



Deacon's Discourse

HELLO!!! Have you ever wondered what your life would be like if you hadn't said that initial "hello" to a certain person in your life? How would your life be different? What would you be missing? I think of my friend, Marci. She moved into the house behind us when we lived in Nebraska. Our boys were in the same class together and eventually played sports together. Every day I would see Marci and her youngest son pass by my house on a walk, and everyday I remained silent. Why is it so hard to say "hello" sometimes? This went on for months before I got the courage to say "hello" and have an actual conversation with her. Five years later, she is one of my very best friends, and I literally cannot imagine my life without her and her family. Our boys are inseparable even though they are in separate states, their family visited us within weeks of us moving to Madison, and we have helped each other through some really tough stuff. I have no doubt God placed her and her family in our life with great intention. I just wish I would have said that "hello" sooner.

God calls each and every one of us to be in relationship with each other and to love God and love one another. A quick search in the Bible brings up multiple verses about God's desire for us to be in community with one another and with God. And it can start with a simple "hello." Take a chance during worship this Sunday and share the peace with someone

new or someone you don't usually extend this greeting to. Find someone at fellowship to chat with that you don't know very well. Find that person or family who is fairly new to Trinity and check in with them. Join a Bible or book study or sign up to usher and say "hello" as you greet people coming to worship. For some of us this is outside our comfort zone and for others it is just out of our usual routine. Whatever the situation is for you, take the opportunity to show God's love and see what happens.

At the end of this month, on July 27, we will once again celebrate Miracle Treat Day. I can't think of a better opportunity for the people of Trinity to show God's love and say "hello" to our brothers and sisters in Christ in our Madison community. Let's show up big in the name of Christ. Let's welcome everyone with open arms as they stop for conversation, grab a water or some shade, participate in fun activities, and join in the celebration. Sign up sheets will be out soon, and I ask that you prayerfully consider joining us. Take a step out of your comfort zone, reschedule that nap you were going to take or that trip into Sioux Falls, and give God an hour or two of your time. I'm pretty sure you won't regret it. And remember, it starts with "hello."

Your sister in Christ,
Deacon Koren

Unapproved June Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Pastor Steven Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Wade Briggs, Vice-president Tom Farrell, secretary Nancy Sabbe; Trustees Walker Ruhd and Marie Millage, Parish Education Jennifer Briggs, Alicia Koch, Melody Hansen and Dani Ruhd; Deacons Amber Johnson, Becky Brown, Patti Weber and Virginia Lemme

Absent and excused: Trustees Dana Hoff, Ron Jorgensen and Eric Anderson

Vice-president Tom Farrell gave the devotions. Pastor Lindley led the council in prayer. Amber Johnson offered a prayer in support of President Wade Briggs.

Motion by Becky Brown, seconded by Jennifer Briggs, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Farrell to approve the minutes of the May 9 council meeting with the following amendment: "Eric Anderson and Sid Gulbranson have been working with Timmer Supply and Amert Construction on securing bids and scheduling of a crane for the installation of the air handling units for the office and preschool. Eric will be working to obtain a second bid." Motion seconded by Amber Johnson. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Wade Briggs reported that there was a significant decrease in giving in May. Reserve funds have been used to cover the expenses over income. Currently, there is \$27,629.71 remaining in the reserves budgeted for use in 2023. Over \$50,000 of the budgeted reserves have already been expended. It was noted that the expenses are not higher than usual. Motion by Becky Brown, seconded by Tom Farrell, to accept the report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Lindley submitted a written report.

Deacon Koren Lindley submitted a written report.

President Wade Briggs reported that he and Jennifer attended the synod gathering. He will speak to the congregation about this experience at the service on June 18.

Vice-president Tom Farrell reported

- that the Constitution Review Committee has worked through the new council plan and the re-writing of the job descriptions for the three boards. The committee is proposing that the at-large position be filled by the past president which would allow for more continuity. They will meet again on June 20 and plan to have a complete revised document for the council to review at the August meeting.
- The Trinity Foundation commission met on May 23 and welcomed Jeannine Reed who replaces Ann Marie Rossing. All voting members were present. Highlights of the current financial report are:

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| Current ending balance as of 3/31/2023 | \$857,005.09 |
| Current liabilities as of 3/31/2023 | \$10,001.00 |
| Dividend income for 1st quarter | \$8,523.40 |
| Change in Market Value for 1st quarter | \$32,126.79 |

The commission is planning to open Faith in Action and Hazel Johnson grant applications in October and make awards in November.

An educational event with Kathy McHenry from Lutheran Planned Generosity is planned for the fall.

Parish Education: Jennifer Briggs reporting

- 62 children are registered for Vacation Bible School. VBS begins June 26.
- Upcoming youth activities include
 - June 21, Feeding South Dakota
 - July 12, Bingo at the nursing home or assisted living
 - August 2, Wild Water West
- Pastor Steve is leading a book discussion this summer.
- Deacon Koren has planned a women's retreat for August 26.
- Planning a preview/kickoff of fall activities and opportunities for August 27.

Deacons: Becky Brown reporting

- Trinity is serving the Gathering on August 28. The Deacons would appreciate volunteers to assist in serving.
- Rally Sunday will be September 10.

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- The letters to service group leaders now include a notice about securing greeters.
- There was a positive response to the coffee in the narthex last Sunday.
- Looking for additional people to make communion bread (loafers).
- Looking for ways to improve home communion delivery. Deacons will continue this discussion.
- Questions were raised about the AEDs. They need new pads which have been backordered for months. There is an outstanding Foundation grant of \$1000 for the purchase of AEDs. Marie Millage and Walker Ruhd will check into the purchase of new AEDs.
- Virginia Lemme is researching the purchase of a new piano for the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees: Wade Briggs reported

On the current status of the kitchen flooring. In removing multiple layers of existing floor covering, the contractor found that the floor is not level and recommend the addition of more leveling material. He estimates they will need 50 to 70 bags of material at \$65 a bag. The material has been ordered, and the work is expected to be completed on schedule.

The 80s Birthday Party may be held later this year.

Pastor Steve introduced the team building exercise. Members were asked to give one-word responses to a series of words.

BUSINESS

Trustee Eric Anderson has been working unsuccessfully to get a second bid for replacing the air exchange units for the office and preschool. Having done due diligence, Tom Farrell made a motion to accept the bid provided by Timmer Supply and Amert Construction for purchase and installation of air exchange units for the preschool and office. Motion seconded by Patti Weber. Motion carried.

Virginia Lemme, Dani Ruhd, and Walker Ruhd volunteered to serve on a committee to work with Scotty to plan and implement the fall clean-up of the church. The cleaning will occur on Saturday, August 19.

There is currently \$8,162.56 in the I Am In account. Options for investment of the funds were discussed. Motion by Becky Brown authorizing Tom Farrell to invest the balance of the I Am In funds in CDs at First Bank and Trust. Seconded by Virginia Lemme. Motion carried.

Wade Briggs announced that there will be no council meeting in July. Any business will be handled through email or by the executive board.

Miracle Treat Day is coming up. Trinity's associated activities are under consideration.

A question has arisen regarding the placement of the flags in the sanctuary. The flags were removed when the altar was stripped on Maundy Thursday. Recently they were placed in the narthex. The question is should the flags be displayed in the sanctuary. The ELCA guidelines for this issue state that the display of national symbols is not appropriate in the sanctuary. The consensus was for Pastor Steve to speak to the individual who raised the question.

Pastor Steve requested that the council approve the allocation of his housing allowance for 2023. Motion by Tom Farrell, seconded by Becky Brown, to approve the allocation of \$48,420 of Pastor Lindley's 2023 compensation to housing allowance. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, secretary



TLC's Youth* Summer Celebration Days!!!

Two more!!!
Wednesday, July 12
Wednesday, August 2

more info coming soon....

For current & outgoing confirmation & high school students

The poster features a yellow background with a pink and white striped life preserver in the top left, a cartoon dog wearing yellow-rimmed glasses in the bottom left, and a cartoon ice cream cone in the top right. The text is in various colors and fonts, including blue, pink, and black.

July

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday | | |
| 02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | 03 | 04 <i>Independence Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed No Quilting |
| 09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Off Site | 10 | 11 <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 |
| 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | 17 | 18 <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 |
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2023

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 01 • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall |
| 05 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellow- ship Hall | 06 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall | 07 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study | 08 |
| 12 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellow- ship Hall | 13 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall | 14 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study | 15 |
| 19 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellow- ship Hall | 20 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall | 21 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study | 22 |
| 26 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellow- ship Hall | 27 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall | 28 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study | 29 |
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Thank you to Jim Iverson and Roger Moose for delivering home communion in June.

Shoebox Collection

Trinity is collecting shoeboxes. Donations can be left in the mission kits bin in the narthex.

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.

Adult Helpers Needed

Trinity's youth summer celebration day in July is Wednesday, the 12th, and they will be helping at Feeding South Dakota as well as getting supper and treats. We are looking for a few adults who are willing to join the youth for the evening and wouldn't mind driving. We will leave TLC at 4 p.m. and be back at 9 p.m. Contact the church office or Jennifer Briggs to sign up.



Financial Response as of 5/31/2023

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| Your General Fund Offering | \$121,085.69 |
| Expenses | \$183,047.88 |
| Expenses over Offering | \$ -61,405.33 |

Mission Kits for LWR

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene or keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

Bags to fill with Personal Care Kit or School Kit items are now available in the church narthex. Take some home, fill with items on the attached list and return to the church by Rally Sunday on August 27. 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.



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
June 2023

In Memory of Andy Hunter
Jon and Beth Knuths

In Memory of Bill and Sandy Cole
John and Susan Church
Matt and Kim Bruns

In Memory of Bill Cole
Deanna Bergheim
Kay Johnson
James and Ardis Johnson
Joyce Richter
Nyla Sonen
Eleanor Morse
Jim and Dorothy Christopherson
Peggy Hoff
Nancy and Dennis Rook
Doug and Joan Merager
Todd and Susan Williams
Marlys Schmidt
Clark and Connie Sinclair

In Memory of Jeffery Behrends
Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Jim Halpin
Jean Halpin

In Memory of Roger Gullickson
Tom and Joyce Farrell
Susan and Todd Williams

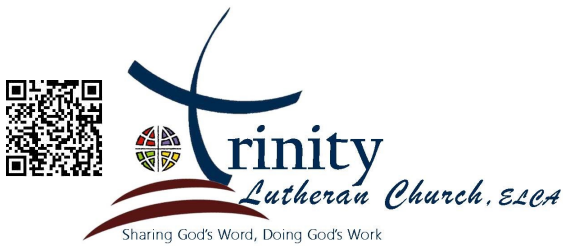
In Memory of Wayne Wetzberger
Jon and Mary Hunter
Jon and Beth Knuths

In Memory of Sandy Cole
Nancy and Dennis Rook
Jim and Dorothy Christopherson
Leland White
Todd and Susan Williams
Peggy Hoff
Jean and Larry Mitchell
Kevin and Robyn
Anita and Steve Leach
Jackie Williams
Marlys Schmidt
Doug and Joan Merager
Nyla Sonen
Joyce Richter
James and Ardis Johnson



Thank you to everyone who made VBS possible. Here's a couple photos from this year's activities. A good time was had by all!





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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 July Mission of the Month is Trinity Lutheran Preschool. Began in the fall of 1993, our preschool will celebrate its 30th year of caring for children as an outreach of our congregation. Fifty-two children are enrolled in our program. These funds will be used where needed in support of our preschool.

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 July is shampoo. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

Congregational Information

Deaths: none

Baptisms: Nash Waagmeester on June 25

Weddings: none

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