

## Deacon's Discourse

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

~Matthew 25:35~

June is here and the official start of summer is just weeks away! We have a lot to look forward to here at Trinity this month, so let's talk about it!

June is all about feeding people—locally and globally as well as while traveling! ELCA World Hunger is our mission of the month, and the work they do is so important! ELCA World Hunger not only provides immediate basic needs to those who are hungry, but they also "connect people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income [so that] long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished" ([www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)). They respond to world hunger from all angles, so they can truly make a lasting difference.

Not only is ELCA World Hunger our mission of the month for June, but we are also using their Vacation Bible School curriculum, *God's New Creation*, for our "in-house" preschool–2nd grade VBS at the end of the month (June 24–27). This curriculum focuses on how raising animals can reduce world hunger. "Farming communities around the world are important when it comes to ending hunger. They provide the world's food, but often farmers, especially smallholder farmers, are at high risk for hunger themselves. Working with farmers to improve harvests, save money and prepare for the future can be big steps toward ending hunger around the world. This is why ELCA World Hunger works through congregations, partners and companion churches to accompany farmers as they innovate and adapt in creative, effective ways. *God's New Creation* is about this work together" ([www.elca.com](http://www.elca.com)). Trinity Lutheran Church is an important partner with ELCA World

our younger generations about the importance of farming and fighting world hunger.

Locally, our Middle School and High School groups will be creating "Birthday-in-a-Box" kits on June 26th for the Lake County food pantry. These are special kits that contain a cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles, and a few fun extras to help our local food pantry guests celebrate birthdays.

Finally, we will continue our "Feed the Crew" fundraiser for the 3 leaders and 15 youth headed to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. Your financial donation will go towards their meals while they are attending the conference, doing service projects, and sharing God's love throughout their week away. The youth have worked hard to pay for this trip, and it would be such a blessing to them if we, as a congregation, could cover the cost of their food. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring 1, 2, or even a whole week of meals for one of these leaders or youth.

Trinity's mission statement is "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work," and I can't think of a better way to start out the summer than doing just that. Whether you give of your time and talents or financially, we have many options for you in June to make a difference. I can't wait to see where God leads each of us as individuals and as a congregation this month!

Deacon Koren



## FEED THE HUNGRY



Hunger as we not only financially support their mission, but we also embrace their mission and are teaching

# Unapproved May Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Church Council meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

President Tom Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Steve Lindley, Deacon Koren Lindley, President Tom Farrell, Vice-president Kurt Christensen, Nancy Sabbe, Alicia Koch, Stacy Thomsen, Dani Ruhd, Karen Giles, Virginia Lemme, Jean Mitchell, Lucas Muller, Walker Ruhd, Curtis King, Eric Anderson, Marie Millage

Absent: Patti Weber, Melody Hansen, Shelly Balogh, Darrel Presuhn

The Council recited Trinity's mission statement.

President Tom Farrell shared a devotion from Luke 8:22–25 reminding us that God is with us through all life's storms.

Pastor Steve led the Council in prayer.

President Tom Farrell introduced the agenda and added the following items to the printed agenda: 1. Purchase of additional CDs, and 2. Andrew Hunter memorial. Motion by Virginia Lemme, seconded by Jean Mitchell, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April meeting were changed to include Patti Weber as a member attending the meeting. Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Walker Ruhd, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report as of April 30, 2024

General offering through April 30	\$126,001.28
Expenses through April 30	\$133,747.71
Expenses over offering	(\$ 7,746.43)

There is currently a balance of \$3,912.28 in the I Am In account. Motion by President Tom Farrell, seconded by Dani Ruhd, to invest the money in the I Am In account in CDs. President Tom Farrell will investigate rates and terms. Motion carried.

The Hunter family has dedicated \$400 of the memorials received by the Trinity Foundation in memory of Andy Hunter for the purchase of an Urn Pall. To accomplish this, President Tom Farrell made a motion to make the payment of \$400 with 50% of the total coming from the Cornerstone Fund, 25% from the Parish Education Fund and 25% from the Deacons as per the Trinity Foundation distribution of memorial gifts. Seconded by Virginia Lemme. Motion carried

Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Walker Ruhd, to acknowledge the Financial Report.

## REPORTS

Pastor Steve Lindley reported that

- Andrea Liddell has been hired as the parttime custodian (20–25 hours/week).
- Final preparations are being made for the next Stewardship emphasis.
- He will be gone the first Sunday in July. Tom Farrell will conduct the service and has been given permission by the bishop to serve communion.
- On July 21, Pastor Jeff Backer, St. Dysmas Lutheran Congregation, will give the message.
- The final confirmation class for this school year is May 15.
- The high school youth group wants to continue to meet through the summer.
- He attended a retreat May 3–5 sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission.
- He is beginning a new book study based on *Soul Boom* beginning May 30.

Deacon Koren Lindley reported that

- She will be highlighting the opportunity to contribute money to feed the kids attending the National Youth Gathering, July 14–20. Their other expenses—travel, lodging, registration—have been paid.
- She has received many compliments on the kindergarten flower pot planting event and thanked Walker and Dani Ruhd for organizing the event.
- Sunday School concluded on May 5. High school seniors were recognized on May 12.
- The Women's Bible Study will begin a study of the book of James on June 3.
- Trinity preschool is almost full for the coming school year.
- Vacation Bible School for younger children will use the ELCA World Hunger curriculum. Children

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in grades in 3–5 will be included in the day camp at St. John’s Lutheran.

President Tom Farrell reported that

- Trinity’s revised constitution will be ratified at the annual meeting in January 2025.
- Asked the council to empower the congregation to be volunteers in service to Trinity.
- Reported on the Lutheran Men in Mission retreat he attended and encouraged other men to attend future events sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission.

Vice-president Kurt Christiansen reported

- That he sat in on the Board of Trustees meeting and intends to rotate through the Board meetings on a regular basis.

Board of Trustees—Eric Anderson reporting

- They are looking for a contractor to work on the Narthex roof.
- Marie Millage is checking on internet and phone services.
- It will be necessary to upgrade the computers—1 desktop and 4 laptops—to Windows 11 within the next year.
- A ladder that will provide easier access to the roof and HVAC units on the roof has been donated. It will need to be installed with a lockable front gate.
- There continue to be issues with the office email. Motion by Eric Anderson, seconded by Marie Millage, to transition the office email from the TLCmadison.com domain to gmail effective June 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Deacons—Virginia Lemme reporting

- The summer schedule begins May 26. There will be one Sunday service at 9:30. The first and second Sundays will be Celebration services. The third, fourth, and any fifth Sundays will be traditional services.
- The Care Team will hold an organizational meeting on May 22.
- Jingle change totaled \$295.00 in April and was donated to the Church on the Street. The total for May was also \$295.00 and was given to the Bethel Lutheran Home.
- Trinity will feed the DSU football and volleyball teams on August 28.
- Patti Weber is working with group leaders to re-

fresh the service groups. The plan is to have 9 groups with more families in each group. Current plans are to introduce the revised plan in September and recognize the group leaders.

- Seven received home communion in April.
- Lucas Muller and Deacon Koren are working on sign-up sheets on the Canva platform. Send items that are to be posted to either Lucas or Deacon Koren.
- Looking for someone to record the Sunday services.

Board of Parish Education—Dani Ruhd reporting

- Senior Sunday was May 12.
- Discussion of Sunday School for 2024–2025 was postponed.
- Vacation Bible School has been scheduled.
- Summer activities for the youth group are
  - June 5—Ninja 605
  - July 10—Wild Water West
  - August 7—Movie in the park
  - Service project—Birthday Party Boxes

Pastor Steve Lindley introduced the team building activity posing the question “What do you think this meeting is about?” Responses included that it is about Trinity’s mission; it is about listening to God and each other followed by direction and action.

### BUSINESS

The service group leaders have met and discussed what they would like to happen. Motion by Deacon Koren, seconded by Jean Mitchell to approve the plan to refresh the service groups and reduce the number of groups to 9. Motion carried.

Trinity needs someone to livestream the services. This is a paid position. President Tom Farrell will ask Steve Millage to assist in developing a job description which will be posted on Indeed. Tom Farrell, Kurt Christiansen, and Lucas Muller will serve on a committee to evaluate the applications received. An email address, jobs.TLC@gmail.com, will be created to receive the applications. Motion by President Tom Farrell, seconded by Virginia Lemme, to approve this plan. Motion carried.

The council discussed the issue of how Trinity could be more inclusive. The discussion will be continued.

Motion by President Tom Farrell, seconded by Lu-

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# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Holy Communion on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays  Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday		
02  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	03  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	04  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> </ul>
09  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jingle Change</li> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> <li>• 6:00PM–7:30PM Men's Group : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	10  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	11  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> <li>• 6:00PM–6:45PM Board of Deacons Meeting : Fireside Room</li> <li>• 7:00PM–9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
16  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	17  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	18  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–11:00AM Mary Circle : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> <li>• 7:00PM–8:00PM Martha/Naomi Circle : Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
23  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30AM–10:30AM Summer Worship : Sanctuary</li> <li>• 10:30AM–11:30AM Summer Coffee Hour : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 12:00PM–1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li> </ul>	24  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00PM–7:45PM VBS : Fellowship Hall, VBS Rooms</li> <li>• 7:00PM–8:15PM Summer Women's Bible Study : Fireside Room</li> </ul>	25  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00AM–11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office</li> <li>• 1:00PM–3:30PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall</li> <li>• 5:30PM–6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18</li> <li>• 6:00PM–7:45PM VBS : Fellowship Hall, VBS Rooms</li> </ul>
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# 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01 • SD Synod Assembly : Off Site • 3:00PM–4:00PM Autumn Pitz & Cole Glanzer Wedding : Sanctuary • 5:00PM–6:00PM Fellowship Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:00PM Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall
05 • Summer Youth 605 Ninja Activity : Off Site • 7:00PM–8:00PM NYG Meeting : Fellowship Hall	06 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall	07 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	08
12 • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Youth Group : Youth Room	13 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall	14 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	15
19 <i>Juneteenth</i> • Office Closed	20 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 7:00PM–8:00PM Summer Book Study : Fellowship Hall	21 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	22
26 • Summer Youth Birthday Party Boxes Activity • 6:00PM–7:45PM VBS : Fellowship Hall, VBS Rooms	27 • 1:00PM–3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall • 6:00PM–7:45PM VBS : Fellowship Hall, VBS Rooms	28 • 6:30AM–7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study	29

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cas Muller, to form a committee to organize Trinity's participation in "God's Work, Our Hands Service Day." Motion carried. The committee of Walker Ruhd, Eric Anderson, President Tom Farrell, Dani Ruhd, and Pastor Steve Lindley will report to the council in June.

A representative of the Gideons has asked for an opportunity to present their organization at a worship service. Motion by Dani Ruhd to decline sending an invitation to the Gideons. Seconded by Eric Anderson. Motion carried with Virginia Lemme voting no, and President Tom Farrell abstaining.

Curtis King is returning to California. He will be missed by his fellow council members.

Motion to adjourn by Jean Mitchell, seconded by Kurt Christiansen. The meeting adjourned.

The Council prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sabbe, 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.



### Financial Response as of 4/30/2024

The year-to-date statistics are:

Your General Fund Offering	\$126,001.28
Expenses	\$133,747.71
Expenses over Offering	(\$ 7,746.43)

## 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.

## Women's Summer Bible Study



MONDAYS 7-8:15 PM  
BEGINNING JUNE 3RD  
TRINITY FIRESIDE ROOM

The Monday evening Women's Bible Study is starting a Summer Study on June 3rd! Please consider joining us as we study the book of James. This study, "James: What You Do Matters," includes a weekly video as well as an optional study guide. The main "book" is the Bible's book of James!

Check out a video about the study here... <https://vimeo.com/880297325/3ba41a438f>

Check out or order the study guide here... <https://vimeo.com/880297325/3ba41a438f>

Note: the study guide does include a personal streaming code for you to watch the videos you miss on your own!

Sign up for the study here... <https://forms.gle/6wkxzvkngd6FH4aT7>

You can also contact Deacon Koren or Alicia directly or call the office to sign up!

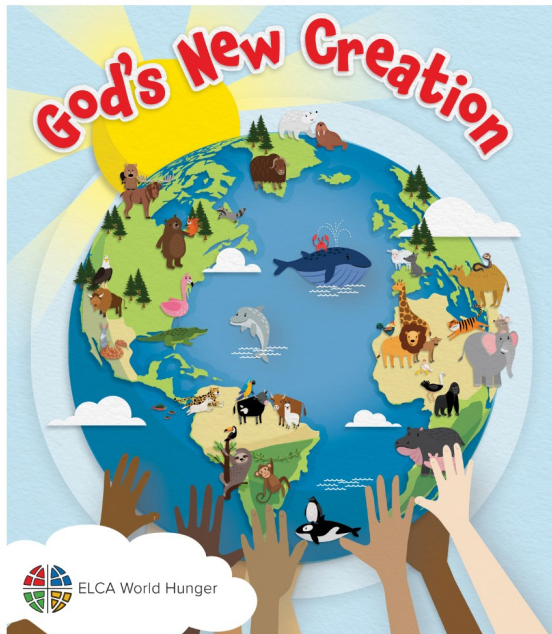
Questions? Contact Deacon Koren or Alicia!



Thank you to Susan Williams, Tom Farrell and Ron & Bobbi Janke for serving Home Communion in May.



### Trinity Lutheran Church-VBS 2024



Trinity's Vacation Bible School Registration is now LIVE! Hard copies can be found in the narthex by the elevators or sign up online (<https://forms.gle/so2sNR1TVJXvs9so6>). This year's "in-house" VBS is for kids Preschool (at least 3-y.o. & potty trained) through 2nd grade (based on '23-24 school year) and will run from 6-7:45 p.m., June 24-27.

### NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials  
May 14, 2024

**In Memory of Jolene, Heidi Jorgenson's Sister**  
Doug and Joan Merager

**In Memory of Barb Hanson**  
David and Sharol Fosell  
David Hanson  
Dick and Barb Ellis  
Brett and Diane Kraft  
Kay Johnson  
Jon and Mary Hunter  
Glen and Kimberly Macziewski

### June Coffee Hour



The June Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Family of Peter! Group Leaders - Carol Andersen and Joyce Farrell will be contacting you. Your help is always appreciated ~ Thank You!!!

FYI – July Coffee Hour is hosted by the Family of Thomas.

### Happy Birthday!

Adelyne Stearns's family is requesting birthday cards for her 99th birthday, which was on May 25. Greetings can be sent to:  
18736 Deer Meadow Dr.  
Garfield, AR 72732

**TLC 3rd - 5th graders**  
(2023-24 year)  
**You are invited to Day Camp!!!**

July 22-25  
9 am - 2:30 pm  
\$30

**SHETEK** Lutheran Ministries  
Bring a lunch & water bottle!

St. John Lutheran Church has invited Trinity 3rd-5th graders to their Shetek Day Camp! To sign up your child, please contact Deacon Koren or go to the link (also on FB) to start the registration process...<https://forms.gle/gAej7cG2SskPj5B77> Deacon Koren will email you further instructions!

**TLC Youth**

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

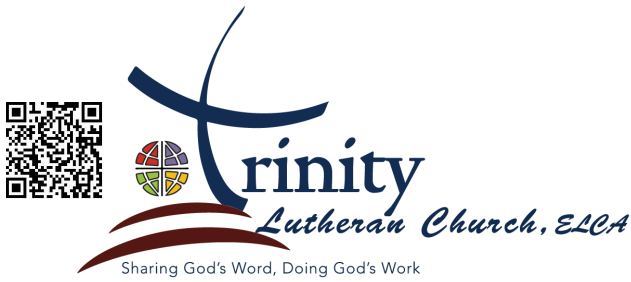
**JUNE 5TH AFTERNOON**  
605 NINJA

**JULY 10TH**  
4-8 PM  
WILD WATER WEST  
WATERPARK + CAMPEROUND

**JUNE 26**  
SERVICE PROJECT EVENING

**AUGUST 7**  
EVENING

 A collage of icons related to the summer activities: a smiling sun, a paper airplane, a birthday cake with candles, a clapperboard, and a bucket of popcorn.



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](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.
- 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 ELCA World Hunger. As Christians, we are called to respond to the needs of 820 million people, 11% of the world's population that are hungry. Serves in more than 60 countries, including the United States.

*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 June is toilet paper. Diapers and baby wipes are also requested.

### Congregational Information

**Deaths:** Loxie Rowland on May 22

**Baptisms:** none

**Weddings:** none

### 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