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**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
A welcoming faith community  
living together in God's love to  
share the joy of Jesus Christ.

# TIDINGS

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## Outdoor Worship!

Join us **Sundays June 7, July 5, August 2, & September 6** – on the lawn behind the fellowship hall. Bring your lawn chair and sun hat and join in worship at 10:30 am.

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## Bike to Work Day June 24!

Once again the City of Fort Collins joins with many others around the nation to celebrate the joy of bicycling. The 2026 edition will be held **Wednesday, June 24 from 6:30-9:30 am** with free breakfasts for those on bikes, plus some afternoon stations. For details click [HERE](#).

The 301 Faith Partners breakfast station will again include long time partners Snack Attack! Specialty Sandwiches & Happy Trails Coffee Co. for burritos, plus other yummy breakfast items, and of course hot coffee. Our site will also include the mobile Bike Doc mechanic who will help with bike adjustments. Our station sets up behind the church inside the chain link fence area by Spring Creek and serves hundreds of cyclists from the Spring Creek Trail and Stuart St.

We always have a great team of church members from all three congregations and would appreciate any who wish to help this year with setting up, serving and cleaning up in the morning for whatever amount of time works for you. **If interested, please contact Wally Jacobson by June 12 at: [jacobson.wp@gmail.com](mailto:jacobson.wp@gmail.com).**

Happy & Safe Biking!

## On Break for Summer

Sunday School, Confirmation, HS Youth Group, and Adult Forum, are on break for the Summer! Join us again this fall! A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making these activities a success. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm have made a meaningful impact, and we truly could not have done it without you. We are grateful for your support and collaboration!

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### 301 FP Shared Sunday June 21

On **Sunday, June 21 at 10:30 am** we will have a shared service - with all four weekend services worshipping together. In past years Trinity's Saturday night service has not been included, and we miss a significant portion of our community. While always invited and encouraged, there will not be a Saturday service on June 20, making an intentional effort to bring all three communities together.

**9 am Shared Adult Forum:** Stay tuned, more information.

**10:30 am Shared Worship**

**11:30 am Shared Brunch** Sign up to bring food [HERE](#)

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### Quilters - Help Needed!

The 301 Quilters are asking for help this summer to sew some quilt tops. We have made kits that are put together with cut 11" squares and instructions. All you do is sew! The kits are in a box in front of the red tote used for Quilt Donations beside the west Fellowship Hall door. If you are able, please pick up a kit, sew at your leisure and then return the top to the red tote. Thank you for your help.

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### Donation Corner

**Prayer Cards Small Group** needs:

- #5 - 1/2 invitation envelopes
- All color card-stock paper
- Any other scrap-booking paper or supplies, even stamps!

**Quilting Small Group** needs:

- We will always collect donated fabric, Fabric, & more FABRIC.

**Thrivent Action Teams:** Are you an eligible Thrivent member and have choice dollars available to direct? There are a number of groups that count on the Thrivent Action Teams.

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## Pastor's Ponderings

This month Pastor Kaari and I were invited to Habitat for Humanity luncheon for volunteers and supporters. At this luncheon, Habitat said thank you to Trinity for our faithful contributions. Also, Tim Snyder and our birdhouse building small group received a shout out. Beyond the thanksgiving – though – we were able to learn about where Habitat has been and where it is going as an organization here in Fort Collins.

You may not know, but Habitat for Humanity started building homes in Fort Collins in 1976. They would build one or two a year at the beginning, but their mission has grown to 17 homes a year in 2026. This year they closed on the final homes at *Harmony Cottages*, which is a neighborhood of duplexes (48 units) on the corner of Harmony and Taft. With that location full they are now planning to build homes in the *Bloom* neighborhood, off of East Mulberry. The developer of *Bloom* (Hartford Homes) actually invited Habitat to build on their lots, as a way to diversify the community. This is one of the first known instances of this invitation in our country. Hopefully that continues!

You may not know, but Habitat doesn't give homes away. Habitat provides a 0% interest loan where Habitat homeowners make a monthly mortgage payment that does not exceed 30% of their income. Habitat homeowners also save a down payment and contribute up to 500 hours of "sweat equity" in the building of their home and at the ReStore. This model helps makes home affordability possible for families and individuals in Fort Collins. Many of our homeowners have full time jobs but cannot make ends meet.

You may not know, but Habitat homes are open to all homebuyers regardless of faith. Habitat is an ecumenical Christian nonprofit, but that isn't a requirement to apply. They believe that the strength and foundation of a home can be the hope that transforms the life of a family.

Thank you Trinity. I am proud of us and our long history with Habitat for Humanity, and look forward to how God may be using us now and into the future.

Thanks be to God. Pastor Rick

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## VBS Volunteers Needed - June 8–11 from 9am–noon

VBS is right around the corner! We are still in need of a couple volunteers (especially adult volunteers) to help make VBS run smoothly.

**Adult Volunteer:** An additional adult volunteer would help make sure things run extra smoothly!

**Arts and Crafts Leader:** We are looking for someone who loves kids, arts and crafts, and would be willing to lead the assigned arts and crafts each day.

**Registration Helper-** Registration time can be kind of crazy! We're looking for someone who could come be present for registration each day (M-Th, 8:30-9:15 am) to help with the administrative role of checking people in.

Please let Pastor Kaari ([pastorkaari@trinitylutheranfc.org](mailto:pastorkaari@trinitylutheranfc.org)) know if you are willing and able to volunteer.



## The heart, hands & feet of God

Thank someone who has lived out their faith by sharing their gifts and made a difference in the church OR community, please email Amanda, [amanda@trinitylutheranfc.org](mailto:amanda@trinitylutheranfc.org).



A Ton (literally) of Clothes Goes to Habitat! A big thank you to all of you who donated for the Habitat for Humanity Clothing Drive! We donated 103 bags of good used clothing or over 2,000 pounds!!! That's amazing! We certainly hope that generates revenue for the Restore. A special thank you goes to **Cheryl Backsen, Patti Smith and James Gearhart** who loaded all those bags and boxes into the Restore truck on Saturday morning. We appreciate all who contributed to our first clothing drive for Habitat.

Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran Family Services (\$174) to Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains. Your gift helps illuminate pathways to safety and stability and strengthen LFSRM's ability to meet today's urgent needs while also investing in a brighter future. ~ LFSRM

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## Your Gifts In Action ~ LFSRM

LFSRM, Lutheran Family Service Rocky Mountain is a faith based, non-profit services agency. There are offices in five major cities in Colorado, as well as in New Mexico, Salt Lake City UT, and Billings Montana. This agency serves about 30,000 people yearly, providing adoption support, disaster response, family support and educational services. Visit [www.lfsrcm.org](http://www.lfsrcm.org).

The Foster Care Program, provides skilled and caring substitute families for kids who cannot live with birth families. Some of these children have seen domestic violence and are not certain if they will be provided food or a place to sleep. LFSRM searches for persons interested in becoming a foster parent.

The agency directs help to children over the age of 8, or for two or more siblings, or to children who have behavioral problems or medical issues. LFSRM also addresses kinship adoptions particularly for grand- parents who might adopt grand- children, and relatives also, if all parties live in Colorado.

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM), who is a child under age of 18, resettled in US without a parent or relative to care for them. Such a child is placed in a foster home in Colorado, that has been trained to the adjustment needs of a refugee youth.

**When you give to Trinity, you give to Lutheran Family Service Rocky Mountain**

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## Sky Ranch

If you would like to go to Sky Ranch this summer, it's not too late. Trinity youth are scheduled for the week of July 29-24. Please register directly with Sky Ranch: [SUMMER CAMPS \(skyranchcolorado.org\)](http://SUMMER CAMPS (skyranchcolorado.org)). Trinity will pay \$200 per camper (thank you, Trust)! Let Pastor Kaari know after you register so she can get the \$200 removed from your registration. If you decide to go a different week (we know, schedules are complicated) please mark Trinity, Fort Collins on your registration and let Pastor Kaari know and you to get the same offer. The early registration has closed, but there are still spots available. Reach out to Sky Ranch directly and let Pastor Kaari know if you have any questions. .

## 301 FP JET ECO Tip What are Active Modes of Transportation?

The term "Active Modes" may be new to you, yet it is officially recognized nationally and the **City of Fort Collins developed the Active Modes Plan** that was adopted by City Council in December 2022. It combined and updated the City's 2011 Pedestrian Plan and 2014 Bicycle Plan. The plan incorporates pedestrians, bicyclists and micromobility devices such as electric scooters and skateboards. Key opportunities were identified to significantly improve and expand the City's existing active modes networks, support facilities, policies and programs. The goal was to make it easy, safe and attractive for people of all ages and abilities to use active modes of transportation. **You can view the plan [HERE](#).**

Active Modes of transportation are integral to daily life and the local cultural experience. **Two Goals for 2032 include:** Achieve 50% active modes share of all trips, and eliminate active modes fatalities and serious injuries in support of the broader citywide Vision Zero goal. An **Active Modes Advisory Board (AMAB)** meets monthly to support active modes of transportation, and seek guidance from stakeholders to achieve the City's climate, mode shift, safety and equity goals. The board receives information about city infrastructure projects, coordinates with other related city boards, makes policy recommendations, learns about relevant public input opportunities and assesses progress toward the two major goals. Off street trails, E-Bikes and Safe Routes to School are of great importance to the AMAB.

The Joint Ecological Team's (JET) next meeting is **Tuesday, June 30 at 5:30 pm** in Room 2 or via [ZOOM](#). We meet to plan educational events, bike to work day, volunteer opportunities, and advocacy. If you have any suggestions for future Eco-Tips, please email them to [Amanda](#) in the office. Be sure to check out the JET table and bulletin board in the NW corner of the Fellowship Hall and mark your calendar to participate in the **2026 Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 24** between **6:30 and 9:30 am**. The 301 Faith Partners will again be hosting our super popular breakfast station behind the church near Spring Creek!

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## Holy Sheets... We Need Laundry Help!

We are looking for 12 volunteers from our 301 Faith Partner congregations to help us wash linens and towels from the fellowship hall/kitchen. There is a laundry basket in the kitchen that needs to be emptied **once a week**, washed, and returned. Each volunteer will sign up for a month at a time. To sign up click [HERE](#). This will be a great help to our community if you are willing to volunteer. If you have any questions, please talk to hospitality chairperson, Linda Cavazos. Thank you, Hospitality and Evangelism

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## My Pledge to Care for Creation!

The Joint Ecological Team (JET) of the 301 Faith Partners invites all to consider a new way to help individuals and families be more intentional about how our daily actions relate to others and God's creation. The non-profit [Lutherans Restoring Creation](#) pledge form can be used to track steps toward this goal titled "My Pledge to God and my neighbors to Care for Creation." The pledge form has 16 opportunities for action and paper copies are located in the Fellowship Hall on the right hand side of the green table under the JET bulletin board. Please take a copy and begin to log your progress toward using less energy and enjoying nature more often. Thank You!

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	<b>1</b> 9:30am Trinity Readers 12 pm Sermon Discussion 6:30 pm Male Spirituality	<b>2</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:15 pm 301 FP SEJ
<b>7</b> 10:30am Outdoor Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>8</b> 9 am VBS 12 pm Sermon Discussion 6 pm Property 6:30 pm Male Spirituality	<b>9</b> 9 am VBS 6:30 pm Executive
<b>14</b> 9 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>15</b> 12 pm Sermon Discussion 6:30 pm Male Spirituality	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Pub Theology 6:30 pm Council
<b>21</b> 9 am Shared Adult Forum 10:30 am Shared Worship 11:30 am Shared Brunch	<b>22</b> 12 pm Sermon Discussion 6:30 pm Male Spirituality	<b>23</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>29</b> 12 pm Sermon Discussion 6:30 pm Male Spirituality	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm FP Eco Justice

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

June 6/7 Sherry Albertson-Clark / Donna Dauner

June 13/14 / Cherlyn Gorsky

June 21 Erik Elliott

June 27/28 / Margaret Wick

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11 am FP Clergy Mtg	<b>5</b> 10 am Quilting	<b>6</b>  5 pm Worship 5:45 pm Fellowship
<b>10</b> 9 am VBS	<b>11</b> 9 am VBS 3:30 pm FP Get Together 5 pm Finance 6:15 pm FP Co-Op Mtg	<b>12</b> 10 am Quilting  6:30 pm TGIF	<b>13</b> 8 am Habitat Build Day  5 pm Worship 5:45 pm Fellowship
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  6 pm Chap 2 Readers	<b>19</b> 10 am Quilting	<b>20</b>
<b>24 Bike To Work</b>	<b>25</b>  7 pm Immigration	<b>26</b> 10 am Quilting	<b>27</b>  5 pm Worship 5:45 pm Fellowship

**Pull Me OUT! HANG ME up!!  
PUT ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

## Small Groups

**Sermon Discussion** enjoy a discussion of the weekend sermon to share where we see God present in our lives. Join us most **Mondays at 12 pm** in Fireside Rm.

**Male Spirituality** carrying on the work of Fr Richard Rohr and Illuman we will utilize the power of ritual, image, and story to expand the depth and breadth of love in ourselves to make a difference in the world, using a circle of structured sharing. Join us **Mondays at 6:30 pm** in Room 5.

**Bible Study** is on break and will resume after Labor Day when we will study Women in the Bible.

**301 Quilters** meets **Fridays from 10 am-12 pm** in Room 2. NO experience needed, NO need to have been coming last year, NO worries. We're a fun and caring small group that has a purpose of aiding those in need. We will NOT meet on July 3.

**Trinity Readers** will meet on **Monday, June 1 at 9:30 am** in the Fireside Rm to discuss **White Rose Black Forest**, a book of historical fiction by Eoin Dempsey. This story takes place in the years before the rise of Hitler. The narrator's brother and father have been taken away with the brutality of her homeland. She discovers an unconscious airman lying in the snow wearing a Luftwaffe uniform. Franka, unwilling to let him die, takes him to her family's isolated cabin. It seems he is not who he appears to be. She tries to unravel the mystery of his identity but the bond between them is inseparable and dangerous. Questions, call Cheryl Smith at 970-218-5750.

**Men's Breakfast** all men are welcome to join at the Breakfast Club (Ft. Collins) for discussion and fellowship on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (June 2) at 7:30 am**.

**Birdhouses** on break for summer! Over 50 houses/feeders were made and about \$400 was raised.

**301 FP Get-Togethers** meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (June 11) at 3:30 pm**. The location is picked closer to the date, so watch the e-News for details. All gatherings are informal and no RSVP needed.

**TGIF (One Friday a month at 6:30 pm)** - *Note*, Hosts can opt for a Friday of the month that works for them. Come, kick back, relax, and enjoy an evening connecting with others from the Trinity family and meet new faces! Bring yourself, an appetizer/dessert and a beverage you'd like to share. If you have questions and or would like to sign up to host, contact [Liz Johnson](#) or 402-320-3699. **Friday, June 12: Bonnie & Rod McKenrick** An RSVP to the host is appreciated but not necessary to attend.

**Habitat For Humanity** The Harmony Cottages are now completely built out and HH is now building in Bloom on Mulberry Street! There are 40 units in Bloom that will be dedicated Habitat homes! Habitat is moving forward celebrating 17 homes in the last year **Build Day** help build safe, secure, and affordable homes in the community in Bloom Neighborhood. Our next Build Day is **Saturday, June 13 from 8 am-3ish pm** with lunch provided. No experience or skills needed. Contact [Jo Gearhart](#) or [Steph Dugger](#) to volunteer/sign up.

**Pub Theology V.3** will meet **\*\*Tuesdays, June 16\*\* at 5:30 pm** at **Odell Brewing Company**. We will explore a variety of texts and discuss how we live out our relationship with God and support each other along the way.

## Small Groups cont ...

**Chapter Two Book Group** is an open small group for 301 Faith Partners and the wider community, new participants are always welcome to join the casual discussion. No long-term commitment required! If you have trouble finding any of the books and would like Trinity to order a copy for the library, please let [Maddie Fairfax](#) know at any time. **Thursday, June 18 at 6 pm** to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt (also streaming on Netflix as a movie right now, if anyone would like to add on a compare/contrast movie vs. book discussion!) | **Thursday, July 30 at 6 pm** to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

**Little Pantry** Welcome to the summer season! Our ministry looks forward to continuing our mission to provide for those in need when school is out for the summer break. During this time, many families face additional challenges in meeting everyday needs, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community through compassion, generosity and faith. We thank our ministry volunteers, members in our community and the church family for their continued support as we work together to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

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## Donation Drive for Stork Support

The 301 Social & Eco Justice committee is having a donation drive for Stork Support of No. Colorado ([www.storksupportofnoco.com](http://www.storksupportofnoco.com)) from **May 10-June 21**. *Preowned is fine*. To make it easier you can purchase items via Stork Support's Amazon wish list [on their website](#). Don't feel like shopping? \$175 covers the value of the items needed. ANY monetary donation is welcome. A complete kit will be on display in the fellowship hall. You can leave your donations near the display.

- 👉 Laundry Detergent (the sheets)
- 👉 Baby soap and Baby Lotion (full size)
- 👉 2 baby towels and 4 washrags
- 👉 4 pack of bottles
- 👉 Bottle drying rack and bottle cleaning brush
- 👉 Baby blanket
- 👉 4 burb cloths
- 👉 4 flannel receiving blankets
- 👉 2 Swaddles
- 👉 Baby Monitor (basic audio kind)
- 👉 Sound Machine

**About Stork Support:** serves newborns and their families in Larimer and Weld County. A small non-profit, we are 100% volunteer run and donation based. We have recently moved out of a garage and are now housed in a room in the church basement of First United Methodist Church in Windsor. We concentrate on the third and fourth trimester needs of under-resourced Northern Colorado families providing material support including maternity clothes, baby clothes, postpartum supplies, newborn essential kits, strollers and safe sleep options. On average, we serve 8 newborn babies a month. We work to ensure that every new family has a strong start. Over the course of the baby's first year we also offer some infant formula and diapers as our capacity and financing allows. The infant feeding program is our most expensive offering. 10 days of formula now costs about \$115.

## Council Meeting Council Meeting April 21, 2026

Pastor Rick updated the situation regarding the Finance Coordinator. Our current hire for this position did transition smoothly but as of April 15th has resigned. There was another applicant who continues to be interested. The job description has now been posted on Indeed and we received two additional applicants. These two will be interviewed by Nyla and Paul this coming week. At the present, Nyla is helping out with daily issues presented. This is a part-time position with no benefits other than salary and paid vacation.

Joey then presented information from the Financial Report. The 'numbers', \$7699, are up in March but year to date are flat. Our current cash on hand is \$218K. We have a current CD that is maturing. Joey stated that Money Markets are at 3% and liquid. Also, Finance is looking at Canvas Credit Union with a 3.9% Money Market. Paul asked if there would be a possibility of looking at our financial investments with a company not FDIC insured. We will wait to see what Finance will do. Paul moved to accept the March finance report and Shelley seconded. All approved.

The furnace bids were then discussed. Soren has stated in his report and in previous text, that we have a solid bid from Fort Collins Heating and Air Conditioning. This bid is for \$44,000 (but is expired) for a new furnace install w/o the air conditioning portion. We currently have approx. \$21K in the building fund that could be used with a portion of \$17K set aside for the furnace. With cash on hand, we have approx. 50% of the cost. A motion was made by Joey to approve going forward and also to complete an application to Trinity trust for the entire cost of the furnace. Shelley seconded this motion. Joey then moved to amend his motion to pursue the bid from Fort Collins Heating and Air Conditioning w/ approval to accept up to \$50K in case they provide a rebid. (Due to the bid expiration date of 4/17). We are hopeful they will retain the original bid of \$44K. Eric stated he would email Soren regarding this decision on the furnace. Paul stated that he would submit the request to Trinity's trust stating that we (Trinity) would like to do half of the cost. Pastor Rick stated he would present this to Coop.

Eric then brought up the issue of the fallen trees. There will be no need for stump grinding as the trees were uprooted when they fell. The company to remove the trees will go forward. The cost of \$2600 for this removal of the downed trees has already been contracted.

Next for discussion was the resurfacing of the parking lot. There were 3 bids received: (1) \$135K for resurfacing the entire area, front and back, (2) \$18,500 for partial resurfacing w/ patchwork, and (3) \$40K for patching and sealing. Mountain Kids was paying Trinity \$500/month for the use of our parking area. Pastor Rick will check w/ Brenda to see where this money has been deposited. As it was felt that this is not a current necessity, we will revisit this in the future.

Pastor Rick brought fourth a concern from the office staff. Microsoft Publisher will discontinue their program in October 2026. The staff has researched what is available and what would serve the purpose for which it is needed. They would like to purchase Adobe InDesign for approx. \$499. They requested to purchase this in June to allow for learning the system prior to having to move over from Publisher.

Pastor Kaari brought up a concern from Worship and Music regarding the hand bells. Kathy provided clarification that Worship and Music would like to move forward with the renovation of the hand bells. They have received bids for \$5300 (not including replacement of the clappers) and \$6300. This is not in their budget and they would like to forward with this renovation. Paul made the motion to approve up to \$6500 for this refurbishment (renovation) understanding that there would be an application to Trinity's trust for this cost.

Eric brought up that we have been asked by Mary of Magdala to review the Partners Covenant drawn up 7 years ago. They have revised portions and did provide a draft of the revisions and would like Trinity to review and provide draft revisions also. Exec is requesting that there be 2 or 3 persons from Trinity to review.

Cheryl provided information that the Palestine Festival held at Trinity on April 18th had around 450 participants. Many stated they were very thankful for the festival. There were about 315 persons served lunch with the food provided by Heart of the Rockies Church. This was the first time this festival had been held.

Shelley then updated us with numbers from the Easter Brunch. There were 122 people at the Brunch. For the Brunch they used plastic spoons and plastic forks. She did note that for the kitchen we have an adequate number of spoons but there are very limited forks.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Lambert, Secretary.

## Highlights from Co-Op Committee Meeting

The Coop Committee, composed of clergy and lay leaders of each faith community, meeting monthly to discuss the functioning of the faith partnership, coordination of collaborative projects, and other items affecting the faith communities. At the May 14, 2026 meeting, the following items were discussed:

Mary of Magdala had a recent Sunday encounter with a potential scammer and wanted to warn the other congregations; it was suggested that each congregation instruct members how to deal with someone showing up at church requesting funds.

Pastor Rick asked that the leadership of St. Paul's and Mary of Magdala consider helping with the purchase of the new furnace that Trinity will be installing this year.

A request has been made for a 301 Faith Partners booth at Fort Collins Pride at Library Park on June 6.

Mother Rosean is proposing we host a panel discussion in late June to address neighbors' concerns about SafeLots; it's been suggested that we go ahead and install outside cameras before that meeting to see what, if any, nighttime activity is taking place outside the church building. If possible, it's hoped that individual conversations with neighbors could take place before the panel discussion.

A preliminary inspection of the speakers to the nursery and Family Break Room has been made. Our AV staff have said the speakers in the Family Break room are now working, but some adjustments need to be made to get speakers to the nursery working again.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Johnson, VP Trinity Council



### Birthdays



Cathy Schilling-Preble	6/2	Carol Arnold	6/15	Lisa Dunworth	6/25
Martha Webb	6/2	Pam Jacobson	6/18	Sharon Johnson	6/28
Stephanie Dugger	6/3	Kathy Lipscomb	6/18	Walter Nieuwlandt	6/28
Judy Sersen	6/4	Erik Elliott	6/19	Jodie Burgoon	6/29
Andy Sprain	6/8	Howard Smith	6/19	Len Russ	6/30
Madyson Hopkins	6/9	Nyla Anderson	6/20		
Cooper Hopkins	6/10	Gary Schwartz	6/23		



### Anniversaries



Ben & Ilene Drews	6/5	David & Kelli Karst	6/20
Colleen & William Foos	6/5	Lee & Susan Lamb	6/22
Carolyn & Eric Biedermann	6/9	Kaari & Walter Nieuwlandt	6/22
James & Jo Anne Gearhart	6/10	Cheryl & Ron Smith	6/24
Don & Jan Garman	6/11	Cheryl & Steve Backsen	6/25
Carrie & Bruce Hansen	6/16	Dan & Donna Dauner	6/25
Adrienne & Eric Jurgenson	6/19		



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