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Freedom Worth Guarding

For
freedom
Christ
has
set us
free.



Galatians 5:1

Because many Americans have never known life without freedom, it can be easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites, however, knew the harsh reality of slavery. Yet even after God led them out of Egypt, they struggled to embrace their newfound freedom. Faced with uncertainty, they grew fearful and complained against Moses and Aaron, longing for the familiarity of their former bondage rather than trusting God's provision.

Their story feels surprisingly familiar. As Christians, we have been set free through a far greater deliverance. Our freedom was secured at a great cost through the life, death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ. And yet, we sometimes drift back toward old habits, attitudes and patterns that once held us captive.

Scripture reminds us to stand firm in the freedom we have been given. As Paul writes in Galatians 5:1 (NKJV), "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

True freedom is not simply the absence of restraint. It is the opportunity to live fully in God's grace, walking in obedience, joy and purpose. This kind of freedom is worth celebrating, protecting and living out every day.

Council Meeting Minutes - June 9, 2026

Members present: Ken Bishop, Sheila Thomas, Roger Jungmeyer, Jennifer Dampf, Jerome Rockelman and Becky Hayden.

The meeting began at 6:30 pm.

The Council reviewed the May meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the May minutes by Jennifer; second by Sheila, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the May financial reports. Ken made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Sheila, motion carried.

Budget and Finance- Jennifer Dampf

- Jennifer reported on the church's finances.

Parish Education Committee- Jennifer Dampf

- A water and ice cream party has been scheduled for June 26 at the Pavilion at 4:00 pm.
- Vacation Bible School will be Monday July 6- Thursday July 9.
- Ideas are being explored for Sunday school and youth ministry.

Evangelism- Sheila Thomas

- No report

Music and Worship- Ken Bishop

- Music and worship suggested adjusting the recorded video of the church service. Jennifer Dampf made a motion to record only the reading of the Lessons through the Sermon to be posted on our church website. Sheila seconded the motion; motion carried.
- The name of the upcoming weeks Supply Pastor will be posted in the bulletin. A thank you will be added to the bulletin for the Supply Pastor of the day.
- Songs were selected for August and September.

Property- Jerome Rockelman

- The brush pile on the south lot has been burned.
- Pastor Musselman's name was removed from the church sign.
- The website was added to the church sign

Vitality Committee- Travis Koesnter

- No report

Old Business:

- Jennifer made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Russellville 250 year celebration; second by Becky, motion carried.
- The Pastor's Salary Fund has been created and undesignated memorial funds have been transferred to that account.
- The new church website was launched June 4th . Thank you to the website group for all their work and creativity in improving the church website.

New Business:

- The call committee will finish the Church Profile and submit it to the council for review.
- The Semi-Annual Meeting will be July 19, 2026.

- Ken made a motion to turn off the water to the hydrant near the pavilion and to add a keyed padlock to the hydrant by the garage. Jennifer seconded the motion; motion carried. The water will be turned off until it is needed at the pavilion and there will be a key in the key box for the hydrant by the garage.
- Individual communion cups will be used at the outdoor services.

The next Council Meeting will be July 14, 2026. A motion was made by Ken to adjourn the meeting; second by Jennifer, motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:38 pm.

Respectively submitted:

Becky Hayden

Secretary _____ President _____

Synod Assembly Notes—June 6, 2026

Bob Ortvals and Beth Rockelman joined the ELCA Central States Synod Assembly via zoom. Psalm 133 and Life Together was our theme. Bishop Donna Simon welcomed us. She emphasized the ELCA location (KC) is sites of 11 Native American Tribes. "In the beginning the spirit moved over the waters" —water sustains life. Points were: Gift of Community, Gift of day, Gift of confession and community. There was prayer, the song "Come Build The Church," a litany of opening. Amendments 7-1-2025 passed in Phoenix—just needed simple majority, regarded: 1) A new ELCA seal; 2) Conflict of nepotism/conflict of interest; 3) Amendments to by-laws - minister voting voice and clarify language. Short videos of Missions, Community Partnerships, global hunger were interspersed thru the day as were pastors' ordination anniversaries. The budget and treasurer's report was approved. We elected a Synod Council Secretary, Border Conference Rep and Central Kansas Conf. Rep. Voting approved resolutions via Recommendations Committee: 1) Celebrate global and companion synods amendments and specific dates; 2) Climate and solar energy; 3) LGBT—affirm people of God and all gender identities; 4) Giving thanks for concluded stages of ministry: death, retirement and congregations which withdrew from ELCA. There is a goal to train 100 new lay leaders in next 5 years. Send more to seminary and train ministers better. Rededicate ourselves and focus on the Gospel of Christ. Guidelines to become a PMA have been streamlined. Think of your spiritual gifts.—Beth

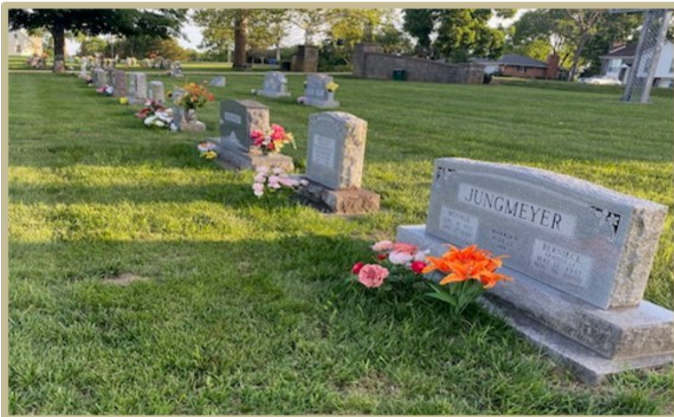
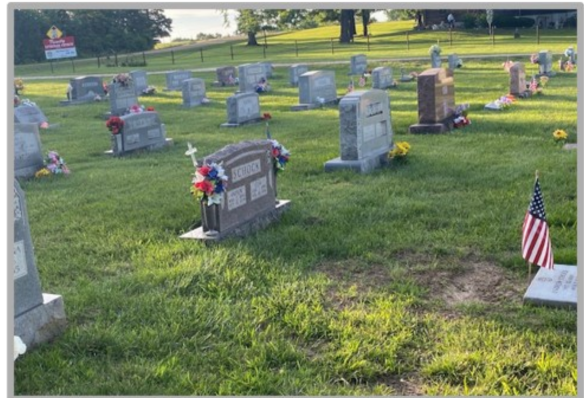
Memorial Day Worship

The Memorial Day Worship Service was held at Trinity Cemetery on Monday, May 25th. The cemetery looked beautiful, and attendees were blessed with pleasant weather and a meaningful service led by Pastor Gene Moll.

The service included patriotic hymns and an inspiring sermon by Pastor Moll. As part of the service, Tammy Goldammer recognized those in attendance who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. She also read the roll call of deceased veterans buried in Trinity Cemetery and elsewhere, honoring their service and sacrifice. The service concluded with the playing of Taps by Pastor Moll.

Attendance for the Memorial Day Service was 32, and the offering totaled \$812.

The Trinity Cemetery Board extends its appreciation to everyone who helped with the service. Special thanks to Pastor Moll for leading the worship service and playing Taps, and to God's Kids for placing flowers on all graves and flags on the graves of our veterans. Their efforts helped create a meaningful and respectful tribute to those who have served our country.



Trinity's New Website

Exciting News! Trinity's new website is now live! We invite you to explore our fresh new look and updated content at www.trinityrussmo.com. Be sure to update your bookmarks and check back often for the latest church news, events, and ministry information.

Food Bank

The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri made its monthly visit to Trinity's Parking lot on Tuesday, June 9. There were twenty-four volunteers working during the distribution in rather warm temperatures and welcomed the shade of the nearby tree. There were six volunteers present from Trinity. During the day, 112 families were served totaling 283 people. Items distributed were: lemons, milk, potatoes, bread assortment, pickle balls, soda, ham, beyond meat patties and honey dew melons. In addition, the Russellville United Methodist Church provided healthy snack bags for kids and the Rocky Mount Food Bank provided assorted fruits, vegetable, breads and pastries. Next month, the Food Bank will be at Trinity on Tuesday, July 14, 1:00-3:00 pm. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Semi-Annual Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, July 19, immediately following the morning worship service to transact any business coming before the meeting.

Thank You!

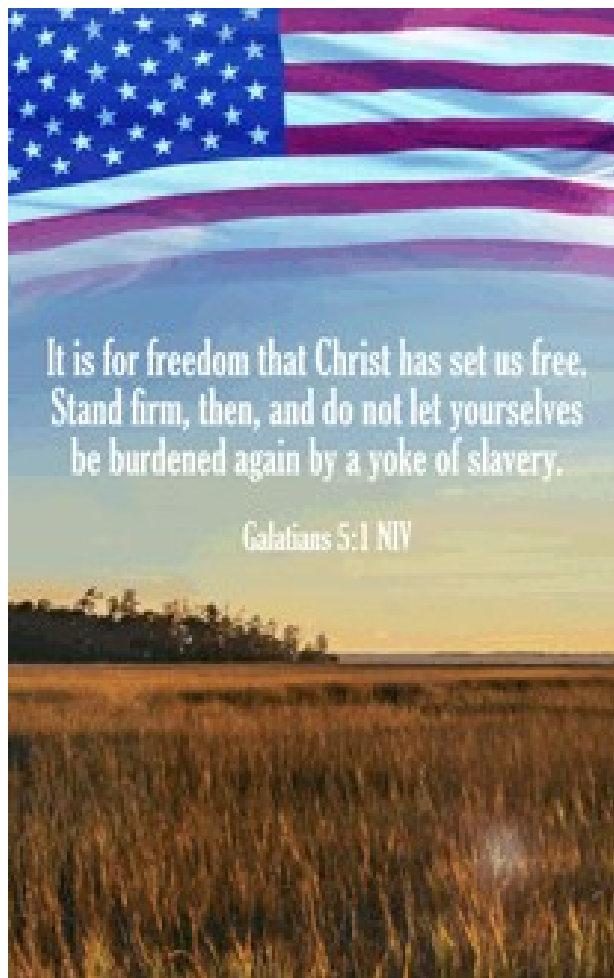
Thank you to Bob Ortballs and Beth Rockelman for serving as Trinity's delegates at the recently held ELCA Central States Synod Assembly via zoom.

Independence Day: As we celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for the blessings of freedom—and the hope we have in Christ, who sets us truly free. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." —John 8:36

Do you have a spiritual, physical, or mental prayer request? Trinity's Prayer Chain is here to support you. To begin a prayer request or to be added to the prayer chain to receive text messages or phone calls, please contact Kathy Koestner (573-690-0956) or Connie Harrison (573-680-9465). We invite you to stay connected as we support one another through prayer

Baptismal Birthdays for July

- 5 Louisa Rosenmiller
- 7 Danielle Allen
- 13 Dawn Danison
- 15 Mailee Tambke
- 16 Molly Dampf
- 19 Grace Haslag
- 19 Cynthia Holzbierlein
- 19 Robert Strobel
- 20 August Haslag
- 20 Henry Haslag
- 24 Roger Morgan
- 24 Andie Jocelyn Otto
- 26 Kelly Frazier
- 27 Terry Wolz
- 30 Kevin Strobel
- 31 Susan Hogue



Birthdays for July

- 3 Mark Elliott
- 4 Randy Koestner
- 4 Christi Rutledge
- 6 Dale Dusheke
- 6 Mike Harrison
- 7 Ty Westergaard
- 11 Evan Miles
- 13 Sarah Koestner
- 14 Bailey Elliott
- 15 Jessica Keeran
- 15 Tyler Strauch
- 17 Lisa Smith
- 20 Terry Wolz
- 21 Gene Moll
- 21 Amy Sheahan
- 22 Ada James Keeran
- 24 John Schmoeger
- 25 Harley Koestner

Summer 2026 Schedule - Lake Area Community Orchestra

Tuesday, July 14 First Christian Church, East Capitol Ave., Jefferson City

Tuesday, July 21 Lake Ozark Christian Church, Bus. 54, Lake Ozark

Tuesday, July 28 Walk on the Water Faith Church,
959 Old State Park Road, Osage Beach

All Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. There is no admission charge.

Free will donations are welcome.

We have some great music in store for you at these concerts. Selections include: America, the Beautiful; Shenandoah's Simple Gifts, Fanfare and Flourishes, Lest We Forget, Invicta, Country Gardens, That Old Hound Dog Rag, and our director joins us with an exciting cornet solo in Carnival of Venice. And we usually close with Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever. Dr. Nate Moe begins his second year as the director for the orchestra.

Worship Servers

	July 5-Outdoor	July 12-Indoor	July 19-Indoor	July 26-Indoor
Council Member	Travis Koestner Becky Hayden	Sheila Thomas	Jerome Rockelman	Roger Jungmeyer
Greeter	Michael & Jessica Keeran Family	Ryan & Meghan Orbals Family	Clayton & Elizabeth Miles Family	Michael & Jessica Keeran Family
Lay Reader	Mollie Keck	Anna Wise	Gidget Koestner	Cathy Kliethermes
Acolyte		Adalyn Wood	Jocie Mertens	Acolyte Volunteer
Children's Sermon	Tami Kirchner	Connie Harrison	Becky Hayden	Jennifer Dampf
Offering Assistants	Michael & Jessica Keeran Family	Ryan & Meghan Orbals Family	Clayton & Elizabeth Miles Family	Michael and Jessica Keeran Family
Communion Assistant	Mollie Keck	Anna Wise	Travis Koestner	Jennifer Dampf
Video	Jack Hayden	Kathy Koestner Denise Orbals	Jack Hayden	Lyle and Dana Jobe
Piano	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker

Praise for God's handiwork



How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!

The heavens declare your glory, the arch of sky displays your handiwork. In your love you have given us the power to behold the beauty of your world robed in all its splendor. The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills, the rivers and lakes all disclose your presence.

The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air bespeak your wondrous will. In your goodness you have made us able to hear

the music of the world. The voices of loved ones reveal to us that you are in our midst. A divine voice sings through all creation.

July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 P/H-5:45 PM Young Women's Bible Study P/H-6 PM Men's Bible Study	3	4 Independence Day
5 P-9 AM Outdoor Worship	6	7 P/H-5 PM -Yoga	8	9	10	11
2026 Team VBS July 6-9 at Trinity Lutheran Church						
12 C-9 AM-Indoor Worship	13	14 P/L-1-3 PM - Food Bank P/H-5-PM -Yoga P/H-5:30 PM Music & Worship P/H-6:30 PM Church Council	15 P/H-11:30 AM -Retreads	16 P/H-6 PM Women's Bible Study	17	18
Mid-Mo Bible Camp, Camp Rising Sun Lake of the Ozarks State Park—Sunday, July 12th through Thursday (11:00 am) July 16th						
19 C-9 AM-Indoor Worship Semi-Annual Mtg. WELCA Qtr. Mtg.	20 Newsletter Article Deadline	21 P/H-5 PM -Yoga	22	23	24	25
26 C-Indoor Worship-Time to be Announced	27	28 P/H-5 PM -Yoga	29	30	31	
C=Church, P/H=Parish Hall, P=Pavilion, P/O=Parish Office, P/L-Parking Lot						

How will we use our freedom?

In 2000, Cornealious Anderson was sentenced to 13 years for robbery. The 23-year-old was released on bail and told to await orders to show up to prison. But due to a clerical error, those orders never came. Some people might have taken advantage of such freedom and committed more crimes. But Anderson started a business, coached youth football and volunteered at church, earning respect in his community.

Thirteen years later, when Missouri officials discovered the error and put Anderson behind bars, an online petition called for his release. A judge agreed that Anderson was a changed man and, again, he was freed.

What would you do with such undeserved freedom? What do we do with the unmerited freedom God grants us despite our sin, and with the freedoms we celebrate on July 4? May we follow Anderson's example and use our freedoms — social and spiritual — to serve others.