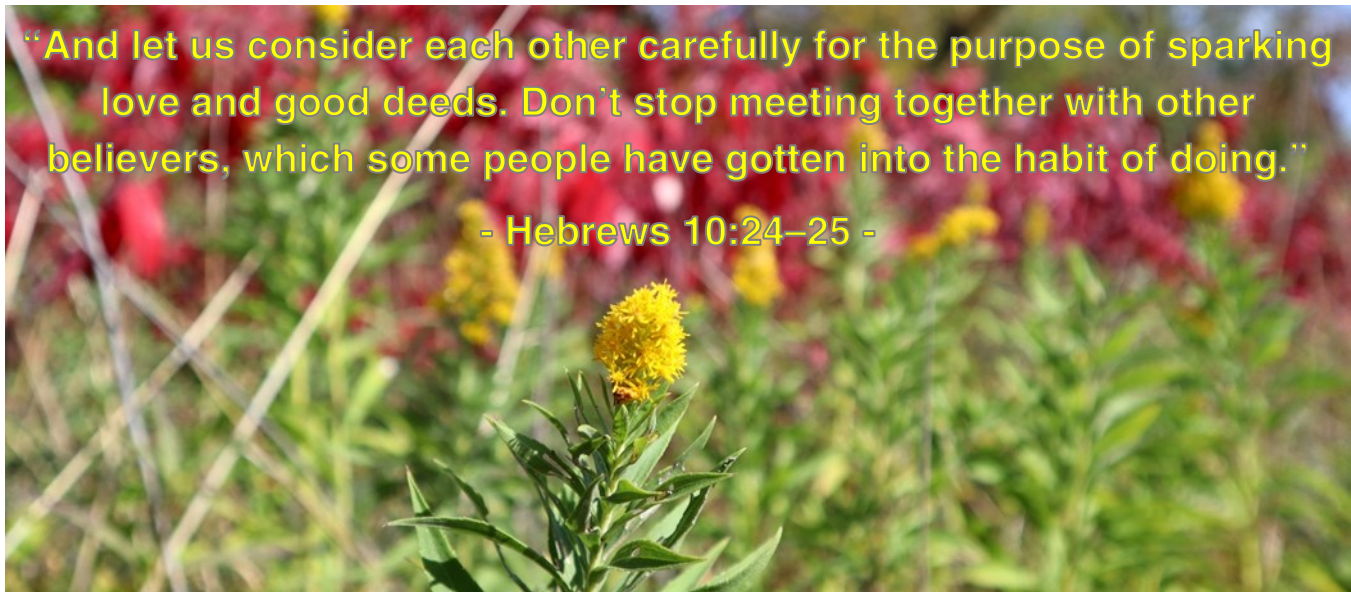


From the Pastor's Pen



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the last week, or so, the trees in our yard went from having barely-noticeable buds on the branches to being filled with beautiful, full, green leaves. The flora is telling us that spring is finally here. Thanks be to God! And, while spring has just barely begun, Deacon Koren, the council, and I have been praying and thinking about what this summer might look like at Trinity. There are a few new practices in our life together we plan to try out that I wanted to share with you.

The most significant changes will be in our worship life. As has been Trinity's tradition for many years, we will move to one service each Sunday at 9:30 am, and the first, second, and fifth Sundays of the month will be the Traditional service, while the 3rd and 4th Sundays will be the Celebration service. However, the Celebration service will look a little different than it has. We plan to take some of the traditional, liturgical elements out of the service to facilitate a more free-flowing, dynamic worship experience. In place of these liturgical pieces, we will add in more music, with ribbons and instruments available for our kids to dance and join in our "joyful noise" to God. Also, this will create more space for prayer, reflection, and interaction. The Traditional service will mostly be the same, with a slight change to the order.

Then in June, because the flooring in the kitchen and serving area is being replaced, we are going to have coffee and treats in the narthex, rather than in the fellowship hall. This will occur on June 11th and 18th. We will have the refreshments ready before worship, so you are invited to come a little early and have some time to connect with your Trinity family before heading into the sanctuary. Then, you can stick around after worship for another cup of coffee and deep theological reflection ... or maybe just catch up on the latest news from some of your friends at Trinity. Gathering in the narthex will also be a great opportunity for us to welcome and get to know any newcomers who might join us on a Sunday morning!

I am excited to see how the Spirit will be at work in these summer changes, and look forward to new ways of connecting and growing together. I know that summer schedules get very busy for most everyone, but hope to see you all at coffee in the narthex, worship, a book or Bible study, or one of the other opportunities we have to gather as a church family this summer!

God's Peace.

Pastor Steve

Unapproved May Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
May 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.

President Wade Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Steve Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Wade Briggs, Vice President Tom Farrell

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

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

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

Member Absent and Excused: Nancy Sabbe

Pastor Steve offered a blessing prior to the members sharing a meal.

The members recited Trinity's mission statement.

Vice President Tom Farrell shared a devotion on the dash in our lives and Pastor Lindley opened the meeting with prayer.

The team building activity led by Vice President Farrell was Person Bingo having council members learning more about their fellow council members.

The agenda was amended to add the letter from the South Dakota Synod requesting additional funding per confirmed member and discussion on order of service.

Motion by Jennifer Briggs, second by Eric Anderson to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Farrell second by Patti Weber to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Briggs reported the following for the current year:

Your General Fund Income Including Offering	\$107,143.11
Expenses	\$150,336.34
Expenses over giving	\$ -43,193.23

Our current level of giving is at 93% of what it was one year ago. As of the end of April we are about \$6,000 from using all of the savings from last year that was in the Mission Plan to offset expenditure. The month of April saw the highest level of giving for the year. A thank you to the congregation will be done in the newsletter, weekly bulletins and at worship services.

REPORTS

Pastor Steve reported that this has been a busy time in the office with lots of extra duties needed.

The staff is working well together. Discussion in the office have begun as to how Sandy Cole's responsibilities can be reassigned including responsibility for the funeral luncheons. Scotty has been following up with the floor vendor and has verified the June 12 start date and the materials have arrived. The old Trinity decals were falling off and have been removed, new decals have been ordered for fewer doors. Worship has been going well. Deacon Koren's installation went well and provided the opportunity for Pastor Steve to meet Bishop Constanze for the first time. May Saturday potluck and worship numbers were small. Wednesday night the 10th of May is the last night of confirmation for this school year. The 6th and 7th graders hosted a very successful and well attended Spiritual Practices Fair in the fellowship hall on Wednesday the 3rd of May. The 8th grade confirmation students are finalizing their mentors and will begin work on their faith statements. The high school group is ending on Wednesday the 10th of May. The schedule did not work to have a lock in for the high school group. Several summer activities are planned for high school and middle school youth. The men's ministry is going well. In May it was held on the first Sunday to avoid conflicts with Mother's Day. With all of things happening at Trinity right now pastoral care is almost on an emergency or urgent care basis. Much time has been devoted to caring for families prior to and following funerals for loved ones.

Deacon Koren provided a written report.

President Briggs shared plans for the July meeting which will be held at the Briggs home and will include council members and their families. A discussion on the day of the week was held as to whether Tuesday would be the best evening.

Vice President Tom Farrell had nothing to report as his items were included in the business portion of the agenda.

Deacons-Becky Brown reporting

- Worship and music are wrapping up nicely.
- How to replace the piano in Fellowship hall will be a summer project.
- Mission of the month for April was Church on the street and raised \$160.
- Coffee in the Narthex will be held for a couple of Sundays while a portion of the fellowship and kitchen are getting a new floor.
- Jennifer and Wade Briggs and Joyce and Tom Farrell each donated a 50-cup coffee maker for expansion of coffee to the Narthex.
- Patti Weber the Life and Growth Deacon will be working with service group leaders to find greeters.

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- Plans are in the works for a meeting of service group leaders.
- Service and sacraments Deacon Amber Johnson reported that summer worship planning will be regrouping and work to develop for next summer a summer worship committee.

Trustees-Dana Hoff

- Walker Ruhd as a part of the Trinity stewardship activities will be leading a Financial Peace University workshop. This is a Ramsey Solutions created workshop. The workshop will run for 9 weeks and the cost will be \$80 per couple. The council will support scholarships for those who need the financial assistance. The first session will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th of June in the fellowship hall.
- Eric Anderson and Sid Gilbranson have been working with Timmer supply and Amert Construction on securing bids and scheduling of a crane for the installation. Eric will be working to obtain a second bid.
- The Trinity preschool made a request that the divider in the pre-school room be removed. The consensus of the council was that this could happen.
- A discussion on some type of projection in the sanctuary was discussed.

Parish Education reported by Jennifer Briggs

- Senior Sunday is on the 14th of May. The quilts are ready, and seniors will be recognized at worship service of their choice and during coffee hour there will be cake to celebrate their accomplishments.
- Vacation VBS June 26–29 4 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Families will be invited to eat with VBS students. 46 students have currently enrolled.
- The Pre-school board is meeting regularly and working on their operational plan.
- There have currently been 7 \$200 camperships awarded.
- Valerie Wilkens resigned effective immediately from the board of parish education.

New Business

Welcome to Trinity Discussion

- Walker Ruhd has installed a plug-in in the Narthex to create an inviting scent.
- The service groups under the leadership of Deacon Patti Weber will be working to provide greetings.
- Coffee pots will be in place to assist with coffee in the Narthex.
- Deacon Patti Weber shared how easy it is really

is to invite new or former Trinity members to worship with us Inviting

A person has been asked to fill the position on the Trinity Foundation vacated by Ann Marie Rossing.

Motion Becky Brown and second by Jennifer Briggs that 4 \$10,000 7-month certificate of deposits be purchased from First Bank and Trust at the rate of 4.6%. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Farrell and second by Virginia Lemme to appoint Jim and Cheryl Iverson plus Wade and Jennifer Briggs as Synod Delegates for the Synod Assembly on June 2 and 3. Motion passed. This still leaves one opening for a confirmed member between the ages of 16–21.

There was discussion on the draft that was presented by the constitution review committee on options for reorganization of the Trinity council. Following the discussion, the council gave a thumbs up for the constitution review committee to proceed with the concept they presented.

Motion by President Wade Briggs and seconded by Becky Brown to table the request from the South Dakota Synod requesting additional funding per confirmed member until the beginning of the 4th quarter and President Briggs will reach out to the Synod for additional clarification. Motion passed.

President Briggs will be working with the money counters to get an understanding of the process we currently have in place.

A discussion was held as to how the congregation could become involved in spring and fall church cleanups. This could provide assistance to Scotty. Looking at this as another fellowship opportunity.

Pastor Steve presented and a discussion followed on changes in the worship order for both the traditional and the celebration services.

Following a motion by Eric Anderson and seconded by Koren Lindley the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted Tom Farrell, Acting secretary



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		
04 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> <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 	05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room 	06 <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
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Narthex • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM • 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Off Site 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom • No Quilting • 5:00PM–6:00PM Precouncil Executives' Meeting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 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
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Narthex • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	19 <i>Juneteenth</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen ; • Office Closed 	20 <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
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship w/Nash Waagmeester Baptism : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:15PM–8:00PM VBS 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:15PM–8:00PM VBS • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Scouts Meeting : Fellowship Hall 	02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall ; Troop 5 Meeting : Fireside Room 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall 	09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	10
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Former Nursery • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Unavailable--Floor Work : Kitchen
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Finance Course : Fellowship Hall 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 	24
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Summer Book Study

Trinity is offering an eight-week study, meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning on June 7th. We will take VBS week off, so our final gathering will be on August 2nd. The book we will read together is called *The Sacred Pulse* by April Fiet. In this book, Fiet offers an alternative to the frantic, exhausting way of life that most of us are living today. *The Sacred Pulse* shares wisdom and insight, as well as twelve practices to employ, to help us enter into a more life-giving rhythm of being. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Steve or the office staff.



Please excuse our dust as we replace the kitchen and serving area flooring between June 12 and 19. Coffee and treats will be available in the Narthex of Trinity on Sundays, June 11th and June 18th, before and after church, while new flooring is being put in the kitchen.

Thank You, Trinity Family!

On behalf of your Trinity council, we want to thank you for your generosity during the month of April. Your continued financial giving allows this faith community to live out God's mission for us. Together, we are able to bless our neighbors and share the good news of God's love for the whole world!

Your Trinity Council



Financial Response as of 4/30/2023

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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!

Finance Course to be Offered

Trinity will be hosting a Financial Peace University course this summer! This 9- week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to pay off debt and make your money work for you. The cost to you will be \$80/household. You will gain access to all videos plus other resources through Ramsey Solutions. We do not want the cost to be a barrier to you participating, so scholarships are available, if needed. You will be asked to watch a video during the week, then we will meet on Thursday evenings for 45–60 minutes in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m., starting June 15th to discuss, share thoughts, and connect with others who are gaining peace through financial freedom. Let's do this together!

Please visit FPU.com/1162972 or scan the QR code to sign up.



Contact Walker Ruhd to gain more information or ask any questions you may have.

WANDDRUHD@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials
5/20/2023

In Memory of Bill Cole
Dan and Sharon Carlson

In Memory of Andy Hunter
Gary and Barbara Garner
Myron and Diane Plack

In Memory of Cathy Christopherson
Dan and Sharon Carlson

In Memory of Jim Halpin
Dan and Sharon Carlson
Myron and Clara Downs
David and Marian Wheeler
Joyce Richter
Gerald and Carol Petri

In Memory of Kim Kern
Doug and Joan Merager

In Memory of Sandy Cole
Gene and Marilyn Hexom
Myron and Clara Downs
Dan and Sharon Carlson
Marv and Sandy Rhode
Jon and Mary Hunter
Lois McAreavery
Eleanor Morse
Nancy Jensen Miller Gilbert

In Memory of Wayne Wetzberger
Nancy Jensen Miller Gilbert
Gene and Marilyn Hexom
Gerald and Carol Petri
Marv and Sandy Rhode
Karen Feige
Dan and Sharon Carlson
Greg and Anita Jung
Holy Moser

In Memory of Bill and Sandy Cole
Carolyn Feige
Karen Feige

Bethany Salad Buffet

Bethany WELCA, Howard, invites you to attend their annual salad buffet on June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a relaxing evening of good food and fellowship. A freewill offering will be taken to help fund Mead Museum in Yankton, SD. Crystal Nelson, Executive Director of the Mead Cultural Education Center, will provide a program.



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

Save the Date!
Saturday June 10, 2023

Please join us any time between 9:00am and 4:00pm

First Lutheran Church
Mission Coffee House and Activity Center
337 8th St, Brookings, SD 57006

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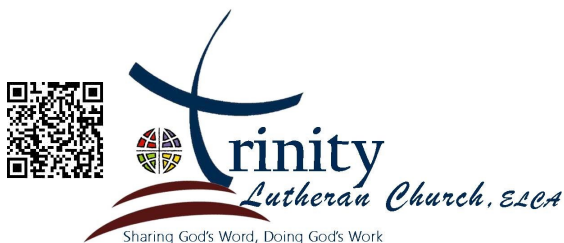
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Lunch provided with registration

Questions? Contact: Julie Abraham
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- 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 June Mission of the Month is Center of Hope, Sioux Falls. Opened in July 2000 providing assistance addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs including clothing and a parish nursing program.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Sandy Cole on May 5

Wayne Wetzberger on May 5

Maria Jones on May 21

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Food Pantry

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for June is toilet paper. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH