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# Trinity Messenger

August 2022 Issue 1

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*Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.*  
Matthew 24: 42, 44

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## Pastor's Letter

### **August Stewardship: Konde Diocese – Our Partner in Ministry**

You may or may not know that each of the sixty-five synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been linked with a Lutheran companion synod or church body outside the United States with which to partner in ministry and provide each other support through prayer and opportunities to engage with each other. We in the Lower Susquehanna Synod have been blessed with the companionship of the Konde Diocese, which is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). The Konde Diocese at present boasts a membership of over 125,000 members in seven church districts. Within these seven districts there are more than 100 congregations that are served by 160 pastors and 200 evangelists, who are serving God's people and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, which they have been faithfully doing since 1977.

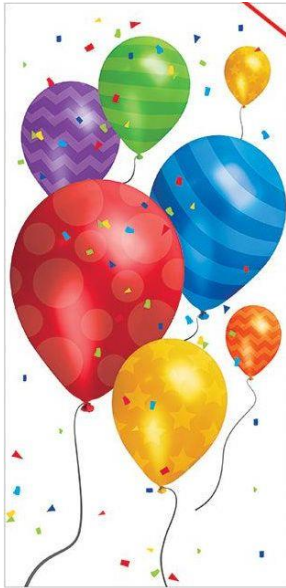
The operative word in beginning to understand the nature of this ministry partnership and its benefits is "companion." Each of our synods/diocese and the congregations that make up these bodies are called to serve our neighbor and share the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Doing so, no matter if one is part of a congregation in Ephrata, Pennsylvania or a congregation in a town in the Konde Diocese, has its challenges as well as its joys. And the work we have been called to do becomes easier, and I believe more meaningful, when we know there is a group of folks supporting us and the ongoing work we are doing as we in turn offer our mutual support for them and their ongoing ministry. Such a relationship also provides the opportunity to learn from each other as we learn about each other through correspondence and the sharing of ideas. This is especially relevant as we in this nation struggle with shrinking congregations and a waning interest in organized religion while Christian churches in Africa and other less developed parts of the world are experiencing a boom in persons embracing the gospel and its grace-filled message.

During the month of August the Konde Diocese will be our stewardship focus, and we will be prayerfully focusing on how we as a congregation can be actively engaged in a relationship with the diocese and its individual congregations—supporting their ministries as we support

theirs. To help us learn more about this special relationship and how we can best be engaged in this important work, Pastor Clifton Eshbach, who serves on the synod committee directly engaged with the diocese, will be joining us in worship on **Sunday, August 14** to share what is happening in the diocese and with the synod's relationship with them, as well as providing us with ideas of how we can begin our own relationship with them as a companion in ministry. That morning, Pastor Eshbach will be providing us with a temple talk and an in-depth program following worship. Pastor Eshbach comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and personal insights from his numerous visits to Tanzania and the congregations of the Konde Diocese. I encourage everyone to make time in their morning to be present at both learning opportunities.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Mark

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## Congratulations and Best Wishes

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday in August

- 1 - Shirley Tobias
- 5 - Peggy Dean
- 8 - Candice Walker
- 11- Tressie Martin
- 12- Joyce Hooper
- 17- Norman Wangman
- 17 - Phyllis Peters
- 21 - Carl Rentschler
- 30- Dan Doremus
- 30- Martha Nissley

Send them a birthday card or call them with a greeting. We pray God grants them many more years in their pilgrimage.

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## This Week At Holy Trinity: August 7-13

*Please note that Monday Yoga is in person in the Gathering Area.*

<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
2:00pm	Trinity Game Day
<b>Monday, August 8</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Thursday, August 11</b>	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
<b>Saturday, August 13</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group
7:00pm	Campfire Worship
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
9:00am	Konde Diocese Temple Talk
10:00am	Konde Diocese Learning Program
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
11:00am	Lunch Bunch

[View This Month's Calendar Here](#)

## Office Hours: August 8-12

We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8AM- 4PM	9AM-12:30PM
Tuesday	8AM - 4PM	9:30AM- 12:30PM
Wednesday	8AM - 4PM	9AM - 12:30PM
Thursday	8AM - 4PM	9:30AM- 12:30PM
Friday	8AM - NOON	OFF

## More Info For You



### Trinity Game Day

**Sunday, August 7 2-4PM**

Table Games. Corn Hole.  
Free Play in the Gym.  
Families, Oldsters & Youths  
Youth in middle school and  
below must come with an  
adult.

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### THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH

**BUNCH** will be going to  
Kyma Seafood Grill  
on **August 14**. Reservations  
can be made by calling  
Cheryl Plummer at 717-625-  
3187 by August 13.

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### Friday Night Dinner

We will not be gathering in August  
and will resume the 2nd Friday of  
September, (because of the Labor  
Day holiday), **September 9th**.  
Thank you to all who come out to  
enjoy this fellowship. See you in  
September!

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### FREE Trini Mini Camp August 22-26 9:30 AM- Noon

Students who have completed  
Kindergarten - 6th grade. Free  
& Fun. Games, Crafts, snacks,  
water activities.



### EASS

#### Back to School Drive

Social Ministry and  
Evangelism committees  
are doing a Back-to-School  
Drive this year to help our  
local children through  
EASS. Select an article of  
clothing, school supply, or  
toiletry to be purchased  
from the poster in the  
Gathering Area. Items  
needed this year include  
new boys' and girls' socks  
and underwear in their  
original packaging,  
clothing, shoes, basic  
school supplies  
(notebooks, pencils  
holders, lunchboxes,  
backpacks), and toiletries  
(toothbrushes, toothpaste,  
soaps, hand sanitizer,  
deodorant). The clothing  
items should be for 6 to 12  
year old children. Drop off  
the item(s) by **Sunday  
August 21<sup>st</sup>**.

#### Summer Food Donations

beverage products (kool  
aid, juicy juice, capri suns)  
cake mixes, canned fruits,  
canned meats (spam  
,salmon, ravioli, etc.),  
canned corn, instant  
soups, beef stew, instant  
potatoes, premixed Jell-O  
snacks, fruit snacks,  
pancake syrup, baked



### Campfire Worship Service

Please join us at The  
Grove at Bergstrasse  
Lutheran

Church **Saturday,  
August 13** for an

informal outdoor  
campfire worship  
service at which we will  
be led in the singing of  
Lutheran camp

favorites. The service  
will begin at 7:00 PM,  
and there will be the  
singing of camp songs,  
puppets, and the gift of  
Holy Communion and  
each other. The service  
will be followed by the  
making of s'mores,

fellowship around the  
camp fire, and more  
singing. For those who  
need to, parking is  
permitted on the lawn  
near the worship

location. Please bring a  
flashlight and lawn  
chair or blanket on  
which to sit. In the  
event of inclement  
weather, the service

will be held indoors. We  
are looking forward to  
worshipping with you  
that night. **Please pick  
up a flyer on the table  
in the Gathering Area  
to share, and for our  
offering that evening**

beans, paper products  
(toilet paper, paper  
towels), dish soap, laundry  
detergent, feminine  
hygiene products, diapers -  
larger size 5 and 6.

**we will be collecting  
non-perishable food  
items, so bring an  
item with you that  
night to donate.**

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Dear Friends,

You may have seen the distressing news about flash flooding in eastern Kentucky. A line of severe storms dumped record amounts of rain on the area, overflowing rivers and creeks onto streets and neighborhoods. The floodwaters rose in the middle of the night from July 27 to 28, leaving people little time to evacuate. I'm writing to you today because, to respond, we need your help.

These severe floods are not limited to Kentucky. There has also been flooding in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and other states in the region.

At the time of writing this note, the death toll in Kentucky was at 16 people, and more deaths are expected as search and rescue efforts continue. Though hundreds of people have been rescued, the number of people missing is still unknown. Rising waters have damaged infrastructure, including roads, bridges and power lines, which hinders rescue efforts. The flooding has damaged hundreds of homes and other buildings and disrupted the lives of families.

The survivors of the flooding need your support. Your gifts to "U.S. Flooding" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the record-setting rainfall.

As the waters recede and the full scope of the damage is assessed, Lutheran Disaster Response will work with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and local community partners to focus on long-term needs. There are several ELCA churches in the impacted area, and we continue to be in communication with them. We anticipate our response to include rebuilding homes, replacing lost household items and providing emotional and spiritual care to survivors. We will also continue to accompany survivors of the December 2021 tornadoes in western Kentucky.

We pray that God's presence will be felt amid suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors in Kentucky that they are not alone. Thank you for your partnership.

**[DONATE HERE](#)**

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger  
Lutheran Disaster Response Fund  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Looking for more information not included in this week's newsletter?

Be sure to checkout our website!

***Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!***