

# T-N-T/TRINITY NEWS & TIDBITS

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From the Vicar's Desk:

July and summer has started off with heat we normally see in fireworks on the Fourth of July. Please take good care of yourselves and stay hydrated in July's 100+ degree days ! We're now in the longest season of the Church Year, The

Time After Pentecost, where the church is decorated in green until November 23<sup>rd</sup> when we begin Advent.

Like my sermons, I can't resist "chasing a rabbit." Here's a short one. In the Roman calendar, this month used to be called "Quintillus" because it was the fifth month of the year. It was changed to "July" in honor of the Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar. When the world adopted the Gregorian calendar, July got bumped to the seventh month.

Okay, here's another "rabbit." On July 3<sup>rd</sup> the church remembers St. Thomas. Although referred to as "Doubting Thomas" – Christian historians document Thomas the Apostle was responsible for taking the gospel to some of the darkest spiritual corners of the world. He traveled east, preaching in Persia and even traveled as far as India, where he reportedly built a church with his own hands. It is India's oldest church and it is also claimed to be the world's oldest existing church structure. Built by Thomas the Apostle in 57 AD, it's called Thomaiyar Kovil, and is located in Southern India. Although enhanced by Portuguese missionaries in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the original building is still standing to this day!

Of course, Americans can't possibly forget the Fourth of July, when we celebrate Independence Day! For many Americans, it's a day to watch fireworks, barbeque and have a good time with friends and family. There is nothing wrong with having these traditions to celebrate our independence as a sovereign nation! It is equally as important to remember what our duties are as Christians.

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After all, a key part of the ELCA in our name is "Evangelical" where sharing is caring! It is important to recognize that in many other parts of the world, this is not the case. The cost of following Christ is much greater for our brothers and sisters across the globe, who may benefit from our prayer, care and concern. I encourage you to not lose sight of why we celebrate Independence Day. Reflect on the ways God has blessed you in your life, and make it a goal to not take the freedom we have for granted. As you spend this day with family and friends, I encourage you to celebrate the blessing of freedom that was given to us by Christ.



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## Our Mission:

**We invite and welcome all into the community of Faith, and, empowered by the Holy Spirit to Serve Jesus, to go out and share God's Love.**

We observe open communion each Sunday to all those who believe in the real presence of Jesus' body and blood, in the bread and wine, for

## COMMUNITY/SEVICE, GROWTH/ OUTREACH MINISTRY

### PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS.....

Interfaith Ministries are still implementing this program for the elderly and for persons who can not afford to buy their medications. We have a jug to put change in on the counter on Fellowship Hall.

### USED EYE GLASSES .....

Yes! We still do collect eye glasses and cases. Sunglasses are also needed. So don't throw your old ones away, recycle them and bring them to the church and put in the box for eye glasses. They will be delivered to Hayley's Eye Clinic

### FOOD BASKETS.....

Food baskets go Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, Interfaith Outreach and Faith Mission, So lets fill the food baskets to the rim. Let's help stamp out hunger in our neighborhood.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS in JULY

Helen Sorenson  
Norma VanKirk  
Janet Ramsey  
Hildegard Snyder

July 14  
July 21  
July 25  
July 31

Happy, Happy Birthday!!!!



### TELLERS LIST

James Lawrence / Patty Lawrence  
Eric / Lauri Oehlerking  
Erwin Soell / Gail Deason  
Carol Jones

Remember if you are a teller on Sunday, and you cannot be one on the Sunday scheduled, you are responsible to find a replacement.

*Blake Craddock will be having his Eagle Court of Honor on July 30 at 3 pm to recognize his outstanding achievements as a Boy Scout. It will be at the Henrietta Church of Christ. If you wish to attend Amber or Darlene can give you directions.*



- **Welcome, visitor!** You'll find that in this church, we cherish God's Word as "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path" (Psalm 119:105). We are glad that you have chosen to walk with us today. And we hope that God will move you to share your spiritual journey with us.
- **The Golden Rule** is old, but it's as good as ever. It hasn't been used often enough to wear it out.

### No Bake Chocolate Oat Bars

1 C. Butter  
1/2 C. packed Brown Sugar  
1 Tsp. Vanilla  
3 C. quick cooking oats  
1 C. semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1/2 C. Peanut Butter

Grease 9 X 9 pan

Melt butter, stir in brown sugar & vanilla. Mix in oats & cook over low heat 2-3 minutes or till well blended.

Press 1/2 mixture in pan.

Melt chocolate chips & peanut butter, stir until smooth. Pour over crust in pan, smooth out with back of spoon. Crumble remaining oat mixture over top, press gently.

Cover and refrigerate 2-3 hours. Cut in small squares.

Submitted by Gail Deason

## **JULY 2022 LECTIONARY LESSONS**

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . Take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

### **July 3, 2022; Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:13 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

### **July 10, 2022; Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37 Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

### **July 17, 2022; Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy, Communion

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42 During his visit to the house of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

### **July 24, 2022; Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13 In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

### **July 31, 2022; Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy, Communion

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11


Luke 12:13-21 In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty". Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

JULY Volunteers 2022	3	10	17	24	31
	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce
					
	Jeff Hams	Gary Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Gail Deason	James Lawrence
	OPEN	Patty Lawrence	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
	Jeff Hams	Gary Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Gail Deason	James Lawrence
	Lauri & Eric Oehlerking	Lauri & Eric Oehlerking	Lauri & Eric Oehlerking	Lauri & Eric Oehlerking	Lauri & Eric Oehlerking
	Jeff Hams	Blake Craddock	James & Patty Lawrence	Frank Schneider Mark Lee	Jeff Hams

**Independence Day**, also called **Fourth of July** or **July 4th**, in the [United States](#), the annual celebration of nationhood. It [commemorates](#) the passage of the [Declaration of Independence](#) by the [Continental Congress](#) on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is celebrated on Monday, July 4, 2022 in the United States. [Fireworks](#) have been part and parcel of U.S. [Independence Day](#), the anniversary of the signing of the [Declaration of Independence](#), since its first celebration in July 1777. That celebration took place in the midst of the [Revolutionary War](#), however, and explosions, artillery fire, and “bombs bursting in air” were not exactly a cause for joy and celebration at the time. So why did Americans begin celebrating Independence Day with fireworks?

To answer this question, a lot of people point to [John Adams](#)’s letter to his wife, [Abigail](#), informing her that the [Continental Congress](#) had declared independence: “[This day] ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
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3 Green Worship 10:15 am	4  Office closed	5	6 In Stitches 10 am	7	8	9
10 Green Worship 10:15 am	11 Sewing Guild 1 pm	12	13 In Stitches 10 am	14	15	16
17 Green Worship 10:15 am	18	19	20 In Stitches 10 am  Council 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Green Worship 10:15 am	25 Sewing Guild 1 pm	26	27 In Stitches 10 am	28	29	30
31 Green Worship 10:15 am						

- “Taking naps sounds so childish. I prefer to call them horizontal life pauses.” – Unknown
- “I walk around like everything’s fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off.” – Unknown
- “If we’re not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?” – Unknown
- “The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.” – Abraham Lincoln
- “I know I’m a handful but that’s why you got two hands.” – Unknown
- “Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.” – Truman Capote
- “If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito.” – Betty Reese