

From the Pastor's Pen



“But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit”
- 1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT) -

Dear friends,

Much of our Christian faith and life together is grounded in promises. Most importantly, of course, we center our lives on God's promise to love, bless, and forgive us, regardless of anything we've done, said, or thought ... the promise that there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from God's love, in Christ, not even death ... and that, if we follow the way of Jesus and give our lives away, we will experience a life of unimaginable abundance, filled with meaning, joy, and peace. In addition, along our communal journey, we make promises of our own, and hold one another accountable to living out these promises.

When we bring a child to the font for the sacrament of baptism, that child's parents, or guardians, and sponsors make promises before God and before the community of faith - to walk with this child on their faith journey, to guide them and help them grow in their faith, and to ensure that they grow up in Christian community. At the same time, the faith community in which this child is baptized makes promises, as well - promising to “support and pray for [the child] in

their new life in Christ.” It takes all of us; family, friends, and the whole community of faith, to raise up a child in the way of Jesus.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, another group of young women and men from Trinity will stand before the congregation and claim the promises of baptism for themselves. They will help lead us in worship, share a little about their own journey, and publicly commit themselves to continuing what was started for them - growing deeper in their faith and living their lives according to the teachings of Jesus. This is a BIG day ... for these young people, and for all of us who have supported them and prayed for them throughout their lives! I invite and encourage you to join us in preserving the promises we made when these young people were baptized by worshiping with us on Reformation Sunday and celebrating this milestone with these young men and women, and their families.

God's Peace.

Pastor Steve

Unapproved September Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Vice-president Tom Farrell called the meeting to order.

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

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

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

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

Absent and excused: President Wade Briggs, Eric Anderson, Melody Hansen

Vice-president Tom Farrell led devotions and an opening prayer.

Motion by Virginia Lemme, seconded by Walker Ruhd, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Becky Brown, seconded by Jennifer Briggs, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting as printed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Vice-president Tom Farrell reported that the expenses are being managed well, but giving continues to be less than anticipated in the mission plan. He noted that giving traditionally increases in the fourth quarter of the year. Motion by Jennifer Briggs, seconded by Patti Weber, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Steve reported

- That he and Scotty have revised the description of the custodian/maintenance supervisor position so that the duties correspond more accurately to what is actually being done. The new description was reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.
- That the Executive Council also discussed staff affirmations including changing from affirmation to review and who will be present for the staff reviews.
- The worship survey is complete and will be distributed at the services on September 17 and 24.
- The transition back to two services each Sunday has gone smoothly.

- The confirmation classes are meeting. There is a new curriculum this year.
- There was a good attendance for the first gathering of the high school youth group.
- There is a possibility of an Advent book study.
- That the addition of a Care Team would be much appreciated as the calls for pastoral care are too many for one person to handle.

Deacon Koren submitted a written report.

- The women's retreat was great. Deacon Koren hopes to have more in the future.

Vice-president Tom Farrell reported

- The Foundation Commission will accept grant proposals beginning October 1 through October 31. There is \$1,263 available from the Hazel Johnson account and \$13,046 from the Faith in Action account.
- Current Trinity Foundation assets are \$880,015.06
- The Foundation has scheduled an educational event for November 19, 2023. Kathy McHenry, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota, will be part of both worship services and present information during the coffee hour. She will meet with the Council and the Foundation Commission at the Council's October 10 meeting.

Board of Deacons-Becky Brown reported

- Worship surveys are ready to be distributed on September 17 and 24. They will survey the congregation about the changes in the services that were implemented this summer.
- The survey will also be available electronically. Dani Ruhd will create the document and get it to Alex to send out.
- There will be an organ and piano concert in the sanctuary on October 15. There will be a free will offering going toward the purchase of a new piano for the Fellowship Hall. The option to "buy a key" will also be available.
- The Deacons served 226 meals for The Gathering. The meals were not catered this year so expenses were less. Thanks to Walker Ruhd and Dana Hoff for procuring and cooking the meat.
- The 80th birthday party will be on September 18.
- Three new home communion kits have been purchased.

Board of Trustees—Dana Hoff reported

- Sid Gulbranson and Scotty will meet on September 23 to install the heating and cooling system.

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Board of Parish Education—Jennifer Briggs reported

- Sunday School needs one more teacher
- High School Youth Group activity—on October 1 will go to Air Madness
- There are 15 young people and 3 adults registered to attend the National Youth Gathering
- Using a Foundation Grant to purchase a television and associated equipment.

BUSINESS

Vice-president Tom Farrell gave an update on the work of the Constitution Revision Committee. He explained that the following steps must be taken before the document is officially adopted. If the Council agrees with the changes made by the committee, the document will be sent to the synod office for examination. If there are no problems, the document will be placed on the Synod Council’s agenda for its approval. If the document is approved by the Synod Council, it will be on the agenda for Trinity’s annual meeting in January 2024. If approved at the annual meeting, a special meeting of the congregation to ratify the constitution will be held in May 2024. The major change to the constitution is the structure of the Church Council. Nine churches of comparable size were surveyed. Those surveyed responded that they did have a council similar to Trinity’s, but have changed that to one similar to what is proposed in the revised constitution. The new structure decreases the number of board positions to four on each board. Boards will meet independently of the Council at a date and time convenient to the members. One member of each board—deacons, trustees, and faith formation—will serve as chair of the board and will be a voting member of the Church Council. Other voting members are the president, vice-president, pastor, deacon, and secretary. It was the consensus of the Council to accept the re-

vised document. Vice-president Tom Farrell will deliver this decision to the Constitution Revision Committee.

Vice-president Tom Farrell reported that Jim Iverson will serve as the previous year council member on the Nominating Committee and will chair the committee. Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Patti Weber, to approve this appointment. Motion carried.

Pastor Steve reported on changes made by the Executive Council to staff affirmations. Traditionally the entire Executive Council met with staff members. Beginning this year, the president, vice-president, and pastor will conduct staff reviews. The Preschool Board will be responsible for reviews of preschool staff.

Vice-president Tom Farrell reported that because the offering is down, all of the designated savings in the mission plan for this year have been expended. Total offerings through August 31 are \$193,611. If giving continues at the current rate, total offering for 2023 will be \$328,321 which is well below the amount budgeted in the mission plan. Suggestions to increase giving included making electronic giving easier; consider reinstating jingle change; Becky Brown will create “Did You Know?” questions that highlight the church’s expenses. The Stewardship Committee will meet September 14. At that meeting they will discuss asking Danny Brown or another individual to speak to the congregation about the current financial situation.

Budget information will be sent electronically to the Boards. They are asked to complete their requests by the October Council meeting. The goal is to have a mission plan ready for Council approval in December.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, secretary



Thank you Ron and Roberta Janke, Jim Iverson & Susan Williams for serving home communion on 9.17.23. Serving in this capacity is much appreciated.

**Medary Conference Women of the ELCA
Fall Retreat
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Trinity Lutheran Church, Arlington**

Theme: Jesus Loves Me
Theme Verse: “This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)
Registration (\$10) and Coffee start at 9:00 a.m.
Welcome and Opening Hymn Sing at 9:30 a.m.
Bible study, report from the SD synodical meeting and triennial convention, skits, silent auction, and fellowship with coffee also on the agenda.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms ; Women's Bible Study : Conference Room • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/Palmer Brunick Baptism : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00PM–7:00PM NYG Planning Meeting : Youth Room • 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Bible Study : Conference Room, Fireside Room 	<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall
<p>08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms ; Women's Bible Study : Conference Room • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 4:00PM–6:00PM Confirmation Retreat : Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Off Site 	<p>09 <i>Native American Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Preschool • Office Closed • 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Bible Study : Conference Room, Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>10</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 • 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
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms ; Women's Bible Study : Conference Room • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 2:00PM–3:00PM Fall Organ & Piano Concert : Sanctuary • 3:00PM–4:00PM Concert Reception : Fellowship Hall • 4:00PM–6:00PM Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal : Sanctuary 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Women's Bible Study : Conference Room, Fireside Room 	<p>17</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>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms ; Women's Bible Study : Conference Room • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Bible Study : Conference Room, Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>24</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>29 <i>Reformation Sunday & Confirmation Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms ; Women's Bible Study : Conference Room • 10:00AM–11:00AM Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Bible Study : Conference Room, Fireside Room ; BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>31 <i>Reformation Day</i></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
<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room 	<p>06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion & Jensen Baptism : Fellowship Hall
<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>14</p>
<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Scouts Pack Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>21</p>
<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	<p>28</p>
			<p>Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays</p> <p>Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday</p>

Music Ministry Contacts

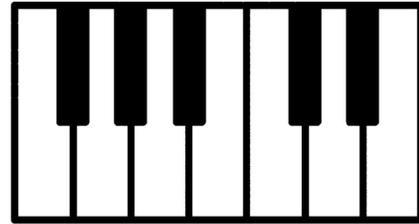
Sunday School Choir (Grades 1–5)
Stacey Riedel 605-270-1233

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



Fellowship Hall Piano Fundraiser

Support the purchase of a new piano for Trinity's Fellowship Hall in the following ways. Give in the office or contact Virginia Lemme.

- Buy a key for \$25.
- Freewill offering at the organ-piano concert on Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.
- Sponsor an artist for the Oct. 15 concert.



Organ-Piano Concert October 15, 2 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Come enjoy live organ and piano music as a fundraiser for a new piano for the Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be taken, and refreshments will follow.

Valiant Living Tree

We've had people ask whether Trinity will be doing the Valiant Living Tree again this year. Yes, we will! The Giving Tree with tags with gift ideas for the residents of Valiant Living will be up in the narthex by the end of October.



Financial Response as of 8/31/2023

Your General Fund Offering	\$ 193,611.10
Expenses	\$ 296,888.17
Expenses over Offering	\$ 104,277.07

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.

Come to Church this Sunday

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Upcoming Grant Applications

Faith In Action Grants

The only criteria for a grant award is that the project or organization must further the missions and ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church and is not being funded by Trinity's general operating budget. The possibilities are endless! This is an opportunity for anyone -- individuals, Boards, choirs, committees, youth groups and others. Applications are due on or before October 31, 2023.

Hazel Johnson Endowment

The established purpose of the Endowment was to provide support for missions, both global and within the United States (including local). The donor did not restrict the type of missions to be supported. Based on the requests, the Foundation will attempt to allocate some support to global missions, as well as those within the United States. The Foundation Commission's last grant was for global missions. Applications are due on or before October 31, 2023.

Applications can be obtained from the Church office, Church Website or e-mail Tom Farrell at retiredtom.farrell@gmail.com or Alex Eykamp at oficemanager@tlcmadison.com.

Applications must be returned to the church office no later than **October 31, 2023 and only requests submitted on completed application forms will be considered**, with awards determined in late November.

Recent Memorials

September 2023

In Memory of Myron Downs

David and Ann Marie Rossing

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

Service Opportunity within Trinity

The Nominating Committee is in need of servants to fill positions on the Church Council, beginning next February. Opportunities exist in these areas:

Board of Deacons:

Evangelical Outreach – 2 year term; Mission Momentum – 3 year term; and Sacraments and Services – 3 year term

Board of Parish Education: Confirmation – 1 year term; Youth Ministry – 3 year term

Board of Trustees: Development and Planning – 3 year term; Sanctuary Property – 1 year term

Vice-President: 1 year term

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you could serve our congregation in this way and reach out to the Nominating Committee members shown below.

Pastor Lindley will convene our first meeting in the coming weeks. We plan on filling these service opportunities by the December Council meeting.

Danny Brown	605-496-6703	djbrown901@gmail.com
Scott Delzer	605-270-0859	Sdelzer256@gmail.com
Dick Ellis	605-256-2343	dick@wrccpa.com
Kristin Morse	605-256-9863	jkmorse01@gmail.com
Patti Weber	605-480-3231	weberp0@sio.midco.net
Jim Iverson; Chair	605-256-4323	jiverson1@sio.midco.net

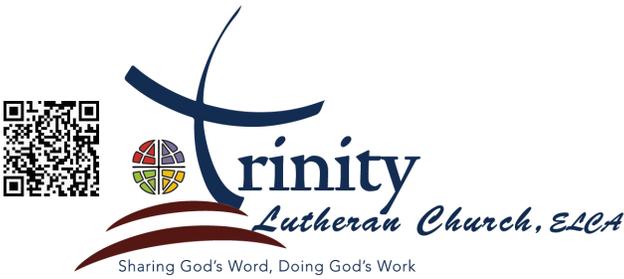
Did you know that in scripture, the word "leader" is mentioned 91 times, and the word "servant" is mentioned 845 times! Come and help serve your church!

Thank you!

McCossan Boys Ranch Christmas Project

Thank you to all who have donated empty shoeboxes over the past year for the McCossan Boys Ranch Christmas Shoebox project. Boxes to take home to fill will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, September 24. When taking a box to fill, please sign your name on the clipboard. Please be sure to include your NAME, PHONE NUMBER and EMAIL ADDRESS, along with the number found on the box you are taking. A list of requested items is attached to each box.

All filled shoeboxes are due back at the church by Sunday, November 5, 2023.



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
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Madison, SD
Permit No. 78

203 N. Harth Ave.
Madison, SD 57042

Return Service Requested

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 October Mission of the Month is Domestic Abuse Network, Madison. Our donation would support our local center, who serves women and children impacted by abuse. Men in the program are served out of Sioux Falls.

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 October is laundry soap. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Allen Olson on August 28

Roger Ayers on September 6

Jackie Nelson on September 26

Baptisms: Grace Hall on September 24

Weddings: Noah and Rachel Hodges on September 9

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