

From the Pastor's Pen



TRINITY
Together

Dear Trinity Family,

More than 135 years ago, a small group of Madison residents saw the need, and were moved by the Spirit, to begin gathering for worship in the home of Joseph Opperud, which was located where Trinity Lutheran Church stands today. I suspect this group had no idea what they began all those years ago would grow to become what Trinity is today. The ministry of Trinity has adapted and evolved over these many years, and through it all, God has been faithful to this community of faith—blessing us, providing for us, and guiding us along our journey together. In our history, there have been many wonderful moments and experiences, and there have been some incredibly challenging times, as well. In good times and hard times, alike, the people of Trinity have kept their eyes on Christ and relied on the steadfast love of God, doing their best to earnestly discern and live out God's calling to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and to love and serve our neighbors. It's difficult to even imagine the number of lives that have been impacted by the ministry God has done in and through Trinity Lutheran Church.

In 2018, the people of Trinity undertook a great challenge and opportunity through the "I Am IN" campaign. Through this initiative, we were able to repair, restore, and update our lovely facility, so we can continue to live out God's mission for us. While my family and I were not here to be a part of this campaign, I am very proud of and grateful for the way the people of Trinity stepped up and worked together to achieve this ambitious goal. The results speak for themselves. We have a beautiful, welcoming space in which to worship, learn and grow, and serve our awesome God. Thank you for all the ways you may have been a part of this venture, generously giving of your time, skills, and financial resources!

Now that the "I Am IN" campaign is drawing to a close, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might continue to participate in and support our ministry together. One of the ways you could do this is by extending your generosity

and converting all or some of your monthly "I Am IN" giving to general offering? If you are not able to continue giving in this way, there are many other ways to share your gifts and be a part of the work God is doing here—assisting with Sunday school, confirmation, service groups, worship, or serving as a leader on the council or another committee. It takes all of us sharing the resources with which God has entrusted us to fully be the faith community God intends for us to be. The Holy Spirit has awesome things in store for us and we are "IN IT Together!"

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes, "[Christ] makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Today our faith community is comprised of folks who have been members for nearly 100 years, others who have been a part of our ministry for just a few months, and everything in between. We have diverse backgrounds and perspectives. And we have a wide variety of gifts and passions to offer in our ministry together. The Holy Spirit has brought all of us together in this particular time and this particular place to work together toward a common mission. While the way in which we live out this mission looks very different today, it is essentially the same mission that brought that original group together in 1887 – to tell others about God's amazing love for the whole world and to share that love through lives of kindness and service.

I am grateful to be a part of this extraordinary faith community and am excited to see what the Spirit stirs up in us, as we ponder innovative ways to engage in a venerable mission. I would love to talk more with you about this and to hear how God might be encouraging you to share your gifts and passions.

God's Peace.

Pastor Steve

WELCOME HOME



Sunday School Open House & Ministry Fair August 27, 2023

Watch for more information coming soon!



Sunday School Registration

Sunday School for the 2023–24 school year is live! Get your kids registered for another fun year! Register online at this link <https://forms.gle/RetNqpTzE6mRe3kt8> or pick up a paper form in the narthex at Trinity! (note...please register by August 15th!) This is for ages 3 years old–5th grade. Sunday School meets 10:00–10:50 a.m. each Sunday.

Important Sunday School Dates

- August 15: Registration forms due
- August 20: Backpack Blessings during 9:30 a.m. worship service
- August 27: Sunday School Open House after 9:30 a.m. worship service
- September 10: Sunday School begins!



Preschool starts August 23rd, and we are so excited to welcome 60 students!!! Miss Beth will be on maternity leave the first few months, but Miss Cara will be returning to get the students started for the year. We are excited to welcome Alicia Koch and Shari Groen as assistant teachers while Miss Beth is on leave.



Help Wanted

Step right up to lead music! Music directors are needed for the following ensembles:

- Covenant Choir (Grades 1–4)
- Chancel Choir (Grades 5–8)
- Jubilant Bell Choir (open to young people who are interested in learning how to ring handbells)

Contact Virginia Lemme if interested in these paid positions.



Retreat Details

The ladies (high school age and older) of Trinity are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship, fun, and connecting with each other and God. Participants will learn how we can find rest in prayer through the use of a prayer journal as well as how we can use verses as a form of prayer.

All supplies and food are provided through a generous grant from the TLC Foundation, so the retreat is FREE!

*However, registration is required, so we have enough supplies, so **please register by August 4th.***

*We are so excited to spend the morning with you!
Deacon Koren Lindley & Alicia Koch*

Ladies of TLC (high school age on up)... sign up for our 1st (hopefully annual) Women's Retreat! The retreat is free thanks to a generous grant from the TLC Foundation, but registration is required by August 4! Sign up at this link <https://forms.gle/JFjBc7vMnBSaMxCt9> or by calling the office!

Note: No July council meeting was held, so there are no minutes to publish.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	07	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:00PM–6:00PM Precouncil Executives' Meeting : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:45PM Trustees' Board Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Deacons' Board Meeting : Fireside Room ; Parish Education Board Meeting : Church Office • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Off Site 	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fellowship Hall
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship w/Backpack Blessing : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Sunday School Open House : Sunday School Rooms • 10:30AM–11:45AM Summer Coffee Hour & Ministry Fair : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall	03 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall	04 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	05 • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
09	10 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall	11 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	12
16 • 4:00PM–7:00PM Preschool Meet-and-Greet : Sonshine Preschool Room	17 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–8:30PM DSU Athlete Feed : Fellowship Hall	18 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	19 • 9:00AM–3:00PM Church-wide Cleanup
23 • First Day of MWF Preschool : Sonshine Preschool Room	24 • First Day of TR Preschool : Sonshine Preschool Room • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall	25 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	26 • 8:30AM–12:00PM Rest in Prayer Women's Retreat : Fellowship Hall
30	31 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall		

Shoebox Collection

Trinity is collecting shoeboxes. Donations can be left in the mission kits bin in the narthex.

Worship Assistant Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to take care of the various aspects of worship. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 605-256-2771 or ofcimanager@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.

September Schedule Change

The September Saturday evening potluck and worship will be September 9. We will celebrate Holy Communion at all services that weekend instead of the 1st weekend.

Churchwide Cleanup Day

The churchwide cleanup day will be Saturday, August 19. We are planning for two shifts: 9 a.m.–noon and noon–3 p.m. Stay tuned for more information.



Financial Response as of 6/30/2023

Your General Fund Offering	\$140,811.09
Expenses	\$217,863.73
Expenses over Offering	\$-77,052.64

Mission Kits for LWR

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene or keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

Bags to fill with Personal Care Kit or School Kit items are now available in the church narthex. Take some home, fill with items on the attached list and return to the church by August 27. Thank you!

Membership Information

Is your info. up-to-date?

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land-line? Did you change your e-mail address? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Did you get a divorce? Do you wonder why the church has not been connecting with you? Please notify the church office when you have an address change, e-mail change, marital status change, etc. or update the information on your Realm account.



Join us each Thursday
1:00–3:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
for Coffee Time on Thursdays.
All are welcome!

**Come to Church
this Sunday**



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU for sending your rostered leaders and voting members to the 2023 synod assembly. Almost 400 people gathered under the theme of "Cultivate" with a focus on rural ministry. Our two keynote speakers, Rev. Mark Yackel-Juleen from Wartburg Seminary and Rev. Jon Anderson from Luther Seminary, shared hard facts and data as well as hope and future vision. Did you know that Region 3, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, are the largest region in the ELCA? Did you know that 75% of the members of the ELCA live rural communities? And did you know that the average worship attendance across the ELCA is 50–75 people?

When I travel and visit congregations across our synod I either hear directly or in between the lines that ministry can feel lonesome as a rostered leader as well as a congregation. I hope you heard at the synod assembly that you are not alone, but that you have partners that care and are standing by to accompany you. Rev. Phil Hirsch was our churchwide representative at the Synod Assembly. While I give thanks for his report, what I want to share with you, that you do not know, is that you have left an impression on him. Once the synod assembly concluded on Saturday, he took off with our Rural Ministry Liaison, Pastor Alan Blankenfeld, and Kathy McHenry from Lutheran Planned Generosity to experience rural South Dakota. I know that he enjoyed his experience, both at the assembly as well as the tutoring from the synod, because he said so. It has sharpened his understanding of rural ministry and our place in the life and ministry of the ELCA. Thank you, South Dakota Synod, for your hospitality, your welcome, and for your ministry.

I pray for adequate moisture, farm and ranch safety, energy as you plan for fall ministry, and fun and growth during your summer ministry programming. Please know that I am always happy to come and visit. Crystal McCormick at the synod office will be delighted to schedule a visit with you; just reach out to her via email cmccormick@sdsynod.org and she'll get us together.

Journeying in Christ with you,
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the SD Synod

Back on the Road!

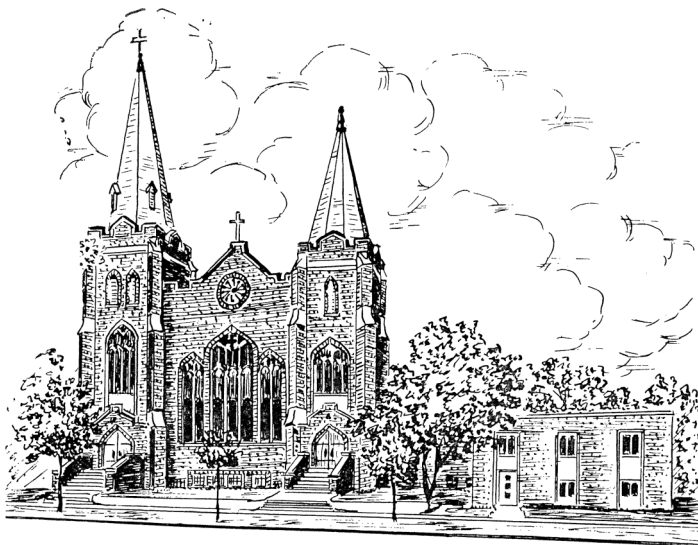
What an exciting time in the SD Synod! I am still energized from the Synod Assembly's focus on rural ministry, and being able to see the fruits of our labors is incredible. I think that people from all parts of the synod and all walks of life know that there are benefits and struggles of rural life, not to mention rural ministry. But when we approach the fears and struggles together, we are able to make our way through them; sometimes it's not easy but yet we can do it. Rural ministry can be so rewarding if we can get rostered ministers to realize this and embrace these small rural communities.

I am also very thankful for Bishop Constanze and her vision of raising up lay leaders – this is also a very exciting part of my call. I get to help lay leaders look at the educational possibilities available to them that weren't there before; whether they just want to take lay classes or are ready to explore what seminary may look like for them. Some of the people that I have coffee with will be in seminary but they just don't know it yet! If you or someone you know would like to have coffee with me, please let me know.

I would also like to thank Bergen Lutheran church for their commitment to rural ministry as they are hosting a Threshing Bee to benefit Rural Ministries in the South Dakota Synod on Sunday July 30!! I hope to see many of you there!

Rural ministry is rewarding and difficult all at the same time but what a wonderful ministry it is!

Blessings,
Pastor Alan Blankenfeld
Rural Ministry Liaison





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Financial Giving Options

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website (www.tlcmadison.com) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- If you should have questions with any of these options or would like to discuss which one is the best option for you, please call Alex at the church office at 605-256-2771.

Mission of the Month

The August Mission of the Month is "The Gathering"—United Methodist Church. Every Monday from 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. local organizations provide the meals and serve the meals out of the north door at the church. Trinity is assigned one Monday in August. Last year, members from the Board of Deacons served over 190 meals.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund.

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for August is cereal. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: none

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH