

# TRINITY

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| MONTHLY NEWSLETTER |  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
ROLLING MEADOWS, IL

JULY 2023

### **WHO IS A "REAL" AMERICAN?**

June 30, 2023 By Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Reprinted from "Living Lutheran"

My husband and I live in Skokie, Ill., a diverse community. Our neighbors to the west are an octogenarian Taiwanese Evangelical couple who regularly order meals from Kosher to Go. Our neighbors to the east are a Ukrainian and Russian multigenerational family.



Our grocery stores have both kosher and halal departments. As I drive past the elementary school on my way to work, I see moms and dads in jeans along with women in saris or hijabs and men in thobes or yarmulkes.

More than 90 languages are spoken in the homes of our school district. We pay our taxes, mow our (tiny) lawns, worship, raise our children and pretty much get along in our little village of Skokie.

Late one afternoon a few years ago I was finishing up yard work. I had been weeding and trimming all day. I was tired and grass-stained. Just one more pile of leaves needed to be swept up.

I noticed a woman walking toward me so I hurried to get the sidewalk cleared. She stopped and told me that she had seen me working all day and thought I might be too tired to prepare supper. She had made a meal for me and my

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**PRAYER PARTNERS** During July another Prayer Partner initiative starts, please see Pastor John if you need a prayer partner request form.

For those already participating as Prayer Partners, you will be assigned a different prayer partner.

### **JULY AFTER CHURCH BIBLE STUDY GOSPEL READINGS TO REVIEW & PREPARE QUESTIONS FOR**

- **JULY 02—MATTHEW  
10: 40-42**
- **JULY 09 - PASTOR ON  
VACATION**
- **JULY 16—MATTHEW  
13: 1-9; 18-23**
- **JULY 23—MATTHEW  
13: 24-30; 36-43**
- **JULY 30—MATTHEW  
13: 31-33; 44-52**

**MAKE SURE YOU COME  
AND JOIN US!**

husband. It was during Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from food and water during the day and engage in prayer and acts of charity. This was her act of charity and generosity. She smiled and walked away. I was stunned.

There has been an alarming rise in hate speech and violence against religious and ethnic minorities in this country. At the same time, we've seen an increased polarization among us, even in our dear church. There is a movement to define what it means to be a "real American." Some would define this as white, Christian and native born. When Lutheran immigrants first came to this country in the 18th and 19th centuries, they weren't considered real Americans. They didn't speak English or fit in with the Deist, Calvinist religious majority. They were "other" and therefore suspect. German Lutheran immigrants weren't considered white when they settled here. Neither were Irish, Italians or Poles. Catholics and Jews were considered an alien threat.

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It's ironic that the Puritans fled religious persecution and that the First Amendment states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof," yet an element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic. There is no doubt that the Founders were Christian and that a majority of Americans identify as Christian. That is different from declaring Christianity as the established religion of the United States. And, dear church, let's be clear, a Christian Nationalist does not define Lutherans as "Christian."

God knows I love my country. This beautiful, fragile, yet surprisingly resilient experiment in democracy and nationhood that's not predicated on shared ethnicity is unique among nations. My grandfather, father and uncles all served during World War I and World War II. I had the honor of placing a wreath on behalf of the ELCA at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. I won't have my patriotism questioned. Christian Nationalism is a perversion of the gospel and a threat to our democracy. It's precisely because I love my country that I warn against it.

Who is a "real American"? I say that my Muslim neighbor walking freely down the street in a hijab to offer a meal to her Christian neighbor during Ramadan is a real American. Motivated by her Muslim faith she acted as neighbor to me. She is not less American because she is Muslim. Because she is an American, she can be her authentic self and participate in building our community and country. What binds us together is not ethnicity but shared participation in our civic life springing out of our cultural heritages and working for the common good.

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**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR JEREMY  
COHN, TRINITY'S SO VERY  
TALENTED VOCALIST AND MUSICIAN.**

**HE HAS BLESSED TRINITY WITH HIS  
MUSICAL LEADERSHIP AND TALENTS.**

**THIS MONTH MARKS HIS 5 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY WITH TRINITY.**

**WE THANK GOD FOR JEREMY!**



Metropolitan Chicago Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## SYNOD HIGHLIGHTS

Videos from the Synod Assembly 2023 by videographer Gaby Valladolid have been uploaded to the [MCS YouTube channel](#) and shared on social media ([Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#); follow us!). Gaby's final assembly video is our [thank you](#).

**CHECK IT OUT.**

The website is <https://www.youtube.com/c/MetropolitanChicagoSynod?app=desktop>



# STOP! LOOK! SHOP! TLC MARKETS

**Where: Trinity Lutheran Church  
3201 Meadow Drive, Rolling Meadows**

**When: 3rd Saturday of the month**

**Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm**

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## Crafters & Vendors - Join Us

Always room for more vendors!! Participate in upcoming TLC Markets  
Fill out Commitment form below

**Return to:**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
3201 Meadow Drive  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
847-398-7122

**Make checks payable to:**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Send Attn: Dan Phillips  
In Memo Line mark "Donation"  
(Your Cancelled Check is your receipt)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

10' x 10' spaces \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ May 20 \_\_\_\_\_ June 17 \_\_\_\_\_ July 15 \_\_\_\_\_ August 19

\_\_\_\_\_ September 16 \_\_\_\_\_ October 21 \_\_\_\_\_ November 18

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Include payment with completed Commitment form.

*Any Questions please contact:  
Dena McIntosh - cell: 847-877-2221  
or email: mcintoshdena@gmail.com*

**TLC COMMUNITY MARKETS, JULY 15,,  
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, FEATURES VARIED  
VENDORS..**

**LOCATED RIGHT IN OUR CHURCH PARKING  
LOT—BUT THEN INSIDE IF IT RAINS.**





# CITY EVENTS

## IN ROLLING MEADOWS

### TUESDAY, JULY 4th



### JULY 4th PARADE 2023



PARADE START TIME: 11:30 am

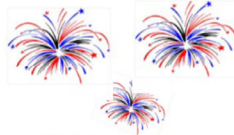
MEADOW DR. PARADE ROUTE: Conyers Academy parking lot exit Central Road (east), to Jay (north), to Grouse (west), to Meadow (north), to Kirchoff (west), to Plaza Drive, ending in the Jewel parking lot.

CHECK IN FOR PARTICIPANTS: 9:00-11:00 am

CHECK IN LOCATION: Conyers Learning Academy - 2800 W. Central Road



### ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY



EVENT TIME: Dusk - approximately 9:30 pm

EVENT LOCATION: RM Park District Community Center field (adjacent to the back parking lot - 3705 Pheasant Dr.).

PLENTY OF VIEWING & PARKING at nearby schools, Park District buildings and side streets surrounding the area.



For additional information, visit [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) or contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 x1002 or [ciezakL@cityrm.org](mailto:ciezakL@cityrm.org).

**JULY 4 CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS PARADE, STARTS AT 11:30 AM**

**TRINITY WILL HAVE 2 DECORATED GOLF CARTS IN THIS PARADE WITH WALKERS TO HAND-OUT CANDY AND TRINITY FLYERS,**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN, LET DENA MCINTOSH KNOW.**



## TAFFY APPLE DIP

**(SUMMER SPECIAL)**

**Cream together**

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 3/4 c. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar



**Cut up : "Granny Smith" Apples & dip!**

**ENJOY!**

*From the kitchen of Dottie Jachim*

**Ladies Group Meeting is July 11 at Red Apple Restaurant, 2121 Plum Grove Rd, Palatine, corner of Plum Grove Rd where Kirchoff Road ends [Dupont Ave].**

**Reservations are for 12 noon 847-925-8048, hope you can join.**



## Financial Update: General Fund 2023

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)
January	\$ 10,607.10	\$ 13,876.34	\$ (3,269.24)
February	\$ 9,811.68	\$ 13,689.80	\$ (3,878.12)
March	\$ 15,415.88	\$ 13,223.68	\$ 2,192.20
April	\$ 11,757.23	\$ 12,974.25	\$ (1,217.02)
May	\$ 10,889.80	\$ 13,017.89	\$ (2,128.09)
<b>Total Jan-May 2023</b>	<b>\$ 58,481.69</b>	<b>\$ 66,781.96</b>	<b>\$ (8,300.27)</b>

Donations can be made electronically from your smartphone using the "Vanco Mobile" app, available from the App Store or Google Play, or the Donations link on our website [tlcrm.com](http://tlcrm.com) or our secure website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>

Thank you for your continued support!

## Summer Deficit Reduction

**It is time to ask for your help to reduce our operating deficit. As you can see, the deficit at the end of May was (\$8,300.27). Please consider making an extra donation over and above your regular weekly offering. Deficit Reduction envelopes are available in**

**the church narthex for you to use if you bring a check or cash to church. If you mail a check, please write "Deficit Reduction" on the memo line. You may also donate electronically from your checking account or with a credit card using the "Vanco Mobile" app which is available from the App Store or Google Play, or use our secure website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>**

***GOD, PLEASE BLESS AND PROTECT PASTOR JOHN'S AND CINDY'S NEW HOME OUTSIDE AND INSIDE WITH PEACE, JOY, FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE—EACH AND EVERY DAY.***

## DO YOU HAVE ILLINOIS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

The Illinois State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division connects state residents with their unclaimed property through the I-Cash program.

One in four Illinois residents has an asset to be claimed in I-Cash. The state currently has \$3.5 billion dollars in cash, plus contents from Illinois bank safe deposit boxes, which need to be returned to Illinois residents. Most assets are transferred to the state after they've been inactive for at least three years.

It's easy for Illinois residents to discover if they have assets waiting for them.

Go to the I-Cash website at <https://icash.illinoistreasurer.gov/app/claim-search>

1. Enter your name in the online search field.
2. If there is a match, fill out and submit the online claim form.
3. Receive your property or cash within a few weeks.

**TAKE A LOOK, YOU MIGHT HAVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday														
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*Belated Happy  
 June Birthday*  
 KRISTEN FLIEHLER 26

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