ to the potluck. The Board of Social Causes and Justice is challenging different groups throughout the church to volunteer a couple hours each month at the Food Bank, so you'll hear more about this. "Touch of Brass" bell choir volunteered this past Saturday, and the Board of Trustees will be volunteering in August. It's a great opportunity for fellowship while we assist the Food Bank meet the needs of our community.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

We are in the midst of Iowa's glorious summer blooms! Let's decorate the altar with flowers and plants from our own gardens these upcoming weeks. Let Michelle know the Sunday you will be bringing something—it can be simple or not. We are fortunate to live in an environment with such summer lushness. Let's celebrate this by sharing God's glorious bounty!



# TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Prayers for Cindy Thompson's nephew-in-law for the growth behind his eye.

~ Prayers for Cindy Thompson's mother, as she faces deteriorating health.



## FALL SCHEDULING:

Although we are in the midst of summer, September is around the corner and will be here before we are ready. Plans are in process to resume pre-covid scheduling--especially reinstating Sunday School prior to our Sunday service. We will need teachers for our Youth, and we will need Discussion Leaders for Adult gatherings. Abbie will be contacting folks in the congregation to help with our children and youth, so please consider how you can assist. I am looking for folks to help lead discussions around books, social issues, spiritual practices, and other topics pertinent to our Christian faith. Please consider what you might be able to offer. It could be a one-time offering, or something that is on ongoing group/class/discussion. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions!

Thanks,

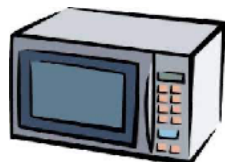
~ Anne Hoekstra

## HELP NEEDED AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

Trinity American Lutheran Church (605 W 4th St.) is in search of a part-time custodian. This position would require 10-12 hours per week paying an hourly rate. Some custodial experience would be helpful. If you or someone you know are interested in earning some extra money, please contact Trinity's church office at 319-235-6269 or email Kathy Jo Porter at [johndporter@mchsi.com](mailto:johndporter@mchsi.com).

## MICROWAVE NEEDED:

The chapel's microwave is on the blitz. If someone has one that is in good working order and they would like to share, please let Michelle know. Thanks!



## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE...

Lynette and Henry Doepke  
121 Bremer Avenue  
Unit # 23  
Denver, Iowa 50622

*(Phone Numbers remain the same)*



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

We have an opportunity for a Habitat for Humanity House build on September 24th.

The day will be from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. You need no particular skills other than the desire to work hard. What a great way to serve Jesus by supporting the community.

Please let Gina Greene know or email her at [ggreene1124@gmail.com](mailto:ggreene1124@gmail.com) if you are interested in more information. We will need 8 people for a team. Thanks for considering.

## JOINT ANNUAL MEETING 2022

Early bird registration has launched!

We are so excited to be gathering again for Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) on October 9th-11th in Sioux City, IA.

Visit our registration page to see if you qualify for any discounts! Questions? -

Contact Aidan Spencer via phone at 515.421.0296.

View the registration form here - [JAM 2022 In-Person Registration Form](#)





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



**WOW! WHAT A WEEK! 😊**  
**VBS WAS A BLAST! WE LEARNED,**  
**WE PLAYED, WE GREW. THANK**  
**YOU TO EVERYONE WHO**  
**VOLUNTEERED, PARTICIPATED,**  
**AND PRAYED!**



## You Are Cordially Invited to a Countrywide Party

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to

live. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

National Night Out was introduced in August of 1984 through an already established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and national volunteers. The first annual National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states.

We will be joining in at Washington Park (across from the church) on **Tuesday, August 2nd from 6:30 to 8** with kids 🧒🧒 activities, popcorn 🍿, cookies 🍪, ice cream 🍦 and watermelon 🍉. We do need some volunteers to provide 3 dozen cookies and 1 cut up watermelon. Please call/text 319-504-3212 if you'd like to help. This event combines many historic church row participants and gives us all a chance to enjoy an evening in nature getting to know our neighbors!



Thanks,

~ Laurie Allbaugh

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