

Trinity Tribune

Trinity Lutheran Church ✠ Paola, Kansas



From the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the early Church a controversy arose about when Easter should be celebrated. Some felt it should be on a fixed date, like Christmas on December 25 or Epiphany on January 6, and therefore, like those holidays, should cycle through the days of the week, just as Passover itself does. If this system had been adopted, Easter would be celebrated some years on a Monday, Tuesday, etc., and would only fall on a Sunday approximately every seven years (depending on leap year).

Others felt that because the Passover *“on the night when He was betrayed”* (1 Corinthians 11:23) fell that year on a Thursday, and so *“the third day He rose again from the dead”* was on a Sunday, *“the first day of the week”* (Matthew 28:1), therefore in commemoration of these events Easter should always be celebrated on a Sunday, and thus Maundy Thursday on a Thursday, and Good Friday on a Friday.

At one time this dispute became quite heated and even led to a bit of a split in the early Church. Eventually, a rather complicated compromise was reached. Easter would always be celebrated on a Sunday—but *which* particular Sunday would be determined by the phases of the moon in a manner similar to the date of Passover. The formula is stated this way in *Lutheran Service Book*: “Easter Day is always the

Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21. The full moon may happen on any date between March 21 and April 18 inclusive. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday following. Easter Day cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25” (page xxiii).

This explains why the date of Easter varies so much from year to year. Actually, an interesting upshot of this method is that the full cycle of Easter dates is nearly like the infinite “irrational number” Pi, the pattern for the dates of Easter repeating only every 5,700,000 years!



Me with my father and mother, Leroy and Ruth Vogts, shortly after I was born on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960.

I have an interesting personal connection to this cycle of the dates of Easter. I was born on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960. Years ago when looking over a table of the dates of Easter, I noticed that the first time after 1960 that Easter again occurred on my birthday was this year, April 17, 2022—my 62nd birthday. I decided back then that would be an appropriate day for me to retire, and had long planned that I would be retiring on Easter Sunday several months ago.

However, as Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, *“In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.”*

My longstanding plans for retirement on my 62nd birthday were interrupted by COVID in 2020, which caused most church activities to be suspended for over a year. To make up for those lost months of ministry, I decided to postpone my retirement to the end of 2022.

Therefore, instead of retiring this year on Easter Sunday, as I had originally planned, I have notified the congregational Chairman and Board of Elders that my last Sunday serving as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church will be Christmas Day, December 25, 2022, which happens to fall this year on the last Sunday of the year. I am making this announcement now to allow the congregation time to secure a Vacancy Pastor.

Including my pre-seminary and seminary education, I have been preparing to serve or serving as a Pastor for 44 years. It has been a great joy and honor to actively serve in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since my ordination in 1986, including the last nine years at Trinity. Terry and I have really enjoyed our time here and we will always look very fondly upon our years with you.

My service here was especially significant for me personally, because my great-great-grandparents, Johann and Katherina Windler, settled at Block Corners, about a mile north of the church, in 1865; they were founding members of the congregation in 1868; and my great-great-grandmother, who passed away in 1870, is buried in the first row of Trinity’s cemetery. What a special privilege it was for me, as their descendant, to serve 150 years later as the Pastor here!

Terry and I will remain in the Kansas City area after my retirement, and she plans to continue working at this time. Because of the necessity for us to have our own home ready to move into upon my retirement, we have purchased a home at 4908 Northeast 78th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, 64119.

Over the coming months we will be gradually moving our possessions and arranging things there. We may occasionally spend the night in our new home, and at some point close to the end of the year, when most of our furniture and other things have been moved, we will live there full-time and I will commute to Trinity. But, until then the parsonage will remain our primary residence.

Even if I am away from the parsonage you can always reach me at any time on the parsonage telephone (913-849-3711), which will be forwarded to my cell phone, or on my cell phone directly (913-594-9865).

Although I am, Lord willing, retiring from full-time service at the end of this year, I plan to remain active, hopefully serving vacancies, pulpit supply, or perhaps somewhere as a part-time pastoral assistant.

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you blameless before His glorious presence with great joy, to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." (Jude 24-25)

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Kevin Vogts

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August, 2022



Sermons for August

Complete videos of all our services, as well as audio and printed text of the sermon only, are available on our church website at www.trinitylcms.org/sermons. Printed copies of that day's sermon and several of the most recent sermons are also available in the Gathering Room.

August 7

"Revelation's First Beautiful Beatitude"
Revelation 1:3

August 14

"Revelation's Second Beautiful Beatitude"
Revelation 14:13

August 21

"Revelation's Third Beautiful Beatitude"
Revelation 16:15

August 28

"Revelation's Fourth Beautiful Beatitude"
Revelation 19:9



In Christian Sympathy

Glena May Algozzini

Born July 30, 1931
Entered Eternal Rest July 15, 2022

"Come unto Me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. . . you will find rest for your souls."
Matthew 11:28-29



Our records of birthdays and anniversaries may not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the Church Office at 913-849-3344 or email Church Secretary Stacey Elkinton at trinitylutheranblock@gmail.com.

August 1 Linda Giager
August 1 Nancy Golubski
August 1 Shirley Hubbard
August 1 Justin Shay
August 2 Zack Hutchison
August 2 Russell Prothe
August 3 Ilda Koopman
August 3 Jeron Hermann
August 5 Kelly Kaiser
August 5 Halle Schlegel
August 5 Patty Moser
August 6 Jeremiah Ordonez
August 8 Jeff Garrison
August 8 Melissa Mondry
August 8 Trevor Fleming
August 8 Kurt Golubski
August 9 Chris Tesar
August 10 Hailey Jones
August 10 Tabytha Ritch
August 11 Angela Parks
August 12 Janet Schneider
August 13 Cindy Karrow
August 14 Jeremiah Brandt
August 14 Gerald Woodall
August 14 Terese Vogts
August 15 Alicia Brandt
August 15 Joan Fehling
August 15 Derek Johns
August 16 Shaun Ferrell
August 16 Shaylan Gibson
August 16 Mike Oberheide
August 16 Ellie Reyelts
August 16 Jace Allen
August 17 Tony Thompson
August 17 Bailey Vaughn
August 18 Kaley Debrick
August 18 Cathy Warring

August 18 Lily Rush
 August 20 Angela Carwile
 August 20 Enora Coppenbarger
 August 22 Gayle Plummer
 August 23 Ryan Boyer
 August 24 Kelly Gerken
 August 24 Anna Vogts
 August 25 Derik Vaughn
 August 26 Brooke Prothe
 August 27 Cale Elkinton
 August 27 Beth Prothe
 August 28 Courtney McHenry
 August 30 Barb Brandt
 August 30 Hailey Raines
 August 31 Jamie Ennett
 August 31 Quentin Garrison
 August 31 August Meyer
 August 5 Jeff & Karen Garrison (16)
 August 6 Bill & Ashley Dillenbeck (6)
 August 16 Doug & Judy Parks (42)
 August 17 ... Curtis & Lucy Kettler (37)
 August 18 .. Greg & Karen Windler (49)

August–September Sermon Series



Blessed Are

Revelation's Seven Beautiful Beatitudes

The word “beatitude” means a blessing that is pronounced, and the state of blessedness which results. When we hear the word “beatitude” we think first of the famous beatitudes which Jesus proclaimed in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-11). However, there is another set of beatitudes in the Bible, “Revelation’s Seven Beautiful Beatitudes,” which we will meditate on for our sermons during August and September.

August 7 — Revelation’s First Beautiful Beatitude

Revelation 1:3 — “Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”

August 14 — Revelation’s Second Beautiful Beatitude

Revelation 14:13 — “Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.’”

August 21 — Revelation’s Third Beautiful Beatitude

Revelation 16:15 — “Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

August 28 — Revelation’s Fourth Beautiful Beatitude

Revelation 19:9 — “Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’”

September 4 — Revelation’s Fifth Beautiful Beatitude

Revelation 20:6 — “Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them.”

September 11 — Revelation’s Sixth Beautiful Beatitude

Revelation 22:7 — “Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.”

September 25 — Revelation’s Seventh Beautiful Beatitude

Revelation 22:14 — “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.”



Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services—and you are encouraged to remember in your personal prayers—specific missionaries around the world who are supported by our congregation through our mission offerings to our Synod.

August 7

Jerry Mays
Tanzania

August 14

Rev. James & Peggy Krikava
Czech Republic

August 21

Mindy Thews
Taiwan

August 28

Rev. Philip &
Deaconess Rachel Jaseph
Uruguay



United in Christ

*Emily Delventhal
& Justin Prothe*

United in Christian Marriage
July 30, 2022

*"And the two shall become one."
Matthew 19:5*



Thank you to all those hosting Coffee Hour following our worship services. The signup sheet is on the counter in the Gathering Room. Drinks are provided so you only need to bring snacks. Consider signing up to honor birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.

August 7
Need Volunteers

August 14
Terry Vogts

August 21
Phyllis Trickett

August 28
Need Volunteers

PORTALS of PRAYER

The new quarterly issue of the devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for July thru September is available at the church, in regular size, medium, and large print. A great way to keep close to the Lord!



Blocktoberfest September 17

Ach du lieber! It's almost time for our ninth Blocktoberfest! Held on the grounds at Trinity on Saturday, September 17, from noon to 6:00pm.

This year's Blocktoberfest will again feature lots of free fun activities and delicious food. And on Sunday, September 18 we will also hold our annual "Blocktoberfest Outdoor Service" in the Shelter House at our regular worship time of 10:00am.

We look forward to another wunderbar year celebrating our German heritage—and having fun!



Voters Assembly Summary

The Voters Assembly on July 24, 2022 was called to order by Chairman Windler, with Pastor Vogts offering opening devotions. Roll was answered by 17 members; there were 2 new member requests. One new voting member was added to the roll.

Financial reports by the home treasurer and missions treasurer were given. Pastor Vogts reported on his worship, education, visitation, and administration efforts up to the third quarter of 2022. Trustees reported on

numerous items including clean up activities, elevator sized chair rack is complete, and wireless internet is available at the shelter house. Reports were heard from the Endowment Committee, Board of Education, and Blocktoberfest. A report was heard regarding the National Youth Convention.

Discussion was held regarding cemetery guidelines; it was moved and seconded to re-evaluate at the next meeting. Voters were reminded of church usage during upcoming August elections.



Adult Bible Class "Rabboni: Women Who Encountered Jesus"

We are most familiar with the male Disciples of Jesus recorded in the New Testament. However, the Gospels also emphasize that Jesus had many female followers, who feature prominently in the New Testament, but are sometimes overlooked.

So far in this study we have considered the Virgin Mary, Elizabeth, Anna, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, and the Woman Healed of a Flow of Blood. Beginning in August we will look at the Woman at the Well, the Woman with a Possessed Daughter, the Women from Galilee and Women of Jerusalem, and Salome and "The Other Mary."

All are invited and encouraged to join in Sundays at 9:00am in the Heritage Room the new study in Adult Bible Class on *Rabboni: Women Who Encountered Jesus*.



Nursing Home Services

The Paola care facilities have all resumed worship services, though that could change at any time, so we are again filling our assigned Sundays when allowed. Masks are required.

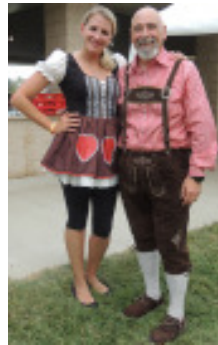
You are invited to help provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Vintage Park on Sunday, August 14. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates and then go to Vintage Park for the second service.



Kansas District Convention

The 74th LCMS Kansas District Convention was held in Topeka on June 9-10, with Pastor Vogts serving as Trinity's Pastoral Delegate and Paul Brack as our Lay Delegate. District conventions are held every three years and would normally have been in 2021, but it was delayed for a year due to COVID.

Unlike many other denominations, we are very blessed that there were no matters of great controversy. Rev. Justin Panzer, who was nominated by our congregation, was re-elected as District President. The highlight of the convention was the stirring sermon for the opening service and the convention report, both given by LCMS national President Matthew Harrison.



Trinity's Ninth Blocktoberfest

**Saturday, September 17
Noon–6:00pm**



**Blocktoberfest Outdoor Service
Sunday, September 18, 10:00am
In the Shelter House**

Come Join the Blocktoberfest Fun for the Whole Family!

For Schedule & Events Check www.trinitylcms.org/blocktoberfest






in all things
 COLOSSIANS 1:15-20
 2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
 JULY 9-13, 2022 HOUSTON, TX



We were blessed to have one of the largest contingents from our Johnson-Miami County Circuit at the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston! Thank you to the adult chaperones and all who have supported the Trinity Youth fundraisers so that they could attend.

