

# THE BRIDGE

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*"Diverse in Background, United in Faith"*

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Friends,

It's hard to believe that it's time to head back to school! Many of you are returning to the rhythm of class and homework whether as students, teachers, parents, or grandparents! While the start of school is exciting and fun, it's also full of its challenges. This year, I share with you these prayers for students written by Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton and encourage them to assist you in praying for yourself, your students, or your families as we enter into a new school year. God's grace be with you in all that you do!

Blessings,  
Elizabeth



### **Elementary Students:**

Bless my paper and my pen.  
Guide my spirit deep within.  
Help me think and help me play  
This whole school year, day by day.

### **Middle School Students:**

As I move from class to class  
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.  
Keep my lips to speak your words.  
Let your will for me be heard.

### **High School Students:**

In every subject high or low,  
May God's excellence be shown!  
Keep me strong to reach the prize  
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

### **College Students:**

Whether far from home or near  
May I hold God's precepts dear.  
To do my best at every task;  
For this blessing, I do ask.

### **Graduate and Adult Students:**

Help my family be a part  
As You uplift my mind and heart.  
As I study, work, and pray,  
Be with us throughout the day.





### **Musicians Needed**

As the choir takes a much-deserved Sabbath from weekly anthems this summer, all musicians of the church are invited to offer solo or small group pieces for special music in worship. If you feel the Spirit moving you to serve in such a way, please call Jack Palmer at 728-6646.



This list of members at Trinity has been organized for the purpose of being lifted up in prayer during the week. We look forward to God's blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

- Aug. 2:** Carol Southerland  
Claire Ann Sprick  
Jim, Joan, Jacob, & Jordan Sprick
- Aug. 9:** Tom, Peggy, Sarah, & Ryan Sprick  
Bryan, Dawn, Renee, & Cody Stephens & Aerian O'Neal  
Rev. Duane & Kay Stephens
- Aug. 16:** Charlie & Rev. Elizabeth Strobel  
David & Beverly Thieme  
Steven Thieme
- Aug. 23:** Paul & Sondra Tivis  
Phillip, Terri, Xander & Samantha Tivis  
Carl, Christina, Zian & Mya Trober
- Aug. 30:** Christi Trober  
Dorothy Vader  
Dr. Orville & Christine Walker



### **Craft Social**

August 29, noon-3pm

September 26, noon-3pm

### **Women's Circle**



#### **From the Women's Morning Circle:**

Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have already collected 1532 for 2015. Please keep saving!



### **Summer Office Hours**

For August, the church office will be open from 8:30am – 1:00pm on Tuesday – Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.

# Anniversaries

- Aug. 6 Gary & Ruth Murray
- 9 Jack & Karol Palmer
- 13 David & Lucy Berry
- 17 Keith & Stacia Martin
- 20 Terry & Vickie Brock
- 24 Erick & Bridget Shireman

**SANTACALIGON**  
No. 43  
Independence, Missouri

**SEPTEMBER 4TH - 7TH**

**SIGN-UP SHEETS NOW  
AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!**



- Aug. 2 Beverly Thieme
- Donna White
- 6 David Lyons, Sr.
- 12 Jane Cooper
- 14 Stacia Martin
- 15 David Hatton
- 17 Daniel Nickens
- 18 Betty Miller
- 24 Max Nickens
- 25 Joyce Rich
- 26 Keith Martin
- Marian Carr
- 27 Colby Lyons
- 29 Lara Allen
- 30 Sandra Bellew



**Can you guess the church member who...**

1. ...is an Eagle Scout.
2. ...favorite sport is baseball, and watches or listens to every Royals game.
3. ...has hiked over 70 miles in the Black Hills area.

**Answer is on the last page!**



“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon: to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”  
-Henry James

*Coming Soon...*

**Outdoor  
Worship**

September 20th



*On the first Day of the Week  
"The people came together . . ."*

*Worship Services:*

July 5: .....	71
July 12 .....	77
July 19 .....	60
July 26 .....	67

*"and the people gave . . ."*

July 5 .....	\$5,077.00
July 12 .....	1,574.00
July 19 .....	1,253.00
July 26 .....	1,463.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$9,367.00</b>



**NEW STUDY BIBLES**

We made it! Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to exceed our goal of 20 Bibles and purchase 24 New Study Bibles for Sunday School!



**September 13, 2015**

Mark your calendars for Rally Day! We will have another round of Bible Jeopardy and a continental breakfast. So pull out those Bibles and start studying for this fun event. Classes will begin September 20, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.



Teachers Wanted: Please be in prayerful consideration if you feel the call to teach. Sunday School will start up September 20, 2015 and conclude May 22, 2016. Contact Lucy Berry or Susan Matthews if you would like to lead a class. If you don't feel you can commit to the entire season but would like to teach we can work with you on that. There is always a need to substitute teachers to give our regular teachers a Sunday off.



# SNAPSHOTS FROM JULY



**VBS with First Presbyterian and First Christian Churches, June 28 – July 1**



**Trinity Youth at Worlds of Fun with Heartland Presbytery, July 14**





Missouri's tax free weekend is August 7 – 9. The Mission Committee is still collecting the following school supplies to be taken to Three Trails Elementary. Any questions please call Jan Privett, 419-9405.

- Regular pencils
- Classic Washable Markers
- Package of multi-colored construction paper
- Crayons
- 8 oz. bottle of washable glue
- Scissors (blunt)
- Two-pocket folders
- 4 pack of dry erase markers
- Boxes of tissue
- School box
- Backpack
- Black or blue pens
- Package of colored pencils
- Large eraser
- Spiral notebooks
- Wide lined paper
- Glue stick



### FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

The Martin Family is looking for a new home for an antique Cumberland Player Piano that came with their house. We hope to find someone that wants to restore or repurpose the piano - we just don't want it to end up in the dump! Please contact Stacia at 816-878-5176 with any questions.

## A DOSE of HUMOR



~~oops!~~

From a newsletter in Cleveland, Ohio:

Prayer of the Day

"Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"

Prayers of the Church

We point out this error with a gentle *spirit!*



YUMMY

## **Community Volunteers Requested**

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure this year is September 13 at World's of Fun. Inspired by Becky Layman's brave battle, Mari Shineman joined the Kids for the Cure committee that is organizing the specialized area for kids involved with this fund raising event.

This year's focus for the Kids for the Cure area is crafts, but there will be other fun things going on (water game, balloon animals, face painting, sidewalk chalk, etc.). I am needing several adults who will not be participating in Trinity's Rally Day to help with the two crafts that I am in charge of: Deli Paper Butterflies and Notecards with a positive message for cancer patients. Also needed are people to help with preparing the items the kids will need to make these crafts. Any "in-kind" donations you might want to give for the crafting items are tax deductible through the Susan G. Komen foundation.

**Date:** Sunday, September 13, 2015

**Location:** Worlds of Fun, 435 & Parvin Road

**Time:** 5 AM – 9:30 AM (includes set up & clean up time ~ Participants will only be there 6-9 AM)

**Parking** is \$10 per vehicle (50% goes to Koman) from 5:30 AM on.

☺ **Perk:** You can purchase a \$10 ticket to be used later that day at Worlds of Fun. The park will open to the public at 10 AM.

**Contact:** Mari Shineman ~ 816-461-0721

**Craft preparations** can be done at any time, but need to be completed by September 1.

### **ITEMS NEEDED**

**Butterflies:** For 200 butterflies  
Supplies

- Crayons / Crayon shavings ~ tons!?!?!?
- Cardboard squares ~ **50**
- Irons ~ **8**
- Old Towels / Washcloths~ **50**
- Scissors ~ **15** fancy & plain
- Hole Punch ~ **5**
- Yarn ~ **1 skein**
- Power Strips
- Extension Cord

Prep

- Mark Deli Paper with butterfly outlines
- Shave Crayons. Keep color families separated.


**Notecards:** For 200 Notecards  
Supplies

- Premade Notecards ~ **100**
- Cardstock, wrapping paper, etc ~ **100** with template preprinted on it
- Scissors ~ **15** plain & fancy [
- Stickers ~ **200** for sealing + ??? for decorating
- Gel Pens
- Markers

Prep

- Trace template for 100 notecards on non-cardstock. Cut out 50 of them
- Photocopy 100 notecards on card stock. Cut out 50 of them.
- Make sample greetings for those who need a little help.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!!! ~ Mari Shineman



## Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.

*Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a □ around words describing God's actions. Draw an ○ around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw ~~~ under words that describe the ocean.*

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...

*Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.*

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b l f g O h b c R d  
 e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L  
 a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y

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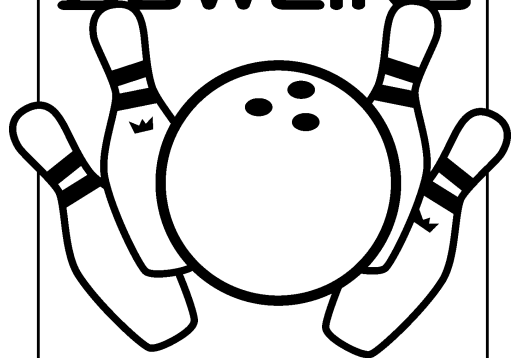
Answer: The LORD Almighty

### Christian Symbol



**Ox** – The ox sometimes appears in Renaissance art as a symbol for the nation of Israel. Luke the Evangelist is sometimes represented by a winged ox. In general, the ox symbolizes strength, service and patience. Jesus makes reference to oxen bearing a load when he invites His followers. “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11: 29-30, ESV).

## GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

### What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

### What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.



**August 5-9 Mission Retreat**

**Aug. 9 11:30 a.m. Youth Group**

**Aug 22 Mandatory Youth Council only Training for Heartland Youth Council Members at Heartland Camp**

**August 23 11:30 a.m. Youth Group**

Some of our T.I.G.E.R.'s enjoyed a splash or two at the Heartland Presbytery day at Worlds of Fun & Oceans of Fun.

T.I.G.E.R.'s have some great things planned for the up-coming months. There is our first Flock- A- Yard annual fundraiser, mission retreat, and Festival of Sharing.

August 5-9 are having an in-house mission retreat. Which will include local service projects planned at Harvesters, and the Episcopal Community Service Center, a time of spiritual study with Elizabeth, & some additional fun events. We are asking for assistance from the congregation by providing some meals and/or inviting the retreat participants over for showers.

For Festival of Sharing the T.I.G.E.R.'s are still taking donations of vegetable seed packets



Support the Youth Mission Fund **and** have a lot of fun!

T.I.G.E.R.s will be flocking yards with plastic pink flamingos for your friends and neighbors from July 26 – August 29!

**Sign me up!**

- I'd like to flock a friend's yard for \$10.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Friend

**Help! I've been flocked!**

- I'll take my chances and hope you pick them up...someday.
- Remove the flock from my yard for \$10.
- Move my flock to a friend's yard for \$15.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Friend

**Nope, nope, nope. I do *not* want a flock!**

- I'll pay insurance to protect my yard from the flock for \$20.

**Bwahaha! Insurance can't stop me!**

- Cancel someone's insurance & flock their yard for \$25.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Friend

My Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks out to Trinity Pres. Church.*

## WHY DO WE USE TINY COMMUNION CUPS?

For centuries, Christians practiced the Lord's Supper with the use of a common loaf and a common cup of wine. Most traditionally, the bread (usually unleavened) would be eaten in small portions and the wine drunk out of one cup. As water sources were often unsanitary and drinks containing alcohol were often safer to consume, generations of Christians didn't think twice about drinking wine after one another at communion.



That is, until the 1800s. As the Temperance Movement – that is, abstention from alcohol – took off in the Victorian Era, churches began to use unfermented grape juice in communion. In 1869, Rev. Thomas Welch invented a method for pasteurizing grape juice which was widely available and shelf stable, and the church's use of Welch's Grape Juice spread rapidly.

This all happened in the same century in which we really started to learn about germs – which presented a problem. Grape juice lacked the disinfecting power of alcohol, and so a common

cup became a potential health hazard! As such, the tiny, individual communion cups that we so often use in worship were not invented until almost the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There is great debate as to who first invented and used them, but it's clear that they were likely invented by an enterprising minister and no earlier than 1891. Originally, individual communion cups were made from silver, gold, or glass.

Many dishwashing committee meetings later, we now use disposable plastic cups in worship as well as a common cup and loaf. At Trinity we have the great joy of alternating our communion "style" and enjoying the numerous benefits of both intinction and individual communion.

Join us for worship on August 23<sup>rd</sup> as we celebrate the Lord's Supper – tiny communion cups included!



### ANSWER

You guessed it! The answer is  
**Erick Shireman!**

Inserts and Items for the Sunday News Sheets are due **no later than the previous Wednesday morning.**



All submissions for the August Bridge are due on  
**Friday  
August 21,  
2015**