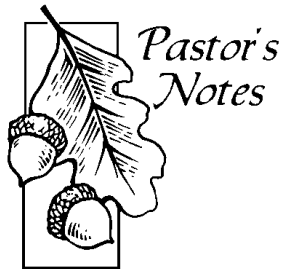




Rev. Robert Hansen



Dear friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church,

REFORMATION DAY OCTOBER 31

Sunday, October 31 is Reformation Day and we celebrate the birth of the protestant reformation and the birth of the Lutheran Church.

What was the Lutheran Reformation?

The Lutheran Reformation was an event in 16th Century Germany and Europe in which God used the monk Martin Luther (1483–1546) to reform the Christian Church of that day. By “reform” we mean to correct abuses that Luther saw in the church in his day.

Martin Luther began to rediscover the main teaching of Christianity, that we are declared righteous (justified) by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ. It is not our righteousness (created by our works, efforts, and obeying God's laws) that saves us; Christ's righteousness saves us. And His righteousness is credited to our account when we believe that He died for us.

Put very simply, Luther's Reformation centered on the Gospel, showing that Scripture gives us direction for daily living. Whenever the Church was found to contradict Scripture and the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith the church needed to be reformed. Luther's Reformation was concerned with essentials, with the very heart of Christianity. It is for this reason

that it swept through Europe and had such amazing results. Without this Reformation, the Gospel would have remained largely hidden. When we celebrate the Reformation, we are celebrating the Gospel; and we are celebrating our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Samples of Martin Luther's Wit & Wisdom

On the Scriptures:

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.

A simple layman armed with the Scripture is to be believed above a pope or a cardinal without it.

On Faith:

Faith is the “yes” of the heart, a conviction on which one stakes one's life.

Our faith is an astounding thing – astounding that I should believe him to be the Son of God who is suspended on the cross, whom I have never seen, with whom I have never become acquainted.

On Sins:

Nothing is easier than sinning.

Temptations, of course, cannot be avoided, but because we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair.

A lie is like a snowball. The longer it is rolled on the ground, the larger it becomes.

Affirmation of Baptism Sunday, October 31

The 2021 Confirmation Class will affirm their Baptismal vows at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 31. Remember the members of the class in prayer as they prepare to take this important step in their faith journey.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob Hansen

August 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
August 10, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Trinity council members recited the mission statement of Trinity Lutheran Church, "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."

President Rob Thuringer called the August council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members in attendance were: Rob Thuringer, Danny Brown, Jim Iverson, Pastor Hansen, Deacon Suzanne Hansen, Kristin Morse, Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Jennifer Briggs, Becky Brown, Nancy Sabbe, Lora Erslund, Brianna Routier, Tim Walburg, Dana Hoff, Corey Strom, and Joan Merager.

Members absent and excused were: Bridget Van Liere, Sid Gulbranson, and Josh Van Dyke.

Vice President, Danny Brown led us in devotions reading from Psalm 34: 9–14 and led us in prayer.

President Rob introduced Pastor Robert Hansen and Faith Formation Director Deacon Suzanne Hansen.

The agenda was presented by President Thuringer and with no additions Tim Walburg made a motion to approve the agenda and Jennifer Briggs seconded. Motion passed.

The July 13th council minutes were presented and Danny Brown made a motion to approve and Corey Strom seconded. Motion passed.

The financial report was discussed and President Rob announced the PPP money has been approved and changed from a loan to a grant and the total is \$52,400.00.

We are about \$40,000.00 behind in our offering. New checks have to be issued to Pastor Sami, Robin and Pastor Solveig as some were lost and have to be reissued to complete their contracts. Pastor Sami's contract ends the end of August and we do not plan to renew as we now have Deacon Suzanne to be in charge of Sunday school, confirmation, and the youth.

We will cover the deficit with the PPP grant and most likely we will not receive another PPP grant so please remember to keep giving to Trinity Lutheran Church.

President Rob will give a Temple Talk on Sunday discussing our financial issues and the call committee report. Becky Brown made a motion to approve and Brianna Routier seconded. Motion passed.

Vice president Danny Brown made a motion to transfer the \$52,400.00 of the PPP grant money from

the Cornerstone to the First bank checking account so we will not have a negative balance. Jim Iverson seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Robert Hansen reported:

- A trend report shows we are going down slightly
- We need to start our stewardship plan which is living a life of faith and will help with our giving.
- He feels our community has money but it is still in our pockets.
- He would like to put spark and life into our congregation so we will be ready for a new pastor.
- He is calling our members to wish them a Happy Birthday!
- He reminded us we must pay our bills so ministry can happen and money follows mission what God calls us to do.
- We need to care for our members on the prayer list.
- We must recognize our time & talents, young people and adults can usher, help with soup suppers etc. and volunteer when needed.

Deacon Suzanne Hansen reported:

- She is recommending with the size of our church our Sunday school teachers and confirmation guides need background checks.
- Confirmation students will meet on Wednesday evenings and it will be the 6th thru 8th grades.
- Confirmation will be on Reformation Sunday the end of October.
- Sunday school students will be 3 year olds thru 5th grade.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- Discussed preschool teacher credit card and it will have a limit.
- We can have lectors in the balcony and will check with Joel for good set up.
- We are working on a technology committee with Bob & Joel.
- Discussion was held on the "I Am In" campaign.
- We will have 2 services on Sundays starting on Rally Sunday.
- Pastor Hansen & Deacon Suzanne are trying to get Trinity Lutheran off to a good start.

Vice President Danny Brown reported:

- He reported Lori Schultz has been appointed to fill the parish education board term of Ryan Townsend.
- Discussed our church car and will keep it till we see if a new pastor will use it.

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A great big thank you to the quilters for making the quilts and to all who donated items and money for Mission Kits this year! First Lutheran Church in Brookings hosted an in-gathering recently to collect quilts and kits from area churches. We delivered 43 quilts, 86 school kits and 128 personal care kits. From there, these items go to the Lutheran World Relief headquarters in St. Paul and then out into the world. Fifty quilts have also gone to the Crow Creek Reservation.



 LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

Opportunities to Help Outside the Walls of Trinity

Donating to the flood efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida -

Contact: disaster@elca.org

Phone: 800-638-3522

Write: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, Virginia 2216-8009. Write "Hurricane Ida" on your check memo line when mailing your donation.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal - through the ELCA Good Gifts Program -

For as little as \$10, one can help the fight on world hunger through this program. For \$10, you can designate your donation for a new blanket, a mosquito net, buy a baby chick, or a seedling for a fruit tree.

Contact: www.goodgifts.elca.org

Order forms and other information are on display in the Narthex.

Christmas Shoe Box Project for McCrossan Boys Ranch

Thank you to all who have brought in boxes for the McCrossan Boys Ranch Christmas Shoe Box project. It's now time to put those boxes to use! This year, our goal is to provide 65 shoe box gifts for the young men at the Ranch. Boxes are now available in the church narthex. If you take one from the narthex, please be sure to sign your name on the clipboard.

You may also reserve a box by sending an email to Lisa at receptionist@tlcmadison.com or by calling the church office at 256-2771 and we will set one aside for you to pick up. If you are sending an email request, please include your NAME, PHONE NUMBER and EMAIL ADDRESS, along with the number of boxes you would like to fill. **All filled boxes are due back at the church by Sunday, October 24, 2021.**

A tag with requested items is attached to each shoe box. Please include:

- Toothbrush (adult-sized)
- Toothpaste (at least 5.5 oz)
- 2 pair socks (adult-sized)
- Deodorant (no aerosols)
- 1 package candy (movie-sized)
- Colored pencils
- 1 paper item (puzzle book, sketch/note pad)
- 1 winter item (hat or gloves, adult-sized)
- 1 toy/fun item (small nerf, cards, game, yo-yo, etc.)

If you wish to include other items, you may, but it is not necessary. It is your choice. Other suggestions would be pencils, pens, mechanical pencils, highlighters, solar calculator. Please NO additional candy, gum or food. NO liquids and no items needing batteries.

When thinking about what to put in the box, think about the items you would put in a stocking. 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.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays</p> <p>Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday</p> <p>12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM each Sunday</p>		
<p>03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall ; Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary 	<p>04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Pack 5 Webelos Den Mtng. : Fireside Room 	<p>05</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Webelos 1 Den Meeting : Fireside Room
<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall ; Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary 	<p>11 <i>Native American Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Preschool • Office Closed • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Pack 5 Webelos Den Mtng. : Fireside Room 	<p>12</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 • 6:30PM–7:00PM Trustees' Board Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Deacons' Board Meeting : Fireside Room ; Parish Education Board Meeting : Youth Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall ; Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Pack 5 Webelos Den Mtng. : Fireside Room 	<p>19</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 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fellowship Hall
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall ; Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–8:00PM Sunday School Teacher Meeting : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM–7:30PM Webelos 1 Den Meeting : Fireside Room
<p>31 <i>Reformation Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45AM–9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary • 10:00AM–10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall ; Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms • 11:00AM–12:00PM Celebration Worship w/ Confirmation : Sanctuary 		

2021

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wednesday Music Schedule 4:30 PM Jubilant Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal : Youth Room 5:00 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room 5:15 PM Epiphany Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary 6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal : Fireside Room 6:30 PM Celebration Team Rehearsal : Sanctuary		01 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	02 • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Wor- ship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
06 • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall, Upper Level Sun. School Rooms • 6:00PM–7:00PM 9th Plus HS Youth Group : Youth Room	07	08 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	09
13 • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall, Upper Level Sun. School Rooms • 6:00PM–7:00PM 9th Plus HS Youth Group : Youth Room	14	15 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	16
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27 • 5:30PM–6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall, Upper Level Sun. School Rooms • 6:00PM–7:00PM 9th Plus HS Youth Group : Youth Room	28	29 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	30

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Board of Parish Education Chairman Susan Farrell-Poncelet reported:

- Confirmation will have a change. It will be 6th through 9th grade and an informational meeting will be held on September 22nd with confirmation beginning September 29th.
- Backpack blessings will be held on September 12th (Rally Sunday).
- Rally Sunday, September 12th will have coffee hour & treats, activities will be held in the Fellowship Hall during regular Sunday school time.
- Sunday school begins September 19th for three year olds thru 5th grade.
- Preschool open house will be August 10th & 11th with the first day of class August 24th.
- Confirmation on Reformation Sunday during the church service for 9th grade.
- Discussed the DSU meal which will be Saturday at noon on August 14th.
- Jennifer Briggs & Kristin Morse reported on the high school youth trip to Minneapolis, where they attended Valley Fair, had devotions, and volunteered 2 hours preparing food kits for "Feed my Starving Children." Their shift which included many other volunteers prepared 22,000. The report from the students was their only regret was it was not long enough.
- 17 middle school students attended Wild Water West.
- Bible school was held for preschool students.
- 80th + luncheon was held on July 14th in the Fellowship Hall.
- Jennifer reported they will be doing a calendar with scheduled events and times and this will be sent in the mail 4 times a year.

Board of Deacon Chairman Jim Iverson reported:

WORSHIP & MUSIC Nancy Sabbe reported:

- Sandy Cole & Diane Plack have offered to serve as choir directors beginning in September.
- The September newsletter will be going over the upcoming changes in Sunday service schedule.
- Services will be held on the first Saturday evening of each month with a potluck.
- There will be changes with communion in the sanctuary.

MISSION MOMENTUM Becky Brown reported:

- We will be serving at The Gathering on Monday, August 30th at 5:00 P.M. The meals are delivered out of the north doors at the United Methodist

Church, they are serving about 220 meals and an estimate cost of sponsoring the meal will be around \$750.00.

Life & Growth Lora Ersland reported:

- Mailings are being sent out for the needed help to provide the Sunday coffee hour in September.
- A second meeting of the "Membership Committee" will be on August 24th in the Fireside Room at 6:30 P.M. This committee is looking at the membership list and checking for accuracy and identifying people who are deceased, relocated, or are a member of another church.
- A reception for new members was discussed as seven new families have joined Trinity. Lora will be visiting with Pastor Bob on a new membership reception.

The 100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary is planned for Sunday, November 14th. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier will be preaching at both services. Further details will be given when they are available.

SERVICES & SACRAMENTS Jim Iverson reported:

- Pastor Bob Hansen would like to see us return to some "pre-COVID" worship schedules. He is recommending that the Saturday evening worship return in September, and be held monthly on the 1st Saturday of each month.
- Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th missionary Mark Jensen will be providing the sermon, and we will honor his mother, Betty Jensen, on her 99th birthday.
- It was discussed to return to two services again beginning on Rally Sunday, September 12th.
- Holy Communion will be served beginning September 15th by procession to two stations in front of the sanctuary. We will be returning to using the glasses and communion wafers. For safety reason, the communion trays will have each row of cups separated on the tray. Masks and gloves will be worn by the Pastor and communion assistants.
- Everything is subject to change. Should our COVID numbers climb for either Madison or Lake County, Pastor Bob and the Board of Deacons could change communion serving back to the pew cups instead.

EVANGELICAL OUTREACH Brianna Routier reported:

- We have been asked when Trinity will be going to St. Dysmas to lead a worship service. Brianna will check further into their availability and report back

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in September.

Board of Trustees Dana Hoff reported:

- Realm has e-give plus app for church giving, credit card, debit, or ACH.
- Approved paying the bills.
- Janitor Scotty needs a new vacuum it would be a backpack type.
- We will table our laptops till we have a new pastor.

New Business:

- Danny Brown made a motion to purchase the new vacuum for our janitor, Scotty. Susan Farrell-Poncelet seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussion was held on the Mustang electronic sign that Terry Schultz has donated to the church. Jim Iverson will check with the city about size and ideas where to display it.
- A committee is working on making an active member list with phone numbers and addresses.
- 100th anniversary of the Sanctuary is planned for November 14th with the assistance of Pastor Bob. We will form a committee to work on this anniversary.
- Discussed the church car and this will be tabled till we receive a new Pastor.

Next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, 2021 with Parish Ed. in charge of treats.

Deacons provided the treats for the August meeting.

A motion to adjourn the council meeting was made by Danny Brown and seconded by Jennifer Briggs. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Merager, Council Secretary

Open Forum During Coffee Hour

You are welcome to visit with Pastor Hansen about your cares and concerns for Trinity during this time of transition during Sunday morning coffee hour. This will be an ongoing event during his tenure here.

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NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Faith in Action!

In furtherance of the Foundation's mission to use gifts it receives to support Trinity's ministries; the Foundation Commission is now accepting applications for use of the income from the ***Faith in Action*** Endowment Fund.

The 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.

Hazel Johnson

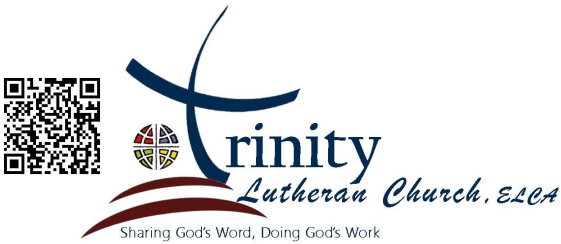
The established purpose of the Endowment was to provide support for missions, both global and within the United States (including local). The donor did not restrict the type of missions to be supported. Based on the requests, the Foundation will attempt to allocate some support to global missions, as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

Amounts awarded for both grants will be based on the number of eligible applications and the amount available for distribution pursuant to the Foundation's policies regarding distributions.

Applications

Printed applications can be obtained from the church office, or e-mail from Alex Eykamp office@tlcmadison.com or the Foundation Treasurer, Tom Farrell, at tom.farrell@dsu.edu. Grant applications are now available and are due no later than **October 31, 2021** with awards determined in late November. Applications must be returned to the church office no later than **October 31, 2021 and only requests submitted on completed application forms will be considered**, with awards determined in late November.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Tom Farrell at retiredtom.farrell@gmail.com (480-3778), or Pastor Bob at interim@tlcmadison.com or 256-2771.



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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.
- **Note:** The Give+ Mobile App will be supported through January 31, 2022. Stay tuned for more info. on its replacement in the coming months.
- 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 256-2771.

Mission of the Month

The October Mission of the Month is Domestic Violence Network.

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.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Charles Pulford on September 1

Baptisms: Kasen Mogck on September 12

Weddings: none

Help Wanted

Trinity Lutheran Church has a job opening for a wedding coordinator. Contact the church office if interested.