

Deacon's Discourse



Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

Fall is upon us, and we are preparing to transition into a new season of activity! I enjoy entering this season because it is a time of familiarity and at the same time just enough refreshing change. For instance, we have the rhythm of confirmation classes every Wednesday evening, but the mix of students and guides is new. Some students and guides will be in their first year of confirmation, some will be in their 2nd or final year, and some students will be preparing for their big confirmation day in October. Those in class will also be covering new content that is different than last year. Same class offering, but a whole new mix! Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Ministry Groups, and Music Ministry tend to fall in this category as well. People come and go as their schedules allow, new topics are studied, new quilts are made, and new music is sung. It truly is a beautiful rhythm.

At this year's Backpack Blessing, the Sunday before school started, the kids were given backpack tags that said, "God's Got Your Back." While many of the kids had heard the saying before, only a few of them knew what it meant. Together, two young boys explained that it means God is always there to protect us and watch over us no matter where we are or what kind of situation we might be in. While the con-

versation during the children's message focused on kids and school, I think it is a great reminder for all of us as we enter into this familiar yet new season. God's got our back whether we are doing what is familiar to us or trying something new. As Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV) states, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

As we step into our 2nd Fall season together in ministry, I pray that you will keep these words close to your heart, and I pray that you will be encouraged to not only keep doing what you love to do during this season, but also be aware of the Spirit's movement and guidance in your life. Did you see or hear something at the TLC Ministry Fair that caught your interest? Was there a stewardship reflection question that confirmed or changed your perspective on what it means to be stewards of faith and of the church? Has God put something on your heart that you want to explore? Remember, God's got your back...what do you have to lose?

Fall Blessings,
Deacon Koren



Remember Sunday
School begins on
September 10
at 10:00 a.m.!



Our worship schedule switches back to two Sunday worship services on September 10. Traditional worship is at 8:45 a.m. and Celebration worship is at 11:00 a.m.

Unapproved August Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

President Wade Briggs called the meeting to order and led the members in reciting Trinity's mission statement.

Members present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Wade Briggs, Vice-president Tom Farrell, Nancy Sabbe, secretary

Deacons: Becky Brown, Patti Weber, Amber Johnson

Trustees: Dana Hoff, Eric Anderson, Walker Ruhd, Ron Jorgensen, Marie Millage

Parish Education: Jennifer Briggs, Melody Hansen, Dani Ruhd

Members absent and excused: Virginia Lemme, Alicia Koch

Vice-President Tom Farrell provided a devotion on How to Pray from the *The Lutheran Handbook*.

Pastor Steve gave an opening prayer.

Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Eric Anderson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Briggs, seconded by Tom Farrell, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offering in May and June was the lowest in the last 5 years, and a letter explaining the financial situation was sent to members. It was noted that the expenses to date are actually less than budgeted, and that offerings in July were better. Motion by Becky Brown, seconded by Ron Jorgensen, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Lindley submitted a written report. He reported that he has had favorable responses to the changes to the format of the services. In response to questions from the Council, he indicated that he plans to continue using the new formats and will work on a method to get more feedback from the congregation.

Deacon Koren Lindley submitted a written report. Her report shows that there is a lot happening at Trinity. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier has invited Deacon Koren to be part of the leadership team for Sprinkles of Grace, a 3-year grant-based ministry of the South Dakota Synod focused on faith formation for ages 0 to 8.

President Wade Briggs thanked everyone for all they have done and are doing to support what is happening at Trinity.

Vice-president Tom Farrell reported

- That the Constitution Review Committee will meet on August 9 and hopes to wrap up the work on the revisions to the constitution. The document will then be submitted to the Synod for review and then back to the Council for approval and finally to the congregation for ratification. It appears that the existing structure of the Council will be in place for one more year. He thanked the committee (Pastor Steve, Danny Brown, Jim Iverson, Wade Briggs, Tom Farrell) for their dedication and work on this project.
- That the Foundation Commission will meet on September 5 to approve the final decision on Faith in Action Grants and Hazel Johnson Grants. Individuals may apply for grants for items that are not included in the mission plan.
- When Pastor Steve and Deacon Koren are gone on Labor Day weekend, Jim Iverson will serve as worship leader for the Sunday, September 3, service and Tom Farrell will deliver the children's sermon and the sermon. The Council has decided to move the Saturday worship to the second Saturday (Saturday 9) and move communion to the second Saturday and Sunday.
- Thanked Dana Hoff and Walker Ruhd for taking on cleaning responsibilities while Scotty was on vacation.

Board of Trustees: Dana Hoff reported

- That thank-you messages have been sent to I Am In contributors.
- The fall clean-up day is scheduled for August 19. More volunteers are needed.
- The theme for the stewardship drive is "Trinity In It Together."
- Wade Briggs or Tom Farrell will give a stewardship talk on Sunday, August 13.

Board of Parish Education: Jennifer Briggs reported:

- Over 80 children, pre-school through grade 5 are registered for Sunday School.
- Collaborate is the curriculum selected for confirmation.
- Youth are encouraged to sign-up for the 2024 National Youth Gathering. Trinity youth will be traveling with Lutherans Outdoors. The deadline for sign-up is August 15.
- The Board has money from the Foundation and will use it to purchase a television.

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- The women's retreat is Saturday, August 26. There are still openings.

Board of Deacons: Becky Brown reported:

- Lorri May will direct the adult choir. Directors are still needed for the Covenant and Chancel Choirs as well as the Jubilant Bell Choir.
- Hanging of the Greens will be December 3. One service is planned for that Sunday.
- The piano in the Fellowship Hall needs to be replaced. Virginia is working on a Buy a Key fundraiser for the purchase of a new piano.
- Virginia is organizing an organ concert for October 15 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a community event.
- The Board of Deacons will serve The Gathering Meal on August 28.
- Trinity will serve a meal to the DSU athletes on August 17. A sign-up for providing food and/or volunteering to help is available online.
- The addition of greeters is going well. There will be name tags for the greeters.
- The 80th birthday party is planned for September 18.

Vice-president Tom Farrell provided a team-building exercise asking members to recall their favorite meal and when they last ate that meal.

BUSINESS

Eric Anderson reported that the air-exchange units are expected to be installed in August.

The fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, August 19. More volunteers are needed for either 9:00 a.m. to noon, or noon to 3:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.

Walker Ruhd reported on the work of the Stewardship Committee. The kick-off will be Sunday, August

13 with a temple talk. Time and talent sheets will be available. The committee will have table tents in the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall with conversation starters for members to consider. The sermon on August 27 will also coordinate with the stewardship drive.

August 27 is the date for Welcome Home/Ministry Fair. There will be a Sunday School open house for students to visit their rooms and meet their teachers. The Ministry Fair is designed to raise awareness of all the ministries going on at Trinity and all the opportunities to get involved.

Rally Sunday will be September 10. The Council considered serving a pork loin dinner after the second service, but decided to host a Sundae Sunday (serving ice cream sundaes) between services instead. It was suggested that a pork loin feed be offered at the 2024 Ministry Fair.

Trinity needs a license to play recorded music in a public space. Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Ron Jorgensen, to purchase the license and split the cost between Parish Education and Deacons. Following discussion, Tom Farrell amended his motion to purchase the license with funds from the Board of Parish Education. Seconded by Ron Jorgensen. Amended motion carried.

The sale and/or removal of room dividers was not discussed. According to the constitution, the Council does not have the authority to sell or remove property without the approval of the congregation.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Farrell, seconded by Dana Hoff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sabbe, secretary



Thank you to Ron and Bobbi Janie & Susan Williams for serving home communion on 7.16.23. Thank you to Susan Williams & Roger Moose for serving home communion on 8.20.23. An additional thank you to Jim Iverson with his help in home communion preparation.

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.

Rally Sundae Sunday September 10

Sunday school teachers and confirmation guides will be installed during both worship services.

Sundaes will be served between worship services and after 11 a.m. service.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		
03 • 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	04 <i>Labor Day</i> • Office Closed • No Preschool • 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall	05 • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Foundation Commission Meeting : Fellowship Hall
10 • 12:00AM–11:59PM Rally Sunday • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship w/Teacher & Guide Installation : 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/Teacher & Guide Installation : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Off Site	11 • 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall	12 • 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
17 • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:50AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 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	18 • 2:00PM–4:00PM 80s+ Birthday Party : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall	19 • 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
24 • 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/Grace Hall Baptism : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM	25 • 7:00PM–8:00PM BSA Troop 5 Meeting : Fellowship Hall	26 • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	02
06 • 4:30PM–5:15PM Jubilant Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:30PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:15PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room	07 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Den 2 Meeting : Youth Room	08 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study • 5:30PM–6:30PM Hass/Hodges Wedding Rehearsal : Sanctuary	09 • 3:00PM–4:00PM Hass/Hodges Wedding : Sanctuary • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
13 • 4:30PM–5:15PM Jubilant Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:15PM–6:00PM Epiphany Bells Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Grade Confirmation : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–6:30PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room • 6:30PM–7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM High School Youth Group : Youth Room	14 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Scouts Pack Meeting : Fellowship Hall	15 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	16
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Music Ministry

The Sunday School Choir and Cherub Choir practice during Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Other ensembles start rehearsing on Wednesday, September 6. Check the calendar to find your rehearsal time and location. Directors are listed with their ensemble below.

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

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

Jubilant Bell Choir (youth bells)
Cindy Ellsworth 605-270-2768

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

Chapel Choir (high school age)
Virginia Lemme 605-270-1845

Adult Choir
Lorri May 605-270-9307



Financial Response as of 7/31/2023

Your General Fund Offering	\$169,922.94
Expenses	<u>\$250,629.06</u>
Expenses over Offering	\$-80,706.12

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.

Help Wanted

Step right up to lead music! A music director is needed for the following ensemble:

- Covenant Choir (Grades 1–4)

Contact Virginia Lemme if interested in this paid position.

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



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

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Memory of Andy Hunter

Bill and Sandy Cole
 Krystal Draper
 Granville and Alice Harlow
 Deanna Bergheim
 Merry Hanson
 Peggy Hoff
 Barbara and David Hanson
 Steven and Elizabeth Hofer
 Jean and Larry Mitchell
 Tom and Jane Maurer
 Dick and Barb Ellis
 Gary and Shirley Barlow
 Shantel and Mitch Krebs
 Steve and Cindy Christiansen
 Marjorie Krueger
 Greg and Karen Schultz
 James and Ardis Johnson
 Marilyn and Robert Van Demark Jr.
 Tracie Osthus
 Mary Ryrholm
 Donna Jahr
 Jill and Lyle Pudwill
 David Meyer
 Marilyn Murray
 Todd and Susan Williams
 Mark and Nancy Clauson
 Harvey and Joyce Pederson
 John and Elizabeth Molstad
 Brian and Priscilla Applewick
 Karen Feige
 Gary and Shirley Ritzman
 Terry and Lori Schultz
 Betty Jensen
 Bryan Hammer
 Matt and Kim Bruns
 David and Marian Wheeler
 Gary and Karen Kratochvil
 Marlys Schmidt
 Kim Wetzberger
 Holly Moser
 Norma and Stanley Schmidt
 Doug and Joan Merager
 David and Nancy Gilbert
 Elaine Struwe
 Kay Johnson
 Steve and Barbara Wetrosky
 Bill and Diane Bruns

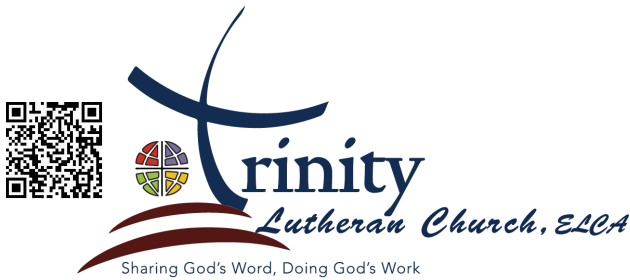
In Memory of Myron Downs

Sally Olson
 Jon and Mary Hunter
 Dan and Sharon Carlson
 Dennis and Carol Nordling
 Nancy Sabbe
 Marv and Sandy Rhode
 Dennis and Nancy Rook
 Mike and Sharon Halseth
 Dave & Nancy Gilbert
 Carol Petri



Trinity Lutheran Preschool would like to extend a HUGE "Thank You!" to everyone who contributed to July's Mission of the Month offering. Over \$500 was given to TLP in support of all they do as they share God's love with the children and families enrolled, as well as Trinity Lutheran Church and the greater Madison community. We look forward to keeping you updated throughout the year on what we are learning and doing!

**Thanks for Your Help on Churchwide
 Cleanup Day, August 19!**



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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 September Mission of the Month is Kid's Backpack Project, Madison. Originally began by former Pastor Constanze Hagmaier through the Lake County Food Pantry, children are given a backpack with food on Fridays during the school year (September–May). *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 September is canned meat. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Myron Downs on July 29

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