

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



We are:

- A Community of Faith
- Sent by God
- To Pursue God's hopes and dreams
- For DC and the World

The artist Van Gogh did several paintings entitled, "The Sower". In the painting on the bulletin cover, the human is balanced equally by a tree, perhaps a reference to Christ on the cross, and a sun forming what looks like a halo around the sower's head. Van Gogh's painting emphasizes our role in spreading the gospel (notice how the sower's face is obscured?) and how we must work in cooperation with creation.



First Trinity & St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Weekly Mission and Ministry Opportunities July 13, 2014

To Our Visitors and Guests

Welcome! Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in the pews and add a prayer request if you wish so that we can pray with you this week. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider First Trinity and St. Matthew's. Any of the pastors would be happy to discuss this with you further. Please join us after the service in the parlor, adjoining the sanctuary, for snacks and refreshments.

Toy and Game Drive to Help Unaccompanied, Detained Children

350 unaccompanied girls and boys – mostly from Central America – are being detained along the México-United States border each day. Over the past 8 months, over 50,000 unaccompanied minors have been detained. The situation is now considered a humanitarian crisis within our nation's borders. With the hope that the Lutheran community will join in, First Trinity is collecting funds for games, toys, Spanish books and Bibles this Sunday for the unaccompanied Central American boys and girls aged 10-17 who are being detained as minors in Nogales Arizona. Bulk purchasing will ensure that a variety of things are sent. Contributions can be made in cash or check (please note Toys for Refugees in the memo line), or on line at our First Trinity Web Site.

Help a Homeless Family Move into Trinity Apartments

Next Week Trinity Arms Apartments will be taking six families from the emergency shelter at DC General Hospital and moving them into our apartments at 500 & 504 Third Street. You can help a family make the move smoother with the donation of household supplies. Donations can be made on line by giving to First Trinity online and typing **Trinity Families** in the mission box.

Wise Women Retreat

September 12-13

This fall we will have an all FT-St M's Women's Retreat at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center on Friday, Sept 12-Saturday Sept 13. Our theme for the retreat is *Gratitude* and we will be discussing the book One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are by Ann Voskamp. Overnight accommodations include a private room with bath, Friday dinner (for arrivals before 6:30), Saturday breakfast, lunch and meeting space for a cost of \$151.00. Saturday only registration is \$46.00. Early Registration is encouraged as there are limited overnight spaces available AND a copy of One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp will be provided for each participant who registers and pays by August 1. Limited scholarship is available. Registration will close Sunday August 24. Make checks payable to Wise Women of First Trinity Lutheran Church and give to Pastor Wendy or Bonnie Priebe.

CFLS Annual "Fill-A-Backpack" Campaign

With the school year approaching, help us to support more than 150 students living in low-income households! Donations can be dropped off at church until **JULY 30th!** CFLS will distribute the items at our Back to School event on August 9th. For more information on how you can help, contact Kevin Holst at development@cflsdc.org or (202) 864-6308. Donations needed: pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, lined paper, binders, calculators, tape, stapler, staples, backpacks

Next Sunday, July 20: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43