

Deacon's Discourse

"Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

PSALM 100:3-5

We have so much to be thankful for here at Trinity. Last month when Pastor Steve preached on gratitude and began listing just some of the reasons we have to be grateful here at Trinity, it made me think about God's faithfulness to God's people. Trinity went through 3 years of transitional leadership as well as a pandemic, yet God continued then and continues now to bless this congregation and pour out God's love on God's people.

This month the Stewardship Committee here at Trinity has written prayers for each day of November. We are calling it Month of Prayer. You will find the Month of Prayer calendar in this newsletter. You are encouraged to gather (in person or on the phone or

in some other creative way) your household, your family, other members of Trinity, or on your own and pray the prayer of the day each day in November. Each day lifts up a person, group, or area of ministry at Trinity that we are thankful for. Put the calendar somewhere you will see it and be reminded each day to give thanks to God for God's love and faithfulness.

We love a God who made us, claims us, loves us, forgives us, and is always with us. Let us give thanks each day this November for our many blessings as Trinity Lutheran Church!

Deacon Koren

Advent Book Study



Trinity will be offering a book study in Advent, as an opportunity for conversation, connection, and growth. This group will meet on Sunday mornings during fellowship time (10-10:45 am), 11/26-12/17. We will read and discuss the book, *Surrender to Love* by David G. Benner. In this brief yet powerful book, Benner

reminds the reader of God's nature—unbounded and unconditional love—and he articulates the freedom that comes through surrendering to God's love. If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Steve know by 11/15. The book can be ordered on Amazon or other online book sellers for about \$15. If you would like us to order a copy for you, please let us know.

Newsletter Mailing Notice

Beginning in December, in an effort to reduce printing and postage costs, we will be paring down our mailing list for the newsletter. Paper copies of the newsletter will only be mailed to people who are unable to receive the newsletter electronically

and are unable to pick up a copy at the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Steve or the office. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate your understanding, as we try to be good stewards of the resources with which we have been entrusted. Thank you!



Unapproved October Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
7:00 p.m.

President Wade Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice-president Tom Farrell introduced Kathy McHenry, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity, and Trinity Foundation members Beth Delzer and Jeanine Reed.

Present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Wade Briggs, Vice-president Tom Farrell, Nancy Sabbe, Secretary

Board of Trustees: Dana Hoff, Marie Millage, Walker Ruhd, Eric Anderson

Board of Deacons: Becky Brown, Virginia Lemme, Patti Weber

Board of Parish Education: Jennifer Briggs, Melody Hansen, Dani Ruhd, Alicia Koch

Vice-president Tom Farrell led the devotions challenging those present to live Trinity's mission statement. Pastor Steve Lindley led the group in prayer.

Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Jennifer Briggs, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Kathy McHenry summarized the information she will present when she attends services on November 19, 2023. She asked that the event be promoted as well as possible. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of her services which are free to Trinity members.

Motion by Virginia Lemme, seconded by Eric Anderson, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Wade Briggs reported the following: as of September 30, 2023,

Offering	\$215,591.95
Expenses	\$337,544.94
Expenses over offering	\$121,952.99

We are relying on savings to cover expenses. Motion by Becky Brown, seconded by Jennifer Briggs, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Vice-president Tom Farrell reported

- Although we are not spending more than was budgeted, we will go outside the mission plan to pay bills in October.
- Trinity's revised constitution is with the Synod constitution review committee. We are waiting for information on the next steps.
- The nominating committee is working. Thanks extended to Jim Iverson for agreeing to chair the group.
- Grant requests are coming into the Foundation.
- Thanks to Kathy McHenry for joining the Council meeting.

Deacon Koren submitted a written report including

- Sunday School is going well and continues to attract new students.
- Five new students have been added to the confirmation classes since the classes began.

Pastor Steve submitted a written report and added the following:

- Looking at putting together a task force to study how to use our facility more efficiently making it more of an asset. President Wade Briggs volunteered to serve on the task force.

President Wade Briggs reported:

- Amber Johnson has resigned her position on the Board of Deacons. The Executive Board has appointed Jim Iverson to serve as Deacon of Services and Sacraments through the annual meeting.

Board of Parish Education—Jennifer Briggs reporting

- Trinity has 15 kids and 3 adults registered to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They are planning fund raisers including a pie auction and serving brunch after the Hanging of the Greens service.

Board of Deacons—Becky Brown reporting

- The 80th birthday party was great success.
- There will be no coffee in the Narthex beginning in November.
- An organ and piano concert is scheduled for Sunday, October 15. Donations will be received for the purchase of a piano to replace the piano in the Fellowship Hall. There will be an article in the

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Madison Daily Leader later this week. In addition to the recital, funds are being raised through the sale of the keys of the new piano.

- The responses to the worship study have been reviewed.
- Motion by Becky Brown, seconded by Patti Weber, to reinstate Jingle Change on the second Sunday of each month with the offering designated to the Mission of the Month while maintaining the guaranteed minimum amount included in the mission plan for each mission. Motion carried. Deacon Koren requested that someone else introduce the mission for each month and Jingle Change.

Board of Trustees—Dana Hoff reporting

- Working on the 2024 mission plan including checking on a Team subscription for the telephones which may decrease the telephone bill.
- Received a rejection notice for wind insurance and for coverage of terrorist acts. This coverage would cost an additional \$3,256.23 annually.
- Walker Ruhd reported that the Stewardship Committee will be asking all members to participate in a daily prayer of just a few lines that will be printed in the newsletter and E-news. It will also go out to the Sunday School classes and confirmation students.

Pastor Steve led a team building exercise. Teams were assigned the task of coming up with dumb ideas for how the staff could keep warm if the new air exchanges units are not installed.

BUSINESS

President Wade Briggs explained that a discrepancy in the job description for the Custodian and Maintenance Supervisor was noticed. The Executive Board has approved the revised job description. The descriptions for other positions will be checked for similar issues.

Health insurance benefit selections for the staff were discussed. Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Walker Ruhd, to continue to provide the Gold+ package through Portico. A 2.5% increase in the premium is anticipated for 2024. Motion carried.

The Council discussed methods to address the giving deficit in the immediate future. The two suggestions were to borrow from ourselves, or to transfer from the Cornerstone Fund. Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Becky Brown, to authorize the Finance Committee to work with Katie Nelson to meet monthly expenses with transfers from the Cornerstone Fund. Motion carried.

Work on the 2024 mission plan continues. The Council is considering how to best present the plan and the information that went into its creation.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, secretary



Membership Information

Is your info. up-to-date?

Thank you Tom Farrell and Susan Williams for delivering home communion on October 15. Serving in this capacity is much appreciated.

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.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays</p> <p>Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday</p>		
<p>05 <i>All Saints' Sunday, Back to Standard Time</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30PM–8:00PM Preschool Board Meeting : Conference Room 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/Coy Himley Baptism : Sanctuary 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fireside Room 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:45PM–6:45PM Preschool Conferences : Conference Room 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room 	<p>14</p> <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 3:45PM–7:00PM Preschool Conferences : Conference Room 5:00PM–6:00PM Precouncil Executives' Meeting : Fellowship Hall 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 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
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>21</p> <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 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 7:00PM–8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fellowship Hall
<p>26 <i>Christ the King</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall 10:00AM–10:45AM Advent Book Study 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 <i>All Saints' Day</i> • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room	02 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room	03 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	04 • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
08 • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room	09 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Foundation Commission Meeting : Conference Room • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room	10 • 12:00AM–11:59PM No Preschool–Prof. Development Day • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	11
15 • 3:45PM–7:00PM Preschool Conferences : Conference Room • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room	16 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 3:45PM–7:00PM Preschool Conferences : Conference Room • 6:30PM–7:30PM Scouts Pack Meeting : Fellowship Hall	17 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study • 3:45PM–7:00PM Preschool Conferences : Conference Room	18 • 9:00AM–3:00PM Lefse Making : Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
22 • No Preschool–Thanksgiving Break • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> • No Preschool–Thanksgiving Break • Office Closed	24 • No Preschool–Thanksgiving Break • Office Closed • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	25
29 • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room	30 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room		

Music Ministry Contacts

Sunday School Choir (Grades 1–5)
Stacey Riedel 605-270-1233

Cherub Choir Ages (Preschool & Kindergarten)
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727

Epiphany Bell Choir (high school & adults)
Diane Plack 605-270-0691

Chancel Choir (Grades 5–8)
Tami Christiansen 605-480-0727
Jennifer Briggs 605-480-1870

Adult Choir
Lorri May 605-270-9307

Valiant Living Tree

The Valiant Living Tree is up! Stop by the tree in the narthex to choose a tag and provide a Christmas gift for a resident of Valiant Living. Please be sure to sign the clipboard when taking a tag. Gifts are due back at the church by Sunday, Dec. 3.



Financial Response as of 9/30/2023

Your General Fund Offering	\$ 215,591.95
Expenses	\$ 337,544.94
Expenses over Offering	\$ (121,952.99)

Fellowship Hall Piano Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the piano key fundraiser. Any further donations can be directed to the church office.

LAKE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

CHRISTMAS TURKEY AND ANGEL TREE PROJECTS: The Food Pantry has provided food to over 500 people so far this year and is continuing its regular distribution of emergency food supplies. As the holiday season approaches, the Food Pantry is preparing for the 41st annual Christmas Projects.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY: In 2022, 144 families consisting of 503 people received Christmas food boxes, valued at \$75 each. Eligibility for receiving food boxes is determined by ICAP, the Community Health Nurse, the local Social Services office, and the Madison Ministerial Association. If you know of anyone in need of a Christmas food box, please contact one of these agencies.

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree Project is in its 39th year. Three 'angel' trees have been set up, one each in the community window of Gary's Bakery, the Madison Public Library and at Montgomery's Furniture. On each tree are 'Angels' which identify deserving children and suggested gift(s). In 2022, 291 children received over 650 gifts through this program. Most children will be in 8th grade or younger. We encourage any interested person or group to 'adopt' Angels and purchase that child's gift. Money donations are also welcome and can be deposited in the Food Pantry's account at First Bank and Trust or sent to PO Box, 61, Madison, SD 57042.

Gifts should be delivered to the Downtown City Armory (198 Van Eps Ave N., Madison) beginning Saturday, December 9th through Wednesday, December 13, 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily except Sunday. The food and gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

We are again asking for your support of the Food Pantry Christmas Programs. Your past support has meant a merrier Christmas for many Lake County families. All donations to the Food Pantry are tax deductible. Thank you for your help.

Food Pantry Board of Directors

Come to Church this Sunday

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

October 13, 2023

In Memory of Frank Beesley

Clara Downs

In Memory of Allen Olson

Susan and Terry Olson

Mary Lingbeck

Al and Kathy Lewis

In Memory of Roger Ayers

Mary Lingbeck

Terry and Carol Andersen

Elaine Struwe

Merlyn and Ardella VanRosendale

Sandra Ayers

Clara Downs

In Memory of Myron Downs

Doug and Joan Merager

Dick and Barb Ellis

Nyla Sonen

Richard and Linda Nighbert

Todd and Susan Williams

Eleanor Morse

Sandra Ayers

Karen Feige

Marlys Schmidt

Matt and Kim Bruns

Tom and Joyce Farrell

Bill and Diane Bruns

In Memory of Wayne Wetzberger

Lana Johnson

Todd and Susan Williams

Bill and Diane Bruns

Gretchen Strombeck

Jim and Cheryl Iverson

Kim Wetzberger

Dennis and Carol Nordling

David and Marian Wheeler

Doug and Joan Merager

Joyce Richter

Kim Wetzberger

Did you know that writing a check is the most expensive way to make a gift? Does making a will seem too complicated or expensive? Would you like to know how to avoid leaving a big inheritance to the government? Have you thought about how you might be able to support Trinity Lutheran Church and your other favorite ministries as a part of your estate plan? As a gift from the South Dakota Synod and partners of Lutheran Planned Generosity, Kathy McHenry will join us on Sunday, November 19, with suggestions and solutions to all of these questions and more. Join us for worship at both services and also during the coffee hour.

Your life can make a difference! (Kathy provides this information as a free service for congregations and donors in South Dakota, with no obligations and nothing to sell. She is employed as synod staff and not affiliated with any financial services or investment company.)



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The community Thanksgiving Eve worship service is at St. John Lutheran Church this year.

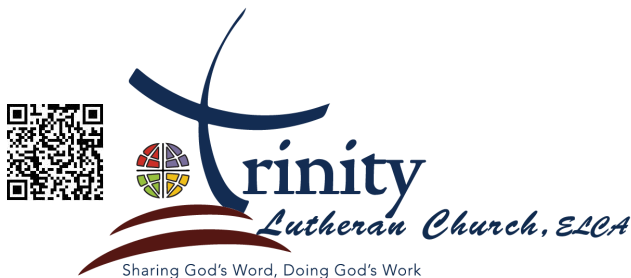
McCrossan Boys Ranch Christmas Project

Thank you to all who have taken home a shoebox for a resident at McCrossan Boys Ranch. All filled shoeboxes are due back at the church by Sunday, November 5, 2023.

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 office@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.





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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 November Mission of the Month is Lake County Food Pantry. This program began forty years ago this year. Provides over 40,000 pounds of food to individuals and families needing food assistance. One in ten families in Lake County deal with "food insecurity" each day.

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 November is canned vegetables. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Margaret Kuhl on October 24

Baptisms: Palmer Brunick on October 1
Eden Jensen on October 7

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



Month of Prayer

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Creator God, we thank you for the harvest of the crops, both completed and in process. Please watch over all farmers and laborers and keep them safe. Amen.	2 Gracious God, we are blessed to be able to share the sacrament of Holy Communion with those who are not able to join us for worship. Thank you for the volunteers who selflessly give their time to bring Communion into their homes. Amen.	3 Awesome God, you place your call on leaders from this community of faith to serve on council. We give thanks for those who have responded to this call and for all of the ways they guide and facilitate Trinity's ministry. Amen.	4 Loving God, you give us so many opportunities to love and serve our neighbor, locally and across the globe. Inspire us to enthusiastically support these service opportunities and work through them to bless the lives of those whom we serve. Amen.
5 Gracious Lord, we are grateful for the beautiful, historic facilities with which you have entrusted us. Help us to be good stewards of this resource, so it might serve Trinity and the Madison community for many more years to come. Amen.	6 God of abundance, we give you thanks for the Trinity Foundation. We are grateful the financial resources available through the foundation greatly expand and enhance the ministry we are able to do as a faith community. Amen.	7 God of peace, today we lift up the wonderful church staff we have. We thank you for the work that Alex, Lisa and Scotty do to make Trinity a wonderful, peaceful place to worship and serve you. Amen.	8 Gracious Lord, in thanksgiving, we lift up to you all of the beautiful music ministry we enjoy at Trinity. We are grateful and blessed with many talented people who are willing to share their gifts to lift up Your name. Amen.	9 Gracious God, we are so blessed by all of the people who call Trinity their church home. They bring so much to our church family with their presence. Amen.	10 Awesome God, we give you thanks for the volunteers who give their time each week to assemble worship bulletins and each month to prepare the newsletter. Help them to know how much their service means to Trinity's ministry. Amen.	11 Gracious Lord, we are blessed to share in the amazing ministry of Trinity Preschool. It is an honor to be able to provide a wonderful space for classes to meet. Bless the teachers and students, and those who volunteer to serve on the Preschool Board. Amen.
12 Bread of Life, thank you so much for a wonderful group of volunteers who serve as "Loafers" for our faith community. It is so meaningful to have bread prepared by them for each of our communion services. Amen.	13 Transforming God, we give you thanks for all the ways your Spirit is at work in and through the people of Trinity. Help us to listen well, to be open to your guidance, and to respond to your call. Amen.	14 Gracious Lord, we thank you for the wonderful ladies who gather each week to make such beautiful quilts to be shared with our high school graduating seniors and sent to other missions. We give you thanks for their talent and dedication. Amen.	15 Healing God, we lift up to you all those in our community who are in need of healing. By your Spirit, restore their bodies, minds, and souls, and bring them your peace. Amen.	16 Awesome God, we are so blessed with the many activities and programs that we as a congregation are able to provide for our middle school and high school youth. Thank you for the funding and the volunteers who make it happen. Amen.	17 Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the many people who are willing to prepare and serve food for funerals that are held here at Trinity. We are grateful for the comfort and support this ministry provides grieving families. Amen.	18 God of wisdom, in gratitude, we lift up all of the teachers and guides who help form the faith of Trinity's youth. Guide them and empower them by your Holy Spirit. Amen.
19 God of wonder, thank you for all those who volunteer to bring your Word to us each week as lectors. We are blessed to be able to hear your life-giving Word and connect it to our lives. Amen.	20 Gracious God, thank you for the talented musicians and singers who are willing to donate their time and musical gifts to provide music for our Celebration Service. We are blessed to be able to worship you in a variety of ways. Amen.	21 God of all ages, we marvel at the ministry you have done through Trinity in the last 135 years. You have impacted and changed so many lives through the people here. Help us to remember our past, while looking ahead to our future. Amen.	22 Gracious Lord, thank you for providing so many volunteers from our service groups who make us coffee and treats each week during fellowship time. They are also such a wonderful blessing during Lent to provide us with delicious soups. Amen.	23 God of joy, we give you thanks for the gift of community and relationships. Inspire us to find ways to cultivate joy, laughter, and festiveness in our life together. Amen.	24 Gracious God, we are so blessed at Trinity to have folks each Sunday who volunteer their time to usher and greet for each of our weekly worship services. Thank you for giving them servant hearts. Amen.	25 Awesome God, we are grateful for the ministry of the Madison Area Ministerial Association. Thank you for the ways people in the area experience your love and provision through the cooperation of your church. Encourage MAMA leaders to always focus on you. Amen.
26 Gracious God, we lift up to you all of Trinity's youth who are preparing to participate in the ELCA National Youth Gathering next year. We are grateful that they will have this amazing opportunity, and ask that you be with the youth and leaders, as they prepare. Amen.	27 Generous God, you give this faith community all we need to do the ministry to which you have called us. Help each of us to discover our unique passions and gifts, and inspire us to employ them for the sake of your mission. Amen.	28 Steadfast God, we pray for everyone in our community who is experiencing transition or uncertainty. Hold them in your loving arms and assure them that they do not walk this path alone. Amen.	29 Gracious Lord, we are thankful for the opportunity we have to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 5 and Cub Scout Pack 5. We ask that You be with all the children who benefit from scouting and watch over those who are willing to serve as leaders. Amen.	30 God of grace, we give you thanks for all of the wonderful opportunities this faith community provides for us to grow in our faith outside of worship. We are grateful for Sunday School, Confirmation, women's and men's Bible studies, book studies, and retreats. Amen.		