

## From the Pastor's Pen



Rev. Robert Hansen

Dear friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran,

### THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is a lifelong process, and we all share in the responsibility for the Christian Education of our young children. It takes a minimum of 7 caring adults to help in the faith formation process of children. Research by Vibrant Faith Ministries clearly shows

- Continue your own lifelong learning and faith development. Show by your own example that lifelong learning is important in faith formation.
- Actively involve youth in service projects. More importantly, participate with youth in service projects.
- Encourage all of our youth to attend Bible camp. Studies have shown that a week at camp has had a significant impact on their faith development.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." As we approach the beginning of another term of Christian Education, let us recommit ourselves, joining together in the task of the faith formation for our children and ourselves. Faith is caught more than it is taught so I especially challenge the adults to help in the faith formation process.

that when parents are actively involved in the faith formation of their children the probability that faith will be an important part of their adult lives will greatly increase.

What specifically can we do together to help in the faith formation of our children? Listed below are some of the things we can do together and will be emphasized through the educational ministry at Trinity Lutheran:

- Keep our children in prayer daily. Pray that they will continue to grow in faith.
- Worship regularly and take special note of children in worship and help them know how important is for them to be there.
- Generously support the Christian Education program by providing Bibles, study materials and other study helps for our children.
- Volunteer to teach in the Christian Education program: Sunday School and the Confirmation program.

### BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Every survey that I have read shows that the best way to bring people to Christ and the church is by direct invitation from a relative or friend. You, the members of Trinity Lutheran are the best evangelists we have and I encourage you to reach out with the love of Christ to those around you. One survey shows that 75–95% of the people who came to Christ and the church came by direct contact by a relative, neighbor or friend. Only 5–6% came by direct contact by a pastor.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob Hansen

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**Rally Sunday is September 12**

## Deacons Announce Fall Worship Changes

Pastor Bob Hansen and the Board of Deacons are pleased to announce upcoming worship changes in Trinity.

- The Saturday evening service will return beginning on September 4th at 6:00 p.m. A potluck meal will be served before the service at 5:00 p.m. It will be a communion service. It will be a special service as Betty Jensen will be celebrating her 99th birthday. Her son, Mark, will be providing the message that evening and also at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. service on September 5th.
- The Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. service will be held on the first Saturday of every month beginning in October. A potluck meal will be served before the service at 5:00 p.m.
- We will be returning to two Sunday services beginning on Rally Day – September 12th, with either the 8:45 a.m. service or the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Beginning Sunday, September 19th, communion in the sanctuary will be changed. There will be two stations for Holy Communion. Ushers will direct

one pew at a time up for communion, to provide for social distancing. The pastor and communion assistants will be wearing masks and gloves. For safety reasons, communion wafers will be now used. The communion cups in each tray will be separated out (like spokes on a wheel) and the tray will be offered to each individual who can then pick up their own cup.

- Should anyone wish to remain in their pew seat and not go forward for communion, the ushers will have a basket containing the wafer/grape juice cups for anyone to use.

**Please remember – COVID is still a real possibility for Lake County and our community. What we are planning for now is subject to change. Should our COVID numbers spike upwards for our community and/or Lake County, we will let everyone know what could change.**

The 100th Anniversary of our Sanctuary will be held on Sunday, November 14th. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier will be the guest preacher at both services. More to follow!

## July 1, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Special Church Council Meeting  
Zoom videoconference  
Thursday, July 1, 2021  
8:00 p.m.

Present: Rob Thuringer, President; Danny Brown, Vice-President; Jennifer Briggs; Becky Brown; Lora Erslund; Jim Iverson; Kristin Morse; Brianna Routier; Nancy Sabbe and Corey Strom.

Absent: Dana Hoff, Sid Gulbranson, Joan Merager, Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Bridget Van Liere, Josh Van Dyke and Tim Walburg.

President Rob Thuringer called the special meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Earlier in the day, he and Vice-President Brown had emailed the two covenant agreements for Rev. Robert D. Hansen as Interim Pastor and Deacon Suzanne G. Hansen that were written and sent to Trinity by the SD Synod Office in Sioux Falls.

Rev. Robert D. Hansen's *Covenant for Interim Pastoral Ministry* would cover the period of August 1, 2021 to August 1, 2022. President Thuringer shared that he and Vice-President Brown had met with both Pastor Bob and Deacon Suzanne before this Zoom meeting.

Deacon Suzanne G. Hansen's *Covenant for Interim*

*Ministry* would cover the period of July 1, 2021 to August 1, 2022.

Discussion points were:

- The question was would Deacon Suzanne stay on as our Interim Faith Formation Director after we had called a new Lead Pastor? *It was thought that we would have to meet with her and discuss that option. As it stands now, if Pastor Bob's covenant ended with the call of a new Lead Pastor, her call as our Deacon would end as well.*
- Mileage would be paid to the Hansens for travel to Madison and back home to Brandon, SD. *The use of the church vehicle had not been discussed yet, however, they could choose to use it locally or when they needed another vehicle. They will be carpooling together when they come to Trinity.*
- Pastor Bob would work .75 time each week, spending two days a week at Trinity, one day working at home, and here on Sunday. He would get one Sunday off each month.
- Deacon Suzanne would begin at Trinity on Monday, July 12th.
- Compensation was discussed as the question was "could we afford to do this?" *Vice-President Brown said that the two covenants together are*

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## Parish Education Happenings

### Register for Sunday School

The Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School is for ages three through fifth grade. We will be using the Spark Sunday School Curriculum from Augsburg Fortress Publishing. **Important:** To sign up your child, please complete the registration form online at <https://form.jotform.com/212299083822156> or complete a paper copy in the office.

### Confirmation for Grades 6–8

Note: Sixth grade is now part of confirmation. Orientation is September 22 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for youth and parents. Class starts on September 29 (6–8 grades) at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Class ends at 6:30 p.m. **Important:** To sign up your child, please complete the registration form online at <https://form.jotform.com/212298610295155> or complete a paper copy in the office.

### 9th Grade Confirmation

Orientation for 9th grade confirmation will be September 22 for youth and parents at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Group starts on September 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Grades 10–12 youth are invited to be a part of this.

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*well within the approved 2021 Mission Plan, which includes compensation for two pastors.*

Brianna Routier moved that the church council approve the Covenant for Interim Pastoral Ministry with Rev. Robert D. Hansen; Corey Strom seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Jennifer Briggs moved that the church council approve the Covenant for Interim Ministry with Deacon Suzanne G. Hansen; Kristin Morse seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Thuringer will notify the SD Synod office tomorrow of the approval of both covenants, and get the signatures needed, before making any announcements of our pastoral staff changes.

Danny Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm; seconded by Jennifer Briggs, and the Zoom meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Iverson  
Acting Secretary

## 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.

## ***Make a Joyful Noise!***

### Join a Choir

Trinity's choirs will start practicing again in September. Rehearsal schedules will be available soon.

## 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.

## Coffee Hour Clatter

Thank you to everyone who helped with coffee hour this summer. We appreciate your willingness to help with this time of fellowship. We invite you to continue to join us during coffee hour as service groups resume serving in September.

## Mission Kits

Please return your Personal Care Kit and School Kits to the bin labeled "Mission Kits" in the narthex by Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021. Thank you for your participation!

## Worship Service Broadcasts

Trinity's Sunday worship services are available for livestreaming on our YouTube channel. You can locate Trinity's YouTube broadcasts at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJnM7Q5qrov8sKctyVJ\\_rA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJnM7Q5qrov8sKctyVJ_rA). Don't forget to subscribe to the channel and click the bell to get notifications of new videos.

You may listen to the radio broadcast of Sunday worship on KJAM 1390 AM at noon (12:00 p.m.) on Sundays.

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays		
05  • 9:30AM – 10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM – 11:30AM Summer Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM – 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM	06 <i>Labor Day</i>  • Office Closed • No Preschool • 7:00PM – 8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Pack 5 Webelos Den Mtng. : Fireside Room	07  • 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
12 <i>Rally Sunday</i>  • 8:45AM – 9:45AM Traditional Worship w/ Backpack Blessing & Sunday School Teacher Installation : 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/ Kasen Mogck Baptism, Backpack Blessing & Sunday School Teacher Installation : Sanctuary • 12:00PM – 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM	13  • 7:00PM – 8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Pack 5 Webelos Den Mtng. : Fireside Room	14  • 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
19  • 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 • 12:00PM – 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM	20  • 7:00PM – 8:00PM Pack 5 Webelos Den Mtng. : Fireside Room ; Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall	21  • 9:30AM – 11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 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
26  • 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 • 12:00PM – 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM	27  • 7:00PM – 8:00PM Pack 5 Webelos Den Mtng. : Fireside Room ; Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellowship Hall	28  • 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

**2021**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
01	02	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 : Fel- lowship Hall
08 • 6:00PM – 6:30PM Rally Sunday Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:00PM – 7:00PM Sunday School Teacher Training : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM – 7:15PM Celebration Team Rehearsal : Sanctuary	09	10 • 6:30AM – 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	11 • 9:30AM – 10:00AM Noah's Ark Party : Sonshine Preschool Room
15 • 6:30PM – 7:15PM Celebration Team Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 6:30PM – 8:00PM Senior High (9–12 Youth) Trinity Gathering : Youth Room	16 • 6:30PM – 8:00PM Pack 5 Pack Meeting : Fellowship Hall	17 • 6:30AM – 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	18
22 • 6:00PM – 7:00PM 6th–8th Confirma- tion Orientation : Fellowship Hall • 6:30PM – 7:15PM Celebration Team Rehearsal : Sanctuary • 7:00PM – 8:00PM 9th Confirmation Orientation : Fellowship Hall	23	24 • 6:30AM – 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	25
29 • 5:30PM – 6:30PM 6th–8th Confirma- tion : Fellowship Hall, Upper Level Sun. School Rooms • 6:00PM – 7:00PM 9th Plus HS Youth Group : Youth Room • 6:30PM – 7:15PM Celebration Team Rehearsal : Sanctuary	30		

# July 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
July 13, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

“Sharing God’s Word, Doing God’s Work,” was recited by all Trinity council members.

The July council meeting was called to order by President Rob Thuringer. Members absent and excused were Becky Brown, Bridget Van Liere, Dana Hoff, Josh Van Dyke, and Tim Walburg.

Vice President Danny Brown led the council in devotions which included verses from Psalms 23 and concluded with prayer.

The agenda was presented by President Thuringer and with no additions Danny Brown made a motion to approve the agenda and Brianna Routier seconded. Motion passed.

The council minutes from June 8th were presented and Danny Brown made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan Farrell-Poncelet seconded. Motion passed.

The special church council meeting which was by Zoom videoconference on July 1st at 8:00 P.M. were presented and this meeting was to approve Rev. Robert D. Hansen for Covenant for Interim Pastoral Ministry and Deacon Suzanne G. Hansen Covenant for Interim Ministry. A motion was made by Jennifer Briggs to approve the minutes and Nancy Sabbe seconded. Motion passed.

The financial report was presented and it was reported we are \$42,000.00 behind. Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve and seconded by Danny Brown. Motion approved.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- The Call Committee had met with a candidate but at the second meeting he said that he and his wife had prayed about the call and felt it was not the appropriate time to leave his church.
- Council discussed the electronic sign board that Terry Schultz donated to the church and there were several questions. Jim Iverson volunteered to go to the city and check on rules and regulations of our placing the sign.
- We have had a volunteer say she would lector for services but would prefer to read from the balcony. The council said we should embrace this volunteer.
- In August have Lisa start contacting ushers and greeters, and lectors if needed etc.
- Pastor Bob and Suzanne will be in the office 2

days a week and 1 day at home working and doing the Sunday service this will be ¾ time. They will carpool together as we pay mileage.

- There was discussion as to get our membership list in order by trying to find out active members and members who have moved or left the church. Jim Iverson, Rob Thuringer, Kristin Morse, Lora Ersland will be working on this membership list.
- Lora Ersland is working on our computer program Realm and trying to see if they can do some clean up and what works well for Trinity.
- We discussed having the 100th Anniversary of our church sanctuary in October, also having a newspaper article in the *Madison Daily Leader*.

Vice President Danny Brown reported:

- Ryan Townsend has resigned from the Parish Ed board and Danny Brown will ask Lori Schultz to fill this position.
- Discussed finances and Danny is hoping our members will begin coming to our church as it is Open, now that many of the Covid-19 items have been removed.

Board of Deacons report: Jim Iverson, Chairman, reported:

- Worship & Music:  
Discussed removing the Plexiglas and the pew ropes  
Deacons all asked to keep doing the lector and ushering for August
- Life & Growth:  
Over 70 people attended the farewell coffee for Pastor Solveig.

Discussed the 100th anniversary of the sanctuary which was dedicated on October 30, 1921 and we postponed it last year due to Covid-19. We would like to have the event this October. Jim Iverson will check with Pastor Bob and Bishop Hagmaier as she was wanting to speak at the event.

Coffee hour has been started but we need volunteers to bring food items and make coffee and serve.

We have met with 8 service group leaders and we will be condensing our groups from 13 to 11 groups. The service groups will begin in September.

- Services & Sacraments:  
Saturday night services were discussed and will check with Pastor Bob about this service.  
Home communion on July 25th.  
St. John’s Lutheran Church Pastor Karl Breddin will be preaching on the 25th.

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• **Evangelical Outreach:**

Our Sunday worship schedule published in the *Madison Daily Leader* please have Pastor Bob Hansen's name added.

Board of Trustees report: Trustee Corey Strom reported:

- Approved paying the bills.
- A snow blower has been purchased.
- We need to check on a credit from Goodin for boiler parts.
- Checking on computers for our church with Josh Van Dyke and it will be discussed in August.

Board of Parish Education report: Susan Farrell-Poncelet reported:

- High School Youth upcoming overnight trip to Minneapolis 9th grade through 2020 grads and then they will do a service project with "Feed my Starving Children". This will be on August 8th & 9th.
- Middle School Youth (incoming 6th – 8th grades) a late afternoon and evening trip to Wild Water West for Luther League.
- 80th Plus Birthday party: This will be held July 14th at 2:00pm, planning on 21 members and their guest. Seven students from the incoming 9th grade did a service project and made cards for the attendees.
- Bible School will be held for Preschool 1 & 2 & Kindergarten on July 19, 20, 21st.
- Kristin Morse will meet with Suzanne to go over where we are and where we need to be and what needs help & planning for the youth. Kristin will continue to volunteer.

**New Business:**

- Lutherans Outdoors fundraiser was discussed. Danny Brown made a motion not to participate in the fundraiser at this time but would like a notice in the bulletin for any members who would like to donate. Sid Gulbranson seconded. Motion passed.
- The church car was discussed. Do we need? Cost for Insurance for car, should we sell it? Jim Iverson made a motion to sell the car with Danny Brown checking on the value and put it at "Park It Market." With the sale of the car the money will be placed in an Auto Replacement Fund. Jennifer Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Technology Committee: Lora Erslund suggested that a committee might be helpful, she will reach out to Bob Gale & Joel Brick on their options. Jennifer Briggs made a motion to form a technology

committee to help plan for our technology support. Susan Farrell-Poncelet seconded. Motion passed.

- Wedding coordinator: We still have an opening for this position. If interested check with the church office.
- Food for the Poor in Florida and we feel we give to World Hunger and the Food Pantry.
- Council Food for meeting: August we will start having council lunches.
- Plexiglas: Rick Schmidt attended the meeting and asked that the Plexiglas be removed in front of the Celebration Team and Sid Gulbranson will ask Janitor Scotty to assist. Corey Strom made a motion to take down the Plexiglas in front of the Celebration Team, Jennifer Briggs seconded. Motion passed. The Plexiglas in front of the pulpit and lector will be left and will consult with Pastor Bob. Jim Iverson made a motion to remove the ropes on the pews and Kristin Morse seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Iverson closed the meeting with prayer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lora Erslund and seconded by Susan Farrell-Poncelet. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be August 10th at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary

## NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

### *Recent Memorials*

**In Memory of Evelyn Plack**

Marlene and Dennis DeBoer  
Robert and Patty Vanhove  
Dick and Phyllis Allgaier  
Leonard and Doris Janke

**In Memory of Don Dragseth**

Deanna Bergheim  
Peggy Hoff  
Jon and Mary Hunter  
Myron and Clara Downs

**In Memory of Pete Struwe**

Jon and Mary Hunter

**In Memory of Arlyce Schut**

Myron and Clara Downs



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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](http://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 going away by the end of September. Stay tuned for more info. on its replacement.
- 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.

### Home Communion Helpers

Thank you to Roger Moose for delivering home communion in August.

### Mission of the Month

The September Mission of the Month is Kids' Pantry Project, Madison.

*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.

### Congregational Information

**Deaths:** Evelyn Plack on August 11

**Baptisms:** none

**Weddings:** none

### Help Wanted

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