

From the Pastor's Pen

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

- Galatians 5:22-23 -

Dear Trinity Family,

Grace and peace to you in this season of transformation and growth. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul reminds them of the free gift of **grace** - that all people are "justified not by the works of the law but through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ." He reminds them that the gospel has **set them free** from the power of sin and death, and the ways they are bound by them. And, in response to the assurance of the gospel, Paul encourages the church to set aside all of the thoughts, practices, and habits that fulfill their own selfish provisions, and to live life in the Holy Spirit.

One of the core principles to which we hold, as followers of Jesus, is that we are a faith community gathered by the Holy Spirit. We are formed, as individuals and as a community, by the work of the Spirit within and among us. We are inspired and empowered by the Spirit to dedicate our lives to living for others. We are summoned to listen and watch for the movement of the Spirit - to discern the ways God is at work in and around us, and to respond with zeal.

We do this by being a people whose life together is grounded in prayer; not only at our regular prescribed times of prayer, but throughout our days, whomever we are with, whatever happens to be going on, covering those interactions and relationships in prayer. We live our lives in the Spirit by immersing ourselves in God's word; reading Scripture every day, studying it, praying with it, discussing the word with others, so that the promises it contains are the lens through which we view the whole world. Living by the Spirit means regularly worshipping together, learning together, playing together, and through all of this, deepening our relationships with God and each other. This rhythm of prayer, learning, worship, and fellowship enables us to be more aware of and responsive to the Holy Spirit's presence and work in our lives.

Paul goes on to tell the Galatians that when they (and we) live their lives by the Spirit, it will cultivate and bear virtuous fruit in their life together. They will be marked by "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Imagine being a faith community who responds to disagreement with patience and kindness, rather than resentment. Envision responding to the needs of our neighbors with generosity and love, rather than

indifference. What if we became people who were known by our gentleness and our joy? What an awesome vision of this community of faith to which we all belong! I am grateful to be on this Spirit-led journey with you all, and am eager to see the fruit the Holy Spirit yields in us.

Blessings.

Pastor Steve

Don't Make it Work, Make it Fun!!

Who says we can't have fun at church?!? Volunteers are always welcome to step up and have some fun while giving of your time throughout the year!

I have a few projects ready to launch to interested, fun loving people!

My contact information is:

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Deacon of Life and Growth

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Unapproved June Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
7:00 p.m.

President Tom Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the Council in reciting Trinity’s mission statement.

Present: Pastor Steve Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Tom Farrell, Vice-president Kurt Christensen, Nancy Sabbe, secretary, Darrel Presuhn, Eric Anderson, Stacy Thomsen, Virginia Lemme, Karen Giles, Jean Mitchell, Walker Ruhd, Patti Weber, Melody Hansen, Dani Ruhd, Shelly Balogh

Absent and excused: Lucas Muller, Alicia Koch, Marie Millage

President Tom Farrell led a devotion reminding the Council to abide in gratitude and cultivate the fruits of the spirit during the summer and every season.

Pastor Steve Lindley prayed an opening prayer.

Motion by Darrel Presuhn, seconded by Virginia Lemme, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Patti Weber, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, meeting. Motion by Deacon Koren Lindley to amend the minutes of May 14 as follows: Change the first item of the Board of Deacons report to read “The first, second, and fifth Sundays will be traditional services. The third and fourth Sundays will be Celebration Services.” The vote to amend the minutes as stated above was favorable. The vote to approve the amended minutes was favorable.

FINANCIALS

The financial statement as of May 31, 2024:

General Fund Offering	\$147,519.58
Expenses	\$162,472.27
Expenses over Offering	(\$ 14,952.69)

Pastor Steve Lindley addressed the Office Supplies line item explaining that most of the expenditures from this account are for photocopier rental and copy expenses, and expenses for Realm. Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Jean Mitchell, to acknowledge the Financial Report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Steve Lindley submitted a written report.

Deacon Koren Lindley submitted a written report. She also reported that donations for approximately half of the money needed to feed those attending the National Youth Gathering have been received.

President Tom Farrell reported

- That two CDs were purchased with funds from the I Am In account. They are 7-month CDs in the amount of \$2,000 and \$1,912,28 at 4.75% interest. The Parsonage Fund now has a balance of \$93,693.87.
- The Trinity Foundation was valued at \$899,551.32 as of December 31, 2023. In 2024 \$202,568.00 (Edwin Hanneman Endowment) was transferred to Trinity, and in June, the Foundation awarded \$7,350.00 in grants.
- Kaden Krusemark has indicated that he is able to continue livestreaming the services through the summer and next school year.
- President Tom Farrell, Pastor Steve Lindley, and Steve Millage have developed a job description for the livestreaming position.

Board of Trustees—Eric Anderson reported

- ACS has expressed interest in examining the leak in the narthex roof.
- Marie Millage has investigated telephone and internet providers and found that Midco is Trinity’s best option.
- Deacon Koren Lindley and Marie Millage are working on changing the staff email addresses.
- The Board of Trustees requested that Pastor Steve Lindley bring a proposal for a new laptop to the Board. The question of whether Trinity’s contract with Infotech requires that new equipment be purchased through Infotech was raised and will be investigated.
- The AED pads have expired. In the past it has been difficult to purchase pads. It may be necessary to purchase new AEDs.

Board of Parish Education—Dani Ruhd reported

- Vacation Bible School plans have been made. There are 50 children, preschool through second grade, registered for VBS. Five older elementary-age children are registered to join the Day Camp at St. John Lutheran.

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- Dani Ruhd and Deacon Koren Lindley are working on a Sunday School curriculum.
- The next youth activity is scheduled for June 26.

Board of Deacons—Virginia Lemme reported

- There are 13 members on Trinity's Care Team. They are currently establishing a list of individuals who may potentially appreciate a visit.
- Trinity will serve the Gathering on August 26.
- Patti Weber is working with service group leaders to restructure the service groups and is planning to introduce the new structure in September.
- The 80th Birthday Celebration is planned for September 16. It is a celebration for anyone who will be at least 80 years old in 2024.
- Karen Giles is seeking more bakers to make communion bread.

Vice-president Kurt Christiansen had no report.

Pastor Steve Lindley led the Council in a team building exercise utilizing LikeU, a game to end awkward conversations.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Council reviewed the report on Internet and phone service. Motion by President Tom Farrell to accept the report and stay with the current provider (Midco). Seconded by Dani Ruhd. Motion carried.
- Pastor Steve Lindley reported that it is difficult to line up worship assistants. The current options are to sign up are either online or on paper in the narthex. The option of asking the service groups to find worship assistants was discussed. The method used at Our Savior's Lutheran in Sioux Falls was presented as another option. This option divides the congregation alphabetically by last name and assigns them to the months of the year. For example, those with last names beginning with A, B, C would serve as worship assistants in January.
- President Tom Farrell appointed a committee of Patti Weber, Deacon Koren Lindley, Stacy Thomssen, and Marie Millage to write a Kitchen Policy. Patti Weber will serve as chair of the committee.
- President Tom Farrell appointed a committee composed of Darrel Presuhn, Pastor Steve Lindley, and Virginia Lemme to develop a membership policy including how to become a member and how is membership recognized. Vice-president

Kurt Christiansen is an ex-officio member of the committee.

- Dani Ruhd reported on the God's Work, Our Hands project. The committee is proposing to hold this event on Sunday, September 15. Those providing the "hands" will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. for prayer and an introduction to the plan for the morning. The project will focus its efforts on Bethel Home because there are many possibilities for service and options for all ages to participate. The work will wrap up around 11:30 a.m. or noon with lunch and worship. There will be no regular worship services at Trinity that Sunday. The committee has been working with a group from St. John Lutheran. Currently there are differences in how to proceed with this joint venture.

NEW BUSINESS

- The annual Trinity clean-up will be scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Shelly Balogh to appoint a committee of Dani Ruhd, Walker Ruhd, and Shelly Balogh to organize the event and advertise the clean-up in the July newsletter with online and paper sign up. Motion carried.
- The air conditioner for the office is not working. It may be the compressor. Sid Gulbranson will check this out.
- Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Darrell Presuhn to accept the resignation of Curtis King with sincere regret. Motion carried.
- Motion by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Deacon Koren Lindley, to allow the Preschool Board to open a separate checking account at First Bank & Trust for venmo payments of preschool tuition and other preschool activities with the approval of the Audit Committee. Discussion of the motion included whether this action might lead to a proliferation of accounts for a variety of purposes such as general offering or youth activities. The consensus was that this account will be an experiment which will provide direction for future uses of venmo. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Motion to adjourn by Dani Ruhd, seconded by Virginia Lemme.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sabbe, secretary

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday	01 • 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall	02 • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
07 • 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	08 • 6:00PM–7:00PM Scouts Meeting : Conference Room • 6:30PM–7:30PM Scouts Summer Camp Meeting : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Scouts Meeting : Youth Room	09 • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 11:00AM–12:00PM Elaine Olson Memorial Service : Sanctuary • 12:00PM–1:00PM Luncheon : Fellowship Hall ; Finance Meeting : Zoom • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 6:00PM–6:45PM Board of Deacons Meeting : Fireside Room • 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall
14 • Jingle Change • 6:00AM NYG Carry-on Bag Inspection • 6:45AM Depart for NYG • 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 : Fireside Room	15 • 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fellowship Hall	16 • 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fellowship Hall
21 • 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	22 • 9:00AM–2:30PM Day Camp : Off Site	23 • 9:00AM–2:30PM Day Camp : Off Site • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18
28 • 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship w/Holt Hoff Baptism : Sanctuary • 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall • 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM	29	30 • 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office • 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall • 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18

2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
03	04 <i>Independence Day</i> • Office Closed • No Coffee Time on Thursdays	05 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	06 • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
10 • 4:00PM–8:00PM Summer Youth Wild Water West Activity : Off Site	11 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall	12 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	13 • 7:00PM NYG Bag Inspection
17	18 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall	19 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	20
24 • 9:00AM–2:30PM Day Camp : Off Site • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Youth Group : Youth Room	25 • 9:00AM–2:30PM Day Camp : Off Site • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall	26 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	27
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South Dakota Synod Assembly Recap

I had the privilege of attending the 2024 South Dakota Synod Assembly on May 30 and June 1 with Dani and Walker Ruhd in Sioux Falls. It was a busy two days, but we have so much to be thankful for as a synod! While I can't possibly cover it all, here are some of the highlights!

- SD Synod has 2 new ministries... Shepherd's Table & a new mission start in Box Elder!
- Rural ministry continues to be a focus area, and we now have a Director of Rural Ministry as well as a new way to learn and grow together through Pasque, an online community where SD leaders can learn and grow together, despite the geographical distance.
- Trinity Lutheran Church won a "Holy Cow" Award for their generous giving to ELCA World Hunger!
- SD Synod continues to partner with Cameroon and Nicauragua. Recently, a local church sewing group made a number of products using fabrics gifted from these countries. They are selling them to raise money for those partnerships.
- Voting took place and the following items were approved:
 - ◊ 2025 Mission Plan for the SD Synod
 - ◊ 2025 Compensation & Guidelines for Clergy & Lay Leaders
 - ◊ Synod support of a dedicated chapel area in the new prison being built.

In summary, the South Dakota Synod is doing God's work in so many ways and with so many people and places. While there is still more to be done, we have strong, faithful leaders and there is much to celebrate and look forward to!

Deacon Koren



Financial Response as of 5/31/2024

The year-to-date statistics are:

Your General Fund Offering	\$147,519.58
Expenses	<u>\$162,472.27</u>
Expenses over Offering	(\$ 14,952.69)

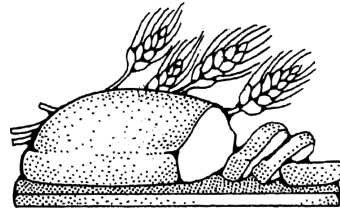
Worship Assistant Volunteers

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.

Help Wanted

The Celebration Team needs a drummer. Contact Virginia Lemme at 605-270-1845 if interested.

Bread Bakers Wanted



Have you ever wondered where the bread comes from that we use for communion? There are several families who have volunteered over the years to make the bread. We are looking for a few new people who would like to give loafer bread making a try. The recipe is easy and simple to make. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Karen Giles at Karengiles85@gmail.com or call the church office at 605-256-2771.



Thank you to Susan Williams and Linda Brick for serving Home Communion in June.

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.

Trinity Care Team Reactivated

Trinity's Care Team has re-formed and met for the first time in May. In the past, this group actively ministered to folks in our faith community, so this is not a new ministry, but simply a new beginning for the group. The care team is now available to Trinity members who are homebound, those who have had a loss or are grieving, or those who would just like a visit from our church. If you or someone you know would like a visit or call, please let the church office know and we will get that scheduled for you.

The Care Team will also be providing meals to those suffering a loss in their family. In addition, we will be keeping Trinity's prayer list updated. If you would like to be on our faith community's prayer list, please tell the church office. We would love to pray for you!

Care Team members include:

- Wade and Jennifer Briggs
- Tom and Joyce Farrell
- Jim and Cheryl Iverson
- Terry and Lori Schultz
- Karen Kalvig
- Jon and Mary Hunter
- Virginia Lemme, Chairperson

Please reach out to us if you need us.
 In Christ,
 Virginia Lemme
 Chairperson Trinity Care Team



July Coffee Hour

The July Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Thomas! Group Leaders ~ Tonia Meadows and Gayle Maberry will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated ~ Thank you!!!

FYI ~ August Coffee Hour is hosted by the Family of Thaddeus.

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials as of June 15, 2024

In Memory Of Clarice Merager Lipp
 Elaine Struwe

In Memory of Brad Plack
 Elaine Struwe
 Dan and Sharon Carlson
 Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Pastor Jim Christopherson
 Elaine Struwe
 Holly Moser
 Dan and Sharon Carlson
 Greg and Anita Jung

FALL CLEANUP DAY!



**CHURCH
 WORKDAY**

Mark your calendars—it's time to tidy up Trinity. The church-wide fall clean-up day will be Saturday—August 17th from 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or sign up at this link now! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AADAE2BA0FDC16-50062413-trinity>

Confirmation & High School Students
TLC Youth

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



JULY 10TH

BE AT TLC @3 PM

LEAVE 3:15

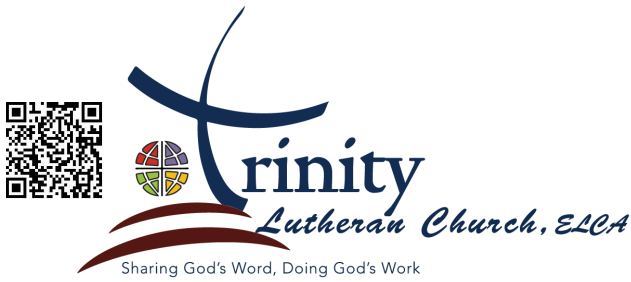
WATER FUN 4-8

HEAD HOME @ 8 PM

\$9 ENTRY FEE

BRING \$\$\$ FOR SNACKS!

DRIVERS NEEDED
 & SIGN UP REQUIRED
 DEADLINE JULY 7TH



203 N. Harth Ave.
Madison, SD 57042

Return Service Requested

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 St. Dysmas Lutheran Church. Led by Rev. Jeff Backer, offers worship in the penitentiary, with an evening service each week. One inmate told pastor "I received justice for what I had done; what I need is mercy."

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund. The Jingle Change collection on July 14 also supports the Mission of the Month.

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: Merlyn Van Rosendale on June 16

Baptisms: none

Weddings: Cole Glanzer and Autumn Pitz on June 1

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