

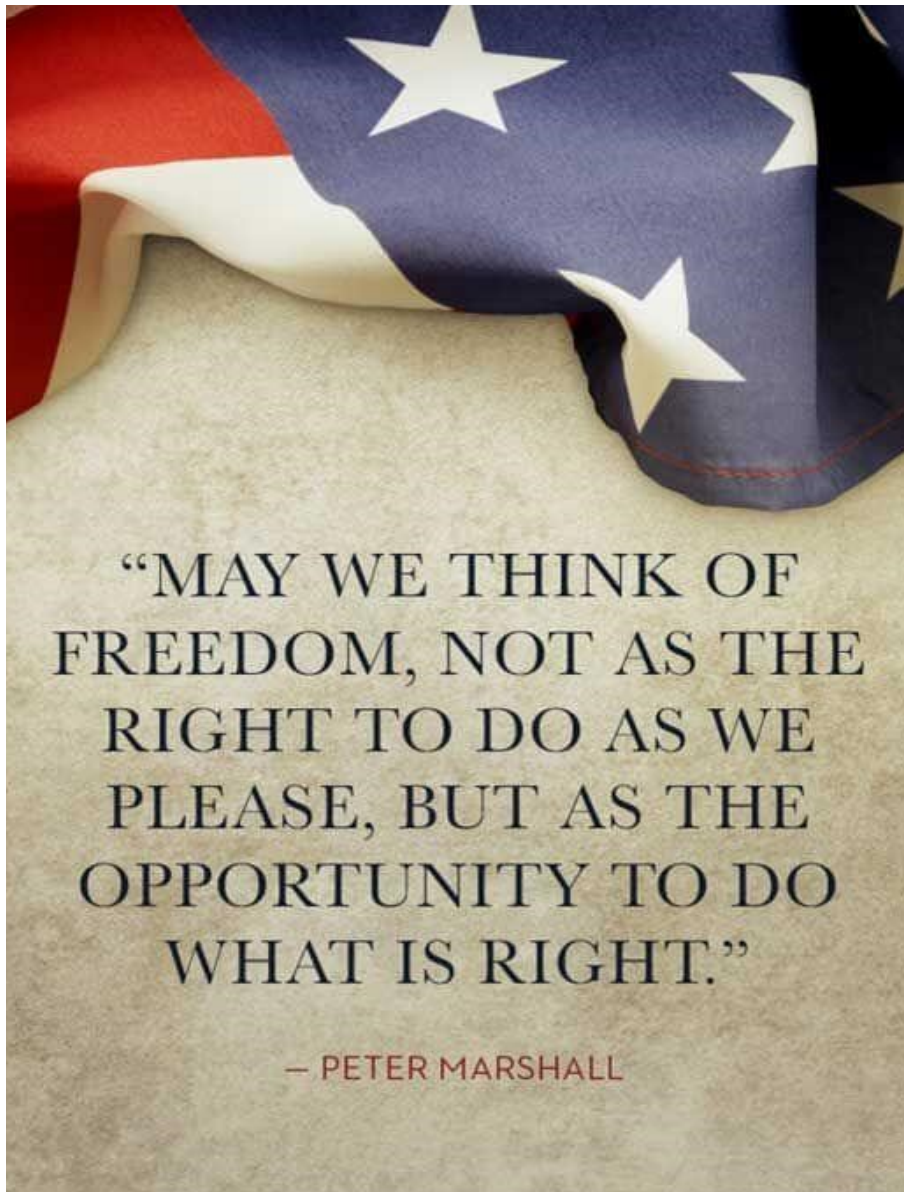
**HOLY TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**NEWSLETTER**

*To Be and To Make  
Disciples of  
Jesus Christ*

*June 2023 Vol 31. Issue 7*

# JULY



“MAY WE THINK OF  
FREEDOM, NOT AS THE  
RIGHT TO DO AS WE  
PLEASE, BUT AS THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO DO  
WHAT IS RIGHT.”

— PETER MARSHALL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I've been spending a lot of time in my yard in recent weeks. When I am not throwing the ball for Barclay to catch, I am walking across the lawn in search of holes to fill in with topsoil and then cover with grass seed. Unfortunately for me, my yard has lots of holes caused by water drainage and the removal of some trees and root systems over the years. I'll be at it a little at a time over the next few years, I am sure.

As I was spreading seed one evening, I was reminded of the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9) which is in our lectionary this month. Take a minute to read this parable before reading further.

Did you notice the generosity of the sower? Rather than carefully planting seeds in well-plowed ground, the sower throws it everywhere – in the rocks, on the path, into the weeds. An ancient sower would not have planted seed that way because seed was a precious commodity back then. It had to be carefully gleaned. The point that Jesus is making is that this sower sows liberally. There is plenty of seed to spare and he simply trusts some of the seed he sows will find receptive soil.

That has implications for us as a people called to make disciples. Just as this sower was generous in sowing the seed, we are called to be generous in sharing the seed of God's Word. Those seeds might be a verbal explanation of the Good News about Jesus or a passage of Scripture, but those are not the only seeds we have been called to cast. Sometimes we cast seeds of prayer, seeds of patient and compassionate listening, seeds of hope and encouragement, and seeds of simple acts of kindness.

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In addition to the generosity of the sower, notice in the parable how the soil is not perfect, but the seed is. The sower cast the same seed all over the field, but some of the soil was not receptive. It was not that the seed was ineffective, it is that not all soil is ready for the seed. Think about what that means.

When it comes to casting seed, it is our job to cast – in word and deed – but the “success” is in God’s hands. The sower casts seed, but God makes it grow. We do not have to worry about “success.” We don’t have to worry about whether we know enough, have the right words to say, or will offend someone. God promises that his word never returns to him empty. Even though most seed will not immediately sprout, those seeds that do sprout will bear an abundant harvest.

The brokenness of the world has a way of breaking open people’s hearts and minds, making them more receptive soil for a word of encouragement and hope. Consider where you might have the opportunity to cast the seed of God’s Word. Maybe it is with a friend or neighbor or a family member. Into what soil might God be calling you to cast that seed? Pray about it. Pray that the seed you cast will find receptive soil.

Your Sister in Christ,

*Pastor Kathy*



# July Birthdays

6th—Terry McKinley

7th—Andrew Laderman

9th—Sally Beal

11th—Jeffrey Smith

Sandy Moffitt

14th—Donna Adams

Don Karger

16th—Marilou Brook

17th—Amelia Carmack

18th—Frank Zuber

19th—Jordan Fehr

20th—Sarah Laderman

22nd—Rex Litteral

23rd—Nancy Huck

28th—Lee Russell

29th—Linda Fleming

Jerry Murphy

Phyllis McPhern

## JULY SPECIAL OFFERING

**HTLC  
Social Ministry**

**Please Make Checks Payable to HTLC**

### **Highlights of Pastor's Report for Council**

- ◆ Attending Lutheran Week/NALC Convocation in Oklahoma City August 7th through 12th.
- ◆ Using vacation time August 13th—August 20th.
- ◆ NALC North Central Ohio Mission District hosting an event on Saturday, September 30th for congregations to gather and build flood buckets for NALC Disaster Response.

## **The Holy Trinity Story**

The date was July 22, 1948. It was raining. Lightning flashed. The meeting place was the then temporary parsonage of a mission developer, Pastor Wray C. Smith at 608 Westview Boulevard. Eight people met with the purpose of laying the groundwork for establishing Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mansfield.

The completion and dedication of our First House of Worship (now our chapel) was February 18, 1951. The Xander Hall Education Unit was completed in March of 1955. In April of 1965 the third and largest of the three-unit complex was dedicated. Led by the tireless efforts of Reverend Wray Smith, the congregation grew to the enrollment at that time of 898.

A committee of current members has been meeting to plan ways to celebrate this our seventy-fifth year. Descendants of original members are our honorary chairs. These include Chuck Robinson, Becky (Broeske) McKinley, Carol Myers, and Reverend Wray's son, Mark Smith. Currently Pastor Kathy is videotaping interviews with them. Other long-time members will also be asked to participate.

The culmination of this event will take place each Sunday in October. John Burgess, Amy Little, Pastor Pentti Maki and Pastor Dick Beal will aid in the services. Pastor Paul Oman, an artist, has been contracted to paint an artwork to commemorate our 75<sup>th</sup>.

The committee hopes all members will join them for the events planned. We would also appreciate your ideas and memories. Contact Pastor Kathy, Bonnie Elias, or Carol Bertholf with questions, memories, and information.

## **Looking back on the Last 25 Years at HTLC**

*This is a new monthly column presenting information in preparation for celebrating HTLC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Dave Erwin researched our archival council minutes for these intriguing facts.*

### **1999:**

Pastor Lambert asked for forgiveness for leading the congregation with an emphasis on US rather than God. He stated that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gave us another chance to grow, thrive, and change. He promised the church council that they would not be bored with his reports for the next 24 months. He presented vision statements from Growing Spiritual Redwoods.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee planned activities to promote togetherness within the congregation. A focus was placed on the question "Why do you belong to this church?" The Finance Committee urged prayerful consideration of increasing giving. The auction that year raised over \$4000.00.

### **2000:**

The Church Council recommended hiring Amy Little as an intern from August 1, 2000 through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001.

The Technology committee starts a web page.

The Church Council held a retreat in February led by Dave Anderson. The focus was to clarify their values. They discussed current positives and listed opportunities for improvement. Questions included: What if they changed the focus of Council from haring reports to prayer and planning? What if we shrunk Council to give active people leadership in short term projects?

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The pastor's evaluation was conducted by the congregation. Offerings were up over what was expected. The budget for 2001 had a deficit of \$14,154.

**2001:**

The Council President asked for more members to sign up for committees.

Pastor Lambert commented that HTLC lost membership over the past year. He wanted to focus on how to achieve our mission. Intern Amy Little helped HTLC become a teaching congregation.

Bob Glessner introduced Ron Zoesch, assistant to the Bishop at May Council meeting. He assisted them in outlining goals for a new mission statement. The new mission statement was adopted in October.

Pastor Lambert declined a pay increase. In December, he suffered a stroke.

Make plans now to attend the special events and celebration of Holy Trinity's 75th Anniversary in October. Watch for announcements in bulletins and upcoming newsletters!

## Pops for Pops – Father's Day

Tootsie pops  
were handed  
out to our sweet  
guys in  
celebration of  
Father's Day!





**2023 Vacation Bible School**  
**“Finding Jesus”**

**Monday—Wednesday, July 17-19**

**5:00 TO 7:00 PM**

At First English Lutheran

*53 PARK AVENUE WEST, MANSFIELD, OH 44902*

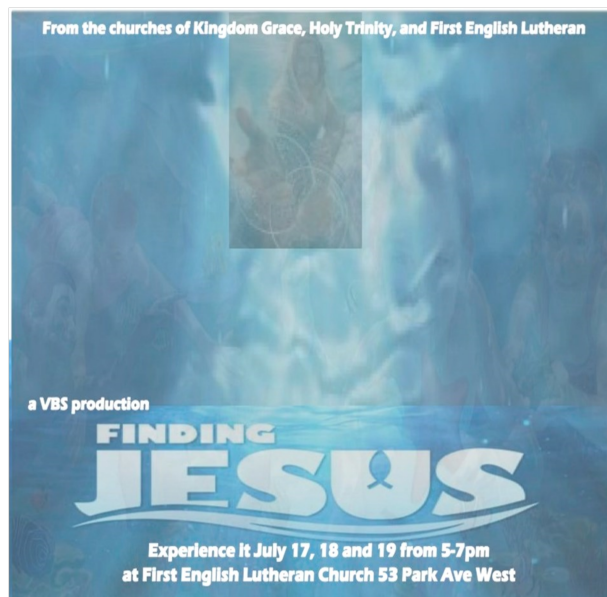
*In partnership with First English Lutheran &  
Kingdom of Grace*

**Volunteers are needed to help with crafts, games, and a short skit. Please see Always Butz, Pastor, Nancy Collier, Cindy Shasky, Jean Erwin, or Shelley Barber for information. We are also providing and serving the meal that evening. Signup sheets are in the narathax. Please pray that VBS is a blessing to those attending and helping!**

**AGES 4  
THROUGH 5TH  
GRADE**

**3 AND UNDER  
ACCOMPANIED  
BY A PARENT**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**



## 2023 HTLC SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The HTLC Scholarship was presented to Alexandria Collier, granddaughter of Dick & Nancy Collier during worship service today. Alexandria will be attending Miami University in the Fall.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<i>July 2022</i>			
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
10am Worship		<b>Independence Day *Office Closed*</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
10am Worship			10am Com Makers
		6:30pm Council Mtg	
		7:30pm Scouts	6:30p Sco
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
10am Worship			
	9:30am PEO Group		2pm Finan Committee
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10am Worship			
		6:30pm Scouts	
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
10am Worship			

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Scouts			
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VBS @ 1 <sup>ST</sup> ENGLISH THERAN			
26	27	28	29

# IN CHRIST'S

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Head Usher	JIM FLEMING		
Greeter	KAREN TICKNOR		
Lectors	RANDY STROEMER	JERRY UNRUH	MARI
Ushers	JERRY & JOYCE DUFF		
Communion Assistants	JERRY UNRUH		
Altar Guild	DEB SMITH		
Counters	LARRY & I		

# **F'S SERVICE**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 16**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 23**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 30**

**JIM FLEMING**

**KAREN TICKNOR**

**MARILYN ZUBER**

**CAROL BERTHOLF**

**ALWAYS BUTZ**

**AND AL & JOLENE SANDOR**

**AND MARY STEUDE**

**I & NANCY PASHEILICH**

**& KAREN FEICHTNER**

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS WILL BE ON  
HIATUS UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.  
PLEASE WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FOR THE DATES THEY WILL RESUME!

### **Thank You So Much**

A Huge Thank You to all those who helped with the  
50's Benefit Dance!

It was so well attended, additional tables & chairs  
had to be added to seat everyone!

**\$440 was raised to benefit the  
HT Scholarship Fund.**

Thanks to Steve, our sexton, for his hard work  
getting things set up. Thanks to all those who  
spread the word about the dance!

Thank you to Carol Bertholf, Dave & Jean Erwin,  
Always Butz, Bonnie Elias, Bobbie Ballenger—and  
especially Nancy Collier—who donated food and  
helped serve! It was great fun and a resounding  
success!

Sincerely,

Carolyn England

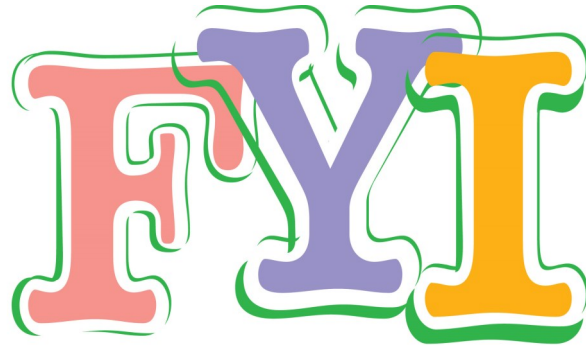


"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

- The Declaration  
of Independence  
July 4, 1776



HAPPY  
*4th*  
*of* july



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

**Office Hours**

**Monday—Thursday**

**9:30am—12:30pm**

**The office is closed on Fridays.**

**Pastor is out of the office on Mondays.**

If you have missed a service or you want to review notes you made during a service, we have started posting Pastor's sermons on our website. Visit us at [HolyTrinityMansfield.org](http://HolyTrinityMansfield.org) and scroll down on the homepage where you will find the most recent service posted for your listening convenience.

In the SoundCloud box, click on the church's name, you will be directed to her previous sermons, as well.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A  
MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY, PLEASE LET  
PASTOR KATHY KNOW ASAP!**

### **Love to Share Stories?**

Pastor Kathy could use your passion for sharing stories.

Whether you love writing or telling stories (or both), Pastor Kathy could use you.

How?

By working with her to share stories about Holy Trinity, discipleship, serving in the community, and/or loving the Lord.

Pastor Kathy is looking for individuals to write stories, take pictures, create infographics, and have skills in marketing and advertising. Whatever your passion is in one of these areas or a related area, Pastor Kathy could use you!!!

*Check Out the Bulletin Boards in the main hallways for helpful information: Missions Support, Local Food Banks & Help Agencies, Thank You notes—and other useful information!*

Sign up now to serve in a variety of ways and areas in and around the church. The sheets are at the Welcome Table!

HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?

Assisted Listening Devices are available for use during worship.

To access, download the free **Listen EVERYWHERE App** to your smartphone and connect to HTLC's Wi-Fi network.

## Outreach Ministry Committee Updates

- ◆ Weeding was done in front of the church and the old sign.
- ◆ Two dead bushes in front of the church were removed during the clean-up day at the church.
- ◆ Food items continue to be delivered to by Sue Hendrickson and Bonnie Elias to our local agencies in need.
- ◆ Please continue to donate to the totes designated for “Love Our Heroes” in Bellville and the Humane Society.



HTLC FAMILY -

*Thank  
You*

Thank you to all who sent cards to me during my time at home healing. Thanks to Pastor Kathy and others who came to visit.

I am happy to be back at HT on Sunday mornings seeing and meeting friends.

- Jim Fleming

## **Holy Carers:**

Continue to communicate with our shut-ins and visit them when you can.  
Cards, notes and phone calls are so uplifting!



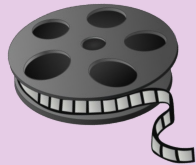
## **SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION**

Your non-perishable donations are a gift to those in need!

Every month we deliver your food donations to a local agency: Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Shelter or Wayfinders (formerly Harmony house).

## **They're Bada-adaack!**

# **SUMMER MOVIES**



## **LIFEMARK**

Based on a True Story  
Starring Kirk Cameron

**FRIDAY MATINEE JULY 14 3:00pm**  
Doors open at 2:40pm

Join us for Fellowship, Fun, and Free  
Popcorn!



**For freedom Christ has  
set us free. Stand firm,  
therefore, and do not  
submit again to a  
yoke of slavery.  
Galatians 5:1**



**Happy is the nation  
whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has  
chosen as his heritage.  
Psalm 33:12**

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**VISION STATEMENT**

*Our vision is to be a Christ-centered Bible-based Church, equipping disciples with Scripture to share the good news of God's reconciling love with conviction, courage and compassion while responding to the needs of others in our community and the world.*